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	Variants		Examples		
人	人	human, person, people	ren2 今仁休位他	Note similarity with 八, which means eight.	单人旁 (亻), 人字头 (人)
口	口	mouth, opening	kou3 古可名告知	Note similarity with 凵, which always encloses characters, and means enclosure.	口字旁
土	土	earth	tu3 在地型城地	Note similarity with 士, which has a longer upper stroke and shorter bottom one, and means scholar.	提土旁
女	女	woman, female	nv3 好妾始姓安		女子旁
心	心	heart	xin1 必忙忘性想		竖心旁 (忄), 心字底 (心), 竖心底 (小)
手	手	hand	shou3 持掌打抱押		提手旁 (扌), 看字头 (𠂇), 手字旁 (手)
日	日	sun, day	ri4 白百明时晚	Note similarity with 曰, which is broader and lower, and means to say. Also note 白 which means white.	日字旁
月	月	moon, month	yue4 有服青朝明	This radical is actually two: moon 月 and meat 肉, but in modern Chinese, they look the same in most cases.	月字旁
木	木	tree	mu4 板相根本林	Note similarity with 禾, which means grain.	木字旁
氵	氵	水, 冰	shui3 永泳海洋沙	Note similarity with 冫, which means ice.	水字旁 (水), 三点水 (氵), 泰字底水 (氷)
火	火	fire	huo3 灯炎焦然炸		火字旁 (火), 四点底 (灬)
纟	纟	silk	(mi4) 纪纸累细绩		绞丝旁 (纟), 独立绞丝 (糸)
艹	艹	grass	cao3 花英苦草茶	Note that when the radical is on top, the traditional variant has four strokes.	草字头 (艹)
讠	言	speech	yan2 说讲识评试		言字旁 (讠)
辶	辶	walk	(chuo4) 迎通道这近		走之旁 (辶)
钅	金	gold, metal	jin1 银针钱铁钟		金字旁 (钅)

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刂	刂	knife, sword	dao1 分切初利刻	Note similarity with 力, which means force.	立刀旁 (刂), 刀字旁 (刀)
宀	宀	roof	(mian2) 守家室字宅	Note similarity with 冖, which means cover, and with 冫, which means lid.	宝盖头
贝	貝	shell	bei4 财贪货贸员	Note similarity with 见, which means to see.	贝字旁
一	一	one	yi1 三且正百天		横
力	力	power, force	li4 力加助勉男	Note similarity with 刀, which means knife.	力字旁
又	又	right hand	you4 反取受左友		又字旁
犴	犴	dog	(quan3) 犯狂狗献猪	Note similarity with 大, which means big.	反犬旁 (犴), 犬字旁 (犬)
禾	禾	grain	(he) 利私季和香	Note similarity with 木, which means tree.	禾木旁
竹	竹	bamboo	zhu2 笑第筒筷算		竹子头 (竹字头)
虫	虫	insect	chong2 强独蛇蛋蚊	Even though this radical means insect, it's used for many organisms which aren't insects according to our taxonomy.	虫字旁
阜	阝 left	mound, dam	(fu4) 防阻陆院陈	Note that there are two radicals which look like this. On the left, it means mound, dam, and on the right, it means city.	双耳刀 (左耳刀)
大	大	big, very	da4 天尖因奇美		大字旁 (头)
广	广	house on cliff	guang3 店府度座庭	Note similarity with 厶, which means cliff (i.e. without the house).	广字旁
田	田	field	tian2 思留略番累		田字旁
目	目	eye	mu4 眼睛看相省	Note that the horizontal version can also mean net.	目字旁 (目), 四字头 (𠃉)
石	石	stone	shi2 砂破碑矿码		石字旁

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衤	衤	衣	clothes	yi1	初被裁裤袜	Note similarity with 示, which means sign, show or spirit.	衣字旁 (衤)
足	足	𠂔	foot	zu2	跑跨跟路距		足字旁
马	馬		horse	ma3	码驾骂驻妈		马字旁
页	頁		leaf	ye4	顺须领预顶		页字旁
巾	巾		turban, scarf	(jin1)	市布帝帐帽		巾字旁
米	米		rice	mi3	类粉迷粗糖		米字旁
车	車		cart, vehicle	che1	轮软军较输		车字旁
八	八		eight	ba1	公分趴兵共	Note similarity with 人, which means human, person.	八字旁 (头)
尸	尸		corpse	shi1	尺局尾居展	Note similarity with 户, which means door, family.	尸字头
寸	寸		thumb, inch	cun4	寺尊对射付		寸字旁
山	山		mountain	shan1	岩岛岁岗岔		山字旁 (头)
攴	攴	攴	knock, tap	(pu1)	收改攻做政	Note similarity with 攴, which means to walk (slowly).	反文旁 (攴), 旧反文旁 (攴)
彳	彳		(small) step	(chi2)	彼很律微德	Note similarity with 亻, which means human, person.	双人旁
十	十		ten	shi2	什计古叶早		十字旁 (头)
工	工		work	gong1	左江红巧功		工字旁
方	方		square, raft	fang1	放旅族仿房		方字旁
门	門		gate	men2	间闲问闭闻		门字框
饣	食	食	eat, food	shi2	饭饿饮馆饱		食字旁

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欠	欠	lack, yawn	qian4 欢欧欲次歌		欠字旁
儿	儿	human, legs	er2 元四光兄充	Note similarity with 人, which means human, person, and with 八 which means eight.	儿座底
冫	冫	ice	bing1		冬冷冻况净 两点水
子	子	child, seed	zi3 字学存孩季		子字旁
疒	疒	sickness	(ne4) 病痛疗疯瘦		病字旁
隹	隹	(short-tailed) bird	(zhui1) 雀集难雅谁		隹字旁
斤	斤	axe	(jin1) 所新听近析		斤字旁
亠	亠	lid	(tou2) 亡交京	Note similarity with 宀, which means roof, and 冂 which means cover.	点横头
王	王 玉	jade, king	yu4, wang2 主弄皇理现	This radical is 玉, but when in composition, it looks like 王, king, and is probably more easily remembered like that.	王字旁
白	白	white	bai2 的皆皇怕迫	Note similarity with 日, which means sun.	白字旁
立	立	stand, erect	li4 音意端亲位		立字旁
羊	羊 𦍋, 𦍋	sheep	yang2 着样洋美鲜		羊字旁
艮	艮	stopping	(gen4) 很恨悬根眼		艮字旁
冂	冂	cover	(mi4) 写军农深荣		秃宝盖
厂	厂	cliff	(han4) 厚原厉厅厕	Note similarity with 宀, which has ha house on top (the dot).	厂字旁
皿	皿	dish	(min3) 盆监盟盛盖		皿字底

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礻	礻	示	shi4	社神视祝祥	示字旁	
穴	穴	cave	xue4	空突穷究窗	穴宝盖	
走	走	run, walk	zou3	起超越赶徒	走字旁	
雨	雨	rain	yu3	雷雪霜需露	雨字头	
囗	囗	enclosure	(wei2)	回国因图团	Note similarity with 口, which does not enclose other components and means mouth.	国字框
小	小	small	xiao3	少肖尚尖尘	小字旁 (头)	
戈	戈	halberd	(ge1)	成式战感我	戈字旁	
几	几	table	ji1	朵机风凡凤	几字旁	
舌	舌	tongue	she2	乱适话舍活	舌字旁	
干	干	dry	gan1	平刊汗旱赶	干字旁	
殳	殳	weapon	(shu1)	段没投般设	殳字旁	
夕	夕	evening, sunset	xi1	外多夜名岁	夕字旁	
止	止	stop	zhi3	正此步歪址	止字旁	
牛	牛	cow	niu2	告物解特件	牛字旁 (头)	
皮	皮	skin	pi2	披彼波破疲	皮字旁	
耳	耳	ear	er3	取闻职聪联	耳字旁	
辛	辛	bitter	xin1	辜辟辣辨辩	辛字旁	

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阝 left	阝 left	邑	city	(yi4)	那邦部都邮	Note that there are two radicals which look like this. On the left, it means mound, dam, and on the right, it means city.	双耳刀 (右耳刀)
酉	酉		wine	(you3)	醉酒醒酸尊		酉字旁
青	青		green/blue	qing1	请清情晴猜		青字旁
鸟	鳥		bird	niao3	鸦鸣鸭岛鸡		鸟字旁
弓	弓		bow	gong1	引张弱第强		弓字旁
厶	厶		private	si1	公勾去私云		私字旁
户	户	戶	door, house	hu4	所房炉护后	Note similarity with 尸, which means corpse.	户字旁
羽	羽		feather	yu3	习翻翅塌扇		羽字旁
舟	舟		boat	chuan2	般船航盘艇		舟字旁
里	里		village, mile	li3	野重量理埋		里字旁
匕	匕		spoon	(bi3)	匙比北呢旨		匕字旁
攴	攴		go (slowly)	(sui1)	各條复备夏	Note similarity with 攴, which means to knock, to rap.	折文旁
见	見		see	jian4	观规视现觉	Note similarity with 贝, which means shell	见字旁
卩	卩		seal	(jie2)	卷印却即危		单耳刀
罒	罒	网	net	wang3	罗罚罢罪罩	Note that the horizontal version can also mean net	四字头 (罒)
士	士		scholar	shi4	吉壶志声壮	Note similarity with 土, which means earth.	士字旁
勹	勹		embrace, wrap	(bao1)	包勿勾勺勺		包字头