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| | Variants | | Examples | | |
| 人 | 人 | 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 | 心 | xin1 必忙忘性想 | | 竖心旁 (忄), 心字底 (心), 竖心底 (小) |
| 手 | 手 | 手 | shou3 持掌打抱押 | | 提手旁 (扌), 看字头 (扌), 手字旁 (手) |
| 日 | 日 | sun, day | ri4 白百明时晚 | Note similarity with 日, 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 (水) |
| 火 | 火 | 火 | huo3 灯炎焦然炸 | | 火字旁 (火), 四点底 (灬) |
| 纟 | 纟 | 丝 | (mi4) 纪纸累细绩 | | 绞丝旁 (纟), 独立绞丝 (糸) |
| 艹 | 艹 | 草 | cao3 花英苦草茶 | Note that when the radical is on top, the traditional variant has four strokes. | 草字头 (艹) |

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| 讠 | 言 | 言 | speech yan2 | 说讲识评试 | 言字旁 (讠) |
| 辶 | 辵 | 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) |
| 刂 | 刀 | 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 亠, 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) |

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| 广 | 广 | house on cliff | guang3 店府度座庭 | Note similarity with 厂, 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 𠃉 | 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 |
| 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 𠃉 | 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 公分叭兵共 | 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) |

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| 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 | eat, food | shi2 | 饭饿饮馆饱 | | 食字旁 |
| 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 冫 which means cover. | 点横头 |

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| 王 | 王 | 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 | sheep | yang2 着样洋美鲜 | | 羊字旁 |
| 艮 | 艮 | stopping | (gen4) 很恨恳根眼 | | 艮字旁 |
| 冫 | 冫 | cover | (mi4) 写军衣深荣 | | 冫宝盖 |
| 厂 | 厂 | cliff | (han4) 厚原厉厅厕 | Note similarity with 广, which has ha house on top (the dot). 厂字旁 | |
| 皿 | 皿 | dish | (min3) 盆监盟盛盖 | | 皿字底 |
| 礻 | 礻 | sign, spirit, show | shi4 社神视祝祥 | Note similarity with 衤, which means clothes. | 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 |

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| 小 | 小 | 𠂇 𠂈 | 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 | 牛, 𠂇 | 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 |
| 阝 right | 阝 right | 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 |

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| 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 所房炉护启 | 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 |
| 夂 | 夂 | go (slowly) | (sui1) 各條复备夏 | Note similarity with 女, 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 |
| 𠃉 | 𠃉 网 | net | wang3 罗罚罢罪罩 | Note that the horizontal version can also mean net | .四字头 (𠃉) |
| 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 |