

# RENREN CHINESE 人人中文



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### May Day

wǔ yī láo dòng jié

### 五一劳动节

As a day for the working people worldwide, it was established on May 1st in 1886. In China, all kinds of jubilant assemblies and amusement activities are held in parks, theaters, and on plazas. In the evening, entertainment programs are held on TV, and some model laborers are invited to the evenings.

In the United Kingdom, May Day is still celebrated in many towns with the crowning of the May Queen. Maypoles can still be found in some towns and May Day traditions may include hobby horses and local people dressed in costumes. In Oxford, traditions are upheld for May Day celebrations, starting with the choir of Magdalen College singing from the top of the chapel tower.



## RCS Summer Camp

Curriculum: · Chinese language classes · Art, Crafts, Sports, Math, Chess, Go Dance, Movies

**Time: 7:30am---5:00pm (after 5:00pm \$5/ per hour)**

Ten weeks, from June 13th to August 19th  
(excluding weekends and July 5th, Independence Day Holiday)  
Location: - Benedictine University Lisle, IL 60532  
- Web Site <http://www.ben.edu/about/>  
- Campus map: [http://www.ben.edu/about/campus\\_map.asp](http://www.ben.edu/about/campus_map.asp)

Cost: The weekly rate includes Lunch, Snack and T-shirt  
Register 3 weeks or more \$185/week  
Register 2 weeks or less \$195/week  
Please visit RCS website and print out the form. The form locates <http://www.raychineseschool.org/Documents.aspx>.  
Please return the 2011 Ray Chinese Summer School registration form with the deposit on the first day of summer school.  
RCS Register Link at <http://www.raychineseschool.org>.

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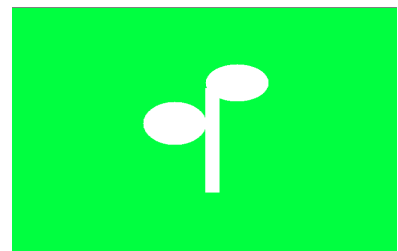
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## 每月一字

Word of the Month



## What's in a Chinese Character

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力 2 strokes

Written character

力量: physical

strength; force 力

气: effort; strength

The modern version (力) is a powerful graphic impression of the forearm – a symbol of physical strength. Moral strength, however, is more to be desired. And those who go by the rule: “Might is right” will soon have to learn that “Right is might”. In the original form the long middle line curved at the top. It represents the sinew that binds muscle to bone. The other line pictures the fibrous sheath of the sinew.

.Practice Chinese Characters here:

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## RCS Calendar and Holidays 日历

二〇一一年四月

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
					1	2 no school
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 复活节 fù huó jié
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

二〇一一年五月

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
1 五一劳动节	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Final Exam
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Final Exam- Last Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Chinese Idiom 中国成语 zhōng guó chéng yǔ



Chinese characters are beautiful by looking and by writing. Chinese artists can make pictures by forming Chinese characters. The picture here is a good example. It is made of a Chinese phrase: 滚瓜烂熟 ( gǔn3 guā1 làn4 shú2). The phrase means one memorizes learned materials very well and the materials become a part of one's own. For example, let's assume that you learn Chinese and you memorize very well everything you learned. The contents then become part of "your language" system, so when you need to use them, they will flow out of your mind without even thinking about it. It is your mind state now of learning the Chinese to a degree that we call "滚瓜烂熟" ( gǔn3 guā1 làn4 shú2). Can you find out where each of the Chinese character is on the picture? If you can find them all, then you probably already 滚瓜烂熟 ( gǔn3 guā1 làn4 shú2) these four words. Congratulations!

By Grace Lee

