









Information Pack

Mandarin









The Rules

- Pupils should be tested individually and cannot use prompts.
- Pupils will have one minute to correctly recognise and translate as many characters as possible.
- The teacher should choose characters in a random order using the word lists or powerpoints provided:
 - o The teacher displays the characters to the pupil.
 - The pupil says the word in Mandarin using the correct tone.
 - o The pupil says the word in English.
 - O The pupil is allowed to pass on any word by saying 'pass' in Mandarin: 过 guò.
 - When the pupil has finished translating, the teacher displays the next character.
 - o This continues until the minute is over.
 - o If the pupil begins translating a word when the timer goes, they are allowed to finish.

Scoring

Points will be awarded in the following way:

- Two elements will be taken into consideration: pronunciation and translation.
- Only if competitors get both elements correct will they be awarded one point for each word.
- This means that if they have the correct translation but pronounce the word incorrectly they are not awarded a point.
- It may be useful to think of the following chart:

	Correct Y/N
Pronunciation	
Translation	

• The teacher could put a mark next to each element that the pupil gets correct. If the pupil fails to get both elements correct they do not receive a point.