

ELN101 Extra Week 06

Language Puzzle

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Compound words in Mandarin Chinese: A compound word is a word made up of two or more characters. In Mandarin, the Chinese characters for "suit" is 西装, which literally means "western costume" while "Turkey" is written as 火鸡 [fire + bird]. For each of the compound words below, literal translations of the individual characters were provided. Which of the five options is the correct meaning of the whole word? [If you speak Mandarin or any other dialect of Chinese, you cannot participate in this part of the activity.]

(1) What is 臭鼬 (臭 [STINKY] + 鼬 [WEASEL])?

- ☐ Cat ☐ Ferret ☐ Skunk ☐ Pine marten ☐ Polecat

(2) What is 人山人海 (PEOPLE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE SEA)?

- ☐ A giant ☐ Archaeologist ☐ Backpacker ☐ China ☐ Crowd

(3) What is 熊猫 (熊 [BEAR] + 猫 [CAT])?

- ☐ Panda ☐ Lion ☐ Grizzly bear ☐ Ocelot ☐ Black bear

(4) What is 袋鼠 (袋 [bag] + 鼠 [mouse])?

- ☐ Elephant ☐ Giraffe ☐ Kangaroo ☐ Zebra ☐ Koala

(5) What is 手機 (手 [hand] + 機 [machine])?

- ☐ Laptop ☐ Mobile phone ☐ Tablet ☐ Computer ☐ Camera

(6) What is 電腦 (電 [electric] + 腦 [brain])?

- ☐ Television ☐ Radio ☐ Tablet ☐ Computer ☐ Smartwatch

(7) What is 火車 (火 [fire] + 車 [vehicle])?

- ☐ Aircraft ☐ Boat ☐ Car ☐ Train ☐ Horse buggy

(8) What is 電話 (電 [electric] + 話 [speech])?

- ☐ Mail ☐ Telephone ☐ Fax ☐ Announcement ☐ Pager

(9) What is 飛機 (飛 [fly] + 機 [machine])?

- ☐ Spaceship ☐ Jet ski ☐ Airplane ☐ Parachute ☐ Helicopter

(10) What is 銀行 (銀 [silver] + 行 [row])?

- ☐ Bank ☐ Store ☐ Hospital ☐ Office ☐ Theater

(11) What is 紅茶 (紅 [red] + 茶 [tea])?

- ☐ Green tea ☐ Herbal tea ☐ Black tea ☐ Oolong tea ☐ Jasmine tea

(12) What is 眼鏡 (眼 [eye] + 鏡 [mirror])?

- ☐ Binoculars ☐ Microscope ☐ Contact lenses ☐ Glasses ☐ Magnifying glass

(13) What is 螢幕 (螢 [glow] + 幕 [screen])?

- ☐ Monitor ☐ Lamp ☐ Projector ☐ Lamp shade ☐ Tablet

(14) What is 醫生 (醫 [medicine] + 生 [life])?

- ☐ Elixir ☐ Nurse ☐ Doctor ☐ Patient ☐ Hospital

(15) What is 電影 (電 [electricity] + 影 [shadow])?

- ☐ Television ☐ Netflix ☐ Shadow Puppet ☐ Camera ☐ Movie

(16) What is 明星 (明 [bright] + 星 [star])?

- ☐ Comet ☐ Shining Star ☐ Mars ☐ Celebrity ☐ Night Sky

(17) What is 飯店 (飯 [meal] + 店 [shop])?

- ☐ Fast Food ☐ Restaurant ☐ Cooking school ☐ Bookstore ☐ Grocery

(18) What is 學校 (學 [study] + 校 [institution])?

- ☐ School ☐ Library ☐ Architect school ☐ Classroom ☐ Bookstore

(19) What is 辦公室 (辦 [handle] + 公 [public] + 室 [room])?

- ☐ Office ☐ Reception Hall ☐ Conference Room ☐ Home ☐ Waiting Room

(20) What is 功課 (功 [achievement] + 課 [lesson])?

- ☐ Exam ☐ Quiz ☐ Homework ☐ Lecture ☐ Achievement test