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Navigating an entry

On every entry page in our Premium dictionary, you will see the headword, pronunciation, part of speech, translations and labels where necessary.

Translations


Translation of *horse* in Chinese:
noun

1 **COUNTABLE (Zoology)**

[马](#) 

mǎ

to mount/ride a horse

跨上 / 骑着马 

the horses [informal]

[赛马](#) 

sàimǎ

1 **COUNTABLE (Zoology)**

[马](#) 


mǎ

On the English-Chinese side of the dictionary, all translations (main and example translations) are given in Chinese characters. For main translations, a pinyin transliteration is also provided.

The different senses of the headword itself are translated, with information to help you find which sense you need. In addition, many examples of a sense in use are provided and translated, especially when the main translation does not work in all contexts, or when unexpected sentence structure is needed.


Translation of *hungry* in Chinese:
adjective

1 (lacking food)


[饥饿的](#) 

jī'è de

to be or feel hungry

感到饥饿 

to make somebody hungry


勾起某人的食欲 

to go hungry

(from necessity)

[挨饿](#) 

(by choice)

绝食挨饿 

Whenever a translation is a headword on the other side of the dictionary it is blue and hyperlinked. You can click the hyperlink to go to that entry.



Links are provided to the same word in other dictionaries.

Definition of saddle in:

- [British & World English dictionary](#)
- [US English dictionary](#)
- [English synonyms](#)
- [US English synonyms](#)

Translate **saddle** into Arabic | into French | into German | into Italian | into Portuguese | into Russian | into Spanish

horse

British English: /hɔːs/

American English: /hɔrs/

Translation of *horse* in Chinese:
noun

1 COUNTABLE (Zoology)

马
mǎ

Translation of 马 in English:
noun

horse

赛马
race horse

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adjective

big

→ 马蜂 mǎfēng, → 马勺 mǎsháo

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Compounds

马鞍
mǎ'ān
noun

saddle

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Pronunciations

British and US pronunciation is given using audio and IPA (symbols that show the sound that each letter represents in the word in question). Click on the IPA for an explanation of the symbols. Click on the speaker buttons to hear the word spoken aloud.

Chinese audio pronunciation (computer-generated) is provided for all Chinese content (headwords, examples, translations).

All headwords and compound headwords have a pronunciation section containing the pinyin transliteration.

马鞍

Pronunciation: mǎ'ān

Translation of 马鞍 in English:
noun

saddle

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See parent entry: → 马

Compounds and phrasal verbs

Compound words on the Chinese-English side, and phrasal verbs on the English-Chinese side are found both under their parents, and as standalone entries with links back to their parents.

Phrasal verbs

horse about

horse around

intransitive verb

[informal]

胡闹
húnào

Cultural Note: 鞭炮

Fireworks (*yanhua*, 烟花) and firecrackers (*baozhu*, 爆竹 or *bianpao*, 鞭炮) are let off at important Chinese festivals and celebrations. In ancient times, bamboo was burnt during celebrations, and the explosive noise produced when it split in the heat was believed to drive away evil spirits and disease. This is why firecrackers are known as 'exploding bamboo' (*baozhu*). From the Song Dynasty, firecrackers were made out of gunpowder wrapped in auspicious red paper, but the name *baozhu* continued to be used. Long, fused strings of individually wrapped firecrackers make a tremendous noise when lit. Firecrackers are also used to see out the old year and welcome in the new — in the words of an old verse: 'the blast of firecrackers bids farewell to the passing year' (爆竹声中一岁除).

Cultural Notes

Notes are provided to explain culturally specific terms, as in this example from our entry for 鞭炮.

Ways of searching

You can look up a Chinese word by entering Chinese characters directly, or by entering pinyin characters, in which case you will be given a choice of relevant results.

✕ 📖 🔍

English to Chinese
Chinese to English

📖 🔍

English to Chinese
Chinese to English

You can also search for a phrase by typing the phrase in the search box. If that phrase is in the dictionary, you will be taken to the entry that it is in and the relevant section will be highlighted.

cloud

British English: /klaʊd/ 🔊

American English: /klaʊd/ 🔊

Translation of *cloud* in Chinese:

noun

1 UNCOUNTABLE AND COUNTABLE (Meteorology)

云 🔊

yún

some patches of cloud

几片云 🔊

to have one's head in the clouds

抱有幻想 🔊

every cloud has a silver lining [proverb]

黑暗中总有一线光明 🔊

(to be) on cloud nine [informal]

乐不可支 🔊

Homographs

Once you are on an entry page, you can also jump quickly between homograph entries (entries which have the same spelling but different origins) by clicking the numbers at the top of the page.

There are 3 entries that translate *row* into Chinese:

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row

British English: /rəʊ/ 🔊

American English: /rou/ 🔊

[A detailed guide to the dictionary can be found here](#)

Additional resources

Click **'GRAMMAR'** at the top of the homepage to [explore language resources](#), including grammar, pronunciation information, useful phrases, cultural information, sample letters and emails.

Basic Rules for writing Chinese characters

Basic strokes

1. The horizontal stroke is written from left to right.



2. The vertical stroke is written from the top downward.



TEST YOURSELF

Quizzes

You can find quizzes to test your language skills on the [Chinese dictionary homepage](#), and in the side bar for every entry.

Test Your Chinese

- 1) What is the English word for 生态?

☐ energy

☐ ecology

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