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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)

må

to mount/ride a horse 跨上/骑着马 🕡

the horses [informal] 赛马 ๗ sàimă

1 COUNTABLE (Zoology) 그 🔐 .....

må

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

(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: /ho:s/ ()

Translation of *horse* in Chinese: noun

1 COUNTABLE (Zoology)

그 👞 ...... må

Translation of ∃ 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 🖬 mă'ān noun

saddle

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## Pronunciations

British and US pronunciation is given using audio and resents in the word in guestion). 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.

### 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.

Pı	onunciation: mă'ān
	anslation of <i>马鞍</i> in English: pun
	saddle
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See parent entry:  $\rightarrow \exists$ 

### Phrasal verbs

horse about horse around intransitive verb [informal] 胡闹 👦 húnào

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### 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—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.

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American English: /rou/ 🌒

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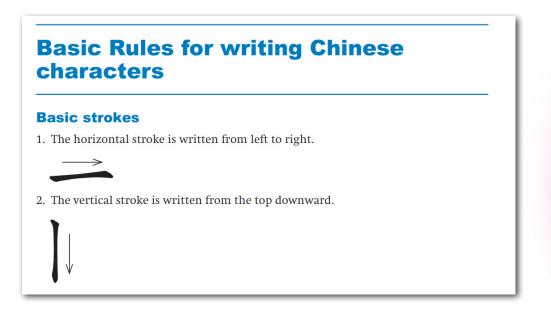




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1) What is the English word for 生态?

○ energy

○ ecology

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