

# Unit 5 Language Around The World

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# Learning aims



After class, the students will be able to:

● have a better understanding of the development of Chinese characters and its importance.

● introduce the development of Chinese characters in English.

● improve the ability of skimming, scanning, analyzing discourse and thinking logically.

● Enhance national confidence and pride.



# Lead in



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What makes China it is today despite many ups and downs in its history?

patriotism, Chinese traditional culture, Chinese characters, classical Chinese books...



# Warm up

## Quick-minded Drill



# Prediction



Now, can you predict  
what we will learn today?



# Prediction

Possible answers:

1. Traditional Chinese culture
2. The history of Chinese characters
3. The development of Chinese history...



# Skimming

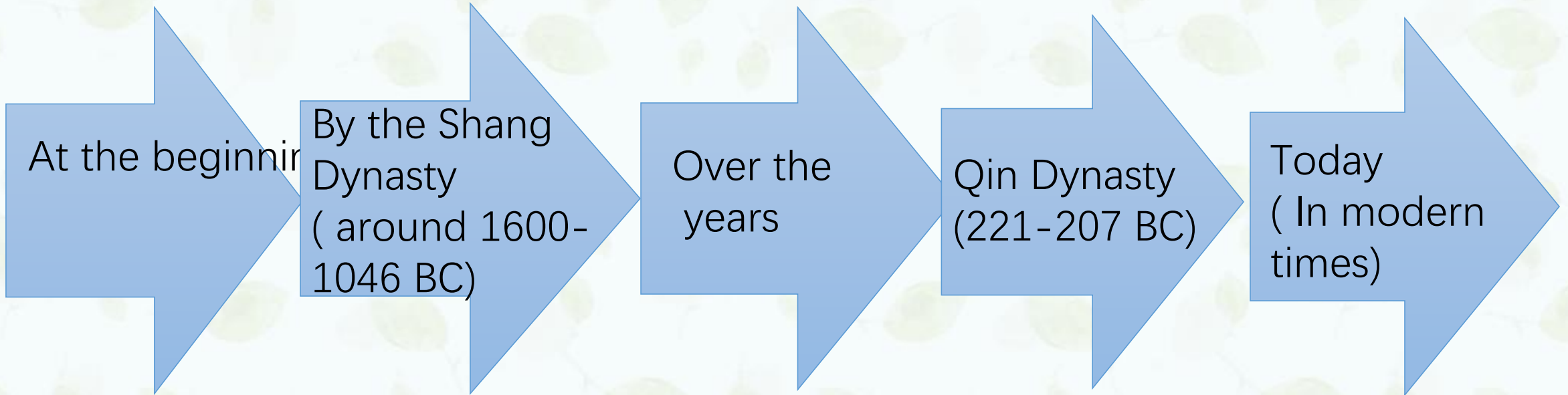
Skim the text quickly to find out the main idea.

This text is mainly about the development and importance of **Chinese** characters.



Tip 1: Where can we find the main idea of the whole text?

Scan the text to find the words and phrases that describe a time.



## Thinking Drill

Why does the author write the text in chronological order?



It arranges information according to time.

1. Make the order of events clear.
2. Make the passage logical.

Tip 2: When providing the historical background to a topic, it is necessary to describe events in chronological order, or in the time sequence that they occurred.

Tip 3: Can you list some words that represent the chronological order?

at first, to begin with, then, after that, later, soon, from then on, as time goes by/with time going by, recently/lately, since then, meanwhile/at the same time, finally/eventually...



**Work in groups of four**

**Read the text carefully again and  
make a detailed mind map about the  
development of Chinese writing system.**



Written Chinese was a picture-based language whose symbol was carved on animal bones and shells.

At the beginning

The system developed into different forms because of geography, which led to varieties of dialects and characters.

Over the years

1. People can read the classic works written by ancient Chinese.
2. Chinese writing system has developed into an art form, known as Chinese calligraphy.
3. A larger number of international students appreciate Chinese culture and history through this amazing language.

Today  
( In modern times)

By the Shang Dynasty  
( around 1600-1046 BC)

The symbols had become well-developed writing system.

Qin Dynasty  
(221-207 BC)

Emperor Qinshihuang united the seven major states into one unified country where the Chinese writing system began to develop in one direction.

# Work in pairs

Think and discuss the following questions.

1. How did written Chinese unify Chinese people divided by geography and dialects?
2. How did written Chinese connect Chinese people today with those of the past?



# Summary

## Can you summarize the importance of Chinese characters?

1. Chinese civilisation has continued all the way through into modern times.
2. The Chinese writing system is of great importance in uniting the Chinese and culture. Even today, no matter where Chinese people live or what dialect they speak, they can still communicate in writing.
3. Written Chinese has also become an important means by which China's present is connected with its past.
4. People can read the classic works written by ancient Chinese.
5. Chinese writing system has developed into an art form, known as Chinese calligraphy.
6. A larger number of international students appreciate Chinese culture and history through this amazing language.

## Summary Writing

**Directions: Please read the passage again and write a summary of it in no more than 120 words.**

# Possible version

Chinese writing system plays a significant role in the development of Chinese ancient civilization. Originally, written Chinese was carved on animal bones, which looked like pictures. As time went by, writing Chinese developed into various dialects and characters because of geography. It's emperor Qinshihuang that unified the country. From then on, Chinese writing system began to develop into one direction.

Nowadays, written Chinese can help people have a connection with its past. People can admire classic works written in ancient times. Chinese characters have developed into an art from named Chinese calligraphy. In addition, more and more foreigners learn Chinese to appreciate Chinese culture and history because China plays a significant part at the world stage.

# Homework

Our school will receive exchange students from Britain. Please design a brochure in English to introduce the development and importance of Chinese characters to British friends. Attention should be paid to the combination of pictures and texts.

Thank you!

