

III. Reading Comprehension (INTERPRETIVE)

A. Building Words

If you combine the *zhōng* in *Zhōngguó* with the *yī* in *yīshēng*, you have *zhōngyī*, as seen in #1 below. Can you guess what the word *zhōngyī* means? Complete this section by providing the characters, the pinyin, and the English equivalent of each new word formed this way. You may consult a dictionary if necessary.

	new word	pinyin	English
1. “中国”的“中” + “医生”的“医”			
→ 中+医 →	_____	_____	_____
2. “东南西北”的“西” + “医生”的“医”			
→ 西+医 →	_____	_____	_____
3. “公共汽车”的“公” + “厕所”的“厕”			
→ 公+厕 →	_____	_____	_____
4. “写信”的“信” + “冰箱”的“箱”			
→ 信+箱 →	_____	_____	_____
5. “吃药”的“药” + “检查”的“检”			
→ 药+检 →	_____	_____	_____

B. Character Components

A key to understanding Chinese characters is identifying and understanding their radical components. For each of the classifications below write the radical and one character from the lesson vocabulary which uses that radical component.

	radical	character		radical	character
1. bamboo	_____	_____	6. hand	_____	_____
2. body	_____	_____	7. ice	_____	_____
3. fire	_____	_____	8. illness	_____	_____
4. flesh	_____	_____	9. metals	_____	_____
5. grass	_____	_____	10. water	_____	_____