

Lesson 241

Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

亚当
Yàdāng
Adam

称谓
Chēngwèi
Title

彼得
Bǐdé
Peter

苏珊
Sūshān
Susan

汤姆克鲁斯
Tāngmǔkèlǔsī
Tom Cruise

迈克尔杰克逊
Màikè'ěrfjiékèxùn
Michael Jackson

成龙
Chénglóng
Jackie Chan

声音
Shēngyīn
Voice / Sound

谓
Wèi
Speak of

彼
Bǐ
That

Vocabulary Summary: Traditional:

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Bǐdé
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Sūshān
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Tāngmǔkèlǔsī
Tom Cruise

邁克爾傑克遜
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Vocabulary Summary: Simplified:

苏
Sū
Surname

珊
Shān
Coral

姆
Mǔ
Governess

鲁
Lǔ
Surname

斯
Sī
This

迈
Mài
Take a step

杰
Jié
Heroic

老虎伍兹
Lǎohǔwǔzī
Tiger Woods

爱因斯坦
Àiyīnsītǎn
Einstein

莎士比亚
Shāshìbǐyà
Shakespeare

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L 241 Notes (Simplified / Traditional)

1. **Lǎoshī** are well respected in Chinese, so this **chēngwèi** is used when addressing them. Unlike English, the title comes after a person's last name.

Lǎoshī	老师 / 老師	Teachers
chēngwèi	称谓 稱謂	title

2. As explained in the lesson, everything in Chinese needs Chinese character representation. So when importing foreign names, the closest Chinese sound equivalent is used. In this lesson, a few examples of famous people are given. Take a look at the [vocabulary page](#) for more examples.

3. The pronunciation of **Yādāng** in mainland China differs from Taiwan. While the speakers pronounce the **Yǎ** with a third tone, mainland Chinese speakers pronounce it with a fourth tone.

Yādāng	亚当 / 亞當	Adam
Yǎ	亚 / 亞	Asia

4. Most Chinese names consist of three characters. Foreigners wanting to reside in Chinese communities are usually required to have an official Chinese name for ID purposes. The first character is usually an approximate sound from the person's last name, while the last two characters can either be the Chinese equivalent of their English first name, or they can choose a more local sounding name here.

5. When translating Western names (especially famous people) into Chinese, there are usually multiple possibilities for the closest phonetic character. As a result, some names may have slightly different translations in Taiwan than in mainland China. The translations given in this lesson and on the [vocabulary page](#) are the mainland Chinese versions.