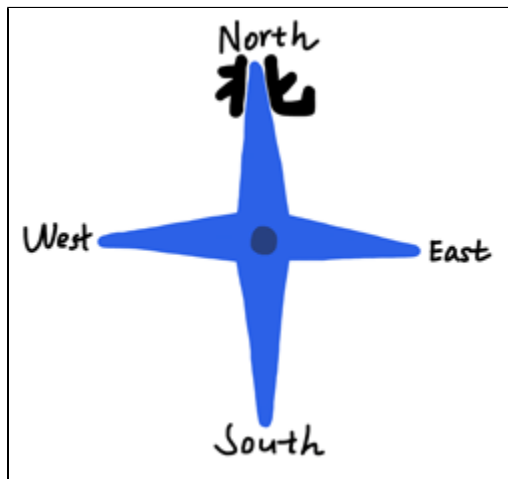


### 3North-South

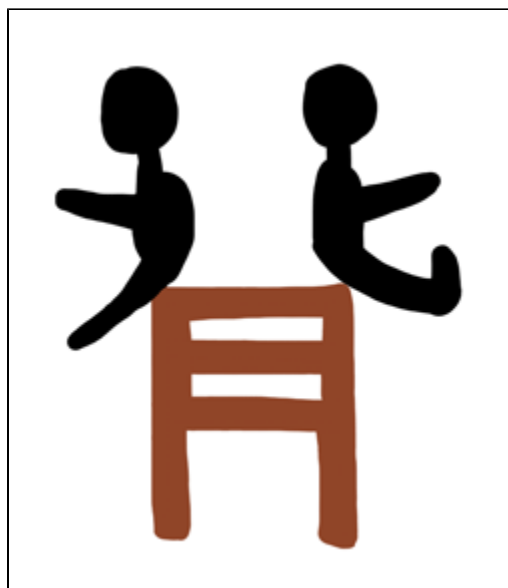
Bi is North:



The traditional explanation is that the character is a picture of two people sitting back to back on the North Pole.

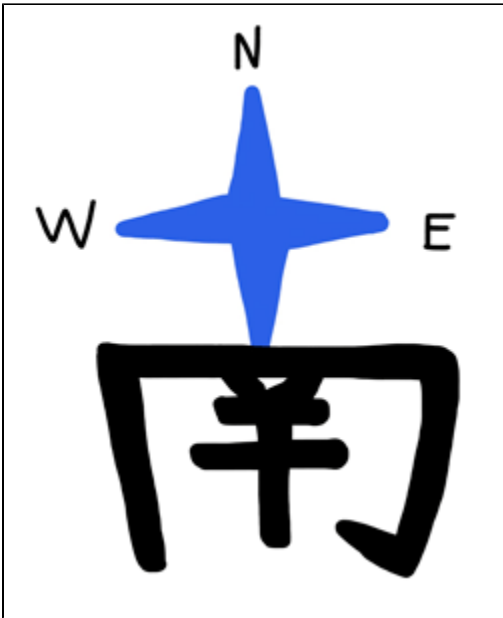
Common word: Bijng

Bèi is 'back'



Common word: bèijng 'background'

Nán is 'South':



Note that the element in the enclosure at the bottom is not yáng 'sheep' as it lacks a horizontal stroke.

Common word: Nánjng

### Other s

Dngjng 'Tokyo' (lit. 'Eastern Capital'). Note how Japanese often has k where Mandarin has j and ng in Mandarin becomes a long vowel in Japanese.

In case you wondered, Xjng (lit. 'Western Capital') used to be used for modern Xin in the Han Dynasty.