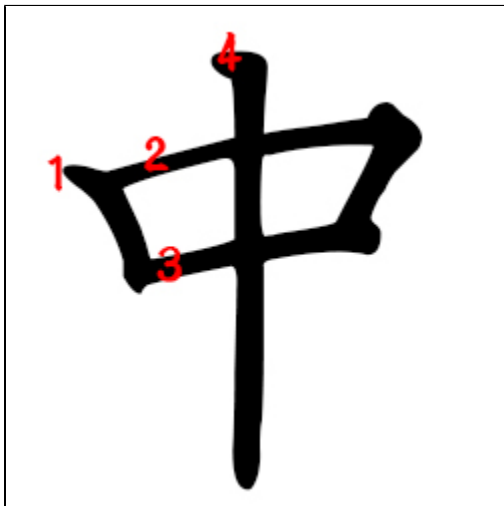


# 3Zhong

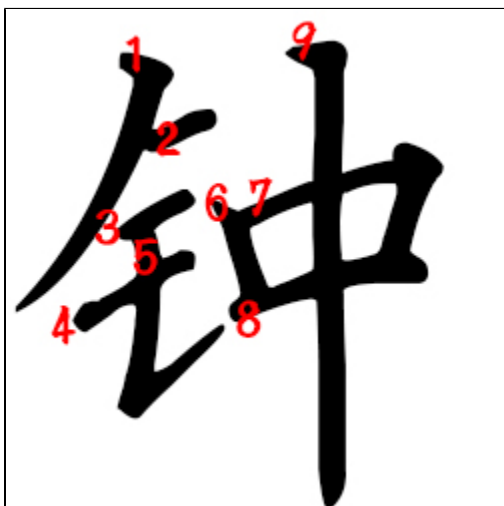
Zhng is 'middle'



Common words: Zhngguó 'Middle Kingdom, China', zhngxn 'centre'

Zhng 'bell'

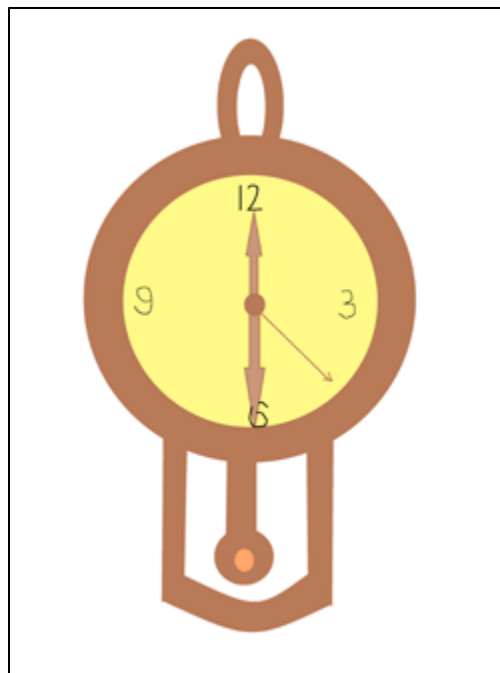
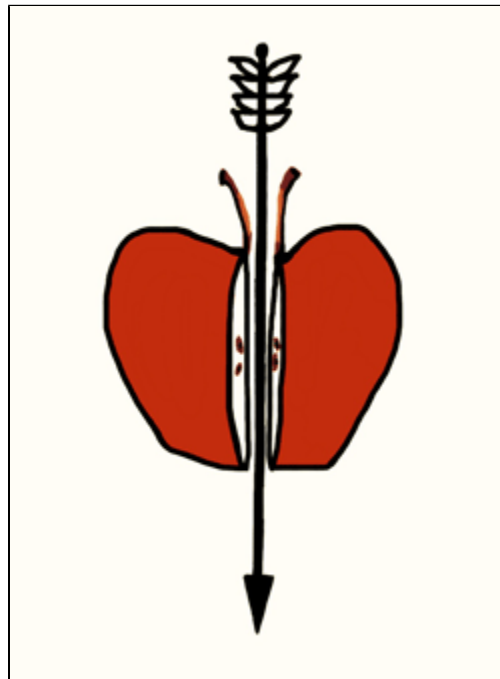
It has the simplified form of jn 'metal' on the left to remind us about what clocks are made of:



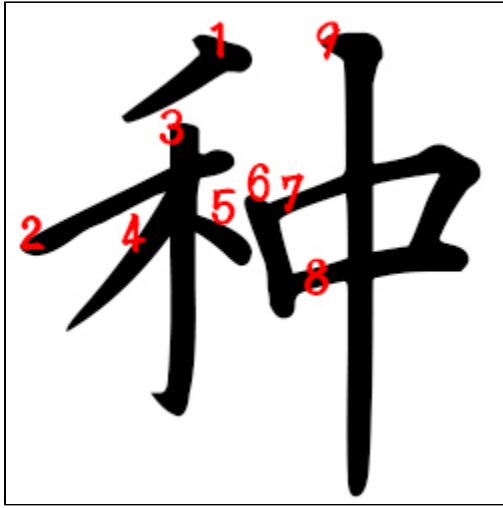
Example: sn din zhng '3 o'clock'  
The traditional character is:

Zhng is 'sort'

Imagine an arrow going through the middle of an apple:



Unfortunately this clock is stuck on 6:30, but at least it reminds us of the shape of the character.  
The traditional character has tóng 'child' on the right:



The element on the left is 'rice' and has a similar meaning to m 'uncooked) rice'.  
The traditional character has zhòng 'heavy' on the right:  
Common words: zhǒnglèi 'sort', zhè zhǒng 'this sort'

This character is also read zhòng 'to plant'.

