

SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL

LET'S LEARN WITH
UNCLE TING: CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY



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Let's Go for a Hunt!

Uncle Ting is at Wan Qing Yuan to visit his former boss Mr Teo Eng Hock. Let's find him and the following items in the picture.



Uncle Ting



1 seal



1 Calligraphy of
Chinese characters
"Bo Ai"



1 Calligraphy of
Tang Dynasty
poem



Spot these items in Gallery 1 of Wan Qing Yuan
(currently known as Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall)!



The writing tools required to complete a piece of Chinese calligraphy (brush, ink, paper and inkstone) are also known as the "Four Treasures of the Study".

Spot the Difference!

Help Uncle Ting to spot the difference in these two images!



Collection of Ms. Pauline Tan Siew Wah

A Chinese seal is usually used as a stamp to print a person's name on paper to represent one's signature. Some seals may also include personal motto or a sentence from a poem.



Match the characters of the seal to the correct description.



Tan Chor Lam's name seal



Tan Chor Lam's personal seal with the Chinese characters "Jie Ai Guo Yuan" (meaning "cultivating a love for our country")

Red characters known as *zhuwen* (朱文) in Chinese are formed by carefully removing the stone around the characters.

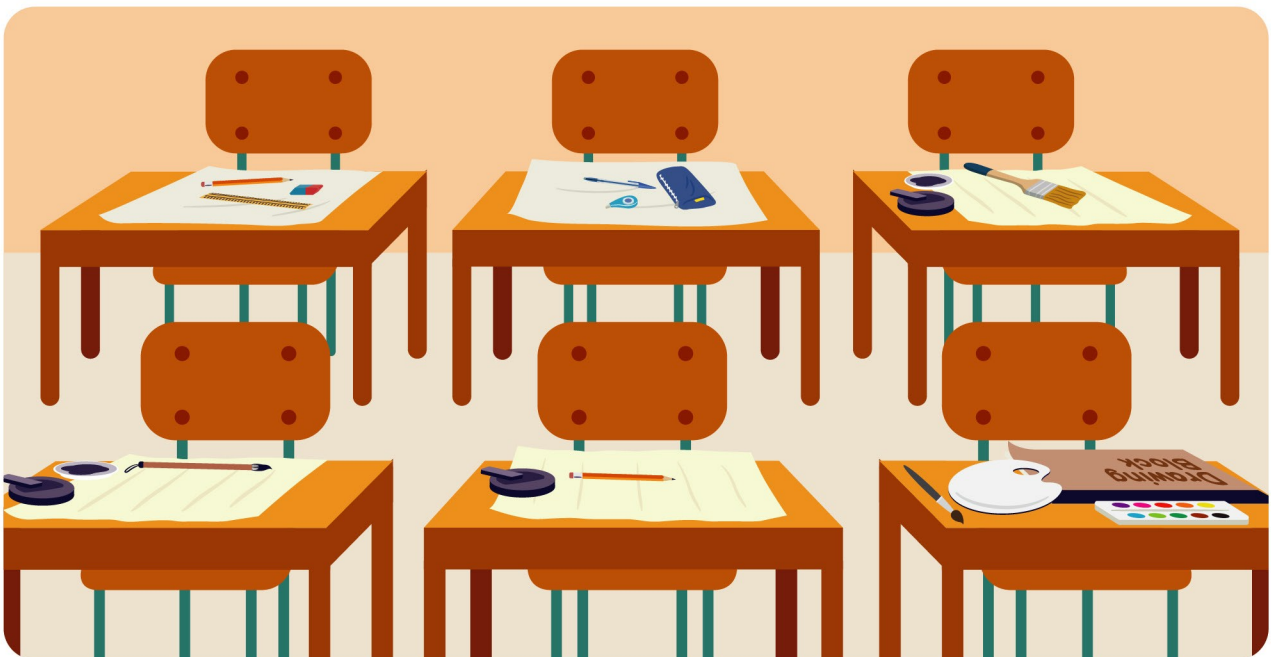
White characters known as *baiwen* (白文) in Chinese are created by carving the characters directly from the stone.

What words would you put on your personal seal?

Find the “Four Treasures of the Study”!



Help Uncle Ting to find the complete set of the Four Treasures of the Study (brush, ink, paper and inkstone). Circle the table in the picture with all the required tools.



What are some of the writing tools you use? What are the differences between them and the “Four Treasures of the Study”?

The Chinese calligraphy brush is commonly held vertically upright like this! It is different from how you hold a pen.



Write your own Chinese calligraphy!

There were many well-known Chinese calligraphers in history such as Wang Xizhi. He used to practise Chinese calligraphy near a pond and would wash his brush there. Over time, the pond turned black with ink. What does this tell you about him? What value(s) do you think is required to master Chinese calligraphy?



Imagine you are a Chinese calligrapher, complete this Chinese character using the "Four Treasures of the Study". Otherwise, you may join the dotted lines below and colour the word.



The word is *fu* (福) which means good luck in Chinese. It is traditionally written on red paper and used as spring couplets to decorate one's home during Lunar New Year.