

Chinese Stroke Order

Stroke order when writing Chinese is extremely important and many Chinese learners often pass it up, not realizing the importance of this aspect.

Here are some rules, in order of precedence:

1. Top to bottom

Always start at the top before making your way down when writing Chinese.

2. Left To Right

Start from left, going right when writing Chinese characters.

3. Start at the middle

For characters that are symmetrical or have a clear middle stroke, start there!

4. Save entire-character strokes for last

Always do the minor strokes before writing the stroke that encompasses the entire character.

5. Finish inside before closing the character

For characters that resemble boxes or have components within boxes, always finish writing the inside components before closing the box.