

Chinese Symbols Cheat Sheet

Twelve characters worth knowing, from jadealmanac.com/chinese-symbols

爱

ài
like "eye"

love

Love, the everyday word for it

我爱你

wǒ ài nǐ
"waw eye nee"

i love you

I love you, the whole sentence

福

fú
like "foo"

happiness

Blessing, luck, good fortune

和

hé
like "huh"

peace

Peace and harmony

家

jiā
like "jyah"

family

Family, home

力

lì
like "lee"

strength

Strength, power

勇

yǒng
like "yohng"

courage

Courage, bravery

友

yǒu
like "yo"

friendship

Friend, friendship

囍

xǐ
like "shee"

double happiness

Double happiness, the wedding symbol

龙

lóng
like "loong"

dragon

Dragon, the auspicious one

美

měi
like "may"

beautiful

Beautiful, admirable

聽

tīng
like "ting"

listening

To listen, with ear and heart