



We teach **Traditional Chinese Characters** (繁體字) in ALL classes at SDCA.

**Traditional Chinese Characters** have been used for more than 2000 years. The simplified version was introduced in 1950s, but not every Chinese character was simplified. Many Chinese Characters only have one form that is shared by both Traditional Characters and the Simplified.

One **benefit** of learning the traditional characters is that advanced Traditional-Character-learners who have knowledge about Calligraphy and how Chinese Characters were created would be able to recognize the simplified version on their own, especially while reading texts. Usually Simplified Characters are just part of the traditional ones with fewer strokes. Many of them are adapted “print version” from the Cursive Scrip in Chinese Calligraphy.

★ *Examples:*

車 车 car

電 电

馬 马 horse

electricity

鳥 鳥 bird

愛 爱 love

謝 谢 thanks

★ *The following words do not have simplified version, to name a few.*

你好 早安 食物 水果 名字  
Hello Good morning Food Fruit Name

★ *Sample texts with Simplified Characters (while available): An advanced Traditional-Character learner can figure out the following underlined words by using comprehension skills.*

你今天想吃什麼？等一下要  
不要一塊兒去看电(電)影？

What would you like to eat today? Do you want to see a movie together later?

你喜欢(歡)看书(書)吗(嗎)？

Do you like to read?

Adapted from Cursive  
Scrip in Calligraphy