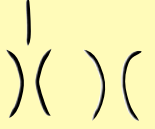
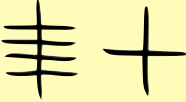

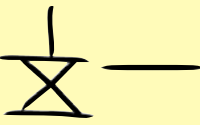
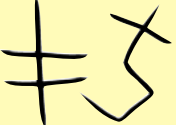



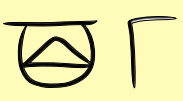





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	51		29		68
	212		523		111
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2411

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What do you think the number 18 would have been in the oracle bone script?

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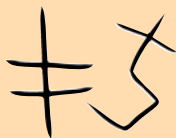
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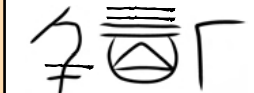
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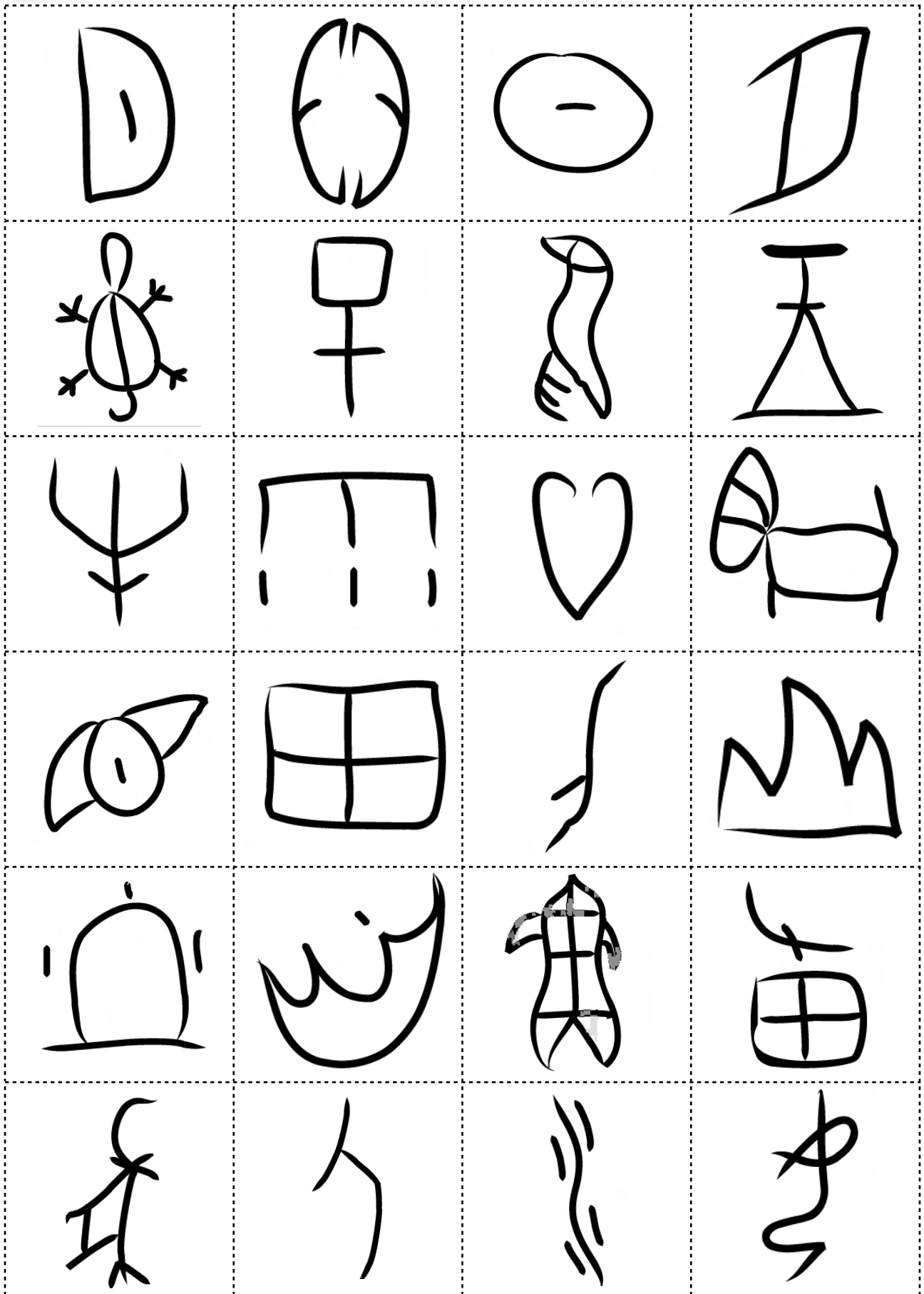
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king

eye

heart

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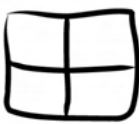















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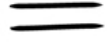

























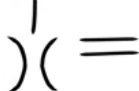

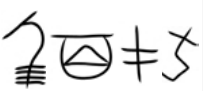
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Oracle Bones Script

The Shang Dynasty was the first Chinese society to develop a writing system, the evidence for which has been found on the oracle bones. The Shang used pictographs instead of an alphabet. This means that one symbol represents a whole word. Here are some examples of Shang pictographs.

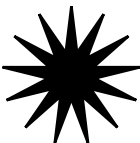

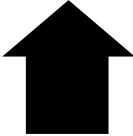

 man	 woman	 child	 king	 person	 eye
 heart	 mountain	 field	 water	 fire	 earth
 sun	 moon	 rain	 cowry shell	 knife	 meat
 cow	 fish	 turtle	 bird	 rabbit	 elephant

 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6
 7	 8	 9	 10	 11	 12
 13	 20	 30	 40	 50	 60
 70	 80	 100	 200	 500	 700
 1000	 3000	 5000	 82	 754	 4129

Create your own writing!

If you had to start your own writing system without an alphabet, how would you write your name?

If your name was David Houseman, for example, you could draw a sun, a video, a house and a man:

Day	Vid	House	Man
			

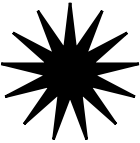



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