

## The Reasons Behind Writing Chinese Characters Incorrectly

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Chinese hand writing (pictograph) is very important and special part of the Chinese collective psyche, that language is more than just a communication tool which indicates people's character. The orders of strokes are extremely important in learning how to write Chinese. So learning of stroke order is extremely important in Chinese characters writing. Therefore as the first step of preserve characters writing, students should use to write in square rule books. While writing Chinese characters in square rule books students can write Chinese characters properly. The aim of this study was to find out what are the reasons for failing to write correct Chinese characters. Out of 140 first year students who read for B.A (General) Degree in Chinese at University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka more than 50 students were failed to write Chinese characters properly. The major reasons are students' didn't understand and remember the correct stroke order of Chinese characters, and number of strokes for the relevant Chinese character. Also, they used to think that it isn't important to remember that stroke order and numbers of strokes of the Chinese character. The other important reasons are most of the students not attend to the lectures regularly, not study and practice properly. So it's very important to make students participate for all the lectures and teach them to practice the Chinese characters regularly and evaluate and encourage them by frequent class assignments and tests In order to improve the capability and knowledge of correct Chinese character writing.

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