Chinese 1010:
Analyzing my Language Learning Journey

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“How intimidating”

1. Tones

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pinyin</th>
<th>Character (simplified)</th>
<th>Tone</th>
<th>English translation</th>
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<tr>
<td>shī</td>
<td>师</td>
<td>1 (high sustained)</td>
<td>Teacher/master</td>
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<tr>
<td>shí</td>
<td>十</td>
<td>2 (rising)</td>
<td>Ten</td>
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<tr>
<td>shǐ</td>
<td>使</td>
<td>3 (falling &amp; rising)</td>
<td>To make/use/cause</td>
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<tr>
<td>shì</td>
<td>是</td>
<td>4 (sharp falling)</td>
<td>Am/is/are/to be/yes</td>
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2. **Script**

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<th>师</th>
<th>Teacher</th>
<th>十</th>
<th>Ten</th>
<th>使</th>
<th>To make / use</th>
<th>是</th>
<th>To be / yes</th>
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<tr>
<td>施</td>
<td>To bestow</td>
<td>时</td>
<td>O’clock</td>
<td>史</td>
<td>History</td>
<td>市</td>
<td>Market</td>
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<tr>
<td>诗</td>
<td>Poem</td>
<td>食</td>
<td>To eat</td>
<td>始</td>
<td>To begin</td>
<td>试</td>
<td>Experiment</td>
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<tr>
<td>失</td>
<td>To lose</td>
<td>石</td>
<td>Rock</td>
<td>骏</td>
<td>To gallop</td>
<td>释</td>
<td>Buddhism</td>
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<tr>
<td>湿</td>
<td>Wet</td>
<td>拾</td>
<td>To pick up</td>
<td>矢</td>
<td>Arrow</td>
<td>事</td>
<td>Matter / item</td>
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<tr>
<td>碛</td>
<td>Strain</td>
<td>蚀</td>
<td>To erode</td>
<td>屎</td>
<td>Ear wax</td>
<td>世</td>
<td>Generation / era</td>
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<tr>
<td>狮</td>
<td>Lion</td>
<td>賽</td>
<td>Kind of rat</td>
<td>宅</td>
<td>Hog</td>
<td>氏</td>
<td>Maiden name</td>
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1. Tones
2. Script
3. Fear of incompetence

“Part of human nature is the innate desire to be perceived as competent” (Mower, 2018, p. 63).
Affective Filter

“Negative emotion (affect) can cause a mental block that inhibits language learning by triggering anxiety, sparking self-consciousness, and decreasing motivation” (Mower, 2018, p. 17).
"The spirit of the day"

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<th>Emotive Descriptors</th>
<th>Positive</th>
<th>Negative</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total adjectives:</strong></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td><strong>Total uses:</strong></td>
<td>56</td>
<td>69</td>
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**Positive**
- Cool (16)
- Successful (8)
- Good (7)
- Happy (5)
- Comfortable (3)
- Exciting (3)
- Fun (3)
- Ancient (2)
- Glad (2)
- Interesting (2)
- Artistic (1)
- Comfortable (1)
- Grateful (1)
- Motivating (1)
- Poetic (1)

**Negative**
- Frustrating (19)
- Scary (5)
- Intimidating (4)
- Tricky (4)
- Complicated (3)
- Emotionally spent (3)
- Overwhelmed (3)
- Confusing (2)
- Drowning (2)
- Dumb (2)
- Tired (2)
- Impractical (2)
- Terrifying (2)
- Uncomfortable (2)
- Weird (2)
- Afraid (1)
- Behind (1)
- Controlled (1)
- Cumbersome (1)
- Discouraged (1)
- Heavy hearted (1)
- Miserable (1)
- Ridiculous (1)
- Stupid (1)
- Unpleasant (1)
- Upset (1)
- Zoned out (1)
“More comfortable”

“Experiencing real achievement is the surest route to self-esteem and enjoyment.”

(Dewaele & MacIntyre, 2014, p. 264).
谢谢

Thank You