



# Chinese Beijing Opera

## 中国京剧



京剧，曾称平剧，中国五大戏曲剧种之一，被视为中国国粹，是我国传统文化艺术宝库中的瑰宝。小朋友们，你们对京剧了解多少呢？我们一起来看看吧！

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There are many different types of traditional <sup>(传统的)</sup> operas in China. Beijing Opera (Peking Opera) is the most famous one.

Beijing Opera is a **comprehensive** <sup>(综合的)</sup> performing art. It **combines** <sup>(结合)</sup> singing, dialogue, **monologue** <sup>(独白)</sup>, **martial arts** <sup>(武术)</sup>, **acrobatics** <sup>(杂技)</sup> and **mime** <sup>(哑剧)</sup> together.

There are four types of main roles in Beijing Opera. They are



Sheng  
(male <sup>(男性的)</sup> role)



Dan  
(female <sup>(女性的)</sup> role)



Jing  
(painted-face male role)



Chou  
(comedic <sup>(喜剧的)</sup> male role)

Roles are **classified** <sup>(分类)</sup> by the age and **personality** <sup>(性格)</sup> of the characters.



**Facial makeup** <sup>(脸谱)</sup> is very important in Beijing Opera. It shows the role's personality by using different colors. The basic colors used in **modern** <sup>(现代的)</sup> Beijing Opera painted faces are red, purple, black, white, blue, green, yellow, pink, gray, gold, and silver.



In Beijing Opera, actors must follow many acting rules on stage, such as how to sit down, **take a step** <sup>(迈步)</sup>, open a door, ride a horse, **row** <sup>(划)</sup> a boat, and so on.



## Let's Try.....

1. How many types of main roles in Beijing Opera?  
A. five B. two C. three D. four
2. Which role is a comedic role in Beijing Opera?  
A. Sheng B. Chou C. Dan D. Jing
3. What's the role type Jing in Beijing Opera?  
A. a male role with painted face B. a female role C. a funny male role



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