



mǎi dú huán zhū

买椟还珠

verb/idiom · to buy the box but return the pearl (an idiom meaning to lack judgment)

Example Sentences

xué xí yǔ yán shí zhī bèi dān cí bú liàn kǒu yǔ jiù shì mǎi dú huán zhū
学习语言时只背单词不练口语，就是买椟还珠。

When learning a language, only memorizing vocabulary without practicing speaking is like buying the casket and returning the pearl.

tā huā le hěn duō qián mǎi nà ge piào liang de bāo zhuāng què bǎ lǐ miàn de chǎn pǐn tuì huí qù le zhēn shì mǎi dú huán zhū
他花了很多钱买那个漂亮的包装，却把里面的产品退回去了，真是买椟还珠。

He spent a lot of money on the beautiful packaging but returned the product inside—truly buying the casket and returning the pearl.

Trace each character, then write the word on your own.

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