xiān shì

先是

adverb · first, at first

Example Sentences

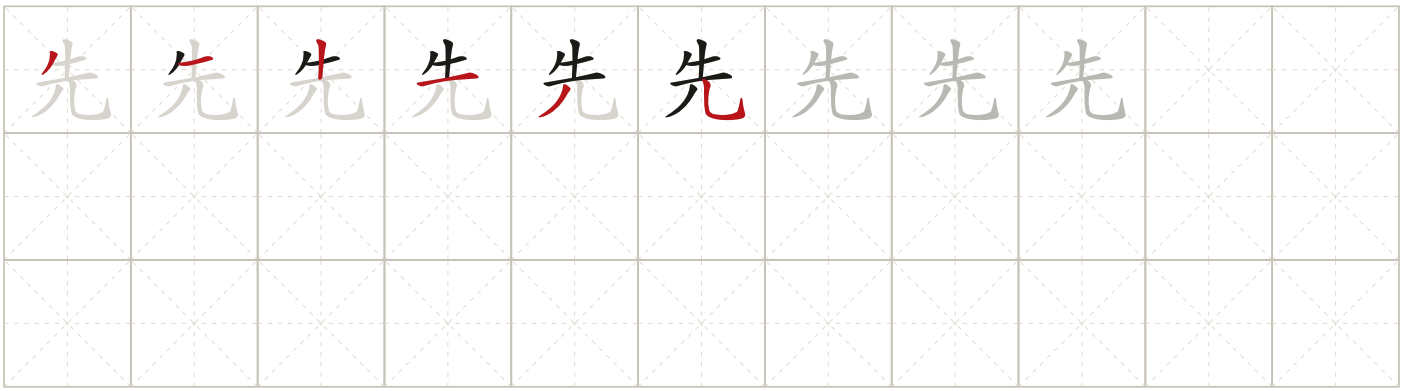
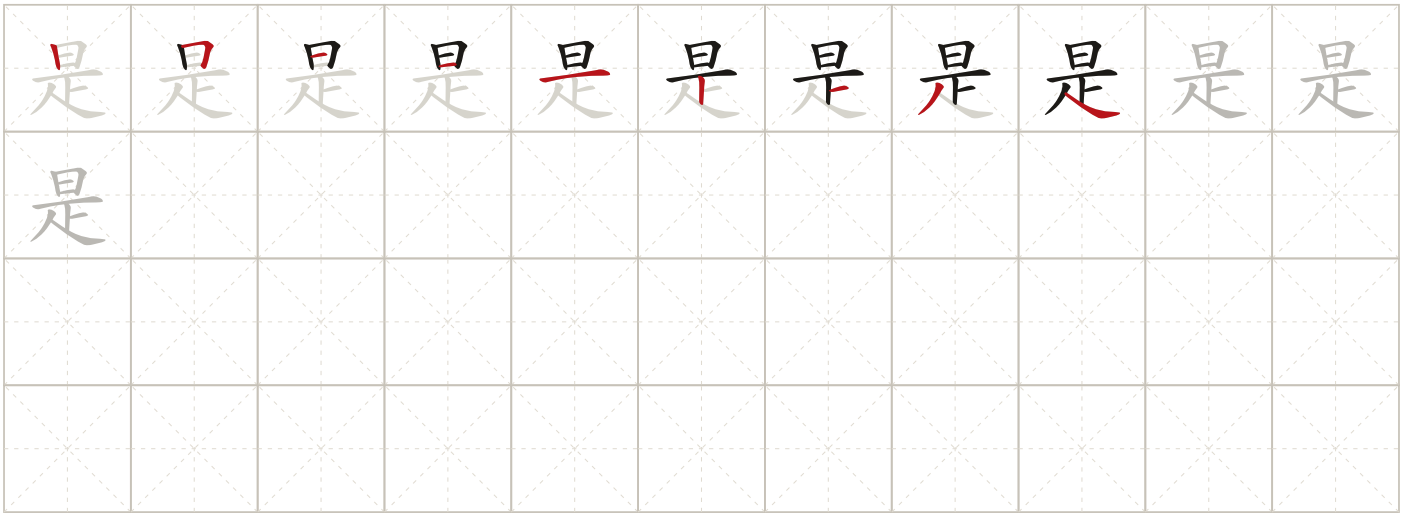
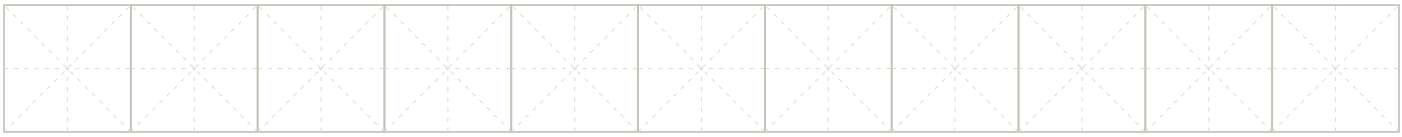
Tā xiān shì lèng le yī xià rán hòu xiào le
他 先 是 愣 了 一 下， 然 后 笑 了。

He was stunned at first, then laughed.

Xiān shì xià yǔ hòu lái tiān qíng le
先 是 下 雨， 后 来 天 晴 了。

First it rained, then it cleared up.

tā xiān shì jù jué le yāo qǐng hòu lái yòu gǎi biàn le zhǔ yì
他 先 是 拒 绝 了 邀 请， 后 来 又 改 变 了 主 意。

He first declined the invitation, then later changed his mind.

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