dé bù cháng shī

得不偿失

verb/idiom · lose more than you gain

Example Sentences

Wèi le shěng qián mǎi pián yi huò jié guǒ hěn kuài jiù huài le zhēn shi dé bù cháng shī
为了省钱买便宜货，结果很快就坏了，真是得不偿失。

To save money by buying cheap goods, only for them to break quickly, is truly losing more than you gain.

wèi le zhuī qiú duǎn qī lì rùn ér pò huài shēng tài huán jìng cháng yuǎn lái kàn jué duì shì dé bù cháng shī de
为了追求短期利润而破坏生态环境，长远来看绝对是得不偿失的。

Pursuing short-term profits at the expense of the ecological environment is definitely a case of losing more than you gain in the long run.

tā huā hěn duō qián mǎi wán jù dàn wán yī xià jiù huài le dé bù cháng shī
他花很多钱买玩具，但玩一下就坏了，得不偿失。

He spent a lot of money on a toy, but it broke quickly, which was not worth the cost.

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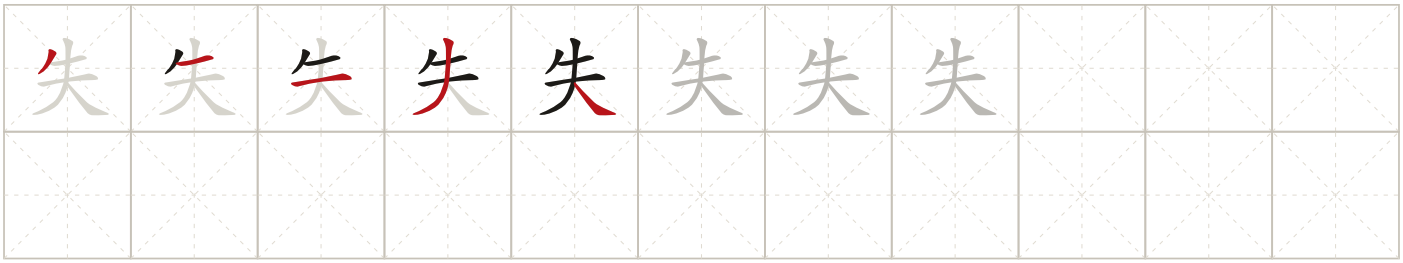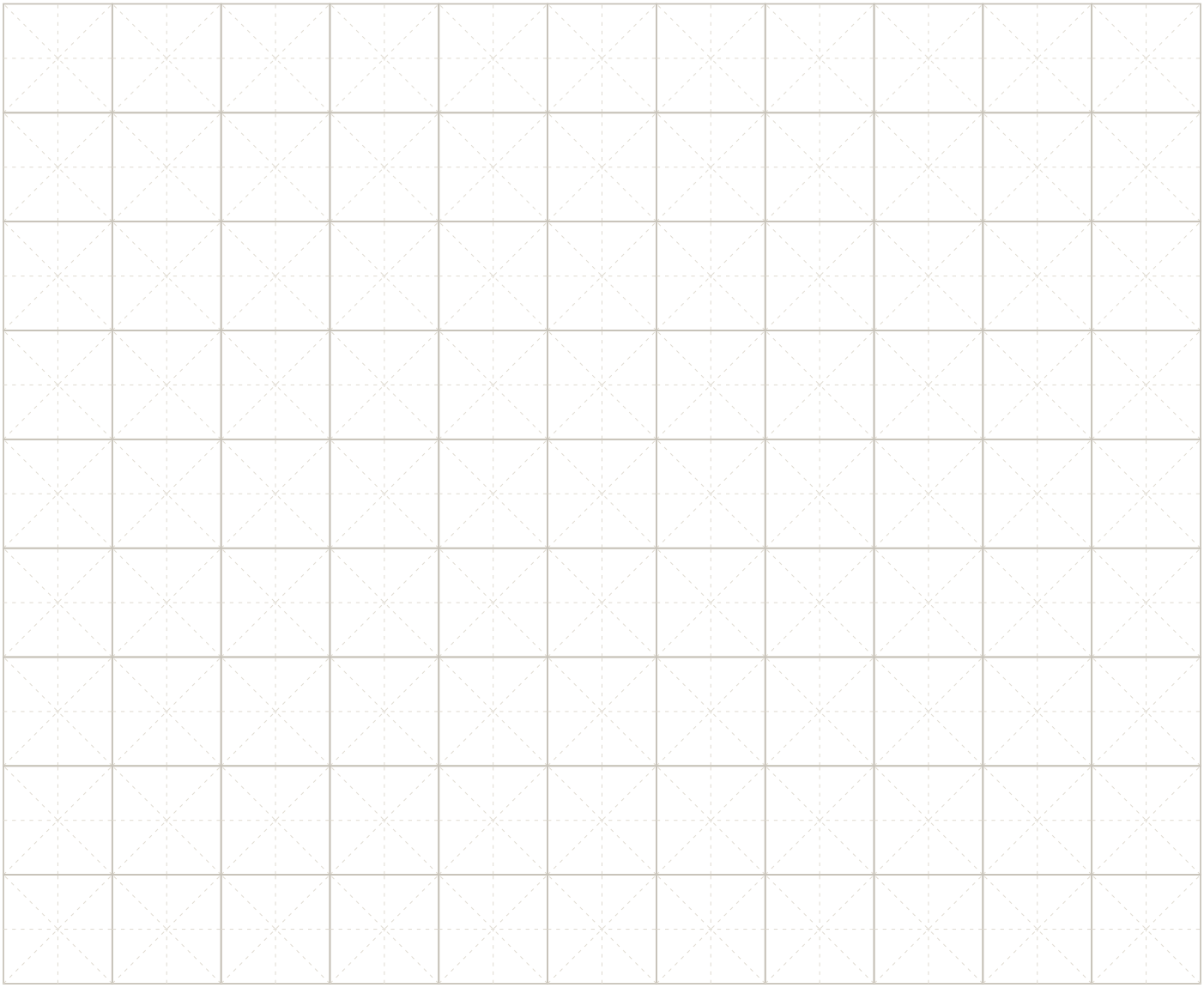
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