



máng lǐ tōu xián

忙里偷闲

idiom · to snatch a moment of leisure from a busy schedule

Example Sentences

tā zuì jìn gōng zuò tè bié máng bù guò hái shì máng lǐ tōu xián měi tiān dú shí fēn zhōng xiǎo shuō
他最近工作特别忙，不过还是忙里偷闲，每天读十分钟小说。

He has been extremely busy with work lately, but he still steals a little leisure from his busy schedule and reads a novel for ten minutes every day.

mā ma yì biān zhào gù hái zǐ yì biān máng lǐ tōu xián de xué fǎ wén zhēn ràng rén pèi fú
妈妈一边照顾孩子一边忙里偷闲地学法语，真让人佩服。

While taking care of her child, Mom steals moments from her busy schedule to study French; it is truly admirable.

kǎo shì qián fù xí hěn jǐn zhāng tā què máng lǐ tōu xián gěi péng you xiě le yì fēng xìn
考试前复习很紧张，她却忙里偷闲，给朋友写了一封信。

Reviewing before the exam was intense, yet she snatched a bit of free time from her busy schedule and wrote a letter to a friend.

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

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continued practice

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