niú dāo xiǎo shì

牛刀小试

idiom · to display only a small part of one's great talent or skill; a minor demonstration of one's ability

Example Sentences

tā zài zhè cì bǐ sài zhōng niú dāo xiǎo shì qīng sōng yíng dé le dì yī míng
他在这次比赛 中 牛刀 小 试， 轻 松 赢得了第一 名 。

He showed a glimpse of his great skill in this competition and easily won first place.

zhè wèi xīn lái de chú shī zhǐ shì niú dāo xiǎo shì jiù zuò chū le lìng rén jīng tàn de cài yáo
这位新来的厨师只是牛刀 小 试，就做 出了令人惊叹的菜肴。

The new chef only gave a small demonstration of his skill, yet he made an amazing dish.

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