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Example Sentences

tā de zhù hè bìng fēi yóu zhōng ér shì chū yú shè jiāo lǐ jié
他的祝贺并非由衷，而是出于社交礼节。

His congratulations were not heartfelt but rather a matter of social etiquette.

tā men cóng wèi zhǐ wàng wài rén jiē jì ér shì zì lì gēng shēng
他们从未指望外人接济，而是自力更生。

They never expected aid from outsiders, but rather relied on self-reliance.

zhè bìng fēi huó gāi ér shì tā nǚ lì hòu yīng dé de huí bào
这并非活该，而是他努力后应得的回报。

This is not deserved (in a negative sense), but rather the reward he earned after his efforts.

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

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