

How To Create Anki Flashcards

Step 1: Install Anki

Install Anki on your desktop and your smartphone from the following link: <http://ankisrs.net/>

Step 2: Download Anki Card Template

To help you get started right away, you can download my Anki card template for learning Chinese characters and create your flashcards from there.

<http://mightymandarin.com/resources/ChineseCharacters.apkg>

I have already added a character as an example for you to see.

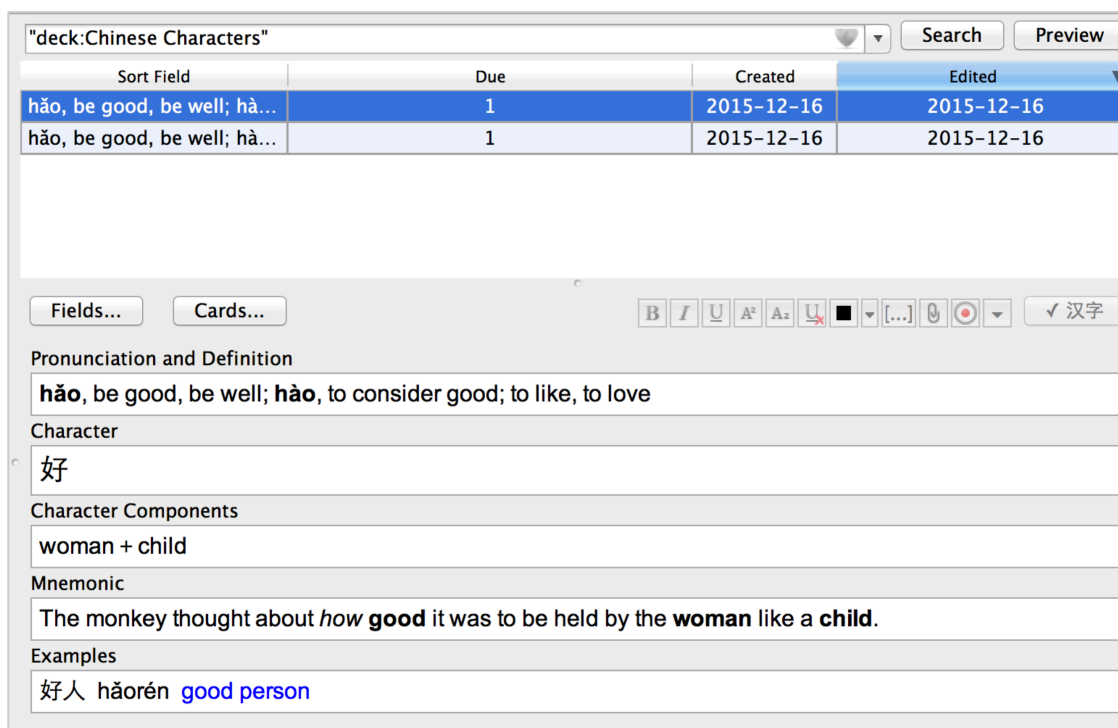


Fig. 1: In the mnemonic, the italics indicate the sound equivalent in English and the bold indicate the character components and meaning.

Step 3: Launch Anki And Import Deck

After downloading the Anki desktop version, launch the application and in the menu, go to File > Import. Select the ChineseCharacters.apkg file to import the card template.

On the home screen, you'll see a new deck called Chinese Characters. Click Browse and select the Chinese Characters deck on the left. You will see two cards already created for you of the character 好. One card displays the pinyin and definition first and the other card displays the reverse (character first.)

Step 4: Add Your Own Anki Cards

Click the Add icon at the top of the Browse window or return to the Home screen and click Add. Either action will present you with a popup dialogue box with empty fields. Make sure the Type and Deck are set to Chinese Characters before you start filling in the fields.

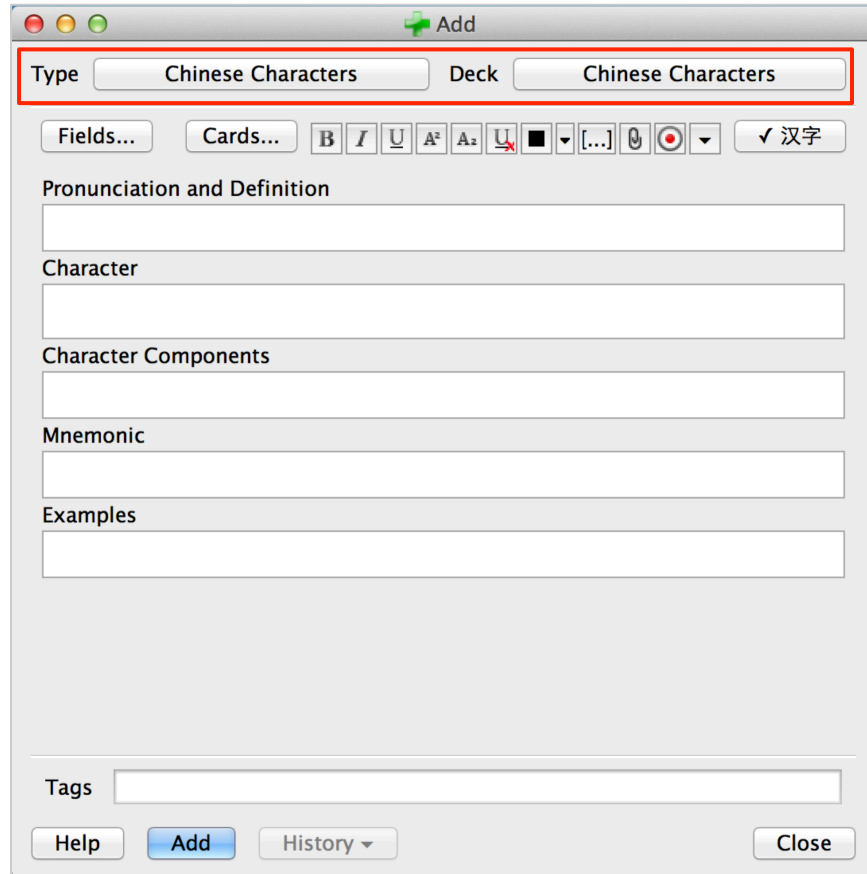


Fig. 2: Make sure the Type and Deck are set to Chinese Characters. Fill out the fields for each new character and click the Add button to add it to your card collection.

Once all the fields are entered, click the Add button at the bottom and Anki will generate two cards automatically for you—a forward and a reverse card.

Repeat step 4 to add more characters you want to study. Close out of Anki when you're done and all the cards you've added will be synced to the server and subsequently downloaded to your smartphone the next time you launch the Anki app.

Customizing Anki Cards

If you want to learn how to customize your cards (e.g., add/delete fields, edit styling, etc.), you can refer to Anki's comprehensive online manual here >> <http://ankisrs.net/docs/manual.html>