## Q. 100 Surnames (I/4)

When the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan initiated the Yuan dynasty (I27I-I368) in China, he commissioned Lama 'Gro-mgon Chos-rgyal 'Phags-paa to create a unified script to write all the major languages under his rule. Although the resulting system (now called 'Phags-pa) never caught on beyond official use, some classic Chinese texts survive in a 'Phags-pa version.

The Bǎijiāxìng (Hundred Surnames) is a Song Dynasty (960-1279) poem listing over 400 classical Chinese family names. Although originally written in Chinese characters, during the Yuan dynasty this poem was written in 'Phags-pa characters as well.


Pictured above are two consecutive pages of the Bǎijiāxing Mĕnggŭwén (The Hundred Surnames in Mongol Script), from a 1340 manuscript.


## Q. 100 Surnames (2/4)

Below are twenty lines (9-28) from the Yuan-era Băijiāxing, with some names missing. The two pages given on the previous page correspond to a portion of the poem below. Your task is to figure out which portion of this poem the pages represent, and use this to figure out what the missing names must be.

|  | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | Fi | Lem | Drxim | Sǐa, | Lue | Но | Yi | Thang |
| 10 | Dxing | 'In | Lo | Pi, | Haŭ | 'U | 'An | Srang |
| 11 | Yaŭ | Yĭu | Sri | Fu, | Bue | Pen | Dzi | Khang |
| 12 | U | Yĭu | Ngĭŭan | Pu , | Ku | Mung | Bing | Hŏang |
| 13 |  | Fu | Sring | Taĭ, | Dam | Sung |  | Bang |
| 14 | Xĭung | Ki |  | Khĭu, |  | Trǐu | Tung | Lǐang |
| 15 | Du |  | Lam |  | Zi |  |  | Gǐang |
| 16 | Kĭa | Lu | Lxiǔ | Ngue, | Kǐang | Dung |  | Kŭaŭ |
| 17 |  | Sring | Lim | Xǐaŭ, | Trung | Ziu | Khiŭ | Laŭ |
| 18 | Kaŭ |  | Tshaĭ | Den, | Fan | Hu |  | Faŭ |
| 19 | Nǧu | Wan | Tri | Ko, |  | Kŏan | Lu | Maŭ |
| 20 | Kı̌ing |  |  | Wu, | Kan | Xĭaĭ | 'Ing | Tsung |
| 21 | Ting | Siŭan | Pue | Dxing, | ‘Ĭu | Sren | Hang | Hung |
| 22 | Paŭ | Trĭu |  | Sri, | Tshue | Kǐ | Nriǔ | Kĭung |
| 23 | Dring | Xii | Xiing |  | Bue | Lĭu | Ngĭung | 'Ung |
| 24 | Sǐun | Yang |  | Xĭue, | Trin | Khĭu | Kı̆a | Fung |
| 25 | Nyue | Yi | Drıu | Kin, | Ki | Ping | Mue | Zĭung |
| 26 | Tsing | Dŏan | Fuŭ | Wu, | 'U | Tsĭaŭ | Pa | Kǐung |
| 27 | Wu | Ngue | Sran | Ku, | Trhĭa | Hiŭ | Fu | Bung |
| 28 | Dzĭŭan | Trhi | Pan | Ngǐang, | Tshiŭ | Drĭung | Yi | Kǐung |

This transcription represents Yuan dynasty pronunciation rather than modern pronunciation. $r$ indicates that the previous sound is pronounced with an r-like curve of the tongue, and $h$ indicates that the previous sound is pronounced with an extra puff of breath. ny is pronounced as in canyon, ng as in sing. 'represents a glottal stop - the sound in the middle of "uh-oh". $x$ indicates something like a whispered $y$ or a hy sound. A" over a vowel means that it is a "glide" - a short vowel-like sound transitioning into or out of the syllable's main vowel.

## Q. 100 Surnames (3/4)

Q-I Eighteen names are missing from the table on the previous page. Write them below.

| 13 a |  | 15 f |  | 19 e |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13 g |  | 15 g |  | 20 b |  |
| 14 c |  | 16 g |  | 20 c |  |
| 14 e |  | 17 a |  | 22 c |  |
| 15 b |  | 18 b |  | 23 d |  |
| 15 d |  | 18 g |  | 24 c |  |

Q-2 Below is a partial $3 \times 3$ excerpt from one larger page of a 1418 manuscript of the Băijiāxìng Mernggŭwén. Six of the names have been left out. Draw them in the spaces provided.


## Q. 100 Surnames (4/4)

Q-3 How does the 'Phags-pa writing system work?


