Reading and Developing Character Recognition Activity: Different types of noodles

- Aim is to introduce some extra vocabulary and make students focus at looking at individual characters in a word

<u>Procedure</u>

- Show students the shop sign images below (either on paper posted around the room or on digital whiteboard); ask them to identify the character that appears in each of them. They should be able to identify 面. (If they have covered this vocabulary you can also ask them to translate 面 once they have identified it.) At this point they don't need to know what it means- but you can ask them to guess, based on the picture.

- Run through the translation of each shop sign: 大碗面，牛肉面馆，biángbiáng 面 – ensuring students understand the word structure i.e. 面 is the final character in the compound noun.

- Divide students into groups/pairs and share out the 3 sets of flashcards; pictures, Chinese vocabulary and English translations.

- Tell them they must construct 6 different words using the Chinese words given. Each is a type of noodle dish. Students should look at the pictures given and English translation to help them construct the word and match the cards.

- To make it more difficult you can take away the English translation and have students construct the Chinese words by just looking at the pictures. They will have to use a bit more imagination for this! If they can correctly construct the Chinese word ask them to have a go at translating it into English.

大碗面

七巧面馆分店

面、抄手、米线、酸辣粉、各式炒饭

品经典美食 享快活人生

凌记

牛肉面馆

牛肉面（粉） 牛杂 热干面 炸酱面 汤面

拉 lā to pull	刀 dāo knife
削 xiāo to peel	方便 fāng biàn convenient
酱 jiàng soya sauce	炸 zhá to fry
炒 chǎo to stir-fry	意大利 yìdàlì Italy
面 miàn	面 miàn
面 miàn	面 miàn
面 miàn	面 miàn

Hand pulled noodles

Knife cut noodles

Instant noodles

Spaghetti

Fried soy sauce noodles

Stir fried noodles (chow mein)