

Re: Your vote on a common global language

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Lee Sau Dan <danlee@informatik.uni-freiburg.de> wrote:

>>>>>> *"Miguel" == Miguel Cruz <mnc@admin.u.nu> writes:*
> *Miguel> Yes, but like I said, "mother" is one of those words where*
> *Miguel> Chinese is terser than average.*
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> *Miguel> Now try it with "limp"*
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> *𠄎 (Big5). One character.*

Ah, when I look it up (simplified), I get three characters with about a million strokes each.

> *Miguel> or "stash".*
>
> *What's that?*

A place where you put something, or the act of putting it there. Has connotations of furtiveness which are essential to the meaning.

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