

rén 人 **suàn** 算 **bù rú** 不如 **tiān** 天 **suàn** 算

What the...Man proposes and God disposes.

Lit: Man's schemes are inferior to those made by Heaven.

yǒu 有 **qián** 钱 □ **néng** 能 **shǐ** 使 **guǐ** 鬼 **tuī mò** 推磨

What the...Money makes the world go around.

Lit: If you have money you can make the ghosts and devils turn your grind stone.

Hǎo 好 **shì** 事 **duō** 多 **mó** 磨

What the...The course of true love never runs smooth.

Lit: Good (happenings, results, achievements etc..) must go through many trials and tribulations.

Dào 盗 **yì** 亦 **yǒu** 有 **dào** 道

What the...Even the bad guys have a conscience.

Lit: Even thieves have their principles.

dà zhàng fū 大丈夫 **néng** 能 **qū** 屈 **néng** 能 **shēn** 伸

What the...A man must learn to sail in all winds.

Lit: A great (or successful) man can bend and stretch.

bù 不 **rù** 入 **hǔ xué** 虎穴, **yān** 焉 **dé** 得 **hǔ** 虎 **zǐ** 子

What the...Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Lit: If you don't go into the cave of the tiger, how are you going to get its cub?

yòu 又 **yào** 要 **mǎ** 马 □ **ér** 儿 **hǎo** 好 **yòu** 又 **yào** 要 **mǎ** 马 □ **ér** 儿 **bù** 不 **shí** 食 **cǎo** 草

What the...You can't have your cake and eat it too.

Lit: You want you horse to look good but you also want it not to have to eat grass.

Wú 无 **fēng** 风 □ **bù** 不 **qǐ** 起 **làng** 浪

There is no smoke without fire.

Lit: There is no wave without wind.

Rù 入 **xiāng** 乡 □ **suí** 随 **sú** 俗

What the...In Rome do as the Romans do.

Lit: Follow the local custom when you go to a foreign place.