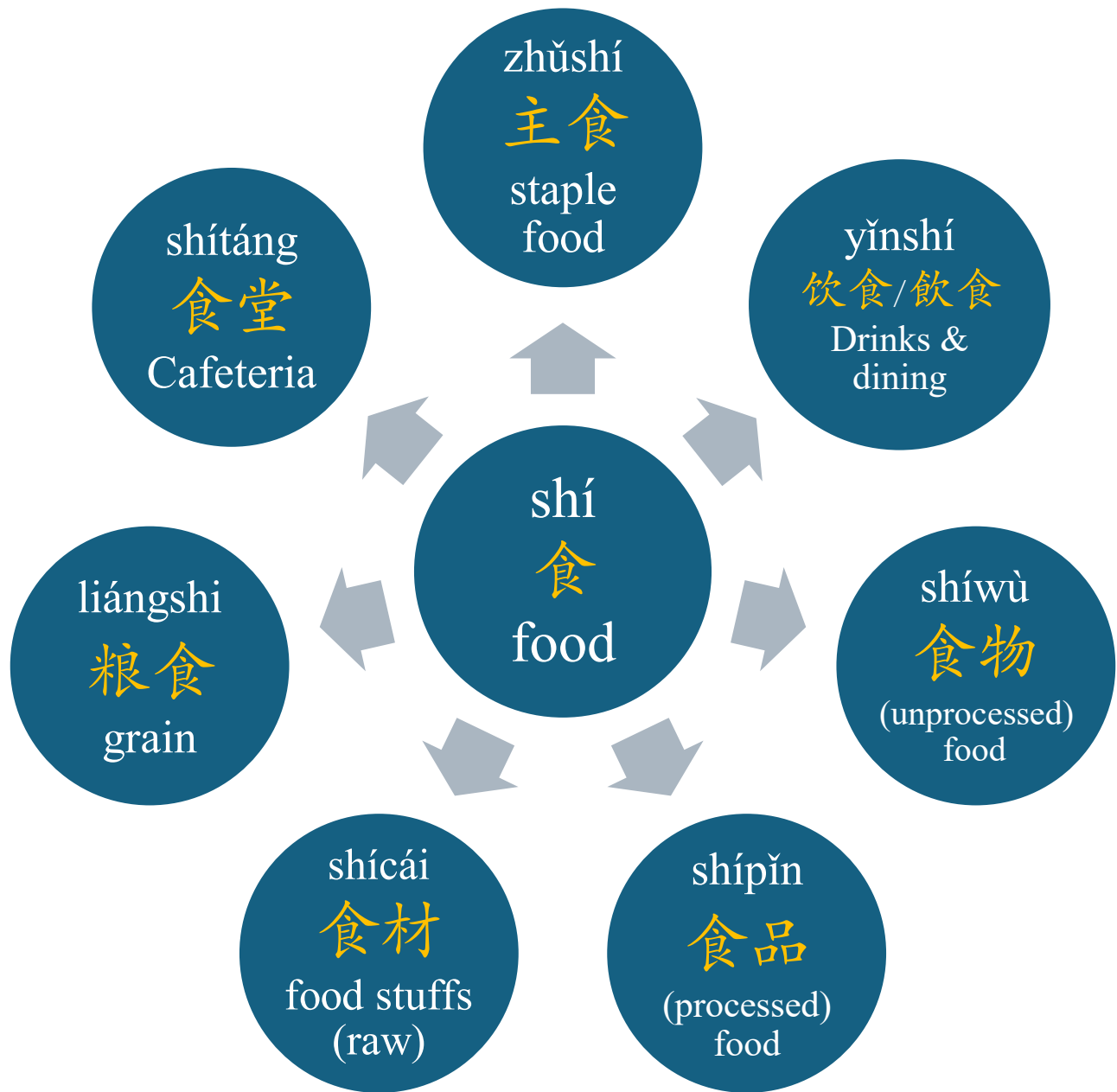


Unlike English vocabulary, which is often learned as **isolated words**, **Chinese vocabulary** grows from **base characters** organized by **clear semantic logic**. Learning a **single character** can **unlock** a family of **related meanings and words** — much like buying one item and getting several more for free. **Look at the following characters** closely. What do they have **in common**? What is **the grouping logic**?



How do you **pronounce** and **write** these characters?

Click on each character to **hear** its pronunciation, **watch** the stroke order, **practice** writing, and **quiz** yourself.

shí	zhǔshí	yǐnshí	shíwù	shípǐn	shícái	liángshí	shítáng
食	主食	饮/飲食	食物	食品	食材	粮食	食堂

lì jù zuìhǎo de shí cái yào yòng zuì jiǎndān de fāngfǎ cái néng zuò chū zuìhǎo chī de shíwù huò shípǐn, wǒmen de shítáng zuò dào le.
例句: 最好的**食材**要用最简单的方法才能做出最好吃的**食物**或**食品**, 我们的**食堂**做到了。