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漢字說，寶「寶」，就是在房子「宀」中，藏有兩串玉「王」，和一個貝「貝」。

哇！如果這樣，那「玉」和「貝殼」就都是「寶」了！

「玉」很值錢，我們都知道，但「貝」為什麼也是寶物呢？

因為啊，「貝」在商朝時是當錢用的，所以後來，大家把珍貴的東西，都叫做「寶貝」、「寶貝」了！

The character Bao(寶) is two strings of jade and a seashell hidden in a house.

That is to say that both jade and seashells are treasures.

We know that jade is precious. But what about a seashell(貝)? How come is it also a treasure?

Because, in the Shang Dynasty, seashells had been used as money.

That's why later people called things dear to them their Bao-Bei(寶貝).



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