Dictionary usage — example for the character 諸

The dictionary is structured around a series of charts or trees showing how each character is derived from simpler forms according to the classic dictionary 數字字典. For instance, 諸 can be traced back to 立, 超, 捷, 並, 語, and finally to the pinyin chart, which forms the 39th tree, 這 is the 32nd character in this tree.

Character entry for 諸 is adjacent to 39th tree

Traditional character etymologies explain each character's composition. Here, 言 and 諸 together suggest the meaning, 語 indicates the pronunciation.

Markers such as 因 for 'noun' and 前 for 'verb' denote parts of speech and usage restrictions.

All words including this character are referenced, e.g. 家譜 (family tree) is found in the 155th tree under the entry for 家.

Six different indexes locate 諸 as 32nd character in 39th tree