

Flash Cards  
for  
*Beginning Mandarin Chinese Characters*  
Lessons 1 to 20

(back side, useful phrases and sentences)

四张 **sìzhāng**  
four (for papers or tables)

大四 **dàsì**  
senior in college

四川 **Sìchuān**  
Sichuan (place name)

四点 **sìdiǎn**  
four o'clock

三本 **sānběn**  
three (for books)

三个月 **sānge yuè**  
three months

三天 **sāntiān**  
three days

星期三 **xīngqīsān**  
Wednesday

二 **èr**  
two

二月 **èryuè**  
February

二十 **èrshí**  
twenty

十二 **shí'èr**  
twelve

一 **yī**  
one

一个 **yíge**  
one (for general objects)

一次 **yíci**  
once (one time)

一起 **yìqǐ**  
together

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八个小时 **bāge xiǎoshí**  
eight hours

八分钟 **bāfēn zhōng**  
eight minutes

八折 **bāzhé**  
twenty percent discount

八月 **bāyuè**  
August

七天 **qītiān**  
seven days

七月 **qīyuè**  
July

乱七八糟 **luànqībāzāo**  
mess

七岁 **qīsuì**  
seven years old

六把 **liùbǎ**  
six (for chairs)

星期六 **xīngqīliù**  
Saturday

六月 **liùyuè**  
June

六个月 **liùgeyuè**  
six months

五月 **wǔyuè**  
May

五个月 **wǔge yuè**  
five months

星期五 **xīngqīwǔ**  
Friday

五只 **wǔzhī**  
five (for animals such as cats  
and puppies)

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两个 **liǎngge**  
two (for pairs)

两次 **liǎngcì**  
twice

两岁 **liǎngsui**  
two years old

两块(儿) **liǎngkuài(r)**  
two pieces (for block-shaped things)

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零 **líng**  
zero

零下 **língxià**  
below zero (temperature)

二零一七年  
**èr-líng-yī-qī-nián**  
year of 2017

零钱 **língqián**  
small change

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十分 **shífēn**  
fully; very

十字路口 **shízìlùkǒu**  
intersection

十月 **shíyuè**  
October

十点 **shídiǎn**  
ten o'clock

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九点 **jiǔdiǎn**  
nine o'clock

九百 **jiǔbǎi**  
nine hundred

九十 **jiǔshí**  
ninety

十九 **shíjiǔ**  
nineteen

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我姓... **Wǒxìng...**  
My surname ...

我的 **wǒde**  
my; mine

我有 **wǒ yǒu**  
I have

我在 **wǒ zài**  
I am in/at

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块 **kuài**  
a piece, slice or lump

五十块钱 **wǔshíkuài qián**  
fifty *kuai*

一块儿 **yíkuàier**  
together as a group

五百块钱 **wǔbǎikuài qián**  
five hundred *kuai*

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元 **yuán**  
Chinese dollar

美元 **Měiyuán**  
U.S. dollar

日元 **Rìyuán**  
Japanese yen

两百元 **liǎngbǎi yuán**  
two hundred dollars

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百 **bǎi**  
hundred

一百年 **yìbǎinián**  
one hundred years

六百 **liùbǎi**  
six hundred

百事可乐 **Bǎishì kělè**  
Pepsi-Cola

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叫 **jiào**  
be named; call

叫他 **jiào tā**  
call him

叫一下 **jiào yíxià**  
call (a directive)

吼叫 **hǒujiào**  
howl; roar

她是 **tā shì**  
she is

她的 **tāde**  
her

她有 **tā yǒu**  
she has

她在 **tā zài**  
she is at/in

他不是 **tā bú shì**  
he is not

他的 **tāde**  
his

他有 **tā yǒu**  
he has

他在 **tā zài**  
he is at/in

你是 **nǐ shì**  
you are

你的 **nǐde**  
your; yours

你有 **nǐ yǒu**  
you have

你在 **nǐ zài**  
you are at/in

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名字 **míngzi**  
name

有名 **yǒumíng**  
famous

名人 **míng rén**  
celebrity

名画 **míng huà**  
famous painting

那么... **nàme...**  
like that ...

什么字 **shénme zì**  
what character

多么 **duōme**  
how (much) [used in  
exclamations]

这么 **zhème**  
so

什么 **shénme**  
what

什么是 **shénme shì**  
what is/are

是什么 **shì shénme**  
is/are what

有什么 **yǒu shénme**  
have what

姓什么 **xìng shénme**  
be surnamed what

姓高 **xìng Gāo**  
surnamed Gao

他的姓 **tāde xìng**  
his family name

您贵姓 **nín guìxìng**  
what is your honorable  
family name (polite)

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姓王 xìng Wáng  
surnamed Wang

王小姐 Wáng Xiǎojiě  
Ms Wang

王先生 Wáng Xiānsheng  
Mr. Wang

国王 guówáng  
king

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姓李 xìng Lǐ  
surnamed Li

李先生 Lǐ Xiānsheng  
Mr. Li

李小姐 Lǐ Xiǎojiě  
Ms Li

李小龙 Lǐ Xiǎolóng  
Bruce Lee

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你好 nǐ hǎo  
hello; hi

很好 hěn hǎo  
very good

好人 hǎo rén  
good person

好看 hǎokàn  
good looking

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字典 zìdiǎn  
dictionary (of characters)

认字 rènzì  
recognize words

写字 xiězì  
write characters

字母 zìmǔ  
letter (of alphabet)

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问 wèn  
ask

问题 wèntí  
question

问候 wènhou  
greet; greetings

学问 xuéwèn  
knowledge

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请问 qǐng wèn  
excuse me; may I ask

请坐 qǐng zuò  
please have a seat

请客 qǐngkè  
treat; invite

请假 qǐngjià  
ask for leave

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美丽 měilì  
beautiful

很美 hěn měi  
very beautiful; very pretty

美女 měinǚ  
pretty girl

美好 měihǎo  
wonderful

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男生 nánshēng  
male student

男人 nánrén  
man

男孩(儿) nánhái(r)  
boy

男装 nánzhuāng  
men's clothing

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哪儿 **nǎr**  
where

哪国人 **nǎguó rén**  
people of which nationality

哪个 **nǎge**  
which

哪些 **nǎxiē**  
which ones

不是 **bú shì**  
not be; no

不好 **bù hǎo**  
not good

不会 **bú huì**  
don't know how

不错 **bú cuò**  
not bad

是 **shì**  
be; is; yes

是 **shì**  
yes; OK (in the sense of  
“I agree”)

我是... **wǒ shì...**  
I am ...

是不是 **shì-bú-shì**  
be-not-be (used for asking  
yes-no questions)

您好 **nín hǎo**  
hello; hi

谢谢您 **xièxie nín**  
thank you

您是... **nín shì...**  
you are ...

祝您 **zhù nín**  
I wish you ...

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中文 **Zhōngwén**  
Chinese language (usually  
written language)

中国 **Zhōngguó**  
China

中级 **zhōngjí**  
mid-level

中餐 **Zhōngcān**  
Chinese food; noon meal

人 **rén**  
person; people

人口 **rénkǒu**  
population

人们 **rénmen**  
people

中国人 **Zhōngguó rén**  
Chinese people; ethnic  
Chinese

美国 **Měiguó**  
U.S.A.

国家 **guójiā**  
country

国籍 **guójí**  
nationality

外国人 **wàiguó rén**  
foreigner

儿 **ér**  
(word suffix usually  
indicating northern accent)

儿子 **érzi**  
son

儿童 **értóng**  
child

儿歌 **érgē**  
children's song

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朋友 **péngyou**  
friend

男朋友 **nán péngyou**  
boyfriend

女朋友 **nǚ péngyou**  
girlfriend

好朋友 **hǎo péngyou**  
good friend

你们的 **nǐmende**  
your (plural)

您的... **Nín de...**  
your ...

他们的... **tāmende...**  
their ...

我们的 **wǒmende**  
ours

你们 **nǐmen**  
you (plural)

我们 **wǒmen**  
we; us

他们 **tāmen**  
they; them (male)

她们 **tāmen**  
they; them (female)

英文 **Yīngwén**  
English language (usually  
written language)

英国 **Yīngguó**  
England

英里 **yīnglǐ**  
mile

英雄 **yīngxióng**  
hero

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几口人 **jǐkǒu rén**  
how many people (in a  
family)

几个 **jǐge**  
how many

几点 **jǐdiǎn**  
what time

几楼 **jǐlóu**  
which floor

有 **yǒu**  
have

有趣 **yǒuqù**  
interesting

有时间 **yǒu shíjiān**  
have time

有意思 **yǒu yìsi**  
interesting

家 **jiā**  
home

家人 **jiārén**  
family member

回家 **huíjiā**  
go back home

家教 **jiājiào**  
(home) tutor

友好 **yǒuhǎo**  
friendly

友谊 **yǒuyì**  
friendship

室友 **shìyou**  
roommate

网友 **wǎngyǒu**  
netizen

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爸爸 **bàba**  
father

爸妈 **bà mā**  
mom and dad

阿爸 **ābà**  
father (regional use)

干爸 **gānbà**  
godfather

没有 **méiyǒu**  
not have

没有钱 **méiyǒu qián**  
have no money

没有时间 **méiyǒu shíjiān**  
have no time

没关系 **méi guānxi**  
that's all right; no connection

三口人 **sānkǒu rén**  
three people

入口 **rùkǒu**  
entrance

出口 **chūkǒu**  
exit

口试 **kǒushì**  
oral exam

一个人 **yíge rén**  
one person

两个蛋糕 **liǎngge dàngāo**  
two cakes

一个工作 **yíge gōngzuò**  
one job

四个小时 **sìge xiǎoshí**  
four hours

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弟弟 **dìdi**  
younger brother

兄弟 **xiōngdì**  
brothers

表弟 **biǎodì**  
younger male cousin

小弟 **xiǎodì**  
youngest brother

姐姐 **jiějie**  
older sister

表姐 **biǎojiě**  
older female cousin

小姐 **xiǎojiě**  
Miss; young lady (sometimes rude)

姐夫 **jiěfū**  
older sister's husband

哥哥 **gēge**  
older brother

大哥 **dàgē**  
oldest brother

表哥 **biǎogē**  
older male cousin

帅哥 **shuàigē**  
handsome man

妈妈 **māma**  
mother

干妈 **gānmā**  
godmother

大妈 **dàmā**  
elderly woman

姨妈 **yímā**  
mother's sister

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大学 **dàxué**  
university; college

大学生 **dàxuésheng**  
college student

大声 **dà shēng**  
loud voice

大家 **dàjiā**  
everyone

多大 **duō dà**  
how old (above ten)

多高 **duō gāo**  
how tall/high

多重 **duō zhòng**  
how much weight

多少人 **duōshǎo rén**  
how many people

几岁 **jǐsuì**  
how old (under ten)

岁数 **suìshu**  
age

十八岁 **shíbāsùì**  
eighteen years old

岁月 **suiyuè**  
time

妹妹 **mèimei**  
younger sister

姐妹 **jiěmèi**  
sisters

表妹 **biǎomèi**  
younger female cousin

兄妹 **xiōngmèi**  
older brother and younger sister

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中国和美国  
**Zhōngguó hé Měiguó**  
China and U.S.A.

老师和学生  
**lǎoshī hé xuésheng**  
teacher and student

和 **hé**  
and; with

和平 **héping**  
peaceful

亲密 **qīnmì**  
close relationship

亲手 **qīnshǒu**  
personally

亲戚 **qīnqi**  
relative

亲 **qīn**  
biologically related  
immediate family

母亲 **mǔqīn**  
mother (formal)

母语 **mǔyǔ**  
mother tongue

祖母 **zǔmǔ**  
paternal grandmother  
(formal)

岳母 **yuèmǔ**  
mother-in-law  
(wife's mother)

父亲 **fùqīn**  
father (formal)

父母 **fùmǔ**  
parents

祖父 **zǔfù**  
paternal grandfather (formal)

岳父 **yuèfù**  
father-in-law (wife's father)

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老 **lǎo**  
old

老公 **lǎogōng**  
husband (intimate)

老板 **lǎobǎn**  
boss

老外 **lǎowài**  
foreigner (some people find  
it offensive)

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工作 **gōngzuò**  
work

作业 **zuòyè**  
homework

作文 **zuòwén**  
essay

作家 **zuòjiā**  
writer

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工人 **gōngren**  
worker

工厂 **gōngchǎng**  
factory

打工 **dǎgōng**  
do temporary work

工资 **gōngzī**  
wages

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做饭 **zuòfàn**  
cook

做作业 **zuò zuòyè**  
do homework

做生意 **zuò shēngyì**  
do business

做什么 **zuò shénme**  
do what

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你呢? **nǐ ne?**  
How about you?

你家呢? **nǐ jiā ne?**  
How about your family/  
home?

美国呢? **Měiguó ne?**  
What about U.S.A.?

你妹妹呢? **nǐ mèimei ne?**  
What about your younger  
sister?

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生病 **shēngbìng**  
to get sick

生日 **shēngrì**  
birthday

生活 **shēnghuó**  
life; live

生词 **shēngcí**  
new words

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学 **xué**  
study; learn

学生 **xuésheng**  
student

学费 **xuéfèi**  
tuition fee

科学 **kēxué**  
science

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老师 **lǎoshī**  
teacher

律师 **lǜshī**  
lawyer

师傅 **shīfu**  
master (of a trade); driver

师弟 **shīdì**  
junior male student

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今天 **jīntiān**  
today

今年 **jīnnián**  
this year

今后 **jīnhòu**  
from now on

今晚 **jīnwǎn**  
tonight

女生 **nǚshēng**  
female student

女人 **nǚrén**  
woman

女儿 **nǚ'ér**  
daughter

子女 **zǐnǚ**  
children (formal)

医生 **yīshēng**  
doctor

医院 **yīyuàn**  
hospital

医学院 **yīxuéyuàn**  
medical school

中医 **Zhōngyī**  
Traditional Chinese  
Medicine (TCM)

也 **yě**  
also; too

也好 **yě hǎo**  
all right

也有 **yě yǒu**  
also have

也许 **yěxǔ**  
maybe; perhaps

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年轻 **niánqīng**  
young

年级 **niánjí**  
grade

年纪 **niánjì**  
age

年代 **niándài**  
age/decade of a century

天亮 **tiānliàng**  
dawn

天文 **tiānwén**  
astronomy

天气 **tiānqì**  
weather

天哪! **Tiāna**  
Oh my god!; Good heavens!

昨天 **zuótiān**  
yesterday

昨晚 **zuówǎn**  
last night

昨日 **zuórì**  
yesterday (formal)

昨天晚上  
**zuótiān wǎnshang**  
last night (full version of 昨晚)

明天 **míngtiān**  
tomorrow

明年 **míngnián**  
next year

明白 **míngbai**  
understand

聪明 **cōngmíng**  
smart

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星期几 **xīngqījǐ**  
which day of the week

学期 **xuéqī**  
school term

期中 **qīzhōng**  
midterm

期末 **qīmò**  
end of term

星期 **xīngqī**  
week

星星 **xīngxīng**  
star

影星 **yǐngxīng**  
film star

三星级 **sānxīngjí**  
three-star (level of quality)

几月几日 **jǐyuè jǐrì**  
which day of which month

日本 **Rìběn**  
Japan

日出 **rìchū**  
sunrise

日记 **rìjì**  
diary

九月 **jiǔyuè**  
September

两个月 **liǎngge yuè**  
two months

月饼 **yuèbǐng**  
moon cake

上个月 **shàngge yuè**  
last month

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明天见 **míngtiān jiàn**  
see you tomorrow

见多识广  
**jiànduōshíguǎng**  
experienced and  
knowledgeable

没看见 **méi kànjiàn**  
did not see

见面 **jiànmiàn**  
meet (face to face)

再见 **zàijiàn**  
goodbye; see you again

再来 **zài lái**  
come again

再读 **zài dú**  
read again

再说 **zài shuō**  
say again; additionally

谢谢 **xièxie**  
“Thank you”

感谢 **gǎnxiè**  
thank

多谢 **duō xiè**  
thanks a lot

谢 **Xiè**  
(surname)

...吗? **...ma?**  
(question form)

好吗? **hǎo ma?**  
OK?

在吗? **zài ma?**  
be present?

对吗? **duìma?**  
right?

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平常 **píngcháng**  
usually

常常 **chángcháng**  
often

非常 **fēicháng**  
very; extraordinarily

常见 **chángjiàn**  
common

水平 **shuǐpíng**  
level; standard

平静 **píngjìng**  
calm

公平 **gōngpíng**  
fair

平安夜 **píng'ān yè**  
Christmas Eve

下班 **xiàbān**  
get off from work

下课 **xiàkè**  
class is over

下回 **xiàhuí**  
next time

下雪 **xiàxuě**  
to snow

上学 **shàngxué**  
attend school

上课 **shàngkè**  
have class

上班 **shàngbān**  
go to work

桌子上 **zhuōzi shàng**  
on the table

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看书 **kànshū**  
reading; studying

书法 **shūfǎ**  
calligraphy

书房 **shūfáng**  
study (i.e., a room)

一本书 **yīběn shū**  
one book

看见 **kànjiàn**  
see

看看 **kànkàn**  
have a look

看朋友 **kàn péngyou**  
visit a friend

看医生 **kàn yīsheng**  
see a doctor

联欢 **liánhuān**  
have a get-together

欢快 **huānkuài**  
cheerful

欢笑 **huānxiào**  
laugh heartily

欢送会 **huānsònghuì**  
farewell party

喜欢 **xǐhuan**  
like

喜爱 **xǐài**  
like

喜事 **xǐshì**  
joyful event (usually a wedding)

恭喜 **gōngxǐ**  
congratulations

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打球 **dǎqiú**  
play ball

打架 **dǎjià**  
fight

打扫 **dǎsǎo**  
clean

打交道 **dǎ jiāodào**  
to interact with

电影 **diànyǐng**  
film

影响 **yǐngxiǎng**  
to influence; to affect;  
effect; to be influenced

影片 **yǐngpiàn**  
movie

影迷 **yǐngmí**  
movie fan

电视 **diànshì**  
television

视力 **shìlì**  
eyesight

视频 **shìpín**  
video

重视 **zhòngshì**  
pay attention to; consider  
important

电子词典 **diànzǐ cídiǎn**  
electronic dictionary

电费 **diànfèi**  
electricity bill

电器 **diànqì**  
electronic device

没电了 **méi diàn le**  
have no electric power

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西方 **xīfāng**  
west

西餐 **xīcān**  
western-style food

西服 **xīfú**  
western-style clothes  
(formal clothing)

西瓜 **xīguā**  
watermelon

东西 **dōngxi**  
thing

东边 **dōngbiān**  
east

东北 **dōngběi**  
northeast

东南亚 **Dōngnányà**  
Southeast Asia

买书 **mǎi shū**  
buy books

买票 **mǎi piào**  
buy tickets

买衣服 **mǎi yīfu**  
buy clothes

买车 **mǎi chē**  
buy a car

打篮球 **dǎ lánqiú**  
play basketball

踢足球 **tī zúqiú**  
play football (soccer)

网球 **wǎngqiú**  
tennis

足球赛 **zúqiúsài**  
football (soccer) match

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想... **xiǎng...**  
want to ...

不想 **bù xiǎng**  
do not want to

想法 **xiǎngfǎ**  
idea

想家 **xiǎngjiā**  
miss home

周末 **zhōumò**  
weekend

月末 **yuèmò**  
end of month

年末 **niánmò**  
end of year

期末考试 **qīmòkǎoshì**  
final exam

周围 **zhōuwéi**  
nearby

一周 **yìzhōu**  
a week

周二 **zhōu'èr**  
Tuesday

上周 **shàngzhōu**  
last week

都是 **dōu shì**  
both/all be

都有 **dōu yǒu**  
both/all have

都喜欢 **dōu xǐhuan**  
both/all like

都在... **dōu zài...**  
both/all at/in...

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还是 **háishì**  
or (in questions)

还有 **hái yǒu**  
also

还没 **hái méi**  
not yet

还行 **hái xíng**  
not bad

谁的 **shéide**  
whose

谁有 **shuí yǒu**  
who has

谁是 **shéi shì**  
who is

谁在 **shuí zài**  
who is at/in

饭店 **fàndiàn**  
hotel; restaurant

饭菜 **fàncài**  
food; meal

米饭 **mǐfàn**  
rice

饭馆儿 **fànguǎnr**  
restaurant

吃饭 **chīfàn**  
have meals; eat

吃东西 **chī dōngxi**  
eat something

吃早饭 **chī zǎofàn**  
eat breakfast

小吃 **xiǎochī**  
snacks; small bites

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晚上 **wǎnshang**  
evening; night

晚饭 **wǎnfàn**  
supper; dinner

晚安 **wǎn'ān**  
“Good night”

太晚了 **tài wǎn le**  
too late

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早上 **zǎoshang**  
morning

早 **zǎo**  
“Good morning”

早点儿 **zǎo diǎnr**  
earlier

早饭 **zǎofàn**  
breakfast

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方向 **fāngxiàng**  
direction

方面 **fāngmiàn**  
aspect

方式 **fāngshì**  
way; method

方法 **fāngfǎ**  
method; solution

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地方 **dìfang**  
place

地图 **dìtú**  
map

地址 **dìzhǐ**  
address

地道 **dìdao**  
authentic

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时候 **shíhou**  
time; moment

有时候 **yǒu shíhou**  
sometimes

气候 **qìhòu**  
climate (sometimes  
figurative)

候选人 **hòuxuǎnrén**  
candidate

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时间 **shíjiān**  
time

时差 **shíchā**  
time difference; jet lag

准时 **zhǔnshí**  
on time

随时 **suíshí**  
any time

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可以 **kěyǐ**  
can

以前 **yǐqián**  
before; ago

以后 **yǐhòu**  
after

以为 **yǐwéi**  
mistakenly thought

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可是 **kěshì**  
but

可能 **kěnéng**  
maybe

可爱 **kě'ài**  
cute

可乐 **kělè**  
cola (often slang for the  
Coca-Cola brand)

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那个 **nàge**  
that

那是 **nà shì**  
that is

那些 **nàxiē**  
those

那儿 **nàr**  
there

这个 **zhège**  
this

这是 **zhè shì**  
this is

这些 **zhèxiē**  
these

这儿 **zhèr**  
here

跑得快 **pǎode zhēn kuài**  
run really fast

说得好 **shuōdehǎo**  
speak well

看得见 **kàndejiàn**  
can see

做得完 **zuòdewán**  
can finish

觉得 **juéde**  
feel; think

感觉 **gǎnjué**  
feeling

睡觉 **shuìjiào**  
sleep; go to bed

午觉 **wǔjiào**  
afternoon nap

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很晚 **hěn wǎn**  
very late

很大 **hěn dà**  
very big; very large

很远 **hěn yuǎn**  
very far

很多 **hěnduō**  
many; much

多少钱 **duōshao qián**  
how much money

三块钱 **sānkuài qián**  
three *kuai*

有钱 **yǒuqián**  
rich; to have money

钱包 **qiánbāo**  
purse; wallet

什么样 **shénmeyàng**  
what kind of

怎么样 **zěnmeyàng**  
how about

一样 **yíyàng**  
the same

样子 **yàngzi**  
appearance; style

怎么 **zěnmē**  
how to

怎么写... **zěnmē xiě...**  
how to write ...

怎么说 **zěnmē shuō**  
how to say it

怎么了 **zěnmēle**  
what happened; what's wrong

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便条 **biàntiáo**  
note

方便 **fāngbiàn**  
convenient

方便面 **fāngbiànmiàn**  
instant noodles

便利店 **biànlìdiàn**  
convenience store

很贵 **hěn guì**  
very expensive (speaking of  
amount)

昂贵 **ánguì**  
expensive (speaking of  
objects)

贵校 **guìxiào**  
your school (honorific)

太贵了 **tài guì le**  
too expensive

太小了 **tài xiǎo le**  
too small/little

小时 **xiǎoshí**  
hour

小学 **xiǎoxué**  
primary school

小说 **xiǎoshuō**  
novel

太大了 **tài dà le**  
too big/large

太难了 **tài nán le**  
too difficult

太高了 **tài gāo le**  
too tall/high

太好了 **tài hǎo le**  
so wonderful!

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一双 **yìshuāng**  
a pair

双胞胎 **shuāngbāotāi**  
twins

双号 **shuānghào**  
even numbers

双人床 **shuāngrén chuáng**  
double bed

好了 **hǎole**  
Okay

看了 **kànle**  
looked; watched; read

买了 **mǎile**  
bought

太...了 **tài...le**  
too...

走错 **zǒucuò**  
walk/go wrong; get lost

听错 **tīngcuò**  
hear wrong

错误 **cuòwù**  
mistake

错过 **cuòguo**  
miss (an opportunity)

便宜 **piányi**  
cheap

合宜 **héyí**  
appropriate

不宜 **bùyí**  
inadvisable; not suitable

宜人 **yírén**  
pleasant

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杯子 **bēizi**  
cup; glass

孩子 **háizi**  
child; kid

椅子 **yǐzi**  
chair; stool

桌子 **zhuōzi**  
table; desk

裙子 **qúnzi**  
skirt

围裙 **wéiqún**  
apron

短裙 **duǎnqún**  
short skirt

长裙 **chángqún**  
long skirt

裤子 **kùzi**  
trousers; pants

短裤 **duǎnkù**  
shorts

运动裤 **yùndòngkù**  
sports pants

西裤 **xīkù**  
suit pants

皮鞋 **píxié**  
leather shoes

运动鞋 **yùndòngxié**  
sports shoes

拖鞋 **tuōxié**  
slippers

高跟鞋 **gāogēnxié**  
high-heeled shoes

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太少了 **tài shǎo le**  
too little

少一点 **shǎo yìdiǎn**  
a little less

很少 **hěn shǎo**  
little; few

少数人 **shǎoshùrén**  
a few people

衣服 **yīfu**  
clothes

校服 **xiàofú**  
school uniform

制服 **zhìfú**  
uniform (army, company,  
etc.)

服务员 **fúwùyuán**  
waiter; service personnel

毛衣 **máoyī**  
sweater

衣架 **yījià**  
hanger

衣柜 **yīguì**  
wardrobe

洗衣机 **xǐyījī**  
washing machine

这件衣服 **zhèjiàn yīfu**  
this piece of clothing

一件行李 **yījiàn xíngli**  
a piece of luggage

一件毛衣 **yījiàn máoyī**  
a sweater

软件 **ruǎnjiàn**  
software

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吧 **ba**  
indicating suggestion

吧 **ba**  
indicating supposition

吧 **ba**  
indicating suggestion

吧 **ba**  
indicating supposition

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要 **yào**  
want

要 **yào**  
will

不要 **bú yào**  
don't want

不要 **búyào**  
do not

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不能 **bù néng**  
cannot

能 **néng**  
can

能不能 **néng-bù-néng**  
can or cannot (for yes/no questions)

能力 **nénglì**  
ability

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一点儿 **yìdiǎnr**  
a little

有点儿 **yǒudiǎnr**  
a little bit too ... (negative)

早一点儿 **zǎo yìdiǎnr**  
a little earlier

快一点儿 **kuài yìdiǎnr**  
a little faster

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知道 **zhīdao**  
know

道理 **dàolǐ**  
sense; reason

道歉 **dàoqiàn**  
apologize

道别 **dàobié**  
say goodbye to someone

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知足 **zhīzú**  
be satisfied

知名 **zhīmíng**  
well-known

通知 **tōngzhī**  
inform; notify; notice

无知 **wúzhī**  
ignorant

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穿衣服 **chuān yīfu**  
dress (*verb*); wear clothes

穿鞋 **chuān xié**  
wear shoes

穿上 **chuānshàng**  
put on

穿过 **chuānguò**  
pass through

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试试 **shìshì**  
give a try

试吃 **shìchī**  
try (food sampling)

试穿 **shìchuān**  
try on

笔试 **bǐshì**  
written examination

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旅馆 **lǚguǎn**  
inn

体育馆 **tǐyùguǎn**  
gym

博物馆 **bówùguǎn**  
museum

图书馆 **túshūguǎn**  
library

宾馆 **bīnguǎn**  
hotel

贵宾 **guìbīn**  
guest of honor

来宾 **láibīn**  
guest

外宾 **wàibīn**  
foreign guest

市区 **shìqū**  
urban district

市长 **shìzhǎng**  
mayor

市中心 **shìzhōngxīn**  
downtown

夜市 **yèshì**  
night market

城市 **chéngshì**  
city

城里 **chéngli**  
in the city

长城 **Chángchéng**  
The Great Wall

城堡 **chéngbǎo**  
castle

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分钟 **fēnzhōng**  
minutes

分数 **fēnshù**  
grades

分开 **fēnkāi**  
separate

分享 **fēnxiǎng**  
share

走路 **zǒulù**  
to walk

先走了 **xiān zǒule**  
go now

带走 **dàizǒu**  
take away

走走 **zǒuzǒu**  
go for a walk

前边 **qiánbian**  
in front of; proceeding

前天 **qiántiān**  
the day before yesterday

前年 **qiánnián**  
the year before last

前头 **qiántou**  
ahead

往前 **wǎng qián**  
ahead; go straight

往哪儿 **wǎng nǎr**  
to which direction

往后 **wǎng hòu**  
toward back

交往 **jiāowǎng**  
to date; associate; contact

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客气 **kèqi**  
polite

不客气 **bú kèqi**  
you are welcome; no need to  
be polite

做客 **zuòkè**  
be a guest

客人 **kèren**  
guest

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到了 **dàole**  
arrived

到处 **dàochù**  
everywhere

到底 **dàodǐ**  
exactly; on earth

到家 **dàojiā**  
arrive at home

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就到了 **jiù dàole**  
then you'll have arrived

就是 **jiùshì**  
exactly

就... **jiù...**  
as early as...

就要 **jiù yào**  
be going to

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钟 **zhōng**  
clock

钟头 **zhōngtóu**  
hour

闹钟 **nàozhōng**  
alarm clock

五十分钟 **wǔshífēn zhōng**  
fifty minutes

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里 **lǐ**  
inside

里边 **lǐbiān**  
inside

这里 **zhèlǐ**  
here

那里 **nàlǐ**  
there

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起床 **qǐchuáng**  
get up from bed

看不起 **kànbuqǐ**  
looked down on

起来 **qǐlai**  
used after a verb or an  
adjective to indicate the  
beginning of an action

看起来 **kànqǐlai**  
look; seem

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对 **duì**  
correct

对不起 **duìbùqǐ**  
sorry

对面 **duìmiàn**  
opposite side

对手 **duìshǒu**  
opponent

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生气 **shēngqì**  
angry

力气 **lìqì**  
strength

气球 **qìqiú**  
balloon

空气 **kōngqì**  
air

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街 **jiē** street

上街 **shàngjiē**  
go on the street

逛街 **guàngjiē**  
walk on the street (window-shopping)

过街 **guòjiē**  
cross a street

通过 **tōngguò**  
pass; by means of

过去 **guòqu**  
go over there; in the past

过生日 **guò shēngrì**  
celebrate one's birthday

过马路 **guò mǎlù**  
cross a street

行 **háng**  
line; row

排行 **páiháng**  
seniority among brothers  
and sisters

行 **xíng**  
be alright

行李 **xíngli**  
luggage

银行 **yínháng**  
bank

银色 **yínsè**  
silver color

中国银行 **Zhōngguó Yínháng**  
Bank of China

银川 **Yínchuān**  
Yinchuan city

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花园 **huāyuán**  
(flower) yard

动物园 **dòngwùyuán**  
zoo

校园 **xiàoyuán**  
campus

幼儿园 **yòu'éryuán**  
kindergarten

公园 **gōngyuán**  
park

公里 **gōnglǐ**  
kilometer

公共汽车 **gōnggòng qìchē**  
public bus

公车 **gōngchē**  
bus

在 **zài**  
at; in; on

在家 **zài jiā**  
be at home

坐在 **zuò zài**  
sit at; on

现在 **xiànzài**  
now

马路 **mǎlù**  
road

路过 **lùguò**  
pass by

路口 **lùkǒu**  
intersection

路 **lù**  
(for bus route)

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近 jìn  
close

近年 jìnnián  
in recent years

近路 jìnlù  
shortcut

附近 fùjìn  
nearby; in the vicinity

远 yuǎn  
far

远近 yuǎnjìn  
distance

多远 duō yuǎn  
how far

出远门 chūyuǎnmén  
journey away from home

上边 shàngbian  
above; on the top of

下边 xiàbian  
under; down

海边 hǎibiān  
seaside

一边...一边...  
yìbiān...yìbiān...  
(expresses two simultaneous  
actions)

旁边 pángbiān  
next to

两旁 liǎngpáng  
both sides

旁听 pángtīng  
audit (a class)

旁白 pángbái  
background narration

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卖 mài  
sell

做买卖 zuò mǎimài  
do business

卖给 mài gěi  
sell to

专卖店 zhuānmàidiàn  
specialized shop

商店 shāngdiàn  
store

书店 shūdiàn  
bookstore

咖啡店 kāfēidiàn  
coffee shop

店员 diànyuán  
store clerk

花 huā  
flower

花钱 huā qián  
spend money

花时间 huā shíjiān  
spend time

花生 huāshēng  
peanut

商业 shāngyè  
business

商人 shāngrén  
business man

商场 shāngchǎng  
mall; market

商量 shāngliang  
discuss; consult

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关门 **guān mén**  
close the door

关门 **guānmén**  
closed (for business)

关灯 **guān dēng**  
turn off the light

关电视 **guān diànshì**  
turn off the TV

开车 **kāichē**  
drive

开门 **kāimén**  
open (for business)

开发 **kāifā**  
develop

开会 **kāihuì**  
have a meeting

后面 **hòumiàn**  
behind

后悔 **hòuhuǐ**  
regret

后天 **hòutiān**  
the day after tomorrow

后来 **hòulái**  
later; afterwards

学校 **xuéxiào**  
school

校长 **xiàozhǎng**  
principal of a school

母校 **mǔxiào**  
alma mater

校车 **xiàochē**  
school bus

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现代 **xiàndài**  
modern

现金 **xiànjīn**  
cash

现场 **xiànchǎng**  
on-site

出现 **chūxiàn**  
appear; emerge

右边 **yòubiān**  
right side

右手 **yòushǒu**  
right hand

往右走 **wǎng yòu zǒu**  
walk to the right

左邻右舍  
**zuǒlín yòushè**  
neighbors

左边 **zuǒbiān**  
left side

左手 **zuǒshǒu**  
left hand

往左走 **wǎng zuǒ zǒu**  
walk to the left

左右 **zuǒyòu**  
about; approximately; or so

开门 **kāimén**  
open the door

门口 **ménkǒu**  
gate

出门 **chūmén**  
leave home; go out

前门 **qiánmén**  
front door; front gate

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冷 **lěng**  
cold

冷饮 **lěngyǐn**  
cold drinks

冷气 **lěngqì**  
cool air; air conditioner

冷静 **lěngjìng**  
calm down; relax

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亮 **liàng**  
bright

亮光 **liàngguāng**  
light

月亮 **yuèliang**  
moon

亮点 **liàngdiǎn**  
eye-catching highlight

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漂 **piāo**  
float

漂亮 **piàoliang**  
pretty

漂浮 **piāofú**  
float

漂流 **piāoliú**  
drift

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前面 **qiánmiàn**  
front

面条 **miàntiáo**  
noodle

上面 **shàngmiàn**  
on; above

下面 **xiàmiàn**  
underneath

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暖 **nuǎn**  
warm

温暖 **wēnnuǎn**  
warm (temperature);  
warm-hearted

暖气 **nuǎnqì**  
heating

保暖 **bǎonuǎn**  
stay warm

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快 **kuài**  
fast; quick

快乐 **kuàilè**  
happy

快餐 **kuàicān**  
fast food

尽快 **jǐnkuài**  
as quickly as possible

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凉 **liáng**  
cool

凉菜 **liáng cài**  
cold dish

凉快 **liángkuai**  
pleasantly cool

凉茶 **liáng chá**  
cold herbal tea

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热 **rè**  
hot

热情 **rèqíng**  
enthusiastic; hospitable

热闹 **rènao**  
bustling; lively

热水 **rè shuǐ**  
hot water

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雪 xuě  
snow (*noun*)

雪景 xuějǐng  
snowscape

雪人 xuě rén  
snowman

滑雪 huá xuě  
ski

有雨 yǒu yǔ  
have rain

下雨 xià yǔ  
rain (*verb*)

雨伞 yǔ sǎn  
umbrella

雨天 yǔ tiān  
rainy day

但是 dàn shì  
but

但愿 dàn yuàn  
I wish

不但... 而且...  
bú dàn... ér qiě...  
not only...but also...

但凡 dàn fán  
as long as; in any case

比 bǐ  
compare

比较 bǐ jiào  
comparatively; to compare

比方说 bǐ fāng shuō  
for example

比赛 bǐ sài  
competition; game

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秋天 qiū tiān  
autumn; fall

中秋节 Zhōngqiūjié  
The Mid-Autumn Festival

秋收 qiū shōu  
autumn harvest

秋季学期 qiū jì xué qī  
Fall semester

夏 Xià  
(surname)

初夏 chū xià  
early summer

夏天 xià tiān  
summer

夏令营 xià lìng yíng  
summer camp

春天 chūn tiān  
spring

春节 chūn jié  
Spring Festival/Chinese New Year

春假 chūn jià  
spring break

长春 Chángchūn  
Changchun (name of a city)

风 fēng  
wind

刮风 guā fēng  
windy; blowing (wind)

风景 fēng jǐng  
scenery

飓风 jù fēng  
hurricane

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去 **qù**  
go

去年 **qùnián**  
last year

拿去 **náqu**  
take away

去世 **qùshì**  
pass away

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来 **lái**  
come

过来 **guòlai**  
come over

来回 **láihuí**  
round trip journey

来不及 **láibují**  
not have enough time

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舒服 **shūfu**  
comfortable

舒服 **shūfu**  
physically well

舒适 **shūshì**  
(space) comfy

舒 **Shū**  
(surname)

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冬天 **dōngtiān**  
winter

冬瓜 **dōnggua**  
winter melon

冬令营 **dōnglìngyíng**  
winter camp

暖冬 **nuǎndōng**  
warm winter

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北方 **běifāng**  
north; the north

北美 **Běiměi**  
North America

西北 **xīběi**  
northwest

北方话 **běifānghuà**  
northern dialect

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只有 **zhǐ yǒu**  
only have

只想 **zhǐ xiǎng**  
only want

只 **zhī**  
measure word for a cat

只 **zhī**  
measure word for a young dog

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南 **nán**  
south

南方 **nánfāng**  
south; the south; southern

东南 **dōngnán**  
southeast

西南 **xīnán**  
southwest

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每次 **měicì**  
every time

第一次 **dìyīcì**  
the first time

这次 **zhècì**  
this time

上次 **shàngcì**  
last time

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每天 měitiān  
every day

每年 měinián  
every year

每个星期 měige xīngqī  
every week

每个月 měige yuè  
every month

意思 yìsi  
meaning

意见 yìjiàn  
comment; opinion;  
recommendation

小意思 xiǎo yìsi  
small token of appreciation

注意 zhùyì  
pay attention to

同意 tóngyì  
agree

同学 tóngxué  
classmate

同事 tóngshì  
colleague

相同 xiāngtóng  
same

外面 wàimiàn  
outside

外出 wàichū  
go out

国外 guówài  
overseas

外地人 wàidirén  
people from other places

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上午 shàngwǔ  
morning

下午 xiàwǔ  
afternoon

中午 zhōngwǔ  
noon

午饭 wǔfàn  
lunch

所以 suóyì  
so

所谓 suǒwèi  
so-called

厕所 cèsuǒ  
restroom

研究所 yánjiūsuǒ  
graduate school

而且 érqiě  
moreover

且慢 qiěmàn  
hold on a second;  
wait a moment

并且 bìngqiě  
and also

姑且 gūqiě  
for the time being; tentatively

然而 rán'ér  
however

而已 éryǐ  
only

反而 fǎn'ér  
instead; on the contrary

不是...而是...  
bú shì ...érshì...  
not...rather...

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开始 **kāishǐ**  
in the beginning; to start

创始人 **chuàngshǐ rén**  
founder

始祖 **shǐzǔ**  
ancestor

始末 **shǐmò**  
whole story; from the  
beginning to the end

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北京 **Běijīng**  
Beijing

京剧 **jīngjù**  
Beijing opera

东京 **Dōngjīng**  
Tokyo

南京 **Nánjīng**  
Nanjing

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文明 **wénmíng**  
civilized

文件 **wénjiàn**  
file; document

文化 **wénhuà**  
culture

文学 **wénxué**  
literature

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夜里 **yèlǐ**  
in the night

半夜 **bànyè**  
midnight

夜景 **yèjǐng**  
night scene

夜生活 **yèshēnghuó**  
night-life

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认出 **rèrchū**  
recognize; differentiate

认为 **rènwéi**  
think

承认 **chéngrèn**  
admit; acknowledge

认真 **rènzhēn**  
hardworking; upright and  
proper

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多久 **duō jiǔ**  
how long (time)

很久 **hěn jiǔ**  
long

不久 **bù jiǔ**  
not long

好久不见 **hǎo jiǔ bú jiàn**  
“long time no see”

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汉语 **Hànyǔ**  
Chinese (language of Han  
people)

语法 **yǔfǎ**  
grammar

外语 **wàiyǔ**  
foreign language

语言 **yǔyán**  
language

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汉人 **Hànrén**  
people of Han ethnicity

汉字 **Hànzì**  
Chinese character

汉朝 **Hàncháo**  
the Han dynasty

汉学 **Hànxué**  
Sinology

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说 **shuō**  
speak; say

说到 **shuō dào**  
speak of

说话 **shuōhuà**  
talking; talk

说谎 **shuōhuǎng**  
tell a lie

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听 **tīng**  
listen

听力 **tīnglì**  
listening proficiency

听不到 **tīngbúdào**  
cannot hear

听说 **tīngshuō**  
hear it said that; hearsay

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会 **huì**  
will

会 **huì**  
know how to

机会 **jīhuì**  
opportunity

会议 **huìyì**  
conference

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认识 **rènshi**  
know; become acquainted  
with

识字 **shízi**  
literate

知识 **zhīshi**  
knowledge

常识 **chángshi**  
common sense

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容易 **róngyì**  
easy

轻易 **qīngyì**  
lightly; easily

贸易 **màoyì**  
trade; business

易经 **Yìjīng**  
*The Book of Changes*

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容貌 **róngmào**  
appearance; look

内容 **nèiróng**  
content

容忍 **róngrěn**  
tolerate; bear

宽容 **kuānróng**  
tolerant

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难 **nán**  
difficult; hard

难过 **nánguò**  
sad

难怪 **nánguài**  
no wonder

难吃 **nánchī**  
bad-tasting

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写 **xiě**  
write

听写 **tīngxiě**  
dictation

写作 **xiězuò**  
writing

写信 **xiěxìn**  
write a letter

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复印 fùyìn  
photocopy

回复 huífù  
respond; reply

重复 chóngfù  
repeat; repeatedly

复活节 Fùhuójié  
Easter

锻炼 duànliàn  
work out

训练 xùnliàn  
training; train

熟练 shúliàn  
skilled; proficient

教练 jiàoliàn  
sports coach; trainer

最后 zuìhòu  
the last

最好 zuìhǎo  
had better; the best

最近 zuìjìn  
recent time

最初 zuìchū  
at first

考试 kǎoshì  
test; exam

高考 Gāokǎo  
College Entrance  
Examination (China)

考虑 kǎolǜ  
consider; think over

考验 kǎoyàn  
task; test

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然后 ránhòu  
then

当然 dāngrán  
of course; without doubt;  
certainly

突然 tūrán  
suddenly

虽然 suīrán  
although

先 xiān  
first

先生 Xiānsheng  
Mr.

事先 shìxiān  
in advance

祖先 zǔxiān  
ancestor

话题 huàtí  
topic

会话 huìhuà  
conversation; dialogue

打电话 dǎ diànhuà  
make a phone call

多话 duōhuà  
talkative; verbose

练习 liànxí  
practice

复习 fùxí  
review

学习 xuéxí  
learning; learn

习惯 xíguàn  
habit; become accustomed to

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化 huà  
melt

全球化 quánqiúhuà  
globalization

变化 biànhuà  
change

西化 xīhuà  
westernized

历史 lìshǐ  
history

史料 shǐliào  
historical material

史诗 shǐshī  
epic tale/poem

史 Shǐ  
(surname)

日历 rìlì  
calendar

经历 jīnglì  
experience

学历 xuélì  
academic degree

简历 jiǎnlì  
curriculum vitae

有用 yǒuyòng  
useful

用功 yònggōng  
diligent; hardworking

使用 shǐyòng  
use

用品 yòngpǐn  
goods; utensils

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事情 shìqing  
thing; affair

事故 shìgù  
accident

故事 gùshi  
story

有事 yǒu shì  
have something to do

中文课 Zhōngwénkè  
Chinese class

课本 kèběn  
textbook

课外 kèwài  
after-class time;  
extracurricular

选修课 xuǎnxiūkè  
elective course

跟 gēn  
and

跟 gēn  
with

跟着 gēnzhe  
follow

跟前 gēnqián  
vicinity

节日 jiérì  
holiday

节庆 jiéqìng  
festival

节省 jiéshěng  
save

圣诞节 Shèngdànjié  
Christmas

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电脑 **diànnǎo**  
computer

大脑 **dànnǎo**  
brain

头脑 **tóunǎo**  
brain

电脑科学 **diànnǎo kēxué**  
computer science

间 **jiān**  
measure word for smallest  
units of a house or classroom

房间 **fángjiān**  
room

中间 **zhōngjiān**  
middle

空间 **kōngjiān**  
space

一半 **yíban**  
half

半年 **bànnián**  
half a year

多半 **duōbàn**  
most; mostly

半个月 **bàn'ge yuè**  
half a month (2 weeks)

睡着 **shuìzháo**  
fall asleep

睡眠 **shuìmián**  
sleep (*noun*)

睡 **shuì**  
sleep (*verb*)

午睡 **wǔshuì**  
afternoon nap

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新潮 **xīncháo**  
fashionable

新年 **xīnnián**  
new year

新鲜 **xīnxiān**  
fresh

新生 **xīnshēng**  
new student

读书 **dúshū**  
studying; study

听说读写 **tīng shuō dú xiě**  
listening, speaking, reading  
and writing

工读 **gōngdú**  
work part-time (while you  
study)

阅读 **yuèdú**  
reading

上网 **shàngwǎng**  
surf the internet

网站 **wǎngzhàn**  
website

网路 **wǎnglù**  
internet

网上 **wǎng shàng**  
on the internet

邮局 **yóujú**  
post office

电子邮件 **diànzǐ yóujiàn**  
emails

邮箱 **yóuxiāng**  
mailbox

邮票 **yóupiào**  
stamp

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休学 **xiūxué**  
suspend schooling

退休 **tuìxiū**  
retire

休息 **xiūxi**  
take a break; close

休假 **xiūjià**  
on vacation

动作片 **dòngzuòpiàn**  
action movie

感动 **gǎndòng**  
moved; touched  
(emotionally)

动物 **dòngwù**  
animal

活动 **huódòng**  
activity; event

运气 **yùnqì**  
luck

运动 **yùndòng**  
exercise

运用 **yùnyòng**  
apply

命运 **mìngyùn**  
fate; destiny

新闻 **xīnwén**  
news

传闻 **chuánwén**  
rumor

以...闻名 **yǐ...wénmíng**  
famous for ...

要闻 **yàowén**  
important news

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迎面 **yíngmiàn**  
in one's face (of wind)

迎接 **yíngjiē**  
enthusiastically welcome or  
greet

欢迎 **huānyíng**  
welcome

欢迎光临  
**Huānyíng guānglín**  
Welcome! (store clerks  
welcoming customers)

张 **Zhāng**  
(surname)

张 **zhāng**  
measure word for flat objects

紧张 **jǐnzhāng**  
nervous

张家 **Zhāngjiā**  
The Zhang family

聊天 **liáotiān**  
chat

无聊 **wúliáo**  
bored

无聊 **wúliáo**  
boring

聊天室 **liáotiānshì**  
chat room

消息 **xiāoxi**  
news

作息 **zuòxī**  
(daily) rhythm

信息 **xìnxī**  
information

有出息 **yǒu chūxi**  
successful; have good prospects

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狗 **gǒu**  
dog

热狗 **règǒu**  
hot dog

狗粮 **gǒuliáng**  
dog food

狗仔 **gǒuzǎi**  
paparazzi

猫 **māo**  
cat

熊猫 **xióngmāo**  
panda

白猫 **bái māo**  
white cat

黑猫 **hēi māo**  
black cat

物理 **wùlǐ**  
physics

物品 **wùpǐn**  
goods; object

生物 **shēngwù**  
biology

礼物 **lǐwù**  
gift; present

送礼 **sònglǐ**  
give somebody a present

有礼貌 **yǒu lǐmào**  
well-mannered

礼拜 **lǐbài**  
week

婚礼 **hūnlǐ**  
wedding

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水 **shuǐ**  
water

汽水 **qìshuǐ**  
soda

水果 **shuǐguǒ**  
fruit

水饺 **shuǐjiǎo**  
water-boiled dumpling

茶 **chá**  
tea

茶馆 **cháguǎn**  
tea house

绿茶 **lǜchá**  
green tea

泡茶 **pào chá**  
make tea

好喝 **hǎohē**  
good to drink

喝酒 **hē jiǔ**  
drink alcoholic beverage

喝茶 **hē chá**  
drink tea

喝水 **hē shuǐ**  
drink water

坐 **zuò**  
sit

坐班 **zuòbān**  
on duty

坐出租车 **zuò chūzūchē**  
by taxi

坐飞机 **zuò fēijī**  
by airplane

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大厅 **dàtīng**  
reception hall; lounge

客厅 **kètīng**  
living room

交际舞厅 **jiāoji wǔtīng**  
ballroom

餐厅 **cāntīng**  
restaurant

教室 **jiàoshì**  
classroom

浴室 **yùshì**  
bathroom (with a shower or  
bath)

室内 **shìnèi**  
indoor

办公室 **bàngōngshì**  
office

房子 **fángzi**  
house; apartment

房租 **fángzū**  
rent (money)

卧房 **wòfáng**  
bedroom

房东 **fángdōng**  
landlord

酒 **jiǔ**  
alcoholic beverage

啤酒 **píjiǔ**  
beer

敬酒 **jìngjiǔ**  
to toast

酒吧 **jiǔbā**  
bar

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颜色 **yánsè**  
color

颜值 **yánzhí**  
attractiveness index (1 to 10  
rating)

容颜 **róngyán**  
appearance; complexion

颜 **Yán**  
(surname)

为何 **wèihé**  
why (formal)

为什么 **wèishénme**  
why

为了家人 **wèile jiārén**  
for the family

为了 **wèile**  
for the sake of

因为 **yīnwèi**  
because

原因 **yuányīn**  
reason; cause

基因 **jīyīn**  
genes

主因 **zhǔyīn**  
main reason

院子 **yuànzi**  
yard

学院 **xuéyuàn**  
school; college

电影院 **diànyǐngyuàn**  
movie theater

住院 **zhùyuàn**  
hospitalize

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粉红色 fěnhóngsè  
pink

奶粉 nǎifěn  
milk powder

面粉 miànfěn  
flour

洗衣粉 xǐyīfěn  
laundry detergent

黄色 huángsè  
yellow

黄金 huángjīn  
gold

黄豆 huángdòu  
soybean

黄昏 huánghūn  
dusk

白色 báisè  
white

白天 báitiān  
daytime

空白 kòngbái  
blank

白酒 báijiǔ  
*baijiu* (a strong Chinese  
spirit)

咖啡色 kāfēisè  
coffee color

彩色 cǎisè  
multi-colored

绿色 lǜsè  
green

脸色 liǎnsè  
facial look

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己 jǐ  
self

知己 zhījǐ  
know oneself; intimate  
friends

自己 zìjǐ  
self; on one's own

利己 lìjǐ  
to benefit oneself

自学 zìxué  
to teach oneself

自由 zìyóu  
freedom; free

来自 láizì  
come from

亲自 qīnzì  
in person

声乐 shēngyuè  
vocal music

乐器 yuèqì  
music instrument

乐谱 yuèpǔ  
music score; written music

乐团 yuètúán  
band; orchestra

音乐 yīnyuè  
music

音乐会 yīnyuèhuì  
music concert

声音 shēngyīn  
voice; sound

发音 fāyīn  
pronunciation

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慢 **màn**  
slow

慢跑 **mànpǎo**  
jogging

缓慢 **huǎnmàn**  
slow-moving

说慢一点儿  
**shuō màn yìdiǎnr**  
speak a bit more slowly

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找 **zhǎo**  
look for; find

找工作 **zhǎo gōngzuò**  
look for work

找谁 **zhǎo shéi**  
look for whom

找到 **zhǎodào**  
find; found

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住 **zhù**  
live; reside

住址 **zhùzhǐ**  
(home) address

住房 **zhùfáng**  
housing

忍不住 **rěnbuzhù**  
cannot help

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结果 **jiéguǒ**  
result

果酱 **guǒjiàng**  
jam

果汁 **guǒzhī**  
juice

苹果 **píngguǒ**  
apple

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