



HSK Level 3 Chinese Vocabulary

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Word	Pinyin	Meaning
阿姨	ā yí	maternal aunt; step-mother; childcare worker
啊	a	modal particle ending sentence; showing affirmation; approval
矮	ǎi	low; short (in length)
爱好	ài hào	to like; to take pleasure in; keen on
安静	ān jìng	quiet; peaceful; calm
把	bǎ	to hold; to contain; to grasp
搬	bān	to move; to shift; to remove
班	bān	team; class; squad
半	bàn	half; semi-; incomplete
办法	bàn fǎ	means; method; way (of doing sth)
办公室	bàn gōng shì	office; business premises; bureau
帮忙	bāng máng	to help; to lend a hand; to do a favor
包	bāo	to cover; to wrap; to hold
饱	bǎo	to eat till full; satisfied
北方	běi fāng	north; the northern part a country; China north of the Yellow River
被	bèi	quilt; by; (indicates passive-voice clauses)
鼻子	bí zi	nose; CL: 个 个; 隻 只[zhī]
比较	bǐ jiào	to compare; to contrast; comparatively
比赛	bǐ sài	competition (sports etc); match; CL: 场 场
必须	bì xū	to have to; must; compulsory
变化	biàn huà	change; variation; to change
表示	biǎo shì	to express; to show; to say
表演	biǎo yǎn	play; show; performance
别人	bié ren	other people; others; other person
宾馆	bīn guǎn	guesthouse; lodge; hotel
冰箱	bīng xiāng	icebox; freezer cabinet; refrigerator
才	cái	a moment ago; just now; (preceded by a clause of condition or reason) not until
菜单	cài dān	menu; CL: 份; 張 张[zhāng]
参加	cān jiā	to participate; to take part; to join
草	cǎo	grass; straw; manuscript

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层	céng	layer; stratum; laminated
差	chà	to differ from; to fall short of; lacking
超市	chāo shì	supermarket (abbr.); CL:家[jiā]
衬衫	chèn shān	shirt; blouse; CL:件[jiàn]
成绩	chéng jì	achievement; performance records; grades
城市	chéng shì	city; town; CL:座[zuò]
迟到	chí dào	to arrive late
出现	chū xiàn	to appear; to arise; to emerge
除了	chú le	besides; apart from (... also...); in addition to
厨房	chú fáng	kitchen; CL:间 间[jiān]
春	chūn	spring (time); gay; joyful
词语	cí yǔ	word (general term including monosyllables through to short phrases); term (e.g. technical term); expression
聪明	cōng míng	acute (of sight and hearing); clever; intelligent
打扫	dǎ sǎo	to clean; to sweep
打算	dǎ suàn	to plan; to intend; to calculate
带	dài	band; belt; girdle
担心	dān xīn	anxious; worried; uneasy
蛋糕	dàn gāo	cake; CL:块 块; 个 个[gè]
当然	dāng rán	only natural; as it should be; certainly
地	de	-ly; structural particle: used before a verb or adjective; linking it to preceding modifying adverbial adjunct
灯	dēng	lamp; light; lantern
低	dī	low; beneath; to lower (one's head)
地方	dì fang	area; place; space
地铁	dì tiě	subway; metro
地图	dì tú	map; CL:张 张; 本[běn]
电梯	diàn tī	elevator; escalator; CL:台 台
电子	diàn zǐ	electronic; electron (particle physics)
冬	dōng	sound of beating a drum; onomatopoeia for rat-a-tat etc
东	dōng	east; host (i.e. sitting on east side of guest); landlord
动物	dòng wù	animal; CL:隻 只; 群
短	duǎn	short or brief; to lack; weak point
段	duàn	paragraph; section; segment
锻炼	duàn liàn	to engage in physical exercise; to work out; to toughen
多么	duō me	how (wonderful etc); what (a great idea etc); however (difficult it may be etc)

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饿	è	to be hungry; hungry
而且	ér qiě	(not only ...) but also; moreover; in addition
耳朵	ěr duo	ear; CL:隻 只; 個 个
发烧	fā shāo	to have a high temperature (from illness); to have a fever
发现	fā xiàn	to find; to discover
方便	fāng biàn	convenient; to help out; to make things easy for people
放	fàng	to release; to free; to let go
放心	fàng xīn	to feel relieved; to feel reassured; to be at ease
分	fēn	to divide; to separate; to allocate
附近	fù jìn	(in the) vicinity; nearby; neighboring
复习	fù xí	variant of 復習 复习; to revise; to review
干净	gān jìng	clean; neat
敢	gǎn	to dare; daring; (polite) may I venture
感冒	gǎn mào	to catch cold; (common) cold; CL:場 场
刚才	gāng cái	(just) a moment ago
根据	gēn jù	according to; based on; basis
跟	gēn	heel; to follow closely; to go with
更	gèng	more; even more; further
公园	gōng yuán	public park; CL:場 场[chǎng]
故事	gù shi	narrative; story; tale
刮	guā	to blow (of the wind)
关	guān	mountain pass; to close; to shut
关系	guān xi	variant of 關係 关系[guān xi]
关心	guān xīn	to care for sth; caring; concerned
关于	guān yú	pertaining to; concerning; regarding
国家	guó jiā	country; nation; state
果汁	guǒ zhī	fruit juice
过去	guò qu	(in the) past; former; previous
还是	hái shi	or; still; nevertheless
害怕	hài pà	to be afraid; to be scared
河	hé	river; CL:條 条; 道[dào]
黑板	hēi bǎn	blackboard; CL:塊 块; 個 个[gè]
护照	hù zhào	passport; CL:本; 個 个[gè]
花	huā	flower; blossom; CL:朵
花园	huā yuán	garden; CL:座; 個 个[gè]
画	huà	to draw; picture; painting

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坏	huài	bad; spoiled; broken
环境	huán jìng	environment; circumstances; surroundings
换	huàn	to change; to exchange
黄	huáng	yellow; pornographic; to fall through
会议	huì yì	meeting; conference; CL:场 场
或者	huò zhě	or; possibly; maybe
机会	jī huì	opportunity; chance; occasion
几乎	jī hū	almost; nearly; practically
极	jí	extremely; pole (geography, physics); utmost
记得	jì de	to remember
季节	jì jié	time; season; period
检查	jiǎn chá	inspection; to examine; to inspect
简单	jiǎn dān	simple; not complicated
见面	jiàn miàn	to meet; to see sb; CL:次[cì]
健康	jiàn kāng	health; healthy
讲	jiǎng	to speak; to explain; to negotiate
教	jiāo	to teach
脚	jiǎo	foot; leg; base
角	jiǎo	angle; corner; horn
接	jiē	to receive; to answer (the phone); to meet or welcome sb
街道	jiē dào	street; CL:条 条[tiáo]; subdistrict
节目	jié mù	program; item (on a program); CL:台 台
节日	jié rì	holiday; festival; CL:个 个[gè]
结婚	jié hūn	to marry; to get married; CL:次[cì]
结束	jié shù	termination; to finish; to end
解决	jiě jué	to settle (a dispute); to resolve; to solve
借	jiè	to lend; to borrow; by means of
经常	jīng cháng	day to day; everyday; daily
经过	jīng guò	to pass; to go through; process
经理	jīng lǐ	manager; director; CL:个 个
久	jiǔ	(long) time; (long) duration of time
旧	jiù	old; opposite: new 新; former
举行	jǔ xíng	to hold (a meeting, ceremony etc)
句子	jù zi	sentence; CL:个 个[gè]
决定	jué dìng	to decide (to do something); to resolve; decision
渴	kě	thirsty

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可爱	kě ài	adorable; cute; lovely
刻	kè	quarter (hour); moment; to carve
客人	kè rén	visitor; guest; customer
空调	kōng tiáo	air conditioning
口	kǒu	mouth; classifier for things with mouths (people, domestic animals, cannons, wells etc); classifier for bites or mouthfuls
哭	kū	to cry; to weep
裤子	kù zi	trousers; pants; CL:條 条[tiáo]
筷子	kuài zi	chopsticks; CL:對 对; 根
蓝	lán	blue; indigo plant
老	lǎo	prefix used before the surname of a person or a numeral indicating the order of birth of the children in a family or to indicate affection or familiarity; old (of people); venerable (person)
离开	lí kāi	to depart; to leave
礼物	lǐ wù	gift; present; CL:件
历史	lì shǐ	history; CL:門 门; 段[duàn]
脸	liǎn	face; CL:張 张; 個 个[gè]
练习	liàn xí	exercise; drill; practice
辆	liàng	classifier for vehicles
了解	liǎo jiě	to understand; to realize; to find out
邻居	lín jū	neighbor; next door; CL:個 个[gè]
楼	lóu	house with more than 1 story; storied building; floor
绿	lǜ	green
马	mǎ	horse; CL:匹 pǐ; horse or cavalry piece in Chinese chess
马上	mǎ shàng	at once; right away; immediately
满意	mǎn yì	satisfied; pleased; to one's satisfaction
帽子	mào zi	hat; cap; (fig.) label
米	mǐ	rice; CL:粒[lì]; meter (classifier)
面包	miàn bāo	bread; CL:片; 袋
面条	miàn tiáo	noodles
明白	míng bai	clear; obvious; unequivocal
拿	ná	to hold; to seize; to catch
奶奶	nǎi nai	(informal) grandma (paternal grandmother); (respectful) mistress of the house; CL:位[wèi]
南	nán	south
难	nán	difficult (to...); problem; difficulty
难过	nán guò	to feel sad; to feel unwell; (of life) to be difficult
年级	nián jí	grade; CL:個 个[gè]
年轻	nián qīng	young

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鸟	niǎo	bird; CL:隻 只; 群[qún]
努力	nǔ lì	great effort; to strive; to try hard
爬山	pá shān	to climb a mountain; to mountaineer; hiking
盘子	pán zi	tray; plate; dish
胖	pàng	fat; plump
啤酒	pí jiǔ	beer; CL:杯; 瓶
葡萄	pú tao	grape
普通话	pǔ tōng huà	Mandarin (common language); Putonghua (common speech of the Chinese language); ordinary speech
骑	qí	to ride (an animal or bike); to sit astride
其实	qí shí	actually; in fact; really
其他	qí tā	other; the others; else
奇怪	qí guài	strange; odd; to marvel
铅笔	qiān bǐ	(lead) pencil; CL:支; 枝
清楚	qīng chu	clear; distinct; to understand thoroughly
秋	qiū	a swing
裙子	qún zi	skirt; CL:條 条[tiáo]
然后	rán hòu	after; then (afterwards); after that
热情	rè qíng	cordial; enthusiastic; passion
认为	rèn wéi	to believe; to think; to consider
认真	rèn zhēn	conscientious; earnest; serious
容易	róng yì	easy; likely; liable (to)
如果	rú guǒ	if; in case; in the event that
伞	sǎn	umbrella; parasol; CL:把[bǎ]
上网	shàng wǎng	to be on the internet; to stretch a net (in a sports game or for covering sth); to be netted (of fish)
生气	shēng qì	angry; mad; offended
声音	shēng yīn	voice; sound; CL:個 个[gè]
使	shǐ	to make; to cause; to enable
世界	shì jiè	world; CL:個 个[gè]
瘦	shòu	thin; to lose weight; (of clothing) tight
舒服	shū fu	comfortable; feeling well
叔叔	shū shu	father's younger brother; uncle; Taiwan pr. [shú shu]
树	shù	tree; CL:棵[kē]; to cultivate
数学	shù xué	mathematics; mathematical
刷	shuā	to brush; to paint; to daub
双	shuāng	two; double; pair

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水平	shuǐ píng	level (of achievement etc); standard; horizontal
司机	sī jī	chauffeur; driver; CL: 個 个[gè]
虽然	suī rán	although; even though; even if
太阳	tài yáng	sun; CL: 個 个[gè]
糖	táng	sugar; sweets; candy
特别	tè bié	especially; special; particular
疼	téng	(it) hurts; sore; to love dearly
提高	tí gāo	to raise; to increase
体育	tǐ yù	sports; physical education
甜	tián	sweet
条	tiáo	strip; item; article
同事	tóng shì	colleague; co-worker; CL: 個 个
同意	tóng yì	to agree; to consent; to approve
头发	tóu fa	hair (on the head)
突然	tū rán	sudden; abrupt; unexpected
图书馆	tú shū guǎn	library; CL: 家; 個 个[gè]
腿	tuǐ	leg; CL: 條 条[tiáo]
完成	wán chéng	to complete; to accomplish
碗	wǎn	bowl; cup; CL: 隻 只
万	wàn	ten thousand; a great number
忘记	wàng jì	to forget
为了	wèi le	in order to; for the purpose of; so as to
为什么	wèi shén me	why?; for what reason?
位	wèi	position; location; place
文化	wén huà	culture; civilization; cultural
西	xī	west
习惯	xí guàn	habit; custom; usual practice
洗手间	xǐ shǒu jiān	toilet; lavatory; washroom
洗澡	xǐ zǎo	to bathe; to take a shower
夏	xià	summer
先	xiān	early; prior; former
香蕉	xiāng jiāo	banana; CL: 枝; 根
相同	xiāng tóng	identical; same

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相信	xiāng xìn	to be convinced (that sth is true); to believe; to accept sth as true
像	xiàng	to resemble; to be like; to look as if
小心	xiǎo xīn	to be careful; to take care
校长	xiào zhǎng	(college, university) president; headmaster; CL:個 个
鞋	xié	shoe; CL:雙 双; 隻 只[zhī]
新闻	xīn wén	news; CL:條 条; 個 个[gè]
新鲜	xīn xiān	fresh (experience, food etc); freshness; novel
信	xìn	letter; mail; CL:封[fēng]
行李箱	xíng li xiāng	suitcase
兴趣	xìng qù	interest (desire to know about sth); interest (thing in which one is interested); hobby
熊猫	xióng māo	panda; CL:隻 只[zhī]
需要	xū yào	to need; to want; to demand
选择	xuǎn zé	to select; to pick; choice
眼镜	yǎn jìng	spectacles; eyeglasses; CL:副[fù]
要求	yāo qiú	to request; to require; to stake a claim
爷爷	yé ye	(informal) father's father; paternal grandfather; CL:個 个[gè]
一定	yī dìng	surely; certainly; necessarily
一共	yī gòng	altogether
一会儿	yī huì r	a while; also pr. [yī huǐ r]
一样	yī yàng	same; like; equal to
以后	yǐ hòu	after; later; afterwards
以前	yǐ qián	before; formerly; previous
以为	yǐ wéi	to believe; to think; to consider
一般	yī bān	same; ordinary; so-so
一边	yī biān	one side; either side; on the one hand
一直	yī zhí	straight (in a straight line); continuously; always
音乐	yīn yuè	music; CL:張 张; 曲
银行	yín háng	bank; CL:家; 個 个[gè]
应该	yīng gāi	ought to; should; must
影响	yǐng xiǎng	an influence; an effect; to influence
用	yòng	to use; to employ; to have to
游戏	yóu xì	game; CL:場 场[chǎng]; to play
有名	yǒu míng	famous; well-known

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又	yòu	(once) again; also; both... and...
遇到	yù dào	to meet; to run into; to come across
愿意	yuàn yì	to wish; to want; ready
越	yuè	to exceed; to climb over; to surpass
月亮	yuè liang	moon
云	yún	cloud; CL:朵[duǒ]
站	zhàn	station; to stand; to halt
着急	zháo jí	to worry; to feel anxious; Taiwan pron. [zhāo jí]
照顾	zhào gu	to take care of; to show consideration; to attend to
照片	zhào piàn	photograph; picture; CL:張 张
照相机	zhào xiàng jī	camera; CL:個 个; 架
只	zhī	classifier for birds and certain animals; one of a pair; some utensils
只	zhǐ	but; only
终于	zhōng yú	at last; in the end; finally
中间	zhōng jiān	between; intermediate; mid
种	zhǒng	abbr. for 物種 物种; genus; race
重要	zhòng yào	important; significant; major
周末	zhōu mò	weekend
主要	zhǔ yào	main; principal; major
祝	zhù	to wish; to express good wishes; to pray
注意	zhù yì	to take note of; to pay attention to
字典	zì diǎn	dictionary; character dictionary; CL:本[běn]
自己	zì jǐ	oneself; one's own
总是	zǒng shì	always
最近	zuì jìn	recent; recently; these days
作业	zuò yè	school assignment; homework; work
作用	zuò yòng	to act on; to affect; action