



Chinese Separable Verbs

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Word	Pinyin	Type	Meaning	Example Pinyin
V 了 O	completed action		我睡了觉。	I slept.
V 数量 O	duration / frequency		我睡了八个小时觉。	I slept for eight hours.
V 了一次 O	one time		我们见了一次面。	We met once.
V 过 O	experience		我跟他见过面。	I have met him before.
睡觉	shuìjiào		to sleep	Háizi yǐjīng shuì le jiào.
见面	jiànmiàn		to meet	Wǒ gēn lǎobǎn jiàn guo miàn.
帮忙	bāngmáng		to help	Nǐ néng bāng gè máng ma?
洗澡	xǐzǎo		to take a shower	Wǒ měitiān wǎnshang xǐzǎo.
聊天	liáotiān		to chat	Wǒmen liáo le bàn tiān tiān.
散步	sànbù		to take a walk	Wǎnfàn hòu wǒ xiǎng sànbù.
上课	shàngkè		to attend class	Wǒmen shàngwǔ shàng le liǎng jié kè.
请假	qǐngjià		to ask for leave	Tā qǐng le yì tiān jià.
生气	shēngqì		to get angry	Bié shēngqì.
吵架	chǎojià		to argue	Tāmen zuótiān chǎo le yí jià.
开会	kāihuì		to hold a meeting	Xiàwǔ yào kāihuì.
毕业	bìyè		to graduate	Wǒ míngnián bìyè.
我见面了他。			我跟他见了面。	
我睡觉了八个小时。			我睡了八个小时觉。	
我帮忙了。			我帮了忙。	
我们聊天了两个小时。			我们聊了两个小时天。	
他吵架了一次。			他吵了一次架。	
吃饭	chī fàn	Separable Verb	to eat	chī le fàn
看书	kàn shū	Separable Verb	to read	kàn le yī běn shū
唱歌	chàng gē	Separable Verb	to sing	chàng le gē
跳舞	tiào wǔ	Separable Verb	to dance	tiào le wǔ
跑步	pǎobù	separable verb	to run, jog	wǒ pǎo le bù

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游泳	yóuyóǒng	separable verb	to swim	tā yóule yǒng
做饭	zuòfàn	separable verb	to cook, prepare a meal	wǒ zuòle fàn
说话	shuōhuà	separable verb	to speak, talk	tā shuōle huà
照相	zhào xiàng	separable verb	to take a photo	
理发	lǐ fà	separable verb	to have a haircut	
看病	kàn bìng	separable verb	to see a doctor	
结婚	jié hūn	separable verb	to get married	
打工	dǎ gōng	Separable Verb	to work (part-time)	dǎ le yī tiān de gōng
放假	fàng jià	Separable Verb	to have a holiday	fàng sān tiān jià
下课	xià kè	Separable Verb	to finish class	xià le kè yǐ hòu
上网	shàng wǎng	Separable Verb	to go online	shàng le sān ge xiǎo shí de wǎng
上班	shàng bān	Separable Verb	to go to work	Wǒ bàba měitiān zuò dìtiě shàngbān.
下班	xià bān	Separable Verb	to get off work	Tā xiàbān yǐhòu chángcháng qù jiànshēnfáng.
出差	chū chāi	Separable Verb	to go on a business trip	Jīnglǐ xiàzhōu yào chūchāi dào Běijīng.
道歉	dào qiàn	Separable Verb	to apologize	Tā xiàng wǒ dàoqiàn le.
放心	fàngxīn	Separable Verb	to rest assured; to set one's mind at rest	
离婚	líhūn	Separable Verb	to divorce	
做梦	zuòmèng	Separable Verb	to dream	
吃亏	chīkuī	Separable Verb	to suffer a loss; to be at a disadvantage	
起床	qǐ chuáng	Separable Verb	to get up	
开车	kāi chē	Separable Verb	to drive a car	
下雨	xià yǔ	Separable Verb	to rain	
担心	dān xīn	Separable Verb	to worry	
报名	bào míng	Separable Verb	to sign up, to register	

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请客	qǐng kè	Separable Verb	to treat someone (to a meal), to invite guests	
辞职	cí zhí	Separable Verb	to resign from a job	
失业	shī yè	Separable Verb	to be unemployed, to lose one's job	
打针	dǎ zhēn	Separable Verb	get an injection	
滑雪	huá xuě	Separable Verb	to ski	
排队	pái duì	Separable Verb	to line up / queue	
鼓掌	gǔ zhǎng	Separable Verb	to applaud	
罚款	fá kuǎn	separable verb	to fine; to impose a fine	
加班	jiā bān	separable verb	to work overtime	
过期	guò qī	separable verb	to expire; to be overdue	
打折	dǎ zhé	separable verb	to give a discount; to sell at a discount	
住院	zhù yuàn	Separable Verb	to be hospitalized	zhù le yī cì yuàn
出事	chū shì	Separable Verb	to have an accident	chū guo shì
伤心	shāng xīn	Separable Verb	to feel sad, heartbroken	shāng le xīn
打架	dǎ jià	Separable Verb	to fight, to scuffle	dǎ guo jià
留学	liú xué	Separable Verb	to study abroad	Tā qùnián liú le xué.
开学	kāi xué	Separable Verb	school starts; to begin a new term	Wǒmen xuéxiào jiǔyuè fèn kāi le xué.
生病	shēng bìng	Separable Verb	to fall ill; to get sick	Tā shēng le yī chǎng bìng.
干活	gàn huó	Separable Verb	to work (manual labor); to do physical work	Tā gàn le yī tiān huó.
开玩笑	kāi wánxiào	Separable Verb	to joke, to make a joke	Tā gēn wǒ kāi le yī gè wánxiào.
抽烟	chōu yān	Separable Verb	to smoke (cigarettes)	Tā měitiān chōu yī bāo yān.
喝酒	hē jiǔ	Separable Verb	to drink alcohol	Tāmen hē le hěn duō jiǔ.
上当	shàng dàng	Separable Verb	to be fooled, to be taken in	Wǒ shàng guo yī cì dàng.
走路	zǒu lù	Separable Verb	to walk	zǒu le yí duàn lù

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办事	bàn shì	Separable Verb	to handle affairs	bàn le yí jiàn shì
发火	fā huǒ	Separable Verb	to lose one's temper	fā le yí cì huǒ
吃醋	chī cù	Separable Verb	to be jealous (in love)	chī guo cù
着急	zháojí	Separable Verb	to worry, to feel anxious	zháo shénme jí
吃苦	chīkǔ	Separable Verb	to endure hardship	chī guo kǔ
发财	fācái	Separable Verb	to get rich	fā le dà cái
丢脸	diūliǎn	Separable Verb	to lose face, be disgraced	diū le liǎn
分手	fēn shǒu	separable verb	to break up (a relationship)	wǒ men fēn shǒu le
考试	kǎo shì	separable verb	to take an exam	wǒ kǎo guo shì
化妆	huà zhuāng	separable verb	to put on makeup	tā huà le gè zhuāng
挂号	guà hào	separable verb	to register (for a doctor's visit)	wǒ guà le yī gè hào
吹牛	chuī niú	separable verb	to brag, to boast	
撒谎	sā huǎng	separable verb	to tell a lie	
拜年	bài nián	separable verb	to pay a New Year visit	
讲课	jiǎng kè	separable verb	to teach a class, to give a lecture	
读书	dú shū	Separable Verb	to read a book; to study	dú shū
回家	huí jiā	Separable Verb	to return home; to go back home	huí jiā
逛街	guàng jiē	Separable Verb	to stroll around the streets; to window-shop	guàng jiē
上学	shàng xué	Separable Verb	to go to school	shàng le yī tiān xué
放学	fàng xué	Separable Verb	to finish school for the day	fàng le xué jiù huí jiā
发烧	fā shāo	Separable Verb	to have a fever	fā le liǎng tiān shāo
听话	tīng huà	Separable Verb	to obey; to be obedient	tīng māma de huà
握手	wò shǒu	Separable Verb	to shake hands	
吃惊	chī jīng	Separable Verb	to be startled, surprised	

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补课	bǔ kè	Separable Verb	to make up for missed classes	
叹气	tàn qì	Separable Verb	to sigh	