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Words

敬酒
jìngjiǔ to toast / to propose a toast

> 新郎正在向客人敬酒。
> Xīnláng zhèngzài xiàng kèrén jìngjiǔ.
> The groom is toasting the guests.

素菜
sùcài vegetable dish

> 这家餐厅的素菜做得很好吃。
> Zhè jiā cāntīng de sùcài zuò de hěn hǎochī.
> The vegetarian dishes at this restaurant are very tasty.

八大菜系
bādàcàixì the eight major cuisines of China, namely 川魯粵蘇浙閩湘徽|川魯粵苏浙闽湘徽[Chuan1 Lu3 Yue4 Su1 Zhe4 Min3 Xiang1 Hui1]

> 中国的八大菜系，你吃过几个？
> Zhōngguó de bādàcàixì, nǐ chīguo jǐ ge?
> How many of China's eight major cuisines have you tried?

风味 風味
fēngwèi distinctive flavor / distinctive style

> 你尝尝这道菜，风味很特别。
> Nǐ cháng cháng zhè dào cài, fēngwèi hěn tèbié.
> Try this dish, it has a very distinctive flavor.

老字号 老字號
lǎozìhào shop, firm, or brand of merchandise with a long-established reputation

> 北京有很多老字号饭馆。
> Běijīng yǒu hěn duō lǎozìhào fànguǎn.
> Beijing has many time-honored restaurants.

礼仪 禮儀
lǐyí etiquette / ceremony

> 她没有一点礼仪。
> Tā méiyǒu yìdiǎn lǐyí.
> She has no manners at all.

养生 養生
yǎngshēng to maintain good health / to raise a child or animal / curing (of concrete etc)

> 她喜欢早睡早起来养生。
> Tā xǐhuan zǎoshuìzǎoqǐ lái yǎngshēng.
> She likes to go to bed and get up early to keep healthy.

麻辣
málà hot and numbing

> 这道菜太麻辣了，我不吃。
> Zhè dào cài tài málà le, wǒ bùchī.
> This dish is too hot and numbing, so I won't eat it.

食疗 食療
shíliáo food therapy / treatment via food

茶艺 茶藝
cháyì the art of tea

黄酒 黃酒
huángjiǔ "yellow wine" (mulled rice wine, usually served warm)

> 红烧肉要放一点黄酒。
> Hóngshāoròu yào fàng yìdiǎn huángjiǔ.
> You need to add a little yellow rice wine to red-braised pork.

食补 食補
shíbǔ tonic food (food considered to be particularly healthful) / to eat such foods

药膳 藥膳
yàoshàn medicinal cuisine

满汉全席 滿漢全席
mǎnhànquánxí the Manchu Han imperial feast, a legendary banquet in the Qing dynasty / a sumptuous banquet

主菜
zhǔcài main course

茶馆 茶館
cháguǎn teahouse

佳肴 佳餚
jiāyáo fine food / delicacies / delicious food

> 宴会上佳肴很多，随便吃。
> Yànhuì shàng jiāyáo hěn duō, suíbiàn chī.
> There are plenty of delicacies at the banquet, so help yourself.

宴请 宴請
yànqǐng to entertain (for dinner) / to invite to dinner

凉拌 涼拌

liángbàn to dress cold food with sauce / there's not much you can do about it (wordplay using 拌[ban4] instead of its homophone 辦|办[ban4])

> 凉拌黄瓜里要加几滴香油。
> Liángbàn huángguā lǐ yào jiā jǐ dī xiāngyóu.
> You need to add a few drops of sesame oil to the cucumber salad.

沏

qī to brew (tea)
qiè to surge and strike (of waves)

> 她给我沏了茶。
> Tā gěi wǒ qīle chá.
> She made tea for me.

酿造 釀造

niàngzào to brew / to make (wine, vinegar, soybean paste etc) by fermentation

> 外婆每年都酿造米酒。
> Wàipó měinián dōu niàngzào mǐjiǔ.
> My grandmother makes rice wine every year.

涮

shuàn to cook by dipping finely sliced ingredients briefly in boiling water or soup (generally done at the dining table) / to rinse / to swish (in water) / to trick / to fool sb

> 锅开了，快把肉片涮一下吧。
> Guō kāile, kuài bǎ ròupiàn shuàn yíxià ba.
> The pot is boiling, so quickly swish the meat slices in.

花椒

huājiāo Sichuan pepper / Chinese prickly ash

丸子

wánzi pills / balls / meatballs

> 锅里的丸子熟了没有？
> Guō lǐ de wánzi shúle méiyǒu?
> Are the meatballs in the pot cooked yet?

米酒

mǐjiǔ rice wine

> 服务员，请再来一壶米酒。
> Fúwùyuán, qǐng zài lái yì hú mǐjiǔ.
> Waiter, could we have another pot of rice wine, please?

卤味 滷味

lǔwèi food prepared by stewing in soy sauce and spices

> 我想买点卤味当晚饭。
> Wǒ xiǎng mǎi diǎn lǔwèi dāng wǎnfàn.
> I want to buy some stewed deli meats for dinner.