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Words

中餐

zhōngcān lunch / Chinese meal / Chinese food

我们点了中餐。
Wǒmen diǎn le zhōngcān.
We've ordered Chinese food.

馒头 饅頭

mántou steamed bun

我给你吃个馒头。
Wǒ gěi nǐ chī gè mántou.
I'll give you a mantou to eat.

白酒

báijiǔ baijiu, a spirit usually distilled from sorghum / white wine (abbr. for 白葡萄酒[bai2 pu2 tao5 jiu3])

你喝过白酒没有？
Nǐ hēguo báijiǔ méiyǒu?
Have you had baijiu before?

中国菜 中國菜

zhōngguó cài Chinese cuisine

烤鸭 烤鴨

kǎoyā roast duck

请给我们来一只烤鸭。
Qǐng gěi wǒmen lái yì zhī kǎoyā.
Please bring us a roast duck.

月饼 月餅

yuèbǐng mooncake (esp. for the Mid-Autumn Festival)

中秋节我妈妈买了月饼。
Zhōngqiūjié wǒ māma mǎi le yuèbǐng.
My mom bought mooncakes for the Mid-Autumn Festival.

小吃

xiǎochī street food / snack

你想尝尝这儿的小吃吗？
Nǐ xiǎng cháng cháng zhèr de xiǎochī ma?
Would you like to try the snacks here?

茶叶 茶葉

cháyè tea / tea leaves

农民靠种茶叶脱贫了。
Nóngmín kào zhòng cháyè tuōpín le.
The farmers escaped poverty by growing tea.

干杯 乾杯

gānbēi to drink a toast / Cheers! (proposing a toast) / Here's to you! / Bottoms up! / lit. dry cup

来，大家一起干杯！
Lái, dàjiā yìqǐ gānbēi!
Come on, everyone, cheers!

主食

zhǔshí staple food

我们日本人以米饭为主食。
Wǒmen Rìběn rén yǐ mǐfàn wéi zhǔshí.
We Japanese live on rice.

火锅 火鍋

huǒguō hotpot / a blocked shot / a block

你爱吃辣的火锅吗？
Nǐ ài chī là de huǒguō ma?
Do you like spicy hotpot?

菜系

càixì cuisine

中国有很多菜系，你最爱哪一个？
Zhōngguó yǒu hěn duō càixì, nǐ zuì ài nǎ yí gè?
China has many regional cuisines. Which one do you like best?

川菜

chuāncài Sichuan or Szechuan cuisine

晚上我们去吃川菜，好不好？
Wǎnshang wǒmen qù chī chuāncài, hǎobùhǎo?
Shall we go have Sichuan food tonight?

粤菜 粵菜

yuècài Cantonese cuisine

你吃过这家的粤菜吗？
Nǐ chīguo zhè jiā de yuècài ma?
Have you tried the Cantonese food at this place?

特色

tèsè a characteristic / a distinctive feature or quality

这里的特色菜是什么？
Zhèlǐ de tè sè cài shì shén me?
What is the specialty food here?

品牌

pǐnpái brand / brand name

她只穿这个品牌的鞋。

Tā zhǐ chuān zhège pǐnpái de xié.

She only wears shoes from this brand.

乌龙茶 烏龍茶

wūlóngchá oolong tea

这盒乌龙茶是朋友从福建带来的。

Zhè hé wūlóngchá shì péngyou cóng Fújiàn dài lái de.

This box of oolong tea was brought from Fujian by a friend.

花茶

huāchá scented tea

你喝花茶还是绿茶？

Nǐ hē huāchá hái shì lǜchá?

Would you like scented tea or green tea?

年夜饭 年夜飯

niányèfàn reunion dinner on Lunar New Year's Eve (Chinese New Year tradition)

今年的年夜饭在奶奶家吃。

Jīnnián de niányèfàn zài nǎinai jiā chī.

This year's reunion dinner will be at Grandma's house.

北京烤鸭 北京烤鴨

běijīngkǎoyā Peking Duck

请再来一份北京烤鸭。

Qǐng zài lái yí fèn běijīngkǎoyā.

Please bring us another order of Peking duck.

点心 點心

diǎnxīn light refreshments / pastry / dim sum (in Cantonese cooking) / dessert

点心是苹果。

Diǎnxīn shì píngguǒ.

Apples were served as the dessert.

豆腐

dòufu tofu / bean curd

刀子嘴，豆腐心

dāozǐ zuǐ, dòufu xīn

a knife for a mouth, a heart of tofu

醉

zuì intoxicated

醉是醒时言

zuì shì xǐng shí yán

what is said drunk is what was said sober

油条 油條

yóutiáo youtiao (deep-fried breadstick) / slick and sly person

油条泡汤，软了

yóutiáo pàotāng, ruǎn le

a fried dough stick soaked in soup: it has gone soft

粥

zhōu congee / gruel / porridge

yù used in 葷粥|葷粥[Xun1 yu4]

早上我喝了一碗粥。

Zǎoshang wǒ hē le yí wǎn zhōu.

I had a bowl of congee this morning.

汤圆 湯圓

tāngyuán boiled or deep-fried balls of glutinous rice flour, usually eaten during Lantern Festival

妈妈煮的汤圆又软又甜。

Māma zhǔ de tāngyuán yòu ruǎn yòu tián.

The glutinous rice balls Mom cooked are soft and sweet.

粽子

zòngzi glutinous rice and choice of filling wrapped in leaves and steamed or boiled

粽子刚煮好，小心烫！

Zòngzi gāng zhǔ hǎo, xiǎoxīn tàng!

The zongzi just finished cooking, so be careful, they're hot!

鲁菜 魯菜

lǔcài Shandong cuisine

我想吃鲁菜。

Wǒ xiǎng chī Lǔcài.

I'd like to eat some Shandong food.

苏菜 蘇菜

sūcài Jiangsu cuisine

今天晚上吃苏菜好不好？

Jīntiān wǎnshàng chī sūcài hǎobùhǎo?

How about having Jiangsu cuisine tonight?

湘菜

xiāngcài Hunan cuisine

湘菜我吃过。

Xiāngcài wǒ chīguo.

I've eaten Hunan food before.

浙菜

zhècài Zhejiang cuisine

你喜欢浙菜还是川菜？

Nǐ xǐhuan Zhècài hái shì chuāncài?

Do you prefer Zhejiang cuisine or Sichuan cuisine?

闽菜 閩菜

mǐncài Fujian cuisine

听说福州有很多好吃的闽菜。

Tīngshuō Fúzhōu yǒu hěn duō hǎochī de mǐncài.

I hear Fuzhou has lots of delicious Fujian cuisine.

徽菜

huīcài Anhui cuisine

你知道哪家的徽菜好吃吗？

Nǐ zhīdào nǎ jiā de huīcài hǎochī ma?

Do you know which place has good Anhui food?

酸甜

suāntián sour and sweet

这道菜酸甜的，我很爱吃。

Zhè dào cài suāntián de, wǒ hěn ài chī.

This dish is sweet and sour, and I love it.

清淡

qīngdàn light (of food, not greasy or strongly flavored) / insipid / slack (sales)

今天想吃清淡的食物呢。

Jīntiān xiǎng chī qīngdàn de shíwù ne.

Today I want to eat something light.

地道

dìdao authentic / genuine / proper

dìdào tunnel / causeway

他讲一口地道的俄语。

Tā jiǎng yìkǒu dìdao de Éyǔ.

He speaks Russian perfectly.

宴席

yànxí banquet / feast

明天的宴席几点开始？

Míngtiān de yànxí jǐdiǎn kāishǐ?

What time does tomorrow's banquet start?

酱油 醬油

jiàngyóu soy sauce

混合米、蛋跟酱油。

Hùnhé mǐ, dàn gēn jiàngyóu.

Mix the rice and eggs with soy sauce.

凉菜 涼菜

liángcài cold dish

夏天天气热，我只想吃凉菜。

Xiàtiān tiānqì rè, wǒ zhǐ xiǎng chī liángcài.

It's hot in summer, and I only want to eat cold dishes.