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Clothes and fashion Chinese vocabulary list

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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

衣服
yīfu clothes

> 我买衣服了。
> Wǒ mǎi yīfu le.
> I have bought some clothes.

穿
chuān to wear / to put on (clothes, shoes etc.) / to thread / to string together / to bore through / to pierce / to perforate / to go through (e.g. a tunnel) / to cross (e.g. a street) / verb complement indicating thoroughness or completion

> 你穿点东西。
> Nǐ chuān diǎn dōngxi.
> Get dressed.

件
jiàn item / component / classifier for events, things, clothes etc

> 他一件也没买。
> Tā yí jiàn yě méi mǎi.
> He didn't buy even a single one.

裤子 褲子
kùzi trousers / pants

> 我没穿裤子。
> Wǒ méi chuān kùzi.
> I'm not wearing pants.

条 條
tiáo strip / classifier for long thin things (ribbon, river, road, trousers etc) / slip of paper, note / article / clause (of law or treaty) / item

> 我有条大狗。
> Wǒ yǒu tiáo dà gǒu.
> I have a big dog.

手表 手錶
shǒubiǎo wristwatch

> 这不是手表。
> Zhè bú shì shǒubiǎo.
> It is not a watch.

裙子
qúnzi skirt

> 你的裙子很可爱。
> Nǐ de qúnzi hěn kě'ài.
> Your skirt is very cute.

鞋
xié shoe

> 这鞋不好走。
> Zhè xié bù hǎo zǒu.
> These shoes are uncomfortable to walk in.

衬衫 襯衫
chènshān shirt / blouse

> 你的衬衫脏了。
> Nǐ de chènshān zāngle.
> Your shirt is stained.

双 雙
shuāng pair / two / double / even (number) / both / surname Shuang

> 她有双蓝眼睛。
> Tā yǒu shuāng lán yǎnjing.
> She has blue eyes.

换 換
huàn to change (clothes etc) / to substitute / to switch / to exchange / to convert (currency)

> 我想换房间。
> Wǒ xiǎng huàn fángjiān.
> I'd like to change my room.

合适 合適
héshì suitable / fitting / appropriate

> 这对我正合适。
> Zhè duì wǒ zhèng héshì.
> That suits me all right.

大衣
dàyī overcoat / topcoat / cloak

> 那是我的大衣。
> Nà shì wǒ de dàyī.
> That's my coat.

短裤 短褲

duǎnkù short pants / shorts

> 你的短裤是在哪儿买的?
> Nǐ de duǎnkù shì zài nǎr mǎi de?
> Where did you buy your shorts?

雨衣

yǔyī raincoat

> 您最好穿一件雨衣。
> Nín zuìhǎo chuān yí jiàn yǔyī.
> You had better put on a raincoat.

上衣

shàngyī jacket / upper outer garment

> 我觉得是时候洗这件上衣了。
> Wǒ juéde shì shíhou xǐ zhè jiàn shàngyī le.
> I think it's time for me to wash this shirt.

长袖 長袖

chángxiù long sleeves / long-sleeved shirt

短袖

duǎnxiù short sleeves / short-sleeved shirt

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

帽子

màozi hat / cap / label / bad name

> 他买了帽子。
> Tā mǎile màozi.
> He bought a hat.

外套

wàitào outer garment / jacket / coat

> 她需要一件外套。
> Tā xūyào yí jiàn wàitào.
> She needs a coat.

戴

dài to put on or wear (glasses, hat, gloves etc) / to support / to respect / surname Dai / to bear

> 把帽子戴上。
> Bǎ màozi dài shang.
> Put on the hat.

脱 脫

tuō to take off / to escape / to get away from / to shed / careless / casual / slighting / perhaps / by chance / if / supposing

tuì to shed skin or shell / relaxed / at ease

> 他把衬衫脱了。
> Tā bǎ chènshān tuōle.
> He removed his shirt.

眼镜 眼鏡

yǎnjìng spectacles / eyeglasses

> 他讨厌眼镜。
> Tā tǎoyàn yǎnjìng.
> He hated glasses.

袜子 襪子

wàzi socks / stockings

> 她穿上袜子。
> Tā chuān shang wàzi.
> She draws on her socks.

流行

liúxíng (of a style of clothing, song etc) popular / fashionable / (of a contagious disease etc) to spread / to propagate

> 红色不流行了。
> Hóngsè bù liúxíngle.
> Red is out of fashion.

皮鞋

píxié leather shoes

> 下雨天最好别穿新皮鞋出门。
> Xià yǔtiān zuìhǎo bié chuān xīn píxié chūmén.
> It's best not to go out in new leather shoes on a rainy day.

毛衣

máoyī sweater

> 她给他一件毛衣。
> Tā gěi tā yí jiàn máoyī.
> She gave him a sweater.

装 裝

zhuāng to install / to pretend / to load / costume (of an actor in a play) / dress / clothing / to wrap (sth in a bag) / to pack / to play a role / adornment / to adorn / to fix

> 妈妈用盆装了一些水。
> Māma yòng pén zhuāngle yìxiē shuǐ.
> Mom filled a basin with some water.

背包

bēibāo knapsack / rucksack / infantry pack / field pack / blanket roll

> 你的背包里有水吗?
> Nǐ de bēibāo lǐ yǒu shuǐ ma?
> Is there any water in your backpack?

连衣裙 連衣裙

liányīqún a one-piece dress

领带 領帶

lǐngdài necktie

> 他系上了领带。
> Tā jì shang le lǐngdài.
> He put on a tie.

手套

shǒutào glove / mitten

> 他戴着手套。
> Tā dàizhe shǒutào.
> He is wearing gloves.

围巾 圍巾

wéijīn scarf / shawl

> 你为什么戴那条围巾?
> Nǐ wèishénme dài nà tiáo wéijīn?
> Why are you wearing that scarf?

西装 西裝
xīzhuāng suit / Western-style clothes

> 这套西装合适吗?
> Zhè tào xīzhuāng héshì ma?
> Does this suit fit?

牛仔裤 牛仔褲
niúzǎikù jeans

> 我的牛仔裤破了。
> Wǒ de niúzǎikù pòle.
> My jeans are torn.

运动鞋 運動鞋
yùndòngxié sports shoes / sneakers

> 你的运动鞋在哪儿买的?
> Nǐ de yùndòngxié zài nǎr mǎi de?
> Where did you buy your sneakers?

打扮
dǎban to decorate / to dress / to make up / to adorn / manner of dressing / style of dress

> 他打扮得像女人一样。
> Tā dǎban de xiàng nǚrén yíyàng.
> He disguised himself as a woman.

服装 服裝
fúzhuāng dress / clothing / costume / clothes

> 演出的服装是妈妈做的。
> Yǎnchū de fúzhuāng shì māma zuò de.
> My mother made the costumes for the performance.

口袋
kǒudài pocket / bag / sack

> 我口袋里没钱。
> Wǒ kǒudài lǐ méi qián.
> I don't have any money in my pockets.

风格 風格
fēnggé style

> 不是你的风格。
> Bú shì nǐ de fēnggé.
> It's not your style.

休闲 休閒
xiūxián leisure / relaxation / not working / idle / to enjoy leisure / to lie fallow

> 你有很多休闲时间吗?
> Nǐ yǒu hěn duō xiūxián shíjiān ma?
> Do you have a lot of time to relax?

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.

名牌
míngpái famous brand / nameplate / name tag

> 这双名牌鞋子太贵了。
> Zhè shuāng míngpái xiézi tài guìle.
> This pair of brand-name shoes is too expensive.

拖鞋
tuōxié slippers / sandals / flip-flops

> 请穿这双拖鞋。
> Qǐng chuān zhè shuāng tuōxié.
> Please put on these slippers.

衣架
yījià clothes hanger / clothes rack

试穿 試穿
shìchuān to try wearing clothes / fitting trial

> 她试穿了三件，都太大。
> Tā shìchuānle sān jiàn, dōu tài dà.
> She tried on three pieces, and they were all too big.

手提包
shǒutíbāo bag / hold-all

> 你的手提包在哪里买的?
> Nǐ de shǒutíbāo zài nǎlǐ mǎi de?
> Where did you buy your handbag?

风衣 風衣
fēngyī windbreaker / wind cheater / wind jacket

太阳镜 太陽鏡
tàiyángjìng sunglasses

皮带 皮帶
pídài strap / leather belt

> 这条皮带是真皮的吗?
> Zhè tiáo pídài shì zhēnpí de ma?
> Is this belt made of real leather?

夹克 夾克
jiākè jacket

> 天冷了，穿上夹克吧。
> Tiānlěng le, chuān shang jiákè ba.
> It's gotten cold, so put on a jacket.

时尚 時尚
shíshàng fashion / fad / fashionable

> 她很了解最新的时尚趋势。
> Tā hěn liǎojiě zuìxīn de shíshàng qūshì.
> She knows a lot about the latest fashions.

款式
kuǎnshì pattern / style / design
kuǎnshi elegant / elegance / good taste

> 今年流行什么款式的外套?
> Jīnnián liúxíng shénme kuǎnshì de wàitào?
> What sort of coats are in fashion this year?

项链 項鏈
xiàngliàn necklace

> 你戴这条项链真好看!
> Nǐ dài zhè tiáo xiàngliàn zhēn hǎokàn!
> You look great wearing this necklace!

戒指
jièzhi ring

> 他们带着昂贵的戒指。
> Tāmen dàizhe ángguì de jièzhi.
> They are wearing expensive rings.

领子 領子
lǐngzi shirt collar

> 这件衬衫的领子太紧了。
> Zhè jiàn chènshān de lǐngzi tài jǐnle.
> The collar of this shirt is too tight.

袖子
xiùzi sleeve

> 他的夹克袖子太长了。
> Tā de jiákè xiùzi tài chángle.
> The sleeves of his jacket are too long.

高跟鞋
gāogēnxié high-heeled shoes

> 穿高跟鞋爬山很不方便。
> Chuān gāogēnxié páshān hěn bù fāngbiàn.
> Climbing a mountain in high heels is very inconvenient.

内衣 內衣
nèiyī undergarment / underwear

> 我没穿内衣。
> Wǒ méi chuān nèiyī.
> I'm not wearing any underwear.

羽绒服 羽絨服
yǔróngfú down jacket / down coat

> 外面很冷，记得穿羽绒服。
> Wàimiàn hěn lěng, jìde chuān yǔróngfú.
> It's very cold outside, so remember to wear a down jacket.

棉
mián padded or quilted with cotton / generic term for cotton or kapok / cotton

> 夏天穿棉比较凉快。
> Xiàtiān chuān mián bǐjiào liángkuai.
> Wearing cotton is cooler in summer.

搭配
dāpèi to pair up / to match / to arrange in pairs / to add sth into a group

> 红色和白色搭配很好看。
> Hóngsè hé báisè dāpèi hěn hǎokàn.
> Red and white go together nicely.

潮流
cháoliú tide / current / trend

> 这种帽子早就不合潮流了。
> Zhèzhǒng màozi zǎojiù bùhé cháoliú le.
> This kind of hat went out of style long ago.

朴素 樸素
pǔsù plain and simple / unadorned / simple living / not frivolous

> 他生活朴素。
> Tā shēnghuó pǔsù.
> He lived a simple life.

过时 過時
guòshí old-fashioned / out of date / to be later than the time stipulated or agreed upon

> 他的衣服过时了。
> Tā de yīfu guòshí le.
> His clothes are out of fashion.

肥
féi fertilizer / fertile / fat / manure / to become rich by illegal means / loose-fitting or large / to fertilize

> 这猫是很肥。
> Zhè māo shì hěn féi.
> This cat is very fat.

定制 定製
dìngzhì custom-made / made-to-order / to have sth custom made

> 我想定制一个生日蛋糕。
> Wǒ xiǎng dìngzhì yí gè shēngrì dàngāo.
> I'd like to have a birthday cake made to order.

耳环 耳環
ěrhuán earring

> 她今天戴了一对红色的耳环。
> Tā jīntiān dàile yíduì hóngsè de ěrhuán.
> She is wearing a pair of red earrings today.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6), part 2

背心
bèixīn sleeveless garment (vest, waistcoat, singlet, tank top etc)

> 他脱了背心。
> Tā tuōle bèixīn.
> He took off the wife-beater.

一身
yīshēn whole body / from head to toe / single person / a suit of clothes

> 她总是一身黑。
> Tā zǒngshì yìshēn hēi.
> She is always dressed in black.

珍珠
zhēnzhū pearl / teardrop / tear

> 他的牙齿白得像珍珠一样。
> Tā de yáchǐ bái de xiàng zhēnzhū yíyàng.
> His teeth are white like a pearl.

珠宝 珠寶
zhūbǎo pearls / jewels / precious stones

> 她戴很多珠宝。
> Tā dài hěn duō zhūbǎo.
> She wears a lot of jewelry.

防晒 防曬
fángshài sunburn protection

> 出门前你防晒了吗?
> Chū ménqián nǐ fángshàile ma?
> Did you put on sun protection before going out?

保暖
bǎonuǎn to keep warm

> 这个能保暖。
> Zhège néng bǎonuǎn.
> This will keep you warm.

新款
xīnkuǎn new style / latest fashion / new model

> 这辆车是最新款。
> Zhè liàng chē shì zuì xīnkuǎn.
> This car is the latest model.

合身
héshēn well-fitting (of clothes)

> 这条裙子很合身，我买了。
> Zhè tiáo qúnzi hěn héshēn, wǒ mǎile.
> This skirt fits well, so I bought it.

泳装 泳裝
yǒngzhuāng swimsuit

时装秀 時裝秀
shízhuāngxiù fashion show

蕾丝 蕾絲
lěisī (loanword) lace

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

尺码 尺碼
chǐmǎ size / fitting (of apparel)

> 有大一点的尺码吗？
> Yǒu dà yìdiǎn de chǐmǎ ma?
> Do you have a bigger size?

制服
zhìfú uniform (army, party, school etc) / livery (for company employees) / to subdue / to check / to bring under control / what one is allowed to wear depending on social status

> 我没有穿制服。
> Wǒ méiyǒu chuān zhìfú.
> I wasn't wearing a uniform.

礼服 禮服
lǐfú ceremonial robe / formal attire (dinner suit, evening gown etc)

> 新娘的礼服是定做的。
> Xīnniáng de lǐfú shì dìngzuò de.
> The bride's dress was custom-made.

纽扣 紐扣
niǔkòu button

> 我的外套掉了一颗纽扣。
> Wǒ de wàitào diào le yì kē niǔkòu.
> My coat has lost a button.

拉链 拉鏈
lāliàn zipper

> 拉链卡住了，包打不开。
> Lāliàn kǎzhù le, bāo dǎ bu kāi.
> The zipper is stuck, so the bag won't open.

旗袍
qípáo cheongsam, a traditional Chinese dress for women, originally a long robe worn by Manchu women, later modernized in 20th-century Shanghai into a close-fitting dress with a high collar and side slits

> 她穿了一件红旗袍。
> Tā chuān le yí jiàn hóng qípáo.
> She wore a red cheongsam.

唐装 唐裝
tángzhuāng Tang suit (traditional Chinese jacket)

> 过年时爷爷穿上了唐装。
> Guònián shí yéye chuān shang le Tángzhuāng.
> At New Year, grandpa put on a Tang suit.

汉服 漢服
hànfú traditional Han Chinese attire (including various styles of clothing worn by the Han ethnic group before the Qing Dynasty, and in the 21st century, revived as part of a cultural movement) / clothing styles of the Han dynasty

> 她穿着汉服去逛公园。
> Tā chuānzhe hànfú qù guàng gōngyuán.
> She went to stroll in the park wearing Hanfu.

中山装 中山裝
zhōngshānzhuāng Chinese tunic suit, a jacket style introduced by Sun Yat-sen 孫中山|孙中山[Sun1 Zhong1 shan1] and often worn by Mao Zedong

> 你想买一件中山装吗？
> Nǐ xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn zhōngshānzhuāng ma?
> Do you want to buy a Zhongshan suit?

长袍 長袍
chángpáo chang pao (traditional Chinese men's robe) / gown / robe

刺绣 刺繡
cìxiù to embroider / embroidery

> 她正坐在窗边刺绣。
> Tā zhèngzuò zài chuāng biān cìxiù.
> She is sitting by the window embroidering.

丝绸 絲綢
sīchóu silk (cloth)

> 丝绸摸起来又软又滑。
> Sīchóu mō qǐlai yòu ruǎn yòu huá.
> Silk feels soft and smooth to the touch.

面料
miànliào material for making clothes

> 这条裙子的面料是什么？
> Zhè tiáo qúnzi de miànliào shì shénme?
> What is the fabric of this skirt?

布料
bùliào fabric / cloth / material (for making clothing, curtains etc)

> 我想买些布料做窗帘。
> Wǒ xiǎng mǎi xiē bùliào zuò chuānglián.
> I want to buy some fabric to make curtains.

纯棉 純棉
chúnmián pure cotton / 100% cotton

> 宝宝的衣服最好选纯棉的。
> Bǎobao de yīfu zuìhǎo xuǎn chúnmián de.
> It's best to choose pure cotton for a baby's clothes.

得体 得體
détǐ appropriate to the occasion / fitting

> 表现得体一点。
> Biǎoxiàn détǐ yìdiǎn.
> Start behaving appropriately.

着装 著裝
zhuózhuāng to dress / dress / clothes / outfit

> 她今天的着装很有个性。
> Tā jīntiān de zhuózhuāng hěn yǒu gèxìng.
> Her outfit today has a lot of personality.

正装 正裝
zhèngzhuāng formal dress

便装 便裝
biànzhuāng casual dress

> 周五公司允许大家穿便装。
> Zhōuwǔ gōngsī yǔnxǔ dàjiā chuān biànzhuāng.
> On Fridays the company lets everyone wear casual clothes.

华丽 華麗
huálì gorgeous

> 她穿着华丽的丝绸服饰。
> Tā chuānzhe huálì de sīchóu fúshì.
> She was dressed in rich silks.

庄重 莊重
zhuāngzhòng grave / solemn / dignified

> 他庄重地接过了奖杯。
> Tā zhuāngzhòng de jiēguò le jiǎngbēi.
> He accepted the trophy with dignity.

优雅 優雅
yōuyǎ grace / graceful

> 她举止优雅。
> Tā jǔzhǐ yōuyǎ.
> She is graceful.

时髦 時髦
shímáo in vogue / fashionable

> 你奶奶穿得真时髦!
> Nǐ nǎinai chuān de zhēn shímáo!
> Your grandmother dresses so fashionably!

宽松 寬鬆
kuānsōng spacious / roomy / uncrowded / loose and comfortable / relaxed / free of worry / well-off / affluent

> 最初的旗袍是宽松的。
> Zuìchū de qípáo shì kuānsōng de.
> The original qipao was wide and loose.

紧身 緊身
jǐnshēn skintight

> 跑步的人常穿紧身衣服。
> Pǎobù de rén cháng chuān jǐnshēn yīfu.
> People who run often wear tight-fitting clothes.

裁缝 裁縫
cáiféng to make an item of clothing / to tailor
cáifeng tailor / dressmaker

> 外婆年轻时是裁缝。
> Wàipó niánqīng shí shì cáifeng.
> My grandmother was a tailor when she was young.

首饰 首飾
shǒushì jewelry / head ornament

> 她穿得很素，没戴首饰。
> Tā chuān de hěn sù, méi dài shǒushì.
> She dresses plainly and wears no jewelry.

腰带 腰帶
yāodài belt

> 你的腰带太松了，再紧一点吧。
> Nǐ de yāodài tài sōngle, zài jǐn yìdiǎn ba.
> Your belt is too loose, so tighten it a bit.

睡衣
shuìyī night clothes / pajamas

凉鞋 涼鞋
liángxié sandal

> 这双凉鞋穿着舒服吗?
> Zhè shuāng liángxié chuānzhe shūfu ma?
> Are these sandals comfortable to wear?

靴子
xuēzi boots

> 我想买些靴子。
> Wǒ xiǎng mǎi xiē xuēzi.
> I would like to purchase some boots.

墨镜 墨鏡
mòjìng sunglasses

口罩
kǒuzhào mask (surgical etc)

> 我的口罩在哪?
> Wǒ de kǒuzhào zài nǎ?
> Where's my mask?

围裙 圍裙
wéiqún apron

裹
guǒ bundle / parcel / package / to wrap around / to press into service / to pressgang / to make off with (sth)

> 她用一条毯子把自己裹起来。
> Tā yòng yìtiáo tǎnzi bǎ zìjǐ guǒ qǐlai.
> She wrapped herself in a blanket.

服饰 服飾
fúshì apparel / clothing and personal adornment

> 她穿着华丽的丝绸服饰。
> Tā chuānzhe huálì de sīchóu fúshì.
> She was dressed in rich silks.

衣着 衣著
yīzhuó clothes

婚纱 婚紗
hūnshā wedding dress

> 好漂亮的婚纱!
> Hǎo piàoliang de hūnshā!
> What a beautiful wedding dress!

棉花
miánhua cotton

> 转基因棉花不容易生虫。
> Zhuǎnjīyīn miánhua bù róngyì shēng chóng.
> Genetically modified cotton is less likely to get pests.

丝 絲
sī silk / thread-like thing / (cuisine) shreds or julienne strips / classifier: a trace (of smoke etc), a tiny bit etc

> 这条围巾是丝做的。
> Zhè tiáo wéijīn shì sī zuò de.
> This scarf is made of silk.

织 織
zhī to weave / to knit
zhì colored silk fabric / banner / flag

> 她给他织了件毛衣。
> Tā gěi tā zhīle jiàn máoyī.
> She knit him a sweater.

镶 鑲
xiāng border / to inlay / to embed / ridge

> 戒指上镶着一颗宝石。
> Jièzhi shàng xiāngzhe yì kē bǎoshí.
> A gem is set in the ring.

衣裳
yīshang clothes

> 这件衣裳洗了以后变小了。
> Zhè jiàn yīshang xǐle yǐhòu biànxiǎole.
> This piece of clothing shrank after it was washed.

手帕
shǒupà handkerchief

> 你的手帕掉了。
> Nǐ de shǒupà diào le.
> You dropped your handkerchief.

镶嵌 鑲嵌
xiāngqiàn to inlay / to embed / to set (e.g. a jewel in a ring) / tiling / tesselation

> 戒指上镶嵌着红宝石。
> Jièzhi shàng xiāngqiànzhe hóngbǎoshí.
> A ruby is set in the ring.

时装 時裝
shízhuāng fashion / fashionable clothes

> 时装不是我的天分。
> Shízhuāng bú shì wǒ de tiānfèn.
> Fashion is not my specialty.

亚麻 亞麻
yàmá flax

佩戴
pèidài to wear (as an accessory: jewelry, pedometer, ID card etc)

> 员工上班要佩戴工作证。
> Yuángōng shàngbān yào pèidài gōngzuòzhèng.
> Employees must wear their ID badges at work.

穿着 穿著
chuānzhuó attire / clothes / dress

> 你的穿着非常好。
> Nǐ de chuānzhe fēicháng hǎo.
> Your dress is very nice.

更衣室
gēngyīshì change room / dressing room / locker room / toilet

> 比赛前，球员们都在更衣室里。
> Bǐsài qián, qiúyuánmen dōu zài gēngyīshì lǐ.
> Before the match, the players are all in the locker room.

Outside HSK

手镯 手鐲
shǒuzhuó bracelet

披肩
pījiān cape / shawl / to trail over one's shoulders

绣花 繡花
xiùhuā to embroider / to do embroidery

> 她正在枕套上绣花呢。
> Tā zhèngzài zhěntào shàng xiùhuā ne.
> She is embroidering a pillowcase right now.