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Words

做菜
zuòcài to cook / cooking

> 做菜的时候要小心火。
> Zuòcài de shíhou yào xiǎoxīn huǒ.
> You need to be careful with the fire when cooking.

厨房 廚房
chúfáng kitchen

> 厨房不干净。
> Chúfáng bù gānjìng.
> The kitchen is not clean.

刀
dāo knife / blade / single-edged sword / cutlass / classifier for knife cuts or stabs / to bargain / to ask for a small discount (esp. on second-hand marketplaces) / (loanword) dollar / classifier for sets of one hundred sheets (of paper) / to knife (sb) (often used hyperbolically, as in 想刀他[xiang3 dao1 ta1] "I could kill him!") / surname Dao

> 这才是刀!
> Zhè cái shì dāo!
> Now this is a knife!

盐 鹽
yán salt
yàn to salt / to pickle / to admire / to envy / prelude of a song / melody

> 别放太多盐。
> Bié fàng tài duō yán.
> Don't add too much salt.

烤
kǎo to roast / to grill / to broil / to bake / to toast (bread) / to warm oneself by a fire

> 你在你的厨房里烤东西。
> Nǐ zài nǐ de chúfáng lǐ kǎo dōngxi.
> You bake in your kitchen.

油
yóu oil / fat / grease / petroleum / oily / greasy / to apply tung oil, paint or varnish / glib / cunning

> 我们没油了。
> Wǒmen méi yóu le.
> We have run out of gas.

火
huǒ fire / hot (popular) / fiery or flaming / internal heat (Chinese medicine) / ammunition / urgent / classifier for military units (old) / Kangxi radical 86 / surname Huo

> 我们需要火。
> Wǒmen xūyào huǒ.
> We need fire.

熟
shú thoroughly cooked / done / familiar / acquainted / ripe / mature / experienced / skilled / deep / profound
shóu cooked / done (colloquial pronunciation of 熟)

> 我跟她不熟。
> Wǒ gēn tā bù shú.
> I'm not acquainted with her.

生
shēng to grow / to give birth / to produce / to be born / to arise / to occur / to get angry (as in 生气) / raw / uncooked / unprocessed / to live / to be alive / life / student / person engaged in a field / to light (a fire) / means of livelihood / life / lifetime / unfamiliar / strange / male role in traditional opera / in a forced manner (as in 生拉硬拽[sheng1 la1 ying4 zhuai4]) / very / intensely (as in 生疼[sheng1 teng2])

> 他生在希腊。
> Tā shēng zài Xīlà.
> He was born in Greece.

汤 湯
tāng soup / water in which sth has been boiled / decoction of medicinal herbs / hot or boiling water / hot spring (mostly in place names) / surname Tang
shāng rushing current
tàng to heat / to scald / to sway / to wander about / to bump into / to collide with
yáng sunny / bright (of the rising sun)

> 我要这个汤。
> Wǒ yào zhège tāng.
> I would like to have this soup.

厨师 廚師
chúshī cook / chef

> 厨师在哪里?
> Chúshī zài nǎlǐ?
> Where's the cook?

锅 鍋
guō pot / pan / wok / cauldron / pot-shaped thing

> 锅里的水已经开了。
> Guō lǐ de shuǐ yǐjīng kāile.
> The water in the pot is already boiling.

炒
chǎo to sauté / to stir-fry / to sack / to fire (sb) / to hype up / to speculate (in real estate etc) / to scalp

> 秘书被炒了。
> Mìshū bèi chǎole.
> The secretary was dismissed.

煮
zhǔ to cook / to boil

> 她煮菜不加盐。
> Tā zhǔ cài bù jiā yán.
> She doesn't use salt when cooking.

炸
zhà to blow up / to bomb / to burst / to explode / to scamper off / to scatter / to fly into a rage
zhá to deep fry / to blanch (a vegetable)

> 我的头要炸了。
> Wǒ de tóu yào zhà le.
> My head is exploding.

烧 燒
shāo to burn / to set on fire / to heat (over a fire) / to boil (water, tea etc) / to cook / to prepare food / fever / to braise / to run a fever / to become full of oneself / to get carried away
shào wildfire / grass fire / to burn off wild grass (to fertilize land)

> 我发了两天烧。
> Wǒ fāle liǎng tiān shāo.
> I had fever for two days.

食材
shícái ingredient

叉子
chāzi fork

> 叉子不见了。
> Chāzi bújiànle.
> The fork is missing.

原料
yuánliào raw material

> 日本依赖进口原料。
> Rìběn yīlài jìnkǒu yuánliào.
> Japan depends on imports for raw materials.

醋
cù vinegar / jealousy (in love rivalry)
zuò (of a guest) to pledge the host in return

> 我们需要买醋。
> Wǒmen xūyào mǎi cù.
> We need to buy vinegar.

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.

食谱 食譜
shípǔ cookbook / recipe / diet

步骤 步驟
bùzhòu procedure / step

> 第一个步骤是先把水烧开。
> Dì yī gè bùzhòu shì xiān bǎ shuǐ shāokāi.
> The first step is to boil the water.

面粉 麵粉
miànfěn flour

> 面包是面粉做的。
> Miànbāo shì miànfěn zuò de.
> Bread is made from flour.

辣椒
làjiāo hot pepper / chili

> 这道菜放太多辣椒了。
> Zhè dào cài fàng tài duō làjiāo le.
> This dish has too much chili pepper in it.

料酒
liàojiǔ cooking wine

> 炒鱼之前，先倒一点料酒。
> Chǎo yú zhīqián, xiān dào yìdiǎn liàojiǔ.
> Before stir-frying the fish, pour in a little cooking wine first.

盛
chéng to contain / to hold / to ladle / to pick up with a utensil
shèng flourishing / magnificent / vigorous / intense / warm (of feeling) / extensively / surname Sheng / greatly / with all one's might

> 你有碗盛汤吗？
> Nǐ yǒu wǎn chéng tāng ma?
> Do you have a soup bowl?

酱 醬
jiàng marinated in soy paste / jam / thick paste of fermented soybean / paste

> 炒肉时放点酱，会更香。
> Chǎo ròu shí fàng diǎn jiàng, huì gèng xiāng.
> Add a little soybean paste when you stir-fry meat, and it'll taste better.

电饭锅 電飯鍋
diànfànguō electric rice cooker

> 我想买一个新的电饭锅。
> Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yí gè xīn de diànfànguō.
> I want to buy a new rice cooker.