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Words

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.

酥脆
sūcuì crisp (of food)

> 这块饼干又香又酥脆。
> Zhèkuài bǐnggān yòu xiāng yòu sūcuì.
> This cookie is fragrant and crispy.

油腻 油膩
yóunì greasy food / oily food / greasy / oily / fatty / (neologism, attested by 2017) (of a middle-aged man) obnoxious / pretentious / vulgar

> 我不喜欢油腻的饮食。
> Wǒ bù xǐhuan yóunì de yǐnshí.
> I don't like a fat diet.

嫩
nèn young and tender / light / tender / lightly cooked / inexperienced / unskilled

> 他刚入行，做事还太嫩。
> Tā gāng rù háng, zuòshì hái tài nèn.
> He's just entered the field and is still too green at his work.

麻
má to feel numb / sesame / hemp or flax fiber for textile materials / hemp (variant of 麻[ma2]) / generic name for hemp, flax etc / rough or coarse / pocked / pitted / to have pins and needles or tingling / surname Ma

> 我的右手麻了。
> Wǒ de yòushǒu má le.
> My right hand is numb.

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.

馋 饞
chán greedy / gluttonous / to have a craving

> 你说得我馋死了！
> Nǐ shuō de wǒ chán sǐle!
> The way you describe it makes me drool.

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.

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.

莲子 蓮子
liánzǐ lotus seed

> 莲子要先泡一晚再煮。
> Liánzǐ yào xiān pào yì wǎn zài zhǔ.
> Lotus seeds need to be soaked overnight before cooking.

虾 蝦
xiā shrimp / prawn
há used in 蝦蟆|虾蟆[ha2 ma5]

> 我晚饭想吃炒虾。
> Wǒ wǎnfàn xiǎng chī chǎo xiā.
> I want to eat stir-fried shrimp for dinner.

鲜美 鮮美
xiānměi fresh and delicious / tasty

> 这个橙子味道鲜美。
> Zhège chéngzi wèidao xiānměi.
> This orange is delicious.

菜肴 菜餚
càiyáo vegetable and meat dishes / dish

> 这道菜肴是怎么做的？
> Zhè dào càiyáo shì zěnme zuò de?
> How is this dish made?

核桃
hétao walnut

> 她用牙齿咬碎了核桃。
> Tā yòng yáchǐ yǎo suìle hétao.
> She cracked the walnut with her teeth.

荤 葷

hūn non-vegetarian food (meat, fish etc) / strong-smelling vegetable (garlic etc) / vulgar / obscene
xūn used in 葷粥|荤粥[Xun1 yu4]

> 出家人不吃葱蒜这类荤。
> Chūjiārén bùchī cōng suàn zhè lèi hūn.
> Monks do not eat pungent vegetables like onions and garlic.

蘑菇

mógu mushroom / to pester / to dawdle

> 他吃了毒蘑菇。
> Tā chīle dú mógu.
> He ate poisonous mushrooms.

红薯 紅薯

hóngshǔ sweet potato

> 红薯最好贮藏在阴凉处。
> Hóngshǔ zuìhǎo zhùcáng zài yīnliángchù.
> Sweet potatoes are best stored in a cool place.

枣 棗

zǎo jujube / Chinese date (Zizyphus jujuba)

> 你吃过新鲜的枣吗?
> Nǐ chīguo xīnxiān de zǎo ma?
> Have you ever eaten fresh jujubes?

瓜子

guāzǐ melon seed / seeds of pumpkin, watermelon or sunflower etc, roasted and flavored, consumed as a snack

> 请给我一包五香瓜子。
> Qǐng gěi wǒ yì bāo wǔxiāng guāzǐ.
> Please give me a bag of five-spice sunflower seeds.

罐头 罐頭

guàntou tin / can

> 能帮我打开这个罐头吗?
> Néng bāng wǒ dǎkāi zhège guàntou ma?
> Can you help me open this can?

芝麻

zhīma sesame (seed)

> 芝麻要先炒香，再放进去榨。
> Zhīma yào xiān chǎo xiāng, zài fàng jìnqù zhà.
> Sesame seeds must be roasted first, then put in to be pressed.

萝卜 蘿蔔

luóbo radish (Raphanus sativus), esp. daikon

> 孩子们在地里拔萝卜。
> Háizimen zài dìlǐ bá luóbo.
> The children are pulling up radishes in the field.

蜂蜜

fēngmì honey

> 你喜欢吃蜂蜜吗?
> Nǐ xǐhuan chī fēngmì ma?
> Do you like honey?

椰子

yēzi a coconut palm / a coconut

> 你会用刀打开这个椰子吗?
> Nǐ huì yòng dāo dǎkāi zhège yēzi ma?
> Can you open this coconut with a knife?

南瓜

nánguā pumpkin

> 我喜欢喝南瓜汤。
> Wǒ xǐhuan hē nánguā tāng.
> I like to drink pumpkin soup.

螃蟹

pángxiè crab

> 沙滩上有一只小螃蟹。
> Shātān shàng yǒu yìzhī xiǎo pángxiè.
> There is a little crab on the beach.

火腿

huǒtuǐ ham

> 冰箱里还有一块火腿吗?
> Bīngxiāng lǐ háiyǒu yíkuài huǒtuǐ ma?
> Is there still a piece of ham in the fridge?

坚果 堅果

jiānguǒ nut

> 他喜欢坚果。
> Tā xǐhuan jiānguǒ.
> He likes nuts.

口香糖

kǒuxiāngtáng chewing gum

> 我嚼口香糖。
> Wǒ jiáo kǒuxiāngtáng.
> I chew gum.

豆子

dòuzi bean / pea

> 我喜欢豆子。
> Wǒ xǐhuan dòuzi.
> I like beans.

乳制品 乳製品

rǔzhìpǐn dairy products

> 我对乳制品过敏。
> Wǒ duì rǔzhìpǐn guòmǐn.
> I'm allergic to dairy products.

奶酪

nǎilào cheese

> 我想吃奶酪。
> Wǒ xiǎng chī nǎilào.
> I want to eat the cheese.

解渴

jiěkě to quench

> 喝饮料不解渴，喝水吧。
> Hē yǐnliào bù jiěkě, hēshuǐ ba.
> Soft drinks don't quench your thirst, so drink water.

素食

sùshí vegetarian food / to eat a vegetarian diet

> 他为了健康，开始素食。
> Tā wèile jiànkāng, kāishǐ sùshí.
> He started eating a vegetarian diet for his health.

野餐

yěcān picnic / to have a picnic

> 让我们去野餐。
> Ràng wǒmen qù yěcān.
> Let's go to the picnic.

夜宵

yèxiāo midnight snack

> 半夜吃夜宵对身体不好。
> Bànyè chī yèxiāo duì shēntǐ bù hǎo.
> Eating a midnight snack in the middle of the night is bad for your health.

便饭 便飯

biànfàn an ordinary meal / simple home cooking