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# Greetings and politeness Chinese vocabulary: Advanced (HSK 7-9)

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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.

### 万事如意 萬事如意
wànshìrúyì to have all one's wishes (idiom) / best wishes / all the best / may all your hopes be fulfilled

> 祝爷爷身体好，万事如意！
> Zhù yéye shēntǐ hǎo, wànshìrúyì!
> Wishing Grandpa good health and everything he hopes for!

### 久仰
jiǔyǎng honorific: I've long looked forward to meeting you. / It's an honor to meet you at last.

> 原来是您啊，久仰久仰！
> Yuánlái shì nín a, jiǔyǎng-jiǔyǎng!
> So it's you! It's an honor to finally meet you!

### 礼节 禮節
lǐjié etiquette

> 到国外要懂当地的礼节。
> Dào guówài yào dǒng dāngdì de lǐjié.
> When you go abroad, you need to know the local etiquette.

### 礼仪 禮儀
lǐyí etiquette / ceremony

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

### 寒暄
hánxuān to exchange conventional greetings / to exchange pleasantries

> 他和客人寒暄了一会儿。
> Tā hé kèrén hánxuān le yíhuìr.
> He exchanged pleasantries with the guests for a while.

### 致敬
zhìjìng to salute / to pay one's respects to / to pay tribute to / to pay homage to

> 我们要向每位医生致敬！
> Wǒmen yào xiàng měi wèi yīshēng zhìjìng!
> We should pay tribute to every doctor!

### 谦让 謙讓
qiānràng to modestly decline

### 道谢 道謝
dàoxiè to express thanks

### 失礼 失禮
shīlǐ to act discourteously / forgive me (for my impropriety)

> 我不想失礼。
> Wǒ bùxiǎng shīlǐ.
> I don't mean to be rude.

### 款待
kuǎndài to entertain / to be hospitable to

> 主人用美酒好菜款待客人。
> Zhǔrén yòng měijiǔ hǎo cài kuǎndài kèrén.
> The host entertained his guests with fine wine and good food.

### 鞠躬
jūgōng to bow / to bend down

> 我向老师鞠躬，表示敬意。
> Wǒ xiàng lǎoshī jūgōng, biǎoshì jìngyì.
> I bowed to my teacher to show my respect.

### 客套
kètào polite greeting / civilities / to exchange pleasantries

### 慰问 慰問
wèiwèn to express sympathy, greetings, consolation etc

> 请接受我最深切的慰问。
> Qǐng jiēshòu wǒ zuì shēnqiè de wèiwèn.
> Please accept my most heartfelt condolences.

### 敬
jìng respectful / to respect / to offer politely

> 他很正直，大家都敬他。
> Tā hěn zhèngzhí, dàjiā dōu jìng tā.
> He is very upright, and everyone respects him.

### 告辞 告辭
gàocí to say goodbye / to take one's leave

> 他站起来，向大家告辞。
> Tā zhàn qǐlai, xiàng dàjiā gàocí.
> He stood up and took his leave of everyone.

## 恭敬
gōngjìng deferential / respectful

> 他对长辈一向很恭敬。
> Tā duì zhǎngbèi yíxiàng hěn gōngjìng.
> He has always been respectful toward his elders.

## 问候 問候
wènhòu to give one's respects / to send a greeting / (coll.) to make offensive reference to (somebody dear to the person to whom one is speaking)

> 他问候了你。
> Tā wènhòu le nǐ.
> He asked after you.

## 贵宾 貴賓
guìbīn honored guest / distinguished guest / VIP

> 欢迎各位贵宾光临!
> Huānyíng gèwèi guìbīn guānglín!
> Welcome, honored guests!

## 不敢当 不敢當
bùgǎndāng lit. I dare not (accept the honor) / fig. I don't deserve your praise / you flatter me

> 您夸我做得好，我真不敢当。
> Nín kuā wǒ zuò de hǎo, wǒ zhēn bùgǎndāng.
> You say I did well, but I really don't deserve such praise.

## 指教
zhǐjiào to offer advice, guidance, or feedback

> 请多多指教，愿闻高见。
> Qǐng duōduō zhǐjiào, yuàn wén gāojiàn.
> Please advise us; we'd be glad to hear your brilliant ideas.

## 保重
bǎozhòng to take care of oneself

> 请多保重身体。
> Qǐng duō bǎozhòng shēntǐ.
> Please take care of your body.

## 过意不去 過意不去
guòyìbùqù to feel very apologetic

> 他白跑一趟，我过意不去。
> Tā báipǎoyítàng, wǒ guòyìbúqù.
> He made the trip for nothing, and I feel terrible about it.

## 歉意
qiànyì apology / regret

> 我对她毫无歉意。
> Wǒ duì tā háowú qiànyì.
> I don't feel sorry for her.

## 莅临 蒞臨
lìlín to arrive (esp. of notable person) / to visit (more formal than 光臨|光临[guang1 lin2])

> 感谢您莅临我们的婚礼。
> Gǎnxiè nín lìlín wǒmen de hūnlǐ.
> Thank you for honoring our wedding with your presence.

## 来宾 來賓
láibīn guest / visitor

> 请各位来宾就座。
> Qǐng gèwèi láibīn jiùzuò.
> Guests, please take your seats.

## 荣幸 榮幸
róngxìng honored (to have the privilege of ...)

> 这是我们的荣幸。
> Zhè shì wǒmen de róngxìng.
> It's our pleasure.

## 久违 久違
jiǔwéi for a long time / a long time since we last met

> 久违的阳光终于出来了。
> Jiǔwéi de yángguāng zhōngyú chūláile.
> The long-missed sunshine has finally come out.

## 敬请 敬請
jìngqǐng please (do sth) (deferential form)

> 敬请大家保持安静。
> Jìngqǐng dàjiā bǎochí ānjìng.
> Everyone, please kindly keep quiet.

## 后会有期 後會有期
hòuhuìyǒuqī I'm sure we'll meet again some day. (idiom) / Hope to see you again.

> 车要开了，我们后会有期。
> Chē yào kāile, wǒmen hòuhuìyǒuqī.
> The bus is about to leave, but I'm sure we'll meet again.

## 见外 見外
jiànwài to treat sb with the formal courtesy accorded to a host or a guest

> 一家人，别这么见外。
> Yìjiārén, bié zhème jiànwài.
> We're family, so don't stand on ceremony.

## 道别 道別
dàobié to say goodbye / to bid farewell / to pay a farewell call

> 临走前，我去邻居家道别。
> Línzǒu qián, wǒ qù línjū jiā dàobié.
> Before leaving, I went to my neighbor's home to say farewell.

## 包涵
bāohan to excuse / to forgive / to bear with / to be tolerant

## 贺信 賀信
hèxìn congratulatory letter or message

> 这封贺信写得又短又真诚。
> Zhè fēng hèxìn xiě de yòu duǎn yòu zhēnchéng.
> This congratulatory letter is short and sincere.

## 过奖 過獎
guòjiǎng to overpraise / to flatter

> 哪里哪里，你过奖了!
> Nǎlǐ-nǎlǐ, nǐ guòjiǎng le!
> Not at all, you're too kind!

## 劳驾 勞駕
láojià excuse me

> 劳驾，给我倒杯茶。
> Láojià, gěi wǒ dào bēi chá.
> Excuse me - could you pour me some tea? (In a tea house or restaurant)

## 贺电 賀電

hèdiàn congratulatory telegram

> 那封贺电写得很简短。
> Nà fēng hèdiàn xiě de hěn jiǎnduǎn.
> That congratulatory telegram was written very briefly.

## 留步

liúbù no need to see me out

> 外面冷，老师请留步吧！
> Wàimiàn lěng, lǎoshī qǐng liúbù ba!
> It's cold outside, teacher, please don't come out to see me off!

## 礼尚往来 禮尚往來

lǐshàngwǎnglái lit. proper behavior is based on reciprocity (idiom) / fig. to return politeness for politeness

> 中国人讲究礼尚往来。
> Zhōngguórén jiǎngjiu lǐshàngwǎnglái.
> Chinese people place importance on reciprocity in courtesy.

## 久仰大名

jiǔyǎngdàmíng I have been looking forward to meeting you for a long time (idiom)

> 久仰大名，很高兴见到您！
> Jiǔyǎngdàmíng, hěn gāoxìng jiàndào nín!
> I've heard so much about you, and I'm very glad to meet you!

## 心想事成

xīnxiǎngshìchéng to have one's wishes come true / wish you the best!

> 生日快乐，愿你心想事成！
> Shēngrìkuàilè, yuàn nǐ xīnxiǎngshìchéng!
> Happy birthday, may all your wishes come true!

## 恭贺新禧 恭賀新禧

gōnghèxīnxǐ Happy New Year