

Greetings and politeness Chinese vocabulary: Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

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Words

有礼貌 有禮貌

yǒulǐmào courteous / polite

祝

zhù to pray for / to wish (sb bon voyage, happy birthday etc) / person who invokes the spirits during sacrificial ceremonies / surname Zhu

祝一切都好!

Zhù yíqiè dōu hǎo!

All the best!

麻烦 麻煩

máfan trouble / inconvenience / inconvenient / troublesome / annoying / to bother sb / to put sb to trouble

不用麻烦了。

Búyòng máfan le.

Don't bother.

晚安

wǎn'ān Good night! / Good evening!

我要睡觉了，晚安。

Wǒ yào shuìjiào le, wǎn'ān.

I'm going to bed. Good night.

礼貌 禮貌

lǐmào courtesy / politeness / manners / courteous / polite

你不讲礼貌。

Nǐ bù jiǎng lǐmào.

You have no manners.

客气 客氣

kèqi polite / courteous / formal / modest

请不要客气。

Qǐng búyào kèqi.

Please make yourself at home.

抱歉

bàoqiàn to be sorry / to feel apologetic / sorry!

我非常抱歉。

Wǒ fēicháng bàoqiàn.

I'm terribly sorry.

道歉

dàoqiàn to apologize

他会道歉的。

Tā huì dàoqiàn de.

He'll apologize.

感谢 感謝

gǎnxiè to thank / to be grateful

同样感谢你。

Tóngyàng gǎnxiè nǐ.

Thank you all the same.

祝贺 祝賀

zhùhè to congratulate / congratulations

他们祝贺我们的胜利。

Tāmen zhùhè wǒmen de shènglì.

They congratulated us on our victory.

打招呼

dǎzhāohu to greet sb by word or action / to give prior notice

每次见面都打招呼。

Měicì jiànmiàn dōu dǎzhāohu.

Greet someone every time you meet them.

问好 問好

wèn'hǎo to say hello to / to send one's regards to

回家请向你妈妈问好。

Huíjiā qǐng xiàng nǐ māma wèn'hǎo.

Please give my regards to your mother when you get home.

表扬 表揚

biǎoyáng to praise / to commend

老师当着全班表扬了他。

Lǎoshī dāngzhe quánbān biǎoyáng le tā.

The teacher praised him in front of the whole class.

鼓励 鼓勵

gǔlì to encourage

没有人鼓励他。

Méiyǒu rén gǔlì tā.

Nobody encouraged him.

原谅 原諒

yuánliàng to excuse / to forgive / to pardon

你原谅我吗?

Nǐ yuánliàng wǒ ma?

Do you forgive me?

打扰 打擾

dǎrǎo to disturb / to bother / to trouble

别打扰我。

Bié dǎrǎo wǒ.

Don't disturb me.

尊重

zūnzhòng to esteem / to respect / to honor / to value / eminent / serious / proper

他们互相尊重。

Tāmen hùxiāng zūnzhòng.

They have mutual respect.

慢走

mànzǒu Stay a bit! / Wait a minute! / Take care!

再见，慢走，下次再来玩!

Zàijiàn, mànzǒu, xiàcì zài lái wán!

Goodbye, take care, and come visit again next time!

欢迎光临 歡迎光臨

huānyíngguānglín Welcome! (used by staff to greet customers when they enter a shop or restaurant)

欢迎光临，请问几位?

Huānyíngguānglín, qǐngwèn jǐ wèi?

Welcome! How many in your party?

恭喜

gōngxǐ to congratulate / congratulations!

我要恭喜你。

Wǒ yào gōngxǐ nǐ.

I should congratulate you.

幸会 幸會

xìnghuì nice to meet you

幸会幸会，我早就听说过您。

Xìnghuì-xìnghuì, wǒ zǎojiù tīngshuōguo nín.

Nice to meet you! I've heard a lot about you.

握手

wòshǒu to shake hands

让我们握手吧。

Ràng wǒmen wòshǒu ba.

Let's shake hands.

拥抱 擁抱

yōngbào to embrace / to hug

她想拥抱他。

Tā xiǎng yōngbào tā.

She wants to hug him.

迎接

yíngjiē to welcome / to greet

她用一个微笑迎接了我。

Tā yòng yí gè wēixiào yíngjiēle wǒ.

She greeted me with a smile.

接待

jiēdài to receive / to entertain / to host (guests, visitors or clients)

明天公司要接待重要客户。

Míngtiān gōngsī yào jiēdài zhòngyào kèhù.

The company will receive an important client tomorrow.

称赞 稱讚

chēngzàn to praise / to commend / to compliment

他称赞了我。

Tā chēngzànle wǒ.

He paid me a compliment.

告别 告別

gàobié to leave / to part from / to bid farewell to / to say goodbye to

他向学生们告别了。

Tā xiàng xuéshengmen gàobiéle.

He bade farewell to the students.

尊敬

zūnjìng to respect / to revere / to esteem / honorable / distinguished (used on formal occasions before a term of address)

大家都尊敬他。

Dàjiā dōu zūnjìng tā.

Everybody looked up to him.

久等

jiǔděng to wait for a long time

久等了，您的咖啡好了。

Jiǔděng le, nín de kāfēi hǎole.

Thanks for waiting, your coffee is ready.

一路顺风 一路順風

yílùshùnfēng to have a pleasant journey (idiom)

祝你一路顺风。

Zhù nǐ yílùshùnfēng.

I hope you have a good trip.

祝福

zhùfú blessings / to wish sb well

谢谢你的祝福。

Xièxie nǐ de zhùfú.

Thanks for your well-wishes.

夸

kuā used in transliteration / to boast / to exaggerate / to praise

好汉不夸当年勇

hǎohàn bù kuā dāngnián yǒng

a good man doesn't boast of his bravery in years gone by

夸奖 誇獎

kuājiǎng to praise / to applaud / to compliment

妈妈很少当面夸奖我。

Māma hǎn shǎo dāngmiàn kuājiǎng wǒ.

My mom rarely praises me to my face.

招待

zhāodài to hold a reception / to offer hospitality / to entertain (guests) / to serve (customers)

谢谢你们热情招待我们。

Xièxie nǐmen rèqíng zhāodài wǒmen.

Thank you for hosting us so warmly.

拜访 拜訪

bàifǎng to pay a visit / to call on

他们拜访了首都。

Tāmen bàifǎng le shǒudū.

They visited the capital.

拜年

bàinián to pay a New Year call / to wish sb a Happy New Year

初一我们去外婆家拜年。

Chūyī wǒmen qù wàipójiā bàinián.

On the first day of the New Year, we go to Grandma's house to pay a New Year call.

谦虚 謙虛

qiānxū modest / self-effacing / to make modest remarks

你太谦虚了。

Nǐ tài qiānxū le.

You're too modest.

祝愿 祝願

zhùyuàn to wish

她写信祝愿爷爷长寿。

Tā xiěxìn zhùyuàn yéye chángshòu.

She wrote a letter wishing her grandfather a long life.