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Hobbies and leisure Chinese vocabulary list

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HSK 1

唱歌
chànggē to sing a song

> 孩子们在学校里唱歌。
> Háizimen zài xuéxiào lǐ chànggē.
> The children are singing at school.

看书 看書
kànshū to read / to study

> 你喜欢在哪儿看书?
> Nǐ xǐhuan zài nǎr kànshū?
> Where do you like to read?

玩
wán to play / to have fun / to trifle with / to keep sth for entertainment / toy / sth used for amusement / curio or antique

> 我也不想玩。
> Wǒ yě bùxiǎng wán.
> I don't feel like playing either.

喜欢 喜歡
xǐhuan to like / to be fond of

> 他们喜欢你。
> Tāmen xǐhuan nǐ.
> They like you.

休息
xiūxi rest / to rest

> 他休息两天。
> Tā xiūxi liǎng tiān.
> He rests for two days.

HSK 2

爱好 愛好
àihào interest / hobby / to like / to be fond of / to take pleasure in / to be keen on

> 你的爱好是什么?
> Nǐ de àihào shì shénme?
> What's your hobby?

跳舞
tiàowǔ to dance

> 他们在跳舞。
> Tāmen zài tiàowǔ.
> They are dancing.

旅游 旅遊
lǚyóu to travel / travel / tour / tourism / trip / journey

> 他们一起旅游。
> Tāmen yìqǐ lǚyóu.
> They traveled together.

上网 上網
shàngwǎng to go online / to connect to the Internet / to be uploaded to the Internet / to move in close to the net

> 你上网了吗?
> Nǐ shàngwǎngle ma?
> Have you been online?

跑步
pǎobù to run / to jog / to march at the double

> 我喜欢跑步。
> Wǒ xǐhuan pǎobù.
> I like to run.

游泳
yóuyǒng to swim / swimming

> 他不会游泳。
> Tā búhuì yóuyǒng.
> He can't swim.

运动 運動
yùndòng to exercise / exercise / sports / movement / campaign / to move / motion

> 我喜欢运动。
> Wǒ xǐhuan yùndòng.
> I like playing sports.

有意思
yǒuyìsi interesting / enjoyable / fun / meaningful

> 您的书很有意思。
> Nín de shū hěn yǒuyìsi.
> Your book is interesting.

累
lèi tired / weary / to strain / to wear out / to work hard
lěi to accumulate / to involve or implicate / continuous / repeated
léi burden / encumbrance

> 你们不累吗?
> Nǐmen bú lèi ma?
> Are you not tired?

HSK 3

周末 週末
zhōumò weekend

> 你周末过得怎么样?
> Nǐ zhōumò guò de zěnmeyàng?
> Did you have a good weekend?

打算
dǎsuàn to plan / to intend / plan / intention / to calculate / calculation

> 他打算做什么?
> Tā dǎsuàn zuò shénme?
> What did he plan on doing?

拍照
pāizhào to take a picture

> 我喜欢拍照。
> Wǒ xǐhuan pāizhào.
> I enjoy taking pictures.

锻炼 鍛鍊
duànliàn to engage in physical exercise / to work out / to develop one's skills / to train oneself / to toughen / to temper

> 你还锻炼吗?
> Nǐ hái duànliàn ma?
> Do you still work out?

骑 騎
qí to ride (a horse, bike etc) / to sit astride / classifier for saddle horses
jì saddle horse / mounted soldier

> 他骑自行车去的。
> Tā qí zìxíngchē qù de.
> He went by bicycle.

养 養
yǎng to raise (animals) / to keep (pets) / to support / to bring up (children) / to give birth

> 我养了只狗。
> Wǒ yǎngle zhǐ gǒu.
> I keep a dog.

假期
jiàqī vacation

> 你需要个假期。
> Nǐ xūyào gè jiàqī.
> You need a vacation.

兴趣 興趣
xìngqù interest (desire to know about sth) / interest (thing in which one is interested) / hobby

> 他还有兴趣吗?
> Tā háiyǒu xìngqù ma?
> Is he still interested?

爬山
páshān to go for a hike (esp. in the hills or mountains)

> 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.

音乐 音樂
yīnyuè music

> 你爱音乐吗?
> Nǐ ài yīnyuè ma?
> Do you love music?

游戏 遊戲
yóuxì game / to play

> 我在玩游戏。
> Wǒ zài wán yóuxì.
> I am playing video games.

照片
zhàopiàn photograph

> 我有很多照片。
> Wǒ yǒu hěn duō zhàopiān.
> I have a lot of pictures.

晚会 晚會
wǎnhuì evening party

> 今天晚上学校有一个晚会。
> Jīntiān wǎnshang xuéxiào yǒu yí gè wǎnhuì.
> There's an evening party at school tonight.

照相
zhàoxiàng to take a photograph

> 我可以帮你照相吗?
> Wǒ kěyǐ bāng nǐ zhàoxiàng ma?
> May I take your picture?

下棋
xiàqí to play chess

HSK 4

打牌
dǎpái to play mahjong or cards

> 我同事打牌打得特别好。
> Wǒ tóngshì dǎpái dǎ de tèbié hǎo.
> My coworker is really good at playing cards.

安排
ānpái to arrange / to plan / to set up / arrangements / plans

> 已经安排好了。
> Yǐjīng ānpái hǎole.
> Arrangements have already been made.

旅行
lǚxíng to travel / journey / trip

> 我喜欢旅行。
> Wǒ xǐhuan lǚxíng.
> I love trips.

聚会 聚會
jùhuì party / gathering / to meet / to get together

> 他爱去聚会。
> Tā ài qù jùhuì.
> He loves to party.

放松 放鬆
fàngsōng to relax / to slacken / to loosen

> 你最好放松。
> Nǐ zuìhǎo fàngsōng.
> You'd better take it easy.

无聊 無聊
wúliáo bored / boring / senseless

> 生病很无聊。
> Shēngbìng hěn wúliáo.
> Being sick is very boring.

过程 過程
guòchéng course of events / process

> 学游泳的过程很有意思。
> Xué yóuyǒng de guòchéng hěn yǒuyìsi.
> The process of learning to swim is a lot of fun.

感觉 感覺
gǎnjué to feel / to perceive / feeling / impression / sensation

> 我感觉很好。
> Wǒ gǎnjué hěn hǎo.
> I feel fine.

约 約
yuē approximately / pact / treaty / to make an appointment / to invite / to economize / to restrict / to reduce (a fraction) / concise
yāo to weigh in a balance or on a scale
yào essentials / key point

> 我们乘了约六小时的飞机。
> Wǒmen chéngle yuē liù xiǎoshí de fēijī.
> We were flying about six hours.

度假
dùjià to go on holidays / to spend one's vacation

> 我们不去度假。
> Wǒmen bú qù dùjià.
> We are not going on vacation.

阅读 閱讀
yuèdú to read / reading

> 你能阅读吗?
> Nǐ néng yuèdú ma?
> Can you read?

健身
jiànshēn to exercise / to keep fit / to work out / physical exercise

> 下班后你想去健身房健身吗?
> Xiàbān hòu nǐ xiǎng qù jiànshēnfáng jiànshēn ma?
> Do you want to go work out at the gym after work?

散步
sànbù to take a walk / to go for a walk

> 他出去散步。
> Tā chūqù sànbù.
> He's out taking a walk.

逛街
guàngjiē to take a walk / to window-shop / to stroll down the street

> 姐姐一逛街就忘了时间。
> Jiějie yí guàngjiē jiù wàngle shíjiān.
> My sister loses track of time whenever she goes shopping around the stores.

轻松 輕鬆
qīngsōng effortless / uncomplicated / relaxed / to relax / to take things less seriously / light / gentle

> 我感觉轻松了。
> Wǒ gǎnjué qīngsōngle.
> I feel relieved.

愉快
yúkuài cheerful / happy / pleasant / delighted

> 我玩得很愉快。
> Wǒ wán de hěn yúkuài.
> I had a wonderful time.

兴奋 興奮
xīngfèn excited / excitement / excitation

> 我让她兴奋。
> Wǒ ràng tā xīngfèn.
> I excited her.

邀请 邀請
yāoqǐng to invite / invitation

> 你也被邀请了。
> Nǐ yě bèi yāoqǐngle.
> You're invited, too.

计划 計劃
jìhuà plan / project / program / to plan / to map out

> 你有计划吗?
> Nǐ yǒu jìhuà ma?
> Do you have a plan?

举办 舉辦
jǔbàn to conduct / to hold (an event)

> 学校下周要举办音乐会。
> Xuéxiào xiàzhōu yào jǔbàn yīnyuèhuì.
> The school is holding a concert next week.

印象
yìnxiàng impression (sth that stays in one's mind) / a memory

> 那留下了印象。
> Nà liúxiàle yìnxiàng.
> That left an impression.

逛
guàng to stroll / to visit

> 你想陪我逛公园吗?
> Nǐ xiǎng péi wǒ guàng gōngyuán ma?
> Would you like to take a stroll around the park with me?

慢跑
mànpǎo jogging / to jog / to canter / a slow trot

> 你喜欢慢跑还是游泳?
> Nǐ xǐhuan mànpǎo háishi yóuyǒng?
> Do you prefer jogging or swimming?

种花 種花
zhònghuā to grow flowers / to vaccinate / to grow cotton

> 白族人喜欢在家里种花。
> Báizú rén xǐhuan zài jiālǐ zhònghuā.
> The Bai people like to grow flowers at home.

HSK 5

登山
dēngshān to climb a mountain / climbing / mountaineering

> 我同事的爱好是登山和拍照。
> Wǒ tóngshì de àihào shì dēngshān hé pāizhào.
> My coworker's hobbies are climbing and taking photos.

划船
huáchuán to row a boat / rowing / boating / small boat

> 公园的湖里可以划船。
> Gōngyuán de húlǐ kěyǐ huáchuán.
> You can row a boat on the lake in the park.

宠物 寵物
chǒngwù house pet

> 你养宠物吗?
> Nǐ yǎng chǒngwù ma?
> Do you have any pets?

业余 業餘
yèyú in one's spare time / outside working hours / amateur (historian etc)

> 你业余都做些什么?
> Nǐ yèyú dōu zuò xiē shénme?
> What do you do in your spare time?

娱乐 娛樂
yúlè to entertain / to amuse / entertainment / recreation / amusement / hobby / fun / joy

> 他讲笑话来娱乐大家。
> Tā jiǎng xiàohua lái yúlè dàjiā.
> He told jokes to amuse everyone.

享受
xiǎngshòu to enjoy / to live it up / pleasure

> 我还要享受更多。
> Wǒ hái yào xiǎngshòu gèng duō.
> I want to enjoy much more.

摄影 攝影
shèyǐng to take a photograph / photography / to shoot (a movie)

> 我对摄影感兴趣。
> Wǒ duì shèyǐng gǎnxìngqù.
> I have an interest in photography.

户外 戶外
hùwài outdoor

> 她没有常到户外。
> Tā méiyǒu cháng dào hùwài.
> She doesn't get outdoors much.

手工
shǒugōng handwork / manual

> 这块苏绣是手工做的吗?
> Zhèkuài Sūxiù shì shǒugōng zuò de ma?
> Is this piece of Suzhou embroidery handmade?

展览 展覽
zhǎnlǎn to put on display / to exhibit / exhibition / show

> 展览现在已经开放。
> Zhǎnlǎn xiànzài yǐjīng kāifàng.
> The exhibition is now open.

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?

体验 體驗
tǐyàn to experience for oneself

> 请你把真实体验写下来。
> Qǐng nǐ bǎ zhēnshí tǐyàn xiě xiàlai.
> Please write about your real experience.

合影
héyǐng group photo / to take a group photo

> 墙上挂着我们全家的合影。
> Qiáng shàng guàzhe wǒmen quánjiā de héyǐng.
> A group photo of our whole family hangs on the wall.

集邮 集郵
jíyóu stamp collecting / philately

打太极 打太極
dǎtàijí to practice tai chi / to avoid responsibility / to pass the buck

> 想跟我们一起打太极吗?
> Xiǎng gēn wǒmen yìqǐ dǎtàijí ma?
> Would you like to practice tai chi with us?

HSK 6

泡茶
pàochá to make tea

> 奶奶喜欢用菊花泡茶。
> Nǎinai xǐhuan yòng júhuā pàochá.
> Grandma likes to make tea with chrysanthemums.

钓鱼 釣魚

diàoyú to fish (with line and hook) / to angle / to entrap / to repeatedly nod one's head while dozing

> 他们会钓鱼。
> Tāmen huì diàoyú.
> They can fish.

收藏

shōucáng to collect (works of art, dolls, antiques etc) / to put away for safekeeping / (Internet) to bookmark / a collection

> 我想看看您的邮票收藏。
> Wǒ xiǎng kànkan nín de yóupiào shōucáng.
> I would like to have a look at your collection of stamps.

尽兴 盡興

jìnxìng to enjoy oneself to the full / to one's heart's content

宅

zhái residence / to stay in at home / to hang around at home

俱乐部 俱樂部

jùlèbù club (the organization or its premises)

> 欢迎来到俱乐部。
> Huānyíng láidào jùlèbù.
> Welcome to the club.

围棋 圍棋

wéiqí the game of Go

> 我想学围棋。
> Wǒ xiǎng xué wéiqí.
> I want to learn how to play "Go".

象棋

xiàngqí Chinese chess

> 我们下象棋吧。
> Wǒmen xià xiàngqí ba.
> Let's play chess.

空闲 空閒

kòngxián free / unoccupied / leisure / spare time / unused / idle / vacant

> 你空闲时间喜欢做什么?
> Nǐ kòngxián shíjiān xǐhuan zuò shénme?
> What do you like to do in your free time?

冥想

míngxiǎng to meditate / meditation

陶艺 陶藝

táoyì ceramic art

HSK 7-9

消遣

xiāoqiǎn to while the time away / amusement / pastime / recreation / to make sport of

> 阅读是我的消遣。
> Yuèdú shì wǒ de xiāoqiǎn.
> Reading is my past-time.

悠闲

yōuxián leisurely / leisurely / carefree / relaxed

> 假期里我想过得悠闲一点。
> Jiàqī lǐ wǒ xiǎngguo de yōuxián yìdiǎn.
> During the holiday I want to have a more relaxed time.

露营 露營

lùyíng to camp out / camping

> 我和家人去露营。
> Wǒ hé jiārén qù lùyíng.
> I went camping with my family.

野餐

yěcān picnic / to have a picnic

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

解闷 解悶

jiěmèn to relieve boredom or melancholy / a diversion

> 这只是个解闷的小游戏。
> Zhè zhǐshì gè jiěmèn de xiǎo yóuxì.
> It's just a little game to pass the time.

谜 謎

mí riddle
mèi see 謎兒|谜儿[mei4 r5], riddle

> 你来猜个谜，好不好?
> Nǐ lái cāi gè mí, hǎobùhǎo?
> Want to guess a riddle?

编织 編織

biānzhī to weave / to knit / to plait / to braid / to create (sth abstract, e.g. a dream, a lie etc)

> 她忙着编织。
> Tā mángzhe biānzhī.
> She was busy with her knitting.

风筝 風箏

fēngzheng kite (lit. "wind zither", traditionally explained as being named after kites fitted with bamboo whistles that produced musical sounds when flown)

> 他擅长放风筝。
> Tā shàncháng fàng fēngzheng.
> He's good at flying kites.

读物 讀物

dúwù reading material

> 他喜欢看历史类的读物。
> Tā xǐhuan kàn lìshǐ lèi de dúwù.
> He likes reading history books.

玩耍

wánshuǎ to play (as children do) / to amuse oneself

> 让我们玩耍吧。
> Ràng wǒmen wánshuǎ ba.
> Let's play.

麻将 麻將

májiàng mahjong

> 爷爷总爱和老朋友玩麻将。
> Yéye zǒng ài hé lǎopéngyou wán májiàng.
> Grandpa always loves playing mahjong with his old friends.

漂流
piāoliú to float on the current / to drift along or about / rafting

> 瓶子顺着河水漂流到了远方。
> Píngzi shùnzhe héshuǐ piāoliú dàole yuǎnfāng.
> The bottle floated far away along with the river current.

徒步
túbù to be on foot

> 徒步五分钟内应该能到达。
> Túbù wǔ fēnzhōng nèi yīnggāi néng dàodá.
> You should get there in five minutes walking.

嗜好
shìhào hobby / indulgence / habit / addiction

> 他们有相同的嗜好。
> Tāmen yǒu xiāngtóng de shìhào.
> They have the same habits.

联欢 聯歡
liánhuān to have a get-together / celebration / party

> 国庆联欢很热闹。
> Guóqìng liánhuān hěn rènao.
> The National Day celebration was very lively.

捉迷藏
zhuōmícáng to play hide-and-seek

> 来玩捉迷藏吧!
> Lái wán zhuōmícáng ba!
> Let's play hide-and-seek!

溜达 溜達
liūda to stroll / to go for a walk

> 我在骑自行车溜达。
> Wǒ zài qí zìxíngchē liūda.
> I'm out riding my bike.

对弈 對弈
duìyì to play go, chess etc

> 两位老人在公园里对弈。
> Liǎng wèi lǎorén zài gōngyuán lǐ duìyì.
> Two old men are playing chess in the park.

扑克 撲克
pūkè poker (game) (loanword) / playing cards

> 这副扑克少了一张牌。
> Zhè fù pūkè shǎole yì zhāng pái.
> This deck of cards is missing one card.

郊游 郊遊
jiāoyóu to go for an outing / to go on an excursion

> 我想去郊游。
> Wǒ xiǎng qù jiāoyóu.
> I want to have a picnic.

Outside HSK

追剧 追劇
zhuījù to watch a TV series etc regularly / to binge-watch