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# Home and housework Chinese vocabulary list

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## HSK 1

### 家

jiā family / noun suffix for a specialist in some activity, such as a musician or revolutionary, corresponding to English -ist, -er, -ary or -ian / home / household engaged in a trade / person of a certain status / refers to the philosophical schools of pre-Han China / used in 傢伙|家伙[jia1 huo5] and 傢俱|家俱[jia1 ju4] / my (sister, uncle etc) / classifier for families or businesses / domesticated / tame / surname Jia
jia suffix attached to nouns for people, indicating a kind of person

> 你家有猫吗?
> Nǐ jiā yǒu māo ma?
> Have you got a cat in your house?

### 房间 房間

fángjiān room

> 你有房间吗?
> Nǐ yǒu fángjiān ma?
> Do you have a room?

### 桌子

zhuōzi table / desk

> 桌子上有什么?
> Zhuōzi shàng yǒu shénme?
> What is on the desk?

### 椅子

yǐzi chair

> 没有椅子坐。
> Méiyǒu yǐzi zuò.
> There's no chair to sit upon.

### 做饭 做飯

zuòfàn to prepare a meal / to cook

> 你们会做饭吗?
> Nǐmen huì zuòfàn ma?
> Can you cook?

## HSK 2

### 床

chuáng bed / couch (furniture that one can lie down on) / classifier for blankets, quilts etc / bed / bottom (of rivers, oceans, gardens etc) / frame / chassis

> 床下有一只猫。
> Chuáng xià yǒu yìzhī māo.
> There is a cat under the bed.

### 门 門

mén gate / door / doorway / gateway / opening / classifier for courses, fields of study, branches of technology, relatives by marriage, guns etc / family / household / lineage / class / category / division / phylum / sect / school / faction (religious or academic) / surname Men / way to do sth / knack / method / approach / valve / switch / other door-like or gate-like structure / -gate (scandal)

> 他站在门后。
> Tā zhàn zài mén hòu.
> He was standing behind the door.

### 洗

xǐ to wash / to bathe / to clear away / to wipe out (a shame) / to loot / to wipe out / to shuffle (cards etc) / to erase (a recording) / to develop (photographs)
xiǎn surname Xian

> 他洗了苹果。
> Tā xǐle píngguǒ.
> He washed the apples.

### 坏 壞

huài broken / bad / spoiled / to break down / uh-oh / damn / to the utmost
huì to be diseased (of wood)
péi to plug gaps with mud / to repair a wall / back wall of a house
pī mound / small hill / unfired pottery or brick / clay blank / to scoop up in the hands

> 有好就有坏。
> Yǒu hǎo jiù yǒu huài.
> Where there's good, there's also bad.

## 洗手间 洗手間

xǐshǒujiān toilet / lavatory / washroom

> 洗手间没人。
> Xǐshǒujiān méi rén.
> Bathroom's free.

### HSK 3

## 冰箱

bīngxiāng refrigerator / icebox

> 他们卖了冰箱。
> Tāmen màile bīngxiāng.
> They sold a refrigerator.

## 洗衣机 洗衣機

xǐyījī washing machine / washer

> 告诉我洗衣机怎么用。
> Gàosu wǒ xǐyījī zěnme yòng.
> Tell me how to use the washing machine.

## 空调 空調

kōngtiáo air conditioner (including units that have a heating mode) / air conditioning

> 房间有没有空调?
> Fángjiān yǒuméiyǒu kōngtiáo?
> Does the room have air conditioning?

## 卫生间 衛生間

wèishēngjiān bathroom / toilet / WC

> 卫生间的灯坏了。
> Wèishēngjiān de dēng huàile.
> The light in the bathroom is broken.

## 打扫 打掃

dǎsǎo to clean / to sweep

> 我不用打扫房间。
> Wǒ búyòng dǎsǎo fángjiān.
> I don't have to clean my room.

## 洗碗

xǐwǎn to wash the dishes

> 我爸爸做饭，我妈妈洗碗。
> Wǒ bàba zuòfàn, wǒ māma xǐwǎn.
> My dad cooks, and my mom washes the dishes.

## 干净 乾淨

gānjìng clean / neat

> 教室很干净。
> Jiàoshì hěn gānjìng.
> The classroom is clean.

## 脏

zāng dirty / filthy / to get (sth) dirty
zàng viscera / organ

> 你的衬衫脏了。
> Nǐ de chènshān zāngle.
> Your shirt is stained.

## 沙发 沙發

shāfā sofa / first reply to a forum post

> 它在沙发上。
> Tā zài shāfā shàng.
> It's on the sofa.

## 灯 燈

dēng lamp / light / lantern

> 他忘了关灯。
> Tā wàngle guān dēng.
> He forgot to turn off the light.

## 搬家

bānjiā to move house / to relocate / to remove (sth)

> 我们去年搬家了。
> Wǒmen qùnián bānjiāle.
> We moved house last year.

## 楼梯 樓梯

lóutī stair / staircase

> 他爬上了楼梯。
> Tā pá shàng le lóutī.
> He climbed the stairs.

## 买菜 買菜

mǎicài to buy groceries

> 我奶奶每天早上去买菜。
> Wǒ nǎinai měitiān zǎoshang qù mǎicài.
> My grandmother goes grocery shopping every morning.

## 照顾 照顧

zhàogu to take care of / to attend to / to look after / to show consideration

> 他照顾孩子。
> Tā zhàogu háizi.
> He looked after the baby.

## 洗澡

xǐzǎo to bathe / to take a shower

> 刚开始洗澡。
> Gāng kāishǐ xǐzǎo.
> Just started taking a shower.

## 房子

fángzi house / building (single- or two-story) / apartment / room

> 房子漂亮吗?
> Fángzi piàoliang ma?
> Is the house beautiful?

## 扫 掃

sǎo to sweep away / to wipe out / to get rid of / to sweep (one's eyes etc) over / to scan / to sweep (with a brush or broom)
sào a (large) broom
hú to dig up / to stir up / to muddy

> 请帮我扫一下地。
> Qǐng bāng wǒ sǎo yíxià de.
> Please help me sweep the floor.

## 屋子

wūzi house / room

> 你有屋子吗?
> Nǐ yǒu wūzi ma?
> Do you have a house?

## 电梯 電梯
diàntī elevator / escalator

> 电梯又坏了。
> Diàntī yòu huàile.
> The elevator's out again.

### HSK 4

## 窗户 窗戶
chuānghu window

> 别忘记关窗户。
> Bié wàngjì guān chuānghu.
> Remember to shut the windows.

## 厨房 廚房
chúfáng kitchen

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

## 客厅 客廳
kètīng living room / sitting room

> 我在客厅里。
> Wǒ zài kètīng lǐ.
> I'm in the living room.

## 整理
zhěnglǐ to arrange / to tidy up / to sort out / to straighten out / to list systematically / to collate (data, files) / to pack (luggage)

> 整理一下房间。
> Zhěnglǐ yíxià fángjiān.
> Tidy up the room.

## 乱 亂
luàn indiscriminate / random / arbitrary / in confusion or disorder / in a confused state of mind / disorder / to throw into disorder / to mix up / upheaval / riot / illicit sexual relations

> 他的房间很乱。
> Tā de fángjiān hěn luàn.
> His room's a mess.

## 垃圾
lājī trash / refuse / garbage / of poor quality

> 别在这儿扔垃圾。
> Bié zài zhèr rēng lājī.
> Don't throw trash here.

## 扔
rēng to throw / to throw away
rèng to pull / to drag / to destroy / to smash

> 他把球扔了。
> Tā bǎ qiú rēngle.
> He threw the ball.

## 擦
cā to wipe / to polish / to apply (lipstick, lotion etc) / to rub / to scratch / to brush (past) / to shred (a vegetable etc)

> 擦擦你的眼睛。
> Cā cā nǐ de yǎnjing.
> Wipe your eyes.

## 家具
jiājù furniture

> 我们有很多家具。
> Wǒmen yǒu hěn duō jiājù.
> We had a lot of furniture.

## 毛巾
máojīn towel

> 我需要一块毛巾。
> Wǒ xūyào yíkuài máojīn.
> I need a towel.

## 修理
xiūlǐ to repair / to fix / to prune / to trim / to sort sb out / to fix sb

> 它需要修理。
> Tā xūyào xiūlǐ.
> It needs to be repaired.

## 钥匙 鑰匙
yàoshi key

> 不要玩钥匙。
> Búyào wán yàoshi.
> Do not play with the key.

## 院子
yuànzi courtyard / garden / yard / patio / servant

> 他在院子里等我。
> Tā zài yuànzi lǐ děng wǒ.
> He is waiting for me in the yard.

## 餐厅 餐廳
cāntīng restaurant / dining hall / dining room

> 餐厅在哪里?
> Cāntīng zài nǎlǐ?
> Where's the dining room?

## 收拾
shōushi to put in order / to tidy up / to pack / to repair / to sort sb out / to fix sb

> 你收拾好东西了没有?
> Nǐ shōushi hǎo dōngxi le méiyǒu?
> Have you finished packing yet?

## 窗
chuāng window
cōng chimney

> 可以开窗吗?
> Kěyǐ kāi chuāng ma?
> Can I open the window?

## 厕所 廁所
cèsuǒ toilet / lavatory

> 你是个厕所!
> Nǐ shì gè cèsuǒ!
> You are a toilet!

## HSK 5

### 浇花 澆花
jiāohuā to water the plants / to water the garden

> 出门前请帮我浇花。
> Chū ménqián qǐng bāng wǒ jiāohuā.
> Please water the plants for me before you go out.

### 卧室 臥室
wòshì bedroom

> 她来到卧室。
> Tā láidào wòshì.
> She came to the bedroom.

### 阳台 陽臺
yángtái balcony / porch

> 我在阳台上。
> Wǒ zài yángtái shàng.
> I'm on the balcony.

### 家务 家務
jiāwù household duties / housework

> 他主动帮他妈妈做家务。
> Tā zhǔdòng bāng tā māma zuò jiāwù.
> He takes the initiative in helping his mother do the housework.

### 垃圾桶
lājītǒng rubbish bin / trash can / garbage can

> 附近哪儿有垃圾桶?
> Fùjìn nǎr yǒu lājītǒng?
> Where is there a rubbish bin nearby?

### 衣柜 衣櫃
yīguì wardrobe / armoire

### 书架 書架
shūjià bookshelf

> 书架上都是书。
> Shūjià shàng dōu shì shū.
> There are only books on the bookshelf.

### 家电 家電
jiādiàn household electric appliance

> 物联网让家电更方便了。
> Wùliánwǎng ràng jiādiàn gèng fāngbiànle.
> The Internet of Things has made home appliances more convenient.

### 电器 電器
diànqì appliance / device

> 远离电器设备。
> Yuǎnlí diànqì shèbèi.
> Keep away from the electrical equipment.

### 电风扇 電風扇
diànfēngshàn electric fan

> 天太热了，快开电风扇吧!
> Tiān tài rè le, kuài kāi diànfēngshàn ba!
> It's so hot, turn on the fan quickly!

### 被子
bèizi blanket / quilt

> 这条被子很暖和。
> Zhè tiáo bèizi hěn nuǎnhuo.
> This quilt is very warm.

### 装修 裝修
zhuāngxiū to decorate / interior decoration / to fit up / to renovate

> 装修还不错。
> Zhuāngxiū hái búcuò.
> The decorating isn't bad.

### 锁 鎖
suǒ a lock / to lock / to lock up

> 你没锁好你的车吗?
> Nǐ méi suǒ hǎo nǐ de chē ma?
> Didn't you lock up your car?

### 淋浴
línyù to take a shower / shower

### 墙 牆
qiáng wall / to block (a website) (usu. in the passive: 被牆|被墙 [bei4 qiang2])

> 画挂在墙上。
> Huà guà zài qiáng shàng.
> The picture is hanging on the wall.

### 书房 書房
shūfáng study (room) / studio

> 爸爸在书房里看书。
> Bàba zài shūfáng lǐ kànshū.
> Dad is reading in the study.

### 维修 維修
wéixiū maintenance (of equipment) / to protect and maintain

> 空调需要维修了。
> Kōngtiáo xūyào wéixiūle.
> The air conditioner needs servicing.

### 装饰 裝飾
zhuāngshì to decorate / decoration / decorative / ornamental

> 这座楼的装饰很简单。
> Zhè zuò lóu de zhuāngshì hěn jiǎndān.
> The decoration of this building is very simple.

### 舒适 舒適
shūshì cozy / snug

> 她生活得很舒适。
> Tā shēnghuó de hěn shūshì.
> She lives in comfort.

### 床单 床單
chuángdān bed sheet

> 床单在床上。
> Chuángdān zài chuáng shàng.
> The sheet is on the bed.

## 柜子 櫃子
guìzi cupboard / cabinet

> 你藏进柜子里去。
> Nǐ cáng jìn guìzi lǐ qù.
> Hide in the closet.

## 拖鞋
tuōxié slippers / sandals / flip-flops

> 请穿这双拖鞋。
> Qǐng chuān zhè shuāng tuōxié.
> Please put on these slippers.

## 窗台 窗臺
chuāngtái windowsill / window ledge

> 窗台上放着一盆小花。
> Chuāngtái shàng fàngzhe yì pén xiǎohuā.
> There is a small pot of flowers on the windowsill.

## 台灯 檯燈
táidēng desk lamp / table lamp

> 我房间的台灯坏了。
> Wǒ fángjiān de táidēng huàile.
> The desk lamp in my room is broken.

## 车库 車庫
chēkù garage

> 你有车库吗?
> Nǐ yǒu chēkù ma?
> Do you have a garage?

### HSK 6

## 拖地
tuōdì to mop the floor / to trail on the ground / full-length

> 爸爸吃完饭就去拖地了。
> Bàba chī wán fàn jiù qù tuōdì le.
> As soon as he finished eating, Dad went to mop the floor.

## 吸尘器 吸塵器
xīchénqì vacuum cleaner

## 枕头 枕頭
zhěntou pillow

> 我借了你的枕头。
> Wǒ jièle nǐ de zhěntou.
> I borrowed your pillow.

## 洗衣液
xǐyīyè liquid laundry detergent

## 晾
liàng to dry in the air / to cold-shoulder

> 你把衣服晾出来!
> Nǐ bǎ yīfu liàng chūlái!
> Hang your clothes out to dry!

## 布置 佈置
bùzhì to arrange / to set up / to lay out / to assign (tasks, homework etc)

> 这间屋子布置得很朴素。
> Zhè jiān wūzi bùzhì de hěn pǔsù.
> This room is decorated very simply.

## 插座
chāzuò socket / outlet

> 请问，这附近哪里有插座?
> Qǐngwèn, zhè fùjìn nǎlǐ yǒu chāzuò?
> Excuse me, where is there an outlet near here?

## 开关 開關
kāiguān power switch / gas valve / to open the city (or frontier) gate / to open and close / to switch on and off

> 她按了开关。
> Tā àn le kāiguān.
> She pressed the switch.

## 浴室
yùshì bathroom / shower room / bathhouse

> 浴室在哪里?
> Yùshì zài nǎlǐ?
> Where are the showers?

## 储藏室 儲藏室
chǔcángshì storeroom

## 家居
jiājū home / residence / to stay at home (unemployed)

> 她喜欢在周末看家居杂志。
> Tā xǐhuan zài zhōumò kàn jiājū zázhì.
> She likes reading home magazines on weekends.

## 通风 通風
tōngfēng airy / ventilation / to ventilate / to disclose information

> 厨房的通风不太好。
> Chúfáng de tōngfēng bútàihǎo.
> The ventilation in the kitchen isn't very good.

## 灰尘 灰塵
huīchén dust

> 桌子被灰尘覆盖。
> Zhuōzi bèi huīchén fùgài.
> The table was covered with dust.

## 拖把
tuōbǎ mop

> 你用完拖把，记得洗一洗。
> Nǐ yòng wán tuōbǎ, jìde xǐ yì xǐ.
> When you're done with the mop, remember to rinse it.

## 衣架
yījià clothes hanger / clothes rack

## 热水器 熱水器
rèshuǐqì water heater

> 你会用这个热水器吗?
> Nǐ huì yòng zhège rèshuǐqì ma?
> Do you know how to use this water heater?

## 暖气 暖氣
nuǎnqì central heating / heater / warm air

> 冬天暖气热不热?
> Dōngtiān nuǎnqì rè bú rè?
> Does the heating work in the winter?

## 清洁 清潔
qīngjié clean / to clean
> 用湿布清洁窗户。
> Yòng shī bù qīngjié chuānghu.
> Clean the window with a damp cloth.

## 清理
qīnglǐ to clear up / to tidy up / to dispose of
> 我清理了桌子。
> Wǒ qīnglǐle zhuōzi.
> I cleared the table.

## 墙壁 牆壁
qiángbì wall
> 请不要在墙壁上乱画。
> Qǐng búyào zài qiángbì shàng luànhuà.
> Please don't scribble on the walls.

## 清扫 清掃
qīngsǎo to tidy up / to mop up / a sweep (against crime)
> 清扫你的房间。
> Qīngsǎo nǐ de fángjiān.
> Clean your room.

## 门铃 門鈴
ménlíng doorbell
> 快递员按了两次门铃。
> Kuàidìyuán àn le liǎngcì ménlíng.
> The delivery man rang the doorbell twice.

## 收纳 收納
shōunà to receive / to accept / to take in / to hold

## 水槽
shuǐcáo sink

## 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.

## 烤箱
kǎoxiāng oven

## 洗碗机 洗碗機
xǐwǎnjī dishwasher

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## 抹布
mābù cleaning rag
> 快拿抹布擦擦桌子吧。
> Kuài ná mābù cā cā zhuōzi ba.
> Hurry and get a rag to wipe the table!

## 扫帚 掃帚
sàozhou broom
> 拿扫帚把院子扫一扫。
> Ná sàozhou bǎ yuànzi sǎo yì sǎo.
> Take the broom and sweep the yard.

## 微波炉 微波爐
wēibōlú microwave oven
> 我们是时候买新的微波炉了。
> Wǒmen shì shíhou mǎi xīn de wēibōlú le.
> It is about time we bought a new microwave oven.

## 窗帘 窗簾
chuānglián window curtains
> 他躲在窗帘后。
> Tā duǒ zài chuānglián hòu.
> He hid himself behind the curtain.

## 地毯
dìtǎn carpet / rug
> 他卖旧地毯。
> Tā mài jiù dìtǎn.
> He sells old carpets.

## 肥皂
féizào soap
> 饭前请用肥皂把手洗干净。
> Fàn qián qǐng yòng féizào bǎshou xǐ gānjìng.
> Please wash your hands clean with soap before eating.

## 熨
yùn an iron / to iron
yù apt and fitting (of wording) / settled properly (of a matter) / reconciled / smooth / calm and comfortable (of one's mood)
wèi to apply a hot medicinal compress
> 她熨了衬衫。
> Tā yùnle chènshān.
> She ironed her shirt.

## 叠 疊
dié to fold / to pile up / repeated / classifier: stack, pile (of thin objects) / classifier for repeated sections in a musical composition
> 她叠好了被子。
> Tā dié hǎole bèizi.
> She folded the quilt.

## 水龙头 水龍頭
shuǐlóngtóu faucet / tap
> 修理厨房的水龙头。
> Xiūlǐ chúfáng de shuǐlóngtóu.
> Mend the tap in the kitchen.

## 马桶 馬桶
mǎtǒng chamber pot / wooden pan used as toilet / toilet bowl
> 你在通马桶。
> Nǐ zài tōng mǎtǒng.
> You were unclogging toilets.

## 天花板
tiānhuābǎn ceiling (of a room) / upper limit / (slang) the very best (in a given field)
> 天花板上有洞。
> Tiānhuābǎn shàng yǒu dòng.
> There's a hole in the ceiling.

## 地板
dìbǎn floor

> 地板上全是血。
> Dìbǎn shàng quán shì xuè.
> The floor was swimming with blood.

## 分担 分擔
fēndān to share (a burden, a cost, a responsibility)

> 我们同意分担家务。
> Wǒmen tóngyì fēndān jiāwù.
> We agreed to share the housework.

## 煤气 煤氣
méiqì coal gas / gas (fuel)

> 把煤气关了！
> Bǎ méiqì guānle!
> Turn off the gas.

## 灶
zào kitchen stove / kitchen / mess / canteen

> 灶里的火已经灭了。
> Zào lǐ de huǒ yǐjīng mièle.
> The fire in the stove has already gone out.

## 抽屉 抽屜
chōuti drawer

> 抽屉里面有什么？
> Chōuti lǐmiàn yǒu shénme?
> What's in the drawer?

## 保姆
bǎomǔ nanny / babysitter / housekeeper

> 保姆带孩子去公园了。
> Bǎomǔ dài háizi qù gōngyuán le.
> The nanny took the children to the park.

## 炉子 爐子
lúzi stove / oven / furnace

> 炉子的热向四周辐射。
> Lúzi de rè xiàng sìzhōu fúshè.
> The heat from the stove radiates in all directions.

## 宽敞 寬敞
kuānchang spacious / wide

> 新家的客厅很宽敞。
> Xīn jiā de kètīng hěn kuānchang.
> The living room in our new home is very spacious.

## 扫除 掃除
sǎochú to clean / to clean up / to eliminate / to wipe out

> 这项政策要扫除贫困。
> Zhè xiàng zhèngcè yào sǎochú pínkùn.
> This policy aims to wipe out poverty.

## 寝室 寢室
qǐnshì bedroom / dormitory

> 寝室晚上十一点就要关门。
> Qǐnshì wǎnshang shíyīdiǎn jiùyào guānmén.
> The dormitory locks its doors at eleven every night.

## 冷气 冷氣
lěngqì cold air / air conditioning

> 请你把冷气调高点。
> Qǐng nǐ bǎ lěngqì tiáo gāo diǎn.
> Please turn up the AC a little bit.

## 灯泡 燈泡
dēngpào light bulb / third-wheel or unwanted third party spoiling a couple's date (slang)

> 三个灯泡烧坏了。
> Sān gè dēngpào shāo huàile.
> Three bulbs have burned out.

## 家政
jiāzhèng housekeeping

> 她大学学的是家政。
> Tā dàxué xué de shì jiāzhèng.
> What she studied in college was housekeeping.

## 供暖
gōngnuǎn to supply heating (in a building) / heating

> 供暖费每年都要提前交。
> Gōngnuǎn fèi měinián dōu yào tíqián jiāo.
> The heating fee has to be paid in advance every year.

### Outside HSK

## 清洁剂 清潔劑
qīngjiéjì detergent / cleaning solution

> 玻璃上喷点清洁剂再擦。
> Bōli shàng pēn diǎn qīngjiéjì zài cā.
> Spray a little cleaning solution on the glass before wiping it.

## 床头柜 床頭櫃
chuángtóuguì bedside cabinet

## 橱柜 櫥櫃
chúguì cupboard / cupboard that can also be used as a table / sideboard

## 防盗门 防盜門
fángdàomén security door

> 防盗门的钥匙你带了吗？
> Fángdàomén de yàoshi nǐ dàile ma?
> Did you bring the key to the security door?

## 晾衣架
liàngyījià clothes drying rack

## 烘干机 烘乾機
hōnggānjī clothes dryer

## 扫地机器人 掃地機器人
sǎodìjīqìrén robot vacuum

> 出门前，请打开扫地机器人。
> Chū ménqián, qǐng dǎkāi sǎodìjīqìrén.
> Please turn on the robot vacuum before you go out.