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Housing and renting Chinese vocabulary list

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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

住

zhù to live / to reside / to stay / (result complement indicating firmness or a stable achieved state) / to stop / to cease

> 他住在东京。
> Tā zhù zài Dōngjīng.
> He lives in Tokyo.

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

> 我刚到家。
> Wǒ gāng dào jiā.
> I've just got home.

房间 房間

fángjiān room

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

新

xīn new / newly / meso- (chemistry)

> 他是新来的。
> Tā shì xīn lái de.
> He's a newcomer.

楼 樓

lóu floor / house with more than 1 story / storied building / surname Lou

> 我们在三楼。
> Wǒmen zài sān lóu.
> We're on the third floor.

房子

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

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

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.

小区 小區

xiǎoqū housing estate / community / neighborhood / cell

> 我们小区晚上很安静。
> Wǒmen xiǎoqū wǎnshang hěn ānjìng.
> Our neighborhood is very quiet at night.

层 層

céng layer / stratum / floor (of a building) / story / to pile on top of one another / sheaf / classifier for layers

> 你们的办公室在几层?
> Nǐmen de bàngōngshì zài jǐ céng?
> Which floor is your office on?

附近

fùjìn vicinity (of); neighbourhood / nearby; neighbouring

> 她住在附近。
> Tā zhù zài fùjìn.
> She lives nearby.

环境 環境

huánjìng environment / circumstances / surroundings / ambient

> 你需要换个环境。
> Nǐ xūyào huàn gè huánjìng.
> You need a change of scenery.

安静 安靜

ānjìng quiet / peaceful / calm

> 你该安静几天。
> Nǐ gāi ānjìng jǐtiān.
> You must keep quiet for a few days.

方便
fāngbiàn convenient / suitable / to facilitate / to make things easy / to relieve oneself / having money to spare

> 这方便得多了。
> Zhè fāngbiàn de duō le.
> It's much more convenient.

旧 舊
jiù old / opposite: new 新 / worn (with age) / former

> 那本书很旧。
> Nà běn shū hěn jiù.
> That book is very old.

邻居 鄰居
línjū neighbor

> 他是我邻居。
> Tā shì wǒ línjū.
> He's my neighbour.

电梯 電梯
diàntī elevator / escalator

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

搬
bān to move (i.e. relocate oneself) / to move (sth relatively heavy or bulky) / to copy indiscriminately / to shift

> 我们搬了家。
> Wǒmen bānle jiā.
> We've moved.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

租
zū rent / land tax / to hire / to rent / to charter / to rent out / to lease out

> 你租房子了吗?
> Nǐ zū fángzi le ma?
> Did you rent an apartment?

房东 房東
fángdōng landlord

> 你给房东打电话了吗?
> Nǐ gěi fángdōng dǎdiànhuà le ma?
> Did you call the landlord?

房租
fángzū rent for a room or house

> 房租太贵，我想搬家。
> Fángzū tài guì, wǒ xiǎng bānjiā.
> The rent is too expensive, so I want to move.

出租
chūzū to rent

> 你的房子打算出租吗?
> Nǐ de fángzi dǎsuàn chūzū ma?
> Are you planning to rent out your house?

家具
jiājù furniture

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

客厅 客廳
kètīng living room / sitting room

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

地址
dìzhǐ address

> 我忘记地址了。
> Wǒ wàngjì dìzhǐ le.
> I forgot the address.

购买 購買
gòumǎi to purchase / to buy

> 您现在不必购买任何东西。
> Nín xiànzài búbì gòumǎi rènhé dōngxi.
> You don't have to buy anything right now.

合同
hétong contract / agreement

> 别用铅笔签合同。
> Bié yòng qiānbǐ qiān hétong.
> Don't sign the contract in pencil.

押金
yājīn deposit / down payment

> 租自行车要先交一百块押金。
> Zū zìxíngchē yào xiān jiāo yìbǎi kuài yājīn.
> To rent a bike, you first have to pay a one-hundred-yuan deposit.

中介
zhōngjiè to act as intermediary / to link / intermediate / inter- / agency / agent

> 我通过中介租到了房子。
> Wǒ tōngguò zhōngjiè zū dàole fángzi.
> I found an apartment to rent through an agency.

租金
zūjīn rent

> 一个月的租金多少?
> Yí gè yuè de zūjīn duōshǎo?
> How much is the rent per month?

公寓
gōngyù apartment building / block of flats (may be a public housing block or a condominium etc)

> 公寓有花园吗?
> Gōngyù yǒu huāyuán ma?
> Does the apartment have a garden?

宿舍
sùshè dormitory / dorm room / living quarters / hostel

> 他一放学就回宿舍了。
> Tā yí fàngxué jiù huí sùshè le.
> He went back to the dorm as soon as he finished class.

面积 面積

miànjī area (of a floor, piece of land etc) / surface area / tract of land

> 这家店的面积大于那家。
> Zhè jiā diàn de miànjī dàyú nà jiā.
> This shop is bigger in area than that one.

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.

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.

买房 買房

mǎifáng to buy a house

租房

zūfáng to rent an apartment

居住

jūzhù to reside / to dwell / to live in a place / resident in

> 我在日本居住。
> Wǒ zài Rìběn jūzhù.
> I live in Japan.

住房

zhùfáng housing

> 年轻人买住房的压力很大。
> Niánqīngrén mǎi zhùfáng de yālì hěn dà.
> Young people are under great pressure when buying housing.

房屋

fángwū house / building

> 这是一所现代房屋。
> Zhè shì yì suǒ xiàndài fángwū.
> It's a modern house.

单元 單元

dānyuán unit (forming an entity) / element / (in a residential building) entrance or staircase

> 学完这个单元就考试。
> Xué wán zhège dānyuán jiù kǎoshì.
> We'll have a test once we finish this unit.

到期

dàoqī to fall due (loan etc) / to expire (visa etc) / to mature (investment bond etc)

> 这笔存款明年五月到期。
> Zhè bǐ cúnkuǎn míngnián wǔyuè dàoqī.
> This deposit matures in May next year.

住址

zhùzhǐ address

> 这是我现在的住址。
> Zhè shì wǒ xiànzài de zhùzhǐ.
> This is my current address.

月租

yuèzū monthly rent / monthly fee / to rent by the month

> 这间房子的月租是多少?
> Zhè jiān fángzi de yuèzū shì duōshǎo?
> How much is the monthly rent for this place?

退房

tuìfáng to check out of a hotel room

房价 房價

fángjià house price / cost of housing

> 周边城市的房价也在涨。
> Zhōubiān chéngshì de fángjià yě zài zhǎng.
> House prices in the surrounding cities are rising too.

贷款 貸款

dàikuǎn a loan / to provide a loan (e.g. bank) / to raise a loan (from e.g. a bank)

> 我不需要贷款了。
> Wǒ bù xūyào dàikuǎn le.
> I do not need a loan anymore.

住宅

zhùzhái residence / dwelling / abode

> 住宅附近有超市吗?
> Zhùzhái fùjìn yǒu chāoshì ma?
> Is there a supermarket near the residence?

朝向

cháoxiàng toward / to face / to open onto / to turn towards / orientation / exposure / Qibla (Islam)

> 我想找一个朝向好的房间。
> Wǒ xiǎng zhǎo yí gè cháoxiàng hǎo de fángjiān.
> I want to find a room with a good orientation.

租约 租約

zūyuē lease

> 租约上写着不能养宠物吗?
> Zūyuē shàng xiězhe bùnéng yǎng chǒngwù ma?
> Does the lease say that pets are not allowed?

物业管理 物業管理

wùyèguǎnlǐ property management

> 物业管理每个月收多少钱?
> Wùyèguǎnlǐ měige yuè shōu duōshǎo qián?
> How much does the property management charge each month?

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

续约 續約
xùyuē to renew or extend a contract

> 公司同意和我续约两年。
> Gōngsī tóngyì hé wǒ xùyuē liǎng nián.
> The company agreed to renew my contract for two years.

采光 採光
cǎiguāng to get natural light (e.g. through a window)

> 这间客厅的采光很好。
> Zhè jiān kètīng de cǎiguāng hěn hǎo.
> This living room gets a lot of natural light.

首付
shǒufù down payment

> 他父母帮他付了首付。
> Tā fùmǔ bāng tā fùle shǒufù.
> His parents helped him pay the down payment.

别墅 別墅
biéshù villa

> 这栋别墅的主人是谁?
> Zhè dòng biéshù de zhǔrén shì shéi?
> Who owns this villa?

户型 戶型
hùxíng configuration of rooms in a residence (e.g. 3BR 2 Bath)

房产 房產
fángchǎn real estate / the property market (e.g. houses)

产权 產權
chǎnquán property right

> 这套房子的产权属于谁?
> Zhè tào fángzi de chǎnquán shǔyú shéi?
> Who owns the property rights to this apartment?

房贷 房貸
fángdài home loan

转租 轉租
zhuǎnzū to sublet / to sublease

> 我要出国半年，想把房子转租。
> Wǒ yào chūguó bànnián, xiǎng bǎ fángzi zhuǎnzū.
> I'm going abroad for six months and want to sublet my apartment.

合租
hézū to rent jointly with other people / co-renting

> 刚工作的年轻人大多选择合租。
> Gāng gōngzuò de niánqīngrén dàduō xuǎnzé hézū.
> Most young people who have just started working choose to share a rental.

租客
zūkè tenant

二手房
èrshǒufáng second-hand house / house acquired indirectly through a middle-man

楼盘 樓盤
lóupán building under construction / commercial property / real estate (for sale or rent)

> 那个楼盘明年才能入住。
> Nàge lóupán míngnián cái néng rùzhù.
> You can't move into that development until next year.

毛坯房
máopīfáng undecorated residential unit / house or apartment sold without interior finishing

房地产 房地產
fángdìchǎn real estate

> 我舅舅是做房地产的。
> Wǒ jiùjiu shì zuò fángdìchǎn de.
> My uncle works in real estate.

定居
dìngjū to settle (in some city, country etc) / to take up residence

> 我姑姑多年前在加拿大定居了。
> Wǒ gūgu duōnián qián zài Jiānádà dìngjūle.
> My aunt settled in Canada many years ago.

住处 住處
zhùchù residence / dwelling

> 你现在的住处离公司远吗?
> Nǐ xiànzài de zhùchù lí gōngsī yuǎn ma?
> Is your current residence far from the company?

开发商 開發商
kāifāshāng developer (of real estate, a commercial product etc)

> 开发商答应下个月交房。
> Kāifāshāng dāying xiàgeyuè jiāo fáng.
> The developer promised to hand over the apartments next month.

租赁 租賃
zūlìn to rent / to lease / to hire

> 他租赁了一块地种菜。
> Tā zūlìnle yíkuài de zhòngcài.
> He leased a plot of land to grow vegetables.

拆迁 拆遷
chāiqiān to demolish a building and relocate the inhabitants

> 这个老小区明年就要拆迁了。
> Zhège lǎo xiǎoqū míngnián jiùyào chāiqiānle.
> This old neighborhood will be demolished next year.

平房
píngfáng bungalow / single-story house

> 这一片的平房都要拆了。
> Zhè yípiàn de píngfáng dōu yào chāile.
> All the single-story houses in this area are going to be torn down.

不动产 不動產
bùdòngchǎn real estate / immovable property / immovables

> 他名下有三处不动产。
> Tā míngxià yǒu sān chù búdòngchǎn.
> He owns three pieces of real estate.

无家可归 無家可歸

wújiākěguī homeless

> 他无家可归。
> Tā wújiā-kěguī.
> He has no house to live in.

宜居

yíjū livable

> 那里冬天太冷，不算宜居。
> Nàli dōngtiān tài lěng, búsuàn yíjū.
> Winters there are too cold, so it isn't really livable.