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Words

两下子 兩下子
liǎngxiàzi a couple of times / to repeat the same / the same old trick / tricks of the trade

他在门上敲了两下子。
Tā zài ménshàng qiāole liǎngxiàzi.
He knocked on the door a couple of times.

偏旁
piānpáng component of a Chinese character (as the radical or the phonetic part)

我常把这两个字的偏旁写错。
Wǒ cháng bǎ zhè liǎng gè zì de piānpáng xiě cuò.
I often write the components of these two characters wrong.

大公无私 大公無私
dàgōngwúsī selfless / impartial

那位法官一向大公无私。
Nà wèi fǎguān yíxiàng dàgōngwúsī.
That judge has always been impartial.

天长地久 天長地久
tiānchángdìjiǔ enduring while the world lasts (idiom) / eternal

你相信天长地久的友谊吗?
Nǐ xiāngxìn tiānchángdìjiǔ de yǒuyì ma?
Do you believe in everlasting friendship?

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.

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.

亡羊补牢 亡羊補牢
wángyángbǔláo lit. to mend the pen after sheep are lost (idiom) / fig. to act belatedly / better late than never / to lock the stable door after the horse has bolted

亡羊补牢，现在学也不晚。
Wángyángbǔláo, xiànzài xué yě bù wǎn.
Better late than never, it's not too late to learn now.

伤脑筋 傷腦筋
shāngnǎojīn to be a real headache / to find sth a real headache / to beat one's brains

房租又涨了，这真伤脑筋!
Fángzū yòu zhǎngle, zhè zhēn shāngnǎojīn!
The rent has gone up again, and that's a real headache!

观感 觀感
guāngǎn one's impressions / observations

请谈谈你这次旅行的观感。
Qǐng tántán nǐ zhècì lǚxíng de guāngǎn.
Please tell us your observations on this trip.

井底之蛙
jǐngdǐzhīwā a frog at the bottom of a well (idiom) / a person of limited outlook and experience

他就像井底之蛙。
Tā jiù xiàng jǐngdǐzhīwā.
He is like a frog in a well.

定心丸
dìngxīnwán tranquilizer / sth that sets one's mind at ease

这个消息算不算定心丸?
Zhège xiāoxi suàn búsuàn dìngxīnwán?
Does this news count as reassurance?

贪吃 貪吃
tānchī gluttonous / voracious

别贪吃，小心肚子疼。
Bié tānchī, xiǎoxīn dǔzi téng.
Don't overeat, or you'll get a stomachache.

伸张 伸張
shēnzhāng to uphold (e.g. justice or virtue) / to promote

法院的职责是伸张正义。
Fǎyuàn de zhízé shì shēnzhāng zhèngyì.
The court's duty is to uphold justice.

救死扶伤 救死扶傷
jiùsǐfúshāng to help the dying and heal the injured

护士每天都在救死扶伤。
Hùshi měitiān dōu zài jiùsǐfúshāng.
Nurses save lives and tend to the injured every day.

胖乎乎
pànghūhū chubby

他胖乎乎的。
Tā pànghūhū de.
He is chubby.

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.

扣人心弦
kòurénxīnxián to excite / to thrill / exciting / thrilling / cliff-hanging

> 比赛最后真扣人心弦！
> Bǐsài zuìhòu zhēn kòurénxīnxián!
> The end of the match was truly thrilling!

泰斗
tàidǒu leading authority / eminent figure / doyen

作料
zuòliao condiments / seasoning / coll. pr. [zuo2 liao5]

> 炒菜时放点作料，味道更好。
> Chǎocài shí fàng diǎn zuòliao, wèidao gèng hǎo.
> Add some seasoning when you stir-fry, and it tastes better.

天分
tiānfèn natural gift / talent

> 时装不是我的天分。
> Shízhuāng bú shì wǒ de tiānfèn.
> Fashion is not my specialty.

改邪归正 改邪歸正
gǎixiéguīzhèng to mend one's ways (idiom) / to turn over a new leaf

> 你真的打算改邪归正吗？
> Nǐ zhēnde dǎsuàn gǎixiéguīzhèng ma?
> Do you really intend to turn over a new leaf?

配音
pèiyīn dubbing (filmmaking)

> 你喜欢原声，还是配音？
> Nǐ xǐhuan yuán shēng, háishi pèiyīn?
> Do you prefer the original audio or the dubbed version?

集思广益 集思廣益
jísīguǎngyì collecting opinions is of wide benefit (idiom) / to pool wisdom for mutual benefit / to profit from widespread suggestions

> 开会就是为了让大家集思广益。
> Kāihuì jiùshì wèile ràng dàjiā jísīguǎngyì.
> The point of the meeting is to let everyone pool their wisdom.

飞禽走兽 飛禽走獸
fēiqínzǒushòu birds and animals

> 动物园里有各种飞禽走兽。
> Dòngwùyuán lǐ yǒu gèzhǒng fēiqínzǒushòu.
> The zoo has all kinds of birds and animals.

势不可当 勢不可當
shìbùkědāng impossible to resist (idiom) / an irresistible force

> 洪水势不可当，一下子冲过了桥。
> Hóngshuǐ shìbùkědāng, yíxiàzi chōngguole qiáo.
> The flood was irresistible and swept over the bridge in an instant.

娇气 嬌氣
jiāoqì delicate / squeamish / finicky

> 她太娇气，见到虫子就叫。
> Tā tài jiāoqì, jiàndào chóngzi jiù jiào.
> She's so squeamish that she screams whenever she sees a bug.

引经据典 引經據典
yǐnjīngjùdiǎn lit. to quote the classics / to quote chapter and verse (idiom)

> 他引经据典地反驳了对方。
> Tā yǐnjīngjùdiǎn de fǎnbóle duìfāng.
> He rebutted the other side, citing chapter and verse.

风和日丽 風和日麗
fēnghérìlì moderate wind, beautiful sun (idiom) / fine sunny weather, esp. in springtime

> 春天风和日丽，适合出去走走。
> Chūntiān fēnghérìlì, shìhé chūqù zǒu zǒu.
> Spring days are sunny and mild, perfect for a walk outside.

风餐露宿 風餐露宿
fēngcānlùsù lit. to eat in the open air and sleep outdoors (idiom) / fig. to rough it

> 他风餐露宿，走出了大山。
> Tā fēngcānlùsù, zǒuchūle Dàshān.
> Eating and sleeping outdoors, he made his way out of the mountains.

不翼而飞 不翼而飛
bùyì'érfēi to disappear without trace / to vanish all of a sudden / to spread fast / to spread like wildfire

> 刚买的雨伞怎么不翼而飞了？
> Gāng mǎi de yǔsǎn zěnme búyì'érfēi le?
> How did the umbrella I just bought disappear all of a sudden?

争分夺秒 爭分奪秒
zhēngfēnduómiǎo lit. fight minutes, snatch seconds (idiom) / a race against time / making every second count

> 救援队在争分夺秒地救人。
> Jiùyuánduì zài zhēngfēnduómiǎo de jiù rén.
> The rescue team is racing against time to save people.

画蛇添足 畫蛇添足
huàshétiānzú lit. draw legs on a snake (idiom) / fig. to ruin the effect by adding sth superfluous / to overdo it

> 不要画蛇添足。
> Búyào huàshétiānzú.
> Let well alone.

走过场 走過場
zǒuguòchǎng to go through the motions

> 别走过场，要认真做！
> Bié zǒuguòchǎng, yào rènzhēn zuò!
> Don't just go through the motions, do it properly!

钻空子 鑽空子
zuānkòngzi to take advantage of a loophole / to exploit an advantage / to seize the opportunity (esp. to do sth bad)

> 我们不能让对方钻空子。
> Wǒmen bùnéng ràng duìfāng zuānkòngzi.
> We can't leave the counterparty any loopholes.

众志成城 眾志成城

zhòngzhìchéngchéng unity of will is an impregnable stronghold (idiom)

> 全班众志成城，赢了比赛。
> Quánbān zhòngzhìchéngchéng, yíngle bǐsài.
> The whole class pulled together as one and won the competition.

怠工

dàigōng to slacken off in one's work / to go slow (as a form of strike)

> 他最近总是怠工，经理很生气。
> Tā zuìjìn zǒngshì dàigōng, jīnglǐ hěn shēngqì.
> He has been slacking off at work lately, and the manager is angry.

瑞雪

ruìxuě timely snow

> 瑞雪预示着来年丰收。
> Ruìxuě yùshìzhe lái nián fēngshōu.
> A timely snowfall foretells a good harvest next year.

成家立业 成家立業

chéngjiālìyè to get married and start a career (idiom) / to settle down / to establish oneself

> 他三十岁前就成家立业了。
> Tā sānshí suì qián jiù chéngjiālìyè le.
> He had married and started his career before he turned thirty.

损人利己 損人利己

sǔnrénlìjǐ harming others for one's personal benefit (idiom) / personal gain to the detriment of others

> 损人利己的事我不做。
> Sǔnrénlìjǐ de shì wǒ bú zuò.
> I won't do things that harm others for my own gain.

追悼

zhuīdào to mourn / to pay last respects

> 人们在广场追悼遇难者。
> Rénmen zài guǎngchǎng zhuīdào yùnànzhě.
> People gathered in the square to mourn the victims.

前赴后继 前赴後繼

qiánfùhòujì to advance dauntlessly in wave upon wave (idiom)

> 救灾时志愿者前赴后继。
> Jiùzāi shí zhìyuànzhě qiánfùhòujì.
> During the disaster relief, volunteers came forward in wave after wave.

压轴 壓軸

yāzhòu final and most important item (on a program, schedule etc) / grand finale / (attributive) final / climactic / (traditional Chinese opera) penultimate item on the program

> 压轴的节目是魔术表演。
> Yāzhòu de jiémù shì móshù biǎoyǎn.
> The grand finale of the show is a magic performance.

居安思危

jū'ānsīwēi to think of danger in times of safety / to be vigilant in peacetime (idiom)

> 和平时期也要居安思危。
> Hépíng shíqī yě yào jū'ānsīwēi.
> Even in peacetime, we must stay vigilant.

时好时坏 時好時壞

shíhǎoshíhuài sometimes good, sometimes bad

> 我父亲的状况时好时坏。
> Wǒ fùqīn de zhuàngkuàng shíhǎoshíhuài.
> My father's condition seems to improve one moment, but the next moment he sinks again.

豁出去

huōchuqu to throw caution to the wind / to press one's luck / to go for broke

> 反正都这样了，我豁出去了！
> Fǎnzhèng dōu zhèyàng le, wǒ huōchuqu le!
> It's already come to this anyway, so I'm throwing caution to the wind!

风雨无阻 風雨無阻

fēngyǔwúzǔ regardless of weather conditions / rain, hail or shine

> 风雨无阻我都会在那里。
> Fēngyǔwúzǔ wǒ dōu huì zài nàli.
> I'll be there rain or shine.

鹤立鸡群 鶴立雞群

hèlìjīqún a crane in a flock of chicken (idiom) / way above the common / manifestly superior

> 她一出场就鹤立鸡群。
> Tā yì chūchǎng jiù hèlìjīqún.
> The moment she walked on stage, she stood out above everyone else.

守株待兔

shǒuzhūdàitù lit. to guard a tree-stump, waiting for rabbits (idiom) / to wait idly for opportunities / to trust to chance rather than show initiative

> 找工作不能守株待兔。
> Zhǎo gōngzuò bùnéng shǒuzhūdàitù.
> You can't just sit around waiting for a job to come to you.

秉持

bǐngchí to uphold / to hold fast to

> 医生应该秉持公平的态度。
> Yīshēng yīnggāi bǐngchí gōngpíng de tàidu.
> Doctors should uphold an attitude of fairness.

筛查 篩查

shāichá to screen (for disease etc)

> 孕妇都要做这项筛查吗？
> Yùnfù dōu yào zuò zhè xiàng shāichá ma?
> Do all pregnant women need to have this screening?