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Words

神仙
shénxiān Daoist immortal / supernatural entity / fairy, elf, leprechaun etc / fig. lighthearted person

> 神仙只在童话里存在。
> Shénxiān zhǐ zài tónghuà lǐ cúnzài.
> Fairies exist only in fairy tales.

宫殿 宮殿
gōngdiàn palace

> 国王住在高高的宫殿里。
> Guówáng zhù zài gāo gāo de gōngdiàn lǐ.
> The king lives in a tall palace.

皇宫 皇宮
huánggōng imperial palace

> 你去过北京的皇宫吗?
> Nǐ qùguo Běijīng de huánggōng ma?
> Have you been to the imperial palace in Beijing?

皇后
huánghòu empress / imperial consort

> 她在话剧里扮皇后。
> Tā zài huàjù lǐ bàn huánghòu.
> She plays the queen in the stage play.

仙女
xiānnǚ fairy

> 故事里的仙女从天上飞下来。
> Gùshi lǐ de xiānnǚ cóng tiānshàng fēi xiàlai.
> In the story, the fairy flies down from the sky.

妖怪
yāoguài monster / devil

> 故事里有个会飞的妖怪。
> Gùshi lǐ yǒu gè huì fēi de yāoguài.
> There is a monster that can fly in the story.

鬼
guǐ disembodied spirit / ghost / devil / person with a certain vice or addiction etc / sly / crafty / resourceful (variant of 詭|诡[gui3]) / one of the 28 constellations of ancient Chinese astronomy

> 你在搞什么鬼。
> Nǐ zài gǎo shénme guǐ.
> What the devil are you doing?

凤凰 鳳凰
fènghuáng phoenix

> 那只凤凰画得真漂亮!
> Nà zhī fènghuáng huà de zhēn piàoliang!
> That phoenix is beautifully drawn!

迷信
míxìn superstition / to have a superstitious belief (in sth)

> 考试前，你别太迷信运气。
> Kǎoshì qián, nǐ bié tài míxìn yùnqi.
> Before the exam, don't put too much faith in luck.

祭祀
jìsì to offer sacrifices to the gods or ancestors

> 古代的人常常祭祀天地。
> Gǔdài de rén chángcháng jìsì tiāndì.
> People in ancient times often offered sacrifices to heaven and earth.

祭祖
jìzǔ to offer sacrifices to one's ancestors

祈祷 祈禱
qídǎo to pray / to say a prayer

> 思念又祈祷。
> Sīniàn yòu qídǎo.
> Thoughts and prayers.

神灵 神靈
shénlíng god / spirit / demon / occult or supernatural entities in general

仙人
xiānrén Daoist immortal / celestial being

长生不老 長生不老
chángshēngbùlǎo to live forever and never grow old

> 皇帝渴望长生不老。
> Huángdì kěwàng chángshēngbùlǎo.
> The emperor longed for immortality.

王朝
wángcháo dynasty

> 清朝是中国最后一个王朝。
> Qīngcháo shì Zhōngguó zuìhòu yí gè wángcháo.
> The Qing was the last dynasty of China.

太子
tàizǐ crown prince

> 太子以后会当皇帝。
> Tàizǐ yǐhòu huì dāng huángdì.
> The crown prince will become emperor later.

状元 狀元
zhuàngyuán top scorer in the palace examination (highest rank of the Imperial examination system) / top scorer in college entrance examination 高考[gao1 kao3] / the most brilliantly talented person in the field / leading light

> 古时候他考中了状元。
> Gǔshíhou tā kǎo zhōng le zhuàngyuán.
> In ancient times, he came first in the imperial examination.

科举 科舉
kējǔ imperial examination

> 他参加科举，可惜没考上。
> Tā cānjiā kējǔ, kěxī méi kǎoshàng.
> He took the imperial examination, but unfortunately he didn't pass.

耕地
gēngdì arable land / to plow land

> 爷爷每天早上去田里耕地。
> Yéye měitiān zǎoshang qù tiánlǐ gēngdì.
> My grandfather goes to the fields to plow every morning.

竹简 竹簡
zhújiǎn bamboo slips (used for writing on in ancient times)

蜡烛 蠟燭
làzhú candle

> 把蜡烛点燃。
> Bǎ làzhú diǎnrán.
> Light the candle.

轿子 轎子
jiàozi sedan chair / palanquin / litter

古装 古裝
gǔzhuāng ancient costume / period costume (in movies etc)

> 她穿着古装拍照。
> Tā chuānzhe gǔzhuāng pāizhào.
> She is having her photo taken in ancient costume.

四合院
sìhéyuàn courtyard house with a fully enclosed courtyard (type of Chinese residence)

城墙 城牆
chéngqiáng city wall

> 城墙上架着一门炮。
> Chéngqiáng shàng jià zhe yìmén pào.
> A cannon is mounted on the city wall.

集市
jíshì market / bazaar / fair

> 我奶奶爱去集市买菜。
> Wǒ nǎinai ài qù jíshì mǎicài.
> My grandmother loves going to the market to buy vegetables.

丝绸 絲綢
sīchóu silk (cloth)

> 丝绸摸起来又软又滑。
> Sīchóu mō qǐlai yòu ruǎn yòu huá.
> Silk feels soft and smooth to the touch.

自给自足 自給自足
zìjǐzìzú self-sufficiency / autarky

> 古代的国家想自给自足。
> Gǔdài de guójiā xiǎng zìjǐ-zìzú.
> Ancient states wanted to be economically self-sufficient.

魔法
mófǎ enchantment / magic

> 你相信世界上有魔法吗?
> Nǐ xiāngxìn shìjiè shàng yǒu mófǎ ma?
> Do you believe there is magic in the world?

宝物 寶物
bǎowù treasure

勇士
yǒngshì a warrior / a brave person

太监 太監
tàijiàn court eunuch / palace eunuch

> 太监给皇上端来了茶。
> Tàijiàn gěi huángshang duān láile chá.
> The eunuch brought tea to the emperor.

天子
tiānzǐ the (rightful) emperor / "Son of Heaven" (traditional English translation)

> 天子一声令下，大军马上出发了。
> Tiānzǐ yìshēng lìng xià, dàjūn mǎshàng chūfāle.
> At the emperor's command, the great army set off at once.

青铜器 青銅器
qīngtóngqì bronze implement / refers to ancient bronze artifacts, from c. 2,000 BC

> 博物馆里有很多古代青铜器。
> Bówùguǎn lǐ yǒu hěn duō gǔdài qīngtóngqì.
> The museum has many ancient bronze objects.

图腾 圖騰
túténg totem (loanword)

> 博物馆里有一件几千年前的图腾。
> Bówùguǎn lǐ yǒu yí jiàn jǐqiān niánqián de túténg.
> The museum has a totem from several thousand years ago.

占卜
zhānbǔ to divine

> 老奶奶会用纸牌占卜。
> Lǎonǎinai huì yòng zhǐpái zhānbǔ.
> The old lady can tell fortunes with cards.