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Names and titles Chinese vocabulary list

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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

名字
míngzi name (of a person or thing)

> 我没有名字。
> Wǒ méiyǒu míngzi.
> I have no name.

叫
jiào to call / to order / to be called / to shout / to ask / by (indicates agent in the passive mood)

> 你去叫他来。
> Nǐ qù jiào tā lái.
> Tell him to come.

先生
xiānsheng gentleman / sir / mister (Mr.) / teacher / husband / (dialect) doctor

> 你是李先生。
> Nǐ shì Lǐ xiānsheng.
> You are Mr Li.

老师 老師
lǎoshī teacher

> 他是老师。
> Tā shì lǎoshī.
> He is a teacher.

女士
nǚshì lady / madam / Miss / Ms

> 女士，这是您的茶。
> Nǚshì, zhè shì nín de chá.
> Madam, here is your tea.

同学 同學
tóngxué fellow student / classmate / to study at the same school

> 我们是同学。
> Wǒmen shì tóngxué.
> We're classmates.

姓
xìng family name / surname / to be surnamed ...

> 他姓王，对吧?
> Tā xìng Wáng, duì ba?
> His surname is Wang, isn't it?

姓名
xìngmíng surname and given name / full name

> 你的姓名是什么?
> Nǐ de xìngmíng shì shénme?
> What's your full name?

爷爷 爺爺
yéye paternal grandfather / grandpa

> 爷爷买给我的!
> Yéye mǎi gěi wǒ de!
> Grandpa bought it for me!

奶奶
nǎinai grandma (paternal grandmother) / mistress of the house / boobies / breasts

> 奶奶不太习惯吃西药。
> Nǎinai bú tài xíguàn chī xīyào.
> Grandma isn't really used to taking Western medicine.

叔叔
shūshu father's younger brother / paternal uncle / form of address used by children for a male one generation older

> 让你叔叔想一想。
> Ràng nǐ shūshu xiǎng yì xiǎng.
> Let your uncle think about it.

阿姨
āyí maternal aunt / step-mother / childcare worker / nursemaid / woman of similar age to one's parents (term of address used by child)

> 我阿姨有三个孩子。
> Wǒ āyí yǒu sān gè háizi.
> My aunt has three children.

大人
dàren adult / grownup / title of respect toward superiors
tàirén diviner official

> 你现在是大人了。
> Nǐ xiànzài shì dàren le.
> You are now an adult.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

师傅 師傅
shīfu master / qualified worker / respectful form of address for older men

> 他跟着师傅学做面包。
> Tā gēnzhe shīfu xué zuò miànbāo.
> He is learning to make bread from his master.

男士
nánshì man / gentleman

> 那位戴眼镜的男士是谁?
> Nà wèi dài yǎnjìng de nánshì shì shéi?
> Who is that gentleman in spectacles?

小姐
xiǎojie young lady / miss / prostitute

> 先生小姐你们好。
> Xiānsheng xiǎojie nǐmen hǎo.
> Hello, ladies and gentlemen.

贵姓 貴姓
guìxìng what is your surname? / your surname?

> 请问你贵姓?
> Qǐngwèn nǐ guìxìng?
> May I ask your name?

太太
tàitai wife / married woman / Mrs. / Madam

> 你太太怎么样?
> Nǐ tàitai zěnmeyàng?
> How is your wife?

称 稱
chēng appellation / to praise / to state / to weigh / to raise / to lift / to put forward / to recommend / to name / name
chèn to fit / to match / to suit / to have / to possess
chèng steelyard / scale

> 请你称一下这个的重量好吗?
> Qǐng nǐ chēng yíxià zhège de zhòngliàng hǎo ma?
> Can you weigh this, please?

尊敬
zūnjìng to respect / to revere / to esteem / honorable / distinguished (used on formal occasions before a term of address)

> 大家都尊敬他。
> Dàjiā dōu zūnjìng tā.
> Everybody looked up to him.

亲爱 親愛
qīn'ài dear / beloved / darling

> 亲爱的，原谅我。
> Qīn'ài de, yuánliàng wǒ.
> Forgive me, my love.

大爷 大爺
dàye father's older brother / uncle / term of respect for older man
dàyé arrogant idler / self-centered show-off

> 大爷，地铁站怎么走?
> Dàye, dìtiězhàn zěnme zǒu?
> Excuse me, sir, how do I get to the subway station?

大妈 大媽
dàmā father's elder brother's wife / aunt (affectionate term for an elderly woman)

> 大妈，这个苹果怎么卖?
> Dàmā, zhège píngguǒ zěnme mài?
> Auntie, how much are these apples?

称呼 稱呼
chēnghu to call / to address as / form of address / appellation

> 你是怎么称呼你父亲的呢?
> Nǐ shì zěnme chēnghu nǐ fùqīn de ne?
> What do you call your father?

称号 稱號
chēnghào name / term of address / title

> 同学们给他起了个称号。
> Tóngxuémen gěi tā qǐle gè chēnghào.
> His classmates gave him a nickname.

夫人
fūren lady / madam / Mrs.
fúrén everyone / all people

> 请和夫人一起来吧!
> Qǐng hé fūren yì qǐlai ba!
> Please come over with your wife.

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

姓氏
xìngshì family name

> 你的姓氏怎么写?
> Nǐ de xìngshì zěnme xiě?
> How is your surname written?

头衔 頭銜
tóuxián title / rank / appellation

> 名片上印着她的头衔。
> Míngpiàn shàng yìnzhe tā de tóuxián.
> Her title is printed on the business card.

尊称 尊稱
zūnchēng to address sb deferentially / title / honorific

昵称 暱稱
nìchēng nickname / diminutive / term of endearment / to nickname

绰号 綽號
chuòhào nickname

> 你的绰号是怎么来的?
> Nǐ de chuòhào shì zěnme lái de?
> How did you get your nickname?

笔名 筆名
bǐmíng pen name / pseudonym

> 他为什么要用笔名?
> Tā wèishénme yào yòng bǐmíng?
> Why does he use a pseudonym?

别名 別名
biémíng alias / alternative name

> 他在网上用的别名是什么？
> Tā zài wǎngshàng yòng de biémíng shì shénme?
> What alias does he use online?

老人家
lǎorénjiā polite term for old woman or man

> 这位老人家非常仁慈。
> Zhèwèi lǎorénjiā fēicháng réncí.
> The old man is very kind.

外号 外號
wàihào nickname

> 你小时候有没有外号？
> Nǐ xiǎoshíhou yǒuméiyǒu wàihào?
> Did you have a nickname when you were little?

绅士 紳士
shēnshì gentleman

> 他绝对不是绅士。
> Tā juéduì bú shì shēnshì.
> He is anything but a gentleman.

Outside HSK

敬称 敬稱
jìngchēng to address or refer to (sb) respectfully (as ...) / respectful term of address / honorific title

> 大家敬称他为老先生。
> Dàjiā jìngchēng tā wèi lǎoxiānshēng.
> Everyone respectfully addresses him as venerable sir.

小名
xiǎomíng pet name for a child / childhood name

> 你的小名是怎么来的？
> Nǐ de xiǎomíng shì zěnme lái de?
> How did you get your pet name?

乳名
rǔmíng infant name / pet name for a child

改名
gǎimíng to rename

> 她为什么突然要改名？
> Tā wèishénme tūrán yào gǎimíng?
> Why does she suddenly want to change her name?

取名
qǔmíng to name / to be named / to christen / to seek fame

> 爸爸正在给女儿取名。
> Bàba zhèngzài gěi nǚ'ér qǔmíng.
> Dad is picking a name for his daughter.

复姓
fùxìng to revert to one's original surname / two-character surname (such as 司馬|司马[Si1 ma3] or 諸葛|诸葛[Zhu1 ge3])

谥号 謚號
shìhào honorary posthumous name / posthumous title

陛下
bìxià Your Majesty / His or Her Majesty

阁下 閣下
géxià your distinguished self / your majesty / sire

令尊
lìngzūn Your esteemed father (honorific)

令堂
lìngtáng your mother

> 令堂最近身体好吗？
> Lìngtáng zuìjìn shēntǐ hǎo ma?
> Has your mother been well lately?

家父
jiāfù my father

家母
jiāmǔ my mother

> 家母病了，今天不能来了。
> Jiāmǔ bìng le, jīntiān bùnéng láile.
> My mother is ill and cannot come today.

鄙人
bǐrén your humble servant / I / ignorant, shallow person

在下
zàixià under / myself (humble)