CHINESE BOOST

Natural disasters Chinese vocabulary: Advanced (HSK 7-9)

50 words with pinyin, 繁體 and meanings, 37 of them with an example sentence.
Every word here links to its entry on the site.

Natural disasters Chinese vocabulary: Advanced (HSK 7-9) on the web
The same words as a CSV, for Anki or a spreadsheet
A free account, which keeps 简体 or 繁體, pinyin or 注音 and the rest of how you read Chinese on every device

Chinese Boost. Licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International Licence.

Words

灾民 災民
zāimín victim (of a disaster)

遇难 遇難
yùnàn to perish / to be killed
> 新闻说，三名登山者遇难了。
> Xīnwén shuō, sān míng dēngshānzhě yùnànle.
> The news says three mountain climbers have perished.

幸存 倖存
xìngcún to survive (a disaster)
> 他的公司没有从危机中幸存。
> Tā de gōngsī méiyǒu cóng wēijī zhōng xìngcún.
> His company didn't survive the crisis.

失踪 失蹤
shīzōng to be missing / to disappear / unaccounted for
> 坦克失踪了。
> Tǎnkè shīzōngle.
> The tank vanished.

倒塌
dǎotā to collapse (of building) / to topple over
> 这堵旧墙会不会倒塌？
> Zhè dǔ jiù qiáng huì búhuì dǎotā?
> Might this old wall collapse?

废墟 廢墟
fèixū ruins
> 这些废墟年代久远。
> Zhèxiē fèixū niándài jiǔyuǎn.
> These ruins are ancient.

余震 餘震
yúzhèn earthquake aftershock
> 余震让大家不敢回家睡觉。
> Yúzhèn ràng dàjiā bùgǎn huíjiā shuìjiào.
> The aftershocks made everyone afraid to go home to sleep.

震级 震級
zhènjí degree of earthquake (on magnitude scale)
> 震级不高，所以没有人受伤。
> Zhènjí bù gāo, suǒyǐ méiyǒu rén shòushāng.
> The magnitude was low, so nobody was hurt.

震中
zhènzhōng earthquake epicenter
> 救援队已经赶到了震中。
> Jiùyuánduì yǐjīng gǎndàole zhènzhōng.
> The rescue team has already reached the epicentre.

海啸 海嘯
hǎixiào tsunami
> 海啸袭击日本。
> Hǎixiào xíjī Rìběn.
> Tsunami hit Japan.

火山
huǒshān volcano
> 火山突然喷发了！
> Huǒshān tūrán pēnfāle!
> The volcano suddenly erupted!

喷发 噴發
pēnfā to erupt / an eruption
> 那次喷发持续了好几天。
> Nà cì pēnfā chíxùle hǎo jǐtiān.
> That eruption lasted for several days.

泥石流
níshíliú landslide / torrent of mud and stones / mudslide

滑坡
huápō rockslide / landslip / landslide / mudslide / fig. slump / downturn / to decline
> 山路因为滑坡被堵住了。
> Shānlù yīnwèi huápō bèi dǔzhùle.
> The mountain road was blocked by a landslide.

雪崩
xuěbēng avalanche

龙卷风 龍捲風
lóngjuǎnfēng tornado / hurricane / twister / cyclone
> 远处出现了一股龙卷风！
> Yuǎnchù chūxiànle yìgǔ lóngjuǎnfēng!
> A tornado has appeared in the distance!

飓风 颶風
jùfēng hurricane

暴风雪 暴風雪
bàofēngxuě snowstorm / blizzard

沙尘暴 沙塵暴
shāchénbào sand and dust storm

洪涝 洪澇
hónglào flood / inundation / flooding

泛滥 氾濫
fànlàn to overflow / to inundate / to flood / to proliferate unchecked

> 大雨之后，河水泛滥了。
> Dàyǔ zhīhòu, héshuǐ fànlànle.
> After the heavy rain, the river overflowed its banks.

决堤 決隄
juédī to breach its dike / to collapse

堤坝 堤壩
dībà dam / dike

> 堤坝抵挡住了洪水。
> Dībà dǐdǎng zhùle hóngshuǐ.
> The dam held back the flood.

山火
shānhuǒ wildfire / forest fire

> 天太干，山里容易起山火。
> Tiān tài gān, shān lǐ róngyì qǐ shānhuǒ.
> When the weather is this dry, wildfires easily start in the mountains.

蝗灾 蝗災
huángzāi plague of locusts

瘟疫
wēnyì plague / pestilence

> 成千上万的人死于瘟疫。
> Chéngqiān-shàngwàn de rén sǐ yú wēnyì.
> Thousands upon thousands have died from the epidemic.

预警 預警
yùjǐng warning / early warning

> 台风预警已经发布了。
> Táifēng yùjǐng yǐjīng fābùle.
> The typhoon early warning has been issued.

警报 警報
jǐngbào alarm / alert signal / alarm / alert / warning

> 海啸的警报解除了。
> Hǎixiào de jǐngbào jiěchúle.
> The tsunami alert was cancelled.

防灾 防災
fángzāi disaster prevention / to protect against natural disasters

> 防灾比救灾更重要，你同意吗？
> Fángzāi bǐ jiùzāi gèng zhòngyào, nǐ tóngyì ma?
> Disaster prevention is more important than disaster relief. Do you agree?

减灾 減災
jiǎnzāi to take measures to mitigate the impact of disasters (including prevention, preparation, and support for stricken communities)

> 减灾需要每个人一起努力。
> Jiǎnzāi xūyào měige rén yìqǐ nǔlì.
> Disaster reduction takes everyone working together.

防汛
fángxùn flood control / anti-flood (precautions)

> 市政府正在组织人员防汛。
> Shìzhèngfǔ zhèngzài zǔzhī rényuán fángxùn.
> The city government is organizing people to carry out flood control.

抗震
kàngzhèn anti-seismic measures / seismic defenses / earthquake resistant

抗洪
kànghóng to fight a flood

抗旱
kànghàn drought-resistant / to weather a drought

应急 應急
yìngjí to respond to an emergency / to meet a contingency / emergency

> 我先借你一点钱应急。
> Wǒ xiān jiè nǐ yìdiǎn qián yìngjí.
> Let me lend you a little money to tide you over.

疏散
shūsàn to scatter / to disperse / to evacuate / scattered / sparse
shūsǎn idle / leisurely / laid-back

> 着火了，大家快疏散！
> Zháohuǒle, dàjiā kuài shūsàn!
> There's a fire, everyone evacuate quickly!

撤离 撤離
chèlí to withdraw from / to evacuate

> 士兵们撤离了他们的阵地。
> Shìbīngmen chèlíle tāmen de zhèndì.
> The soldiers retreated from their positions.

避难 避難
bìnàn to take refuge / to seek asylum

> 地震后，很多人到学校避难。
> Dìzhèn hòu, hěn duō rén dào xuéxiào bìnàn.
> After the earthquake, many people took refuge at the school.

避难所 避難所
bìnànsuǒ a refuge / a haven / a sanctuary

> 附近的避难所在哪儿？
> Fùjìn de bìnànsuǒ zài nǎr?
> Where is the nearest shelter?

安置
ānzhì to find a place for / to help settle down / to arrange for / to get into bed / placement

> 政府安置了很多受灾的家庭。
> Zhèngfǔ ānzhìle hěn duō shòuzāi de jiātíng.
> The government resettled many families affected by the disaster.

救生
jiùshēng to save a life / life-saving

> 救生的工作要特别小心。
> Jiùshēng de gōngzuò yào tèbié xiǎoxīn.
> Life-saving work requires special care.

物资 物資
wùzī goods / supplies

> 仓库里的物资快用完了。
> Cāngkù lǐ de wùzī kuài yòng wánle.
> The supplies in the warehouse are almost used up.

赈灾 賑災
zhènzāi disaster relief

摧毁 摧毀
cuīhuǐ to destroy / to wreck

> 国王摧毁了他的敌人。
> Guówáng cuīhuǐle tā de dírén.
> The king crushed his enemies.

袭击 襲擊
xíjī attack (esp. surprise attack) / raid / to attack

> 他们袭击敌人。
> Tāmen xíjī dírén.
> They attacked the enemy.

震感
zhèngǎn tremors (from an earthquake)

> 附近的城市也有震感。
> Fùjìn de chéngshì yě yǒu zhèngǎn.
> The nearby cities felt the tremors too.

地震带 地震帶
dìzhèndài seismic zone / earthquake belt

> 日本就位于地震带上。
> Rìběn jiù wèiyú dìzhèndài shàng.
> Japan lies right on a seismic belt.

断层 斷層
duàncéng fault / gap / rupture (in the transmission of some skill) / cross-sectional

> 地下的断层可能引起地震。
> Dìxià de duàncéng kěnéng yǐnqǐ dìzhèn.
> Faults underground can cause earthquakes.

地壳 地殼
dìqiào the Earth's crust

> 地壳在慢慢地移动。
> Dìqiào zài mànmàn de yídòng.
> The Earth's crust is moving slowly.

冰雹
bīngbáo hail / hailstone

> 冰雹把车窗砸碎了。
> Bīngbáo bǎ chēchuāng zásuìle.
> The hail smashed the car windows.