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Prices and promotions Chinese vocabulary list

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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

钱 錢

qián coin / money / surname Qian / unit of weight, one tenth of a tael 兩|两[liang3]
jiǎn ancient hoe-like spade for weeding

> 要花很多钱。
> Yào huā hěn duō qián.
> This is going to be very expensive.

块 塊

kuài lump / chunk / piece / classifier for pieces of cloth, cake, soap etc / classifier for money and currency units

> 那有两块蛋糕。
> Nà yǒu liǎng kuài dàngāo.
> There were two cakes.

元

yuán currency unit (esp. Chinese yuan) / era (of a reign) / Yuan dynasty (1279–1368) / first / original / primary / argument / variable / basic / fundamental / constituent / part / meta- / (geology) eon / surname Yuan

> 一本书八十元，贵不贵？
> Yìběn shū bāshí yuán, guì bú guì?
> A book costs eighty yuan. Is that expensive?

贵 貴

guì expensive / highly valued / precious / noble / of high rank / (honorific) your / short name for Guizhou 貴州|贵州[Gui4 zhou1]

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便宜

piányi cheap / inexpensive / a petty advantage / to let sb off lightly
biànyí convenient

> 这个很便宜。
> Zhège hěn piányi.
> This is cheap.

买 買

mǎi to buy / to purchase

> 买一些苹果。
> Mǎi yìxiē píngguǒ.
> Buy some apples.

卖 賣

mài to sell / to betray / to show off or flaunt / to spare no effort

> 这个卖不卖？
> Zhège mài bú mài?
> Is that for sale?

花

huā flower / blossom / to spend (money, time) / fancy pattern / florid / surname Hua / lecherous / lustful

> 他买了些花。
> Tā mǎile xiē huā.
> He bought some flowers.

信用卡

xìnyòngkǎ credit card

> 我可以用哪些信用卡？
> Wǒ kěyǐ yòng nǎxiē xìnyòngkǎ?
> Which credit cards can I use?

找钱 找錢

zhǎoqián to give change / to seek funding / to make money / to earn a living

> 东西很便宜，但他们不找钱。
> Dōngxi hěn piányi, dàn tāmen bù zhǎoqián.
> The things are cheap, but they don't give change.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

价格 價格

jiàgé price

> 价格反映着需求。
> Jiàgé fǎnyìngzhe xūqiú.
> Price reflects demand.

打折

dǎzhé to give a discount

> 价钱可以打折吗？
> Jiàqian kěyǐ dǎzhé ma?
> Can the price be discounted?

现金 現金

xiànjīn cash

> 我想付现金。
> Wǒ xiǎng fù xiànjīn.
> I'd like to pay in cash.

支付

zhīfù to pay (money)

> 我用现金支付。
> Wǒ yòng xiànjīn zhīfù.
> I'll pay in cash.

零钱 零錢

língqián change (of money) / small change / pocket money

> 这是你零钱。
> Zhè shì nǐ língqián.
> Here is your change.

刷卡

shuākǎ to use a credit card (or swipe card, smart card etc)

> 请问，这里可以刷卡吗？
> Qǐngwèn, zhèlǐ kěyǐ shuākǎ ma?
> Can I pay by card here?

扫码 掃碼

sǎomǎ to scan a QR code or barcode

> 请扫码付钱，谢谢。
> Qǐng sǎomǎ fùqián, xièxie.
> Please scan the code to pay, thank you.

免费 免費

miǎnfèi free (of charge)

> 它是免费的。
> Tā shì miǎnfèi de.
> It's free.

降价 降價

jiàngjià to cut the price / to drive down the price / to get cheaper

> 商店周末要降价。
> Shāngdiàn zhōumò yào jiàngjià.
> The store is cutting prices this weekend.

会员 會員

huìyuán member

> 您有会员卡吗?
> Nín yǒu huìyuán kǎ ma?
> Do you have a points card?

网购 網購

wǎnggòu Internet shopping / to purchase online

> 现在很多人喜欢网购。
> Xiànzài hěn duō rén xǐhuan wǎnggòu.
> Many people like to shop online these days.

结账 結賬

jiézhàng to settle accounts / to pay the bill

> 朋友先去前面结账了。
> Péngyou xiān qù qiánmiàn jiézhàng le.
> My friend went up to the front to pay first.

浪费 浪費

làngfèi to waste / to squander

> 你在浪费水。
> Nǐ zài làngfèi shuǐ.
> You're wasting water.

价钱 價錢

jiàqian price

> 价钱都一样吗?
> Jiàqian dōu yíyàng ma?
> Are all the prices the same?

费用 費用

fèiyòng cost / expenditure / expense

> 每天费用多少?
> Měitiān fèiyòng duōshǎo?
> What's the daily fee?

收费 收費

shōufèi to charge a fee

> 我们建议提高收费。
> Wǒmen jiànyì tígāo shōufèi.
> We suggest raising the fees.

付

fù to pay / to hand over to / classifier for pairs or sets of things / surname Fu

> 我付了他钱。
> Wǒ fùle tā qián.
> I paid him the money.

低价 低價

dījià low price

> 低价的东西质量好吗?
> Dījià de dōngxi zhìliàng hǎo ma?
> Are cheap things good quality?

高价 高價

gāojià high price

> 我不想花高价买这双鞋。
> Wǒ bùxiǎng huā gāojià mǎi zhè shuāng xié.
> I don't want to pay a high price for these shoes.

促销 促銷

cùxiāo to promote sales

> 商店为什么总在周末促销?
> Shāngdiàn wèishénme zǒng zài zhōumò cùxiāo?
> Why do stores always run promotions on weekends?

优惠 優惠

yōuhuì privilege / favorable (terms) / preferential (treatment) / discount (price)

> 买两件有优惠吗?
> Mǎi liǎng jiàn yǒu yōuhuì ma?
> Is there a discount if I buy two?

折扣

zhékòu discount

> 这件衣服现在有折扣。
> Zhè jiàn yīfu xiànzài yǒu zhékòu.
> This piece of clothing is discounted right now.

消费 消費

xiāofèi to consume (goods and services, resources etc)

> 在日本生活消费很高。
> Zài Rìběn shēnghuó xiāofèi hěn gāo.
> Life in Japan is expensive.

讲价 講價

jiǎngjià to bargain (over price) / to haggle

支付宝 支付寶

zhīfùbǎo Alipay, online payment platform

> 你可以用支付宝付钱。
> Nǐ kěyǐ yòng Zhīfùbǎo fùqián.
> You can pay with Alipay.

特价 特價

tèjià special price

涨价 漲價

zhǎngjià to appreciate (in value) / to increase in price

> 最近牛肉又涨价了。
> Zuìjìn niúròu yòu zhǎngjià le.
> Beef has gone up in price again recently.

节省 節省

jiéshěng saving / to save / to use sparingly / to cut down on

> 我们很节省地旅行。
> Wǒmen hěn jiéshěng de lǚxíng.
> We are traveling on a tight budget.

退货 退貨

tuìhuò to return merchandise / to withdraw a product

> 这件衣服打折了，还能退货吗?
> Zhè jiàn yīfu dǎzhéle, hái néng tuìhuò ma?
> This piece of clothing is on sale. Can it still be returned?

总共 總共
zǒnggòng altogether / in sum / in all / in total

> 我今天总共买了十本书。
> Wǒ jīntiān zǒnggòng mǎile shí běn shū.
> Today, I bought ten books in all.

消费者 消費者
xiāofèizhě consumer

> 消费者可以退货吗?
> Xiāofèizhě kěyǐ tuìhuò ma?
> Can consumers return goods?

人民币 人民幣
rénmínbì Renminbi, the official currency of the PRC (currency codes: RMB or CNY)

> 他给了我两百人民币。
> Tā gěi le wǒ liǎng bǎi rénmínbì.
> He gave me two hundred Renminbi.

上涨 上漲
shàngzhǎng to rise / to go up

> 物价上涨了。
> Wùjià shàngzhǎngle.
> Prices are going up.

涨 漲
zhǎng to rise (of prices, rivers)
zhàng to swell / to distend / to exceed / to be over (an original figure)

> 他不肯给我涨工资。
> Tā bùkěn gěi wǒ zhǎng gōngzī.
> He would not raise my salary.

物价 物價
wùjià prices

> 物价上涨了。
> Wùjià shàngzhǎngle.
> Prices are going up.

花费 花費
huāfèi to spend (time or money) / expense / cost / expenditure

> 他一个月花费多少?
> Tā yí gè yuè huāfèi duōshǎo?
> How much does he spend per month?

售价 售價
shòujià selling price

> 这台电脑的售价是多少?
> Zhè tái diànnǎo de shòujià shì duōshǎo?
> What is the selling price of this computer?

退还 退還
tuìhuán to return (sth borrowed etc) / to send back / to refund / to rebate

> 商店答应退还我的钱。
> Shāngdiàn dāying tuìhuán wǒ de qián.
> The shop agreed to refund my money.

充值
chōngzhí to recharge (money onto a card) / to top up

> 哪里可以给饭卡充值?
> Nǎlǐ kěyǐ gěi fànkǎ chōngzhí?
> Where can I put money on my meal card?

付款
fùkuǎn to pay a sum of money / payment

> 现在付款可以便宜二十块。
> Xiànzài fùkuǎn kěyǐ piányi èrshí kuài.
> If you pay now, you can save twenty yuan.

收银台 收銀台
shōuyíntái checkout counter / cashier's desk

> 请到收银台付钱吧。
> Qǐng dào shōuyíntái fùqián ba.
> Please go to the cashier's desk to pay.

退款
tuìkuǎn to refund / refund

> 买错了，我想退款。
> Mǎi cuòle, wǒ xiǎng tuìkuǎn.
> I bought the wrong one and would like a refund.

发票 發票
fāpiào invoice / receipt / bill / uniform invoice (abbr. for 統一發票|统一发票[tong3 yi1 fa1 piao4])

> 你这张发票中奖了!
> Nǐ zhè zhāng fāpiào zhòngjiǎng le!
> Your invoice has won a prize!

性价比 性價比
xìngjiàbǐ cost-performance ratio

> 买东西时，你看重性价比吗?
> Mǎi dōngxi shí, nǐ kànzhòng xìngjiàbǐ ma?
> When you shop, do you care about cost-performance ratio?

账单 賬單
zhàngdān bill

> 我认为你要看账单。
> Wǒ rènwéi nǐ yào kàn zhàngdān.
> I guess you want to see the bill.

售后服务 售後服務
shòuhòufúwù after-sales service

支出
zhīchū to spend / to pay out / expenses / expenditure

> 他一个月支出两千块。
> Tā yí gè yuè zhīchū liǎng qiān kuài.
> He spends two thousand yuan a month.

代价 代價
dàijià cost / price / consideration (in share dealing)

> 公正的代价很高。
> Gōngzhèng de dàijià hěn gāo.
> Justice is expensive.

定价 定價
dìngjià to set a price / to fix a price

> 这件衣服定价一百元。
> Zhè jiàn yīfu dìngjià yìbǎi yuán.
> This piece of clothing is priced at one hundred yuan.

补贴 補貼
bǔtiē to subsidize / subsidy / allowance / to supplement (one's salary etc) / benefit
> 政府补贴买电动车的人。
> Zhèngfǔ bǔtiē mǎi diàndòngchē de rén.
> The government subsidizes people who buy electric vehicles.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6), part 2

昂贵 昂貴
ángguì expensive / costly
> 她买的东西很昂贵。
> Tā mǎi de dōngxi hěn ángguì.
> What she bought was very expensive.

券
quàn bond (esp. document split in two, with each party holding one half) / ticket / voucher / certificate / contract / deed (i.e. title deeds)
xuàn arch / vault (part of a building)
> 这张券明天就过期了。
> Zhè zhāng quàn míngtiān jiù guòqī le.
> This voucher expires tomorrow.

分期
fēnqī by stages / staggered / step by step / in installments
> 我想分期买这台电脑。
> Wǒ xiǎng fēnqī mǎi zhè tái diànnǎo.
> I'd like to buy this computer in installments.

实惠 實惠
shíhuì tangible benefit / material advantages / cheap / economical / advantageous (deal) / substantial (discount)
> 买大包装的米更实惠。
> Mǎi dà bāozhuāng de mǐ gèng shíhuì.
> Buying rice in big bags is more economical.

彩票
cǎipiào lottery ticket
> 你买彩票了吗?
> Nǐ mǎi cǎipiào le ma?
> Have you bought a raffle ticket yet?

免税 免稅
miǎnshuì not liable to taxation (of monastery, imperial family etc) / tax free / duty free (shop)
> 这笔收入是免税的吗?
> Zhè bǐ shōurù shì miǎnshuì de ma?
> Is this income tax free?

比价 比價
bǐjià to compare prices / to compare offers / price ratio / price parity / rate of exchange

标价 標價
biāojià to mark the price / marked price

分期付款
fēnqīfùkuǎn to pay in installments / payment in installments
> 我打算分期付款买电脑。
> Wǒ dǎsuàn fēnqīfùkuǎn mǎi diànnǎo.
> I plan to buy a computer by paying in installments.

抽奖 抽獎
chōujiǎng to draw a prize / a lottery / a raffle
> 抽奖的奖品是一台电视。
> Chōujiǎng de jiǎngpǐn shì yì tái diànshì.
> The prize in the lucky draw is a television.

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

价格标签 價格標籤
jiàgébiāoqiān price tag
> 价格标签上写着多少钱?
> Jiàgébiāoqiān shàng xiězhe duōshǎo qián?
> How much does the price tag say?

优惠券 優惠券
yōuhuìquàn coupon
> 过期的优惠券概不接受。
> Guòqī de yōuhuìquàn gài bù jiēshòu.
> Expired coupons are not accepted, without exception.

积分 積分
jīfēn integral (calculus) / accumulated points (in sports, at school etc) / total credits earned by student / bonus points in a benefit scheme
> 今天购物，积分翻倍。
> Jīntiān gòuwù, jīfēn fānbèi.
> Shop today and earn double points.

赠品 贈品
zèngpǐn gift / complimentary item / freebie / giveaway
> 赠品已经发完了，抱歉!
> Zèngpǐn yǐjīng fā wánle, bàoqiàn!
> The giveaway items have all been handed out, sorry!

物美价廉 物美價廉
wùměijiàlián good quality and cheap / a bargain
> 屋子物美价廉。
> Wūzi wùměijiàlián.
> The house looked good; moreover, the price was right.

划算
huásuàn worthwhile / value for money / cost-effective / to calculate / to weigh (pros and cons) / to view as profitable
> 这个很划算。
> Zhège hěn huásuàn.
> This is a bargain.

开销 開銷
kāixiāo to pay (expenses) / expenses / to dismiss (an employee)
> 我家每月的开销不小。
> Wǒ jiā měiyuè de kāixiāo bù xiǎo.
> My family's monthly expenses are not small.

抢购 搶購
qiǎnggòu to buy frenetically / to snap up (bargains, dwindling supplies etc)

开支 開支
kāizhī expenditures / expenses / to spend money / to pay wages

> 这与减少开支无关。
> Zhè yǔ jiǎnshǎo kāizhī wúguān.
> It's not about cost reduction.

涨幅 漲幅
zhǎngfú extent of a rise (in prices etc) / amount of increase / growth (typically expressed as a percentage)

> 去年的涨幅是百分之十。
> Qùnián de zhǎngfú shì bǎifēnzhī shí.
> Last year's growth was ten percent.

征收 徵收
zhēngshōu to levy (a tax) / to expropriate

> 政府要征收新的税。
> Zhèngfǔ yào zhēngshōu xīn de shuì.
> The government is going to levy a new tax.

无偿 無償
wúcháng free / no charge / at no cost

> 他无偿帮邻居修了水管。
> Tā wúcháng bāng línjū xiūle shuǐguǎn.
> He fixed his neighbor's water pipe free of charge.

下调 下調
xiàtiáo to adjust downwards / to lower (prices, wages etc)
xiàdiào to demote / to pass down to a lower unit

> 超市下调了牛奶的价格。
> Chāoshì xiàtiáole niúnǎi de jiàgé.
> The supermarket has lowered the price of milk.

廉价 廉價
liánjià cheaply-priced / low-cost

> 机场附近有廉价的旅馆吗?
> Jīchǎng fùjìn yǒu liánjià de lǚguǎn ma?
> Are there any cheap hotels near the airport?

值钱 值錢
zhíqián valuable / costly / expensive

> 这幅旧画非常值钱。
> Zhè fú jiù huà fēicháng zhíqián.
> This old painting is very valuable.

纸币 紙幣
zhǐbì bank notes / paper currency

> 我只有纸币，没有硬币。
> Wǒ zhǐyǒu zhǐbì, méiyǒu yìngbì.
> I only have banknotes, no coins.

上调 上調
shàngtiáo to raise (prices) / to adjust upwards

> 公司决定上调大家的工资。
> Gōngsī juédìng shàngdiào dàjiā de gōngzī.
> The company has decided to raise everyone's salary.

钞票 鈔票
chāopiào paper money / a bill (e.g. 100 yuan)

> 这张钞票是假的吧?
> Zhè zhāng chāopiào shì jiǎ de ba?
> This bill is fake, isn't it?

减免 減免
jiǎnmiǎn to reduce or waive (taxes, punishment, rent, tuition etc)

> 医院会酌情减免部分费用。
> Yīyuàn huì zhuóqíng jiǎnmiǎn bùfen fèiyòng.
> The hospital will reduce or waive some fees as the situation warrants.

价位 價位
jiàwèi price level

> 两家店的价位差不多。
> Liǎng jiā diàn de jiàwèi chàbuduō.
> The price levels at the two shops are about the same.

平价 平價
píngjià reasonably priced / inexpensive / to keep prices down / parity

> 这家店的菜好吃又平价。
> Zhè jiā diàn de cài hǎochī yòu píngjià.
> The food at this place is tasty and reasonably priced.

挥霍 揮霍
huīhuò to squander money / extravagant / prodigal / free and easy / agile

> 别再挥霍时间和钱了!
> Bié zài huīhuò shíjiān hé qián le!
> Stop wasting your time and money!

自费 自費
zìfèi at one's own expense / self-funded

> 这次出国培训要自费。
> Zhècì chūguó péixùn yào zìfèi.
> You have to pay for this overseas training yourself.

硬币 硬幣
yìngbì coin

> 我收集外国硬币。
> Wǒ shōují wàiguó yìngbì.
> I collect foreign coins.

讨价还价 討價還價
tǎojiàhuánjià to haggle over price / to bargain

> 这里是超市，不能讨价还价。
> Zhèlǐ shì chāoshì, bùnéng tǎojià-huánjià.
> This is a supermarket, so you can't haggle over prices.

额度 額度
édù quota / limit

> 信用卡的额度是多少?
> Xìnyòngkǎ de édù shì duōshǎo?
> What is the limit on the credit card?

小费 小費
xiǎofèi tip / gratuity

> 你们给了小费吗?
> Nǐmen gěi le xiǎofèi ma?
> Did you leave a tip?

收据 收據
shōujù receipt

> 你有没有收据?
> Nǐ yǒuméiyǒu shōujù?
> Have you a receipt?

单价 單價

dānjià unit price

> 买得越多，单价就越便宜。
> Mǎi de yuè duō, dānjià jiù yuè piányi.
> The more you buy, the cheaper the unit price is.

定金

dìngjīn down payment / advance payment

> 定金交了就不能退了。
> Dìngjīn jiāole jiù bùnéng tuìle.
> Once the down payment is made, it can't be refunded.

预售 預售

yùshòu to sell in advance

> 新楼盘下个月开始预售。
> Xīn lóupán xiàgeyuè kāishǐ yùshòu.
> The new apartment complex goes on pre-sale next month.

Outside HSK

原价 原價

yuánjià original price

满减 滿減

mǎnjiǎn discount after reaching a minimum spend

> 再买一件就能用满减了。
> Zài mǎi yí jiàn jiù néng yòng mǎnjiǎn le.
> If you buy one more item, you can use the spend-and-save deal.

买一送一 買一送一

mǎiyīsòngyī buy one, get one free / two for the price of one

> 面包现在买一送一，快去买吧！
> Miànbāo xiànzài mǎiyísòngyī, kuài qù mǎi ba!
> The bread is buy one get one free now, so go buy some!

清仓 清倉

qīngcāng to take an inventory of stock / to clear out one's stock

砍价 砍價

kǎnjià to bargain / to cut or beat down a price

价格战 價格戰

jiàgézhàn price war

尾款

wěikuǎn balance (money remaining due)

代金券

dàijīnquàn voucher / coupon