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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

医院 醫院

yīyuàn hospital

> 你们在医院。
> Nǐmen zài yīyuàn.
> You are in the hospital.

学校 學校

xuéxiào school

> 学校在哪儿?
> Xuéxiào zài nǎr?
> Where is the school?

机场 機場

jīchǎng airport / airfield / service provider for Shadowsocks or similar software for circumventing Internet censorship

> 到机场有多远?
> Dào jīchǎng yǒu duō yuǎn?
> How far is it to the airport?

火车站 火車站

huǒchēzhàn train station

> 我在火车站接到他了。
> Wǒ zài huǒchēzhàn jiēdào tā le.
> I managed to meet him at the train station.

地铁 地鐵

dìtiě underground railway / subway / subway train

> 他比地铁还快。
> Tā bǐ dìtiě hái kuài.
> He was faster than the subway.

公园 公園

gōngyuán park (for public recreation)

> 我在公园里走。
> Wǒ zài gōngyuán lǐ zǒu.
> I'm walking in the park.

银行 銀行

yínháng bank

> 银行在哪里?
> Yínháng zài nǎlǐ?
> Where is the bank?

图书馆 圖書館

túshūguǎn library

> 我爱图书馆。
> Wǒ ài túshūguǎn.
> I love libraries.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

警察

jǐngchá police / police officer

> 警察会来吗?
> Jǐngchá huì lái ma?
> Will the police come?

公共

gōnggòng public / common / communal

> 公园里的公共椅子坏了。
> Gōngyuán lǐ de gōnggòng yǐzi huàile.
> The public bench in the park is broken.

交通

jiāotōng traffic / transportation / to be connected / communications / liaison / to associate with / to collude with

> 事故耽误了交通。
> Shìgù dānwule jiāotōng.
> The accident held up traffic.

厕所 廁所

cèsuǒ toilet / lavatory

> 你是个厕所!
> Nǐ shì gè cèsuǒ!
> You are a toilet!

规定 規定

guīdìng to stipulate / to specify / to prescribe / to fix (a price) / to set (a quota) / regulations / rules / provisions / stipulations

> 办卡有什么规定吗?
> Bàn kǎ yǒu shénme guīdìng ma?
> Are there any rules for getting a card?

部门 部門

bùmén department / branch / section / division

> 他负责这个部门。
> Tā fùzé zhège bùmén.
> He's in charge of the department.

基础 基礎
jīchǔ base / foundation / basis / basic / fundamental

> 数学是所有科学的基础。
> Shùxué shì suǒyǒu kēxué de jīchǔ.
> Mathematics are the foundation of all sciences.

管理
guǎnlǐ management / administration / to supervise / to manage / to administer

> 网站的管理者很忙。
> Wǎngzhàn de guǎnlǐzhě hěn máng.
> The website manager is very busy.

停车场 停車場
tíngchēchǎng parking lot / car park

> 停车场是免费的。
> Tíngchēchǎng shì miǎnfèi de.
> The parking lot is free of charge.

博物馆 博物館
bówùguǎn museum

> 博物馆在哪里?
> Bówùguǎn zài nǎlǐ?
> Where is the museum?

邮局 郵局
yóujú post office

> 邮局在哪儿?
> Yóujú zài nǎr?
> Where is the post office?

设施 設施
shèshī facilities / installation

> 小区里有健身设施吗?
> Xiǎoqū lǐ yǒu jiànshēn shèshī ma?
> Are there any fitness facilities in the residential complex?

政府
zhèngfǔ government

> 政府的应对很及时。
> Zhèngfǔ de yìngduì hěn jíshí.
> The government's response was very timely.

社区 社區
shèqū community / neighborhood

> 社区是安静的。
> Shèqū shì ānjìng de.
> The neighborhood was silent.

广场 廣場
guǎngchǎng public square / plaza

> 我要去广场。
> Wǒ yào qù guǎngchǎng.
> I'm going to the square.

建设 建設
jiànshè to build / to construct / to establish / to develop / to institute

> 城市建设为什么要以人为本?
> Chéngshì jiànshè wèishénme yào yǐrénwéiběn?
> Why should urban development be people-oriented?

公共场所 公共場所
gōnggòngchǎngsuǒ public place

> 公共场所不能大声打电话。
> Gōnggòngchǎngsuǒ bùnéng dàshēng dǎdiànhuà.
> You shouldn't make loud phone calls in public places.

机构 機構
jīgòu mechanism / structure / organization / agency / institution

> 她在一家旅游机构工作。
> Tā zài yìjiā lǚyóu jīgòu gōngzuò.
> She works at a travel agency.

组织 組織
zǔzhī organization / to organize / tissue / weave

> 谁组织了这次会议?
> Shéi zǔzhīle zhècì huìyì?
> Who organized that meeting?

工程
gōngchéng engineering / an engineering project / project / undertaking

> 新桥工程什么时候完成?
> Xīn qiáo gōngchéng shénme shíhou wánchéng?
> When will the new bridge project be finished?

改善
gǎishàn to make better / to improve

> 它有改善了。
> Tā yǒu gǎishànle.
> It's improved.

维修 維修
wéixiū maintenance (of equipment) / to protect and maintain

> 空调需要维修了。
> Kōngtiáo xūyào wéixiūle.
> The air conditioner needs servicing.

居民
jūmín resident / inhabitant

> 居民走后，房子就空了。
> Jūmín zǒu hòu, fángzi jiù kōng le.
> After the residents leave, the house is empty.

领导 領導
lǐngdǎo leader / leadership / to lead / lead / leading

> 谢谢你的领导。
> Xièxie nǐ de lǐngdǎo.
> Thank you for your leadership.

设立 設立
shèlì to set up / to establish

> 学校设立了新的奖学金。
> Xuéxiào shèlìle xīn de jiǎngxuéjīn.
> The school has set up a new scholarship.

派出所
pàichūsuǒ local police station

> 他把钱包交到了派出所。
> Tā bǎ qiánbāo jiāo dàole pàichūsuǒ.
> He handed the wallet in at the police station.

设备 設備
shèbèi equipment / facilities / installations

> 这是台旧设备。
> Zhè shì tái jiù shèbèi.
> This is an old device.

开通 開通
kāitōng to open (a new road or railway line) / to set up (a hotline) / to launch (a service) / to subscribe to (a members-only service)
kāitong open-minded

> 你的会员开通了吗?
> Nǐ de huìyuán kāitōngle ma?
> Have you activated your membership yet?

服务台
fúwùtái service desk / information desk / reception desk / service desk / information desk / reception desk

> 服务台的人帮我叫了车。
> Fúwùtái de rén bāng wǒ jiàole chē.
> The person at the reception desk called a car for me.

公交
gōngjiāo public transportation / mass transit

> 我每天坐公交去上班。
> Wǒ měitiān zuò gōngjiāo qù shàngbān.
> I take the bus to work every day.

公交站
gōngjiāozhàn public transport station

> 公交站就在学校门口。
> Gōngjiāozhàn jiù zài xuéxiào ménkǒu.
> The bus stop is right at the school gate.

基础设施 基礎設施
jīchǔshèshī infrastructure

> 公路和桥都是基础设施。
> Gōnglù hé qiáo dōu shì jīchǔshèshī.
> Roads and bridges are both infrastructure.

市政
shìzhèng municipal administration

消防
xiāofáng firefighting / fire control

> 这栋楼的消防检查通过了吗?
> Zhè dòng lóu de xiāofáng jiǎnchá tōngguò le ma?
> Did this building pass its fire control inspection?

供应 供應
gōngyìng to supply / to provide (goods, services etc)

> 粮食供应十分充足。
> Liángshi gōngyìng shífēn chōngzú.
> There is an abundant supply of foodstuffs.

公民
gōngmín citizen

> 我是世界公民。
> Wǒ shì shìjiè gōngmín.
> I'm a citizen of the world.

公益
gōngyì public good / public welfare / public interest

> 你愿意参加公益广告的拍摄吗?
> Nǐ yuànyì cānjiā gōngyì guǎnggào de pāishè ma?
> Would you like to take part in filming a public service ad?

管道
guǎndào tubing / pipeline / channel / means

> 管道里流的不是水，是人血。
> Guǎndào lǐ liú de bú shì shuǐ, shì rén xuè.
> It wasn't water flowing through the pipes, but human blood.

污水
wūshuǐ sewage

> 工厂不能随便排放污水。
> Gōngchǎng bùnéng suíbiàn páifàng wūshuǐ.
> Factories must not discharge waste water as they please.

配套
pèitào to form a complete set / compatible / matching / complementary

> 新小区的配套设施很齐全。
> Xīn xiǎoqū de pèitào shèshī hěn qíquán.
> The new neighborhood has a full range of supporting facilities.

人行道
rénxíngdào sidewalk

> 在人行道上走。
> Zài rénxíngdào shàng zǒu.
> Walk on the pavement.

政策
zhèngcè policy

> 工作政策是个失败。
> Gōngzuò zhèngcè shì gè shībài.
> The employment policy is a failure.

规划 規劃
guīhuà to draw up a plan / to map out a program / a plan / a program

> 他对自己的未来有清楚的规划。
> Tā duì zìjǐ de wèilái yǒu qīngchu de guīhuà.
> He has a clear plan for his future.

绿化 綠化
lǜhuà to make green with plants / to reforest / Islamization

> 马路两边的绿化真漂亮!
> Mǎlù liǎngbian de lǜhuà zhēn piàoliang!
> The plantings along both sides of the road are really beautiful!

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

行政
xíngzhèng administration / administrative / executive

> 谁是行政助理?
> Shéi shì xíngzhèng zhùlǐ?
> Who is the Administrative Assistant?

电网 電網
diànwǎng electricity grid / power grid / electrified wire netting

> 小心，别碰那道电网！
> Xiǎoxīn, bié pèng nà dào diànwǎng!
> Careful, don't touch that electric fence!

兴建 興建
xīngjiàn to build / to construct

> 村里要兴建一条新公路。
> Cūnlǐ yào xīngjiàn yìtiáo xīn gōnglù.
> The village is going to construct a new road.

民政
mínzhèng civil administration

社会团体 社會團體
shèhuìtuántǐ social group / community organization

非政府组织 非政府組織
fēizhèngfǔzǔzhī non-governmental organization (NGO)

> 她在非政府组织工作。
> Tā zài fēizhèngfǔzǔzhī gōngzuò.
> She works at a non-governmental organization.

市政府
shìzhèngfǔ city hall / city government

> 市政府拟新建一座公园。
> Shìzhèngfǔ nǐ xīnjiàn yí zuò gōngyuán.
> The city government plans to build a new park.

基建
jījiàn capital construction (project) / infrastructure

> 山区的基建还比较落后。
> Shānqū de jījiàn hái bǐjiào luòhòu.
> The infrastructure in the mountain areas is still rather backward.

路灯 路燈
lùdēng street lamp / street light

> 天黑以后，路灯会自动开启。
> Tiānhēi yǐhòu, lùdēng huì zìdòng kāiqǐ.
> After dark, the street lights come on automatically.

下水道
xiàshuǐdào underground drain / sewer

> 师傅来疏通下水道。
> Shīfu lái shūtōng xiàshuǐdào.
> The plumber is coming to unblock the drain.

排水
páishuǐ to drain

> 小区的地下室怎么排水?
> Xiǎoqū de dìxiàshì zěnme páishuǐ?
> How does the basement in this residential complex drain?

供水
gōngshuǐ to supply water

> 村子里终于有供水了！
> Cūnzi lǐ zhōngyú yǒu gōngshuǐ le!
> The village finally has a water supply!

供电 供電
gōngdiàn to supply electricity

> 供电恢复后，灯都亮了。
> Gōngdiàn huīfù hòu, dēng dōu liàngle.
> After the power came back, all the lights came on.

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.

公共交通
gōnggòngjiāotōng public transport / mass transit

> 城市要多发展公共交通。
> Chéngshì yào duō fāzhǎn gōnggòngjiāotōng.
> Cities should develop more mass transit.

便民
biànmín user-friendly / convenient (for customers, citizens etc)

市容
shìróng appearance of a city

环卫 環衛
huánwèi public cleanliness / sanitation / environmental sanitation

垃圾桶
lājītǒng rubbish bin / trash can / garbage can

> 附近哪儿有垃圾桶?
> Fùjìn nǎr yǒu lājītǒng?
> Where is there a rubbish bin nearby?

国务院 國務院
guówùyuàn State Council / State Department

> 国务院昨天发布了一份新通知。
> Guówùyuàn zuótiān fābùle yífèn xīn tōngzhī.
> The State Council issued a new notice yesterday.

出台 出臺
chūtái to officially launch (a policy, program etc) / to appear on stage / to appear publicly / to leave with a client

> 政府出台了新的举措。
> Zhèngfǔ chūtáile xīn de jǔcuò.
> The government has introduced new measures.

拨款 撥款
bōkuǎn to allocate funds / appropriation

> 这笔拨款什么时候能到?
> Zhè bǐ bōkuǎn shénme shíhou néng dào?
> When will this appropriation arrive?

公立
gōnglì public (e.g. school, hospital)

> 公立医院的挂号费比较便宜。
> Gōnglì yīyuàn de guàhào fèi bǐjiào piányi.
> Registration fees at public hospitals are relatively cheap.

市政厅 市政廳
shìzhèngtīng city hall

消防队 消防隊

xiāofángduì fire department / fire brigade

> 消防队五分钟就赶到了。
> Xiāofángduì wǔ fēnzhōng jiù gǎndàole.
> The fire department arrived in just five minutes.

公共事业 公共事業

gōnggòngshìyè public utility / state-run enterprise / public foundation or enterprise, often charitable

> 公共事业的收费不能太高。
> Gōnggòngshìyè de shōufèi bùnéng tài gāo.
> Charges for public utilities shouldn't be too high.

城市规划 城市規劃

chéngshìguīhuà town planning

> 好的城市规划让生活更方便。
> Hǎo de chéngshìguīhuà ràng shēnghuó gèng fāngbiàn.
> Good urban planning makes life more convenient.

社会服务 社會服務

shèhuìfúwù social services

Outside HSK

居委会 居委會

jūwěihuì neighbourhood committee

消防栓

xiāofángshuān fire hydrant

公厕 公廁

gōngcè public toilet

政务 政務

zhèngwù government affairs

环卫工人 環衛工人

huánwèigōngrén sanitation worker