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Words

香港
xiānggǎng Hong Kong, special administrative region (SAR) of the PRC (short name 港[Gang3])

> 他是香港人。
> Tā shì Xiānggǎng rén.
> He is a Hongkonger.

蒙古族
měnggǔzú Mongol ethnic group

> 我同事是蒙古族，她家在内蒙古。
> Wǒ tóngshì shì Měnggǔzú, tā jiā zài Nèiměnggǔ.
> My coworker is Mongol, and her family is in Inner Mongolia.

壮族 壯族
zhuàngzú Zhuang ethnic group, the largest ethnic minority in China

> 三月三是壮族的节日。
> Sānyuè sān shì Zhuàngzú de jiérì.
> The Third of March is a festival of the Zhuang people.

苗族
miáozú Miao ethnic group

> 我同学是苗族，她家在贵州。
> Wǒ tóngxué shì Miáozú, tā jiā zài Guìzhōu.
> My classmate is Miao, and her family is in Guizhou.

行政
xíngzhèng administration / administrative / executive

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

直辖市 直轄市
zhíxiáshì municipality, namely: Beijing 北京, Tianjin 天津, Shanghai 上海 and Chongqing 重慶|重庆, the first level administrative subdivision / province level city / also called directly governed city

> 上海是中国的直辖市之一。
> Shànghǎi shì Zhōngguó de zhíxiáshì zhīyī.
> Shanghai is one of China's municipalities.

自治区 自治區
zìzhìqū autonomous region – a provincial-level administrative division of China with self-governance for ethnic minorities (five in total: Guangxi, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Xinjiang and Tibet)

> 中国一共有五个自治区。
> Zhōngguó yígòng yǒu wǔ gè zìzhìqū.
> China has five autonomous regions in total.

特别行政区 特別行政區
tèbiéxíngzhèngqū special administrative region (SAR), of which there are two in the PRC: Hong Kong 香港 and Macau 澳門|澳门 / refers to many different areas during late Qing, foreign occupation, warlord period and Nationalist government / refers to special zones in North Korea and Indonesia

边疆 邊疆
biānjiāng border area / borderland / frontier / frontier region

> 你想去边疆旅行吗?
> Nǐ xiǎng qù biānjiāng lǚxíng ma?
> Would you like to travel to the frontier region?

边境 邊境
biānjìng frontier / border

> 边境上有人走私汽油。
> Biānjìng shàng yǒurén zǒusī qìyóu.
> Some people are smuggling gasoline across the border.

江南
jiāngnán region of China immediately south of the lower Yangtze River, including Shanghai and adjoining parts of Jiangsu, Anhui, Jiangxi and Zhejiang

> 塞外的风光和江南很不一样。
> Sàiwài de fēngguāng hé Jiāngnán hěn bù yíyàng.
> The scenery beyond the Great Wall is very different from that south of the Yangtze.

中原
zhōngyuán Central Plain, the middle and lower regions of the Yellow river, including Henan, western Shandong, southern Shanxi and Hebei

> 中原地区的冬天很冷，夏天很热。
> Zhōngyuán dìqū de dōngtiān hěn lěng, xiàtiān hěn rè.
> In the Central Plains region, winters are cold and summers are hot.

塞外

sàiwài territories beyond the Great Wall

> 你想不想骑着马去塞外看看?
> Nǐ xiǎng bùxiǎng qízhe mǎ qù sàiwài kànkan?
> Would you like to ride a horse out beyond the Great Wall and see it?

西域

xīyù Western Regions (Han Dynasty term for regions beyond Yumen Pass 玉門關|玉门关[Yu4 men2 Guan1])

> 葡萄最早是从西域传到中原的吗?
> Pútao zuì zǎo shì cóng Xīyù chuán dào Zhōngyuán de ma?
> Did grapes first spread to the Central Plains from the Western Regions?

大陆 大陸

dàlù continent / mainland / mainland China (reference to the PRC)

> 他从大陆回来了。
> Tā cóng dàlù huílaile.
> He returned from China.

首府

shǒufǔ capital city of an autonomous region

> 你去过广西的首府吗?
> Nǐ qùguo Guǎngxī de shǒufǔ ma?
> Have you ever been to the capital of Guangxi?

内地 內地

nèidì inland / interior / hinterland / mainland China (PRC excluding Hong Kong and Macau, but including islands such as Hainan) / Japan (used in Taiwan during Japanese colonization)

> 内地的冬天比海边更干燥。
> Nèidì de dōngtiān bǐ hǎibiān gèng gānzào.
> Winters inland are drier than by the sea.

辖区 轄區

xiáqū administrative region

> 警察正在辖区内巡逻。
> Jǐngchá zhèngzài xiáqū nèi xúnluó.
> The police are patrolling within their jurisdiction.

五湖四海

wǔhúsìhǎi all parts of the country

> 大学里的同学来自五湖四海。
> Dàxué lǐ de tóngxué láizì wǔhúsìhǎi.
> The students at the university come from all over the country.