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School life Chinese vocabulary list

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Elementary (HSK 1-3)

学校 學校
xuéxiào school

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

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.

老师 老師
lǎoshī teacher

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

学生 學生
xuésheng student / schoolchild

> 我是学生。
> Wǒ shì xuésheng.
> I am a student.

上学 上學
shàngxué to go to school / to attend school

> 我该去上学。
> Wǒ gāi qù shàngxué.
> I was supposed to go to school.

上课 上課
shàngkè to go to class / to attend class / to have lessons / to go to teach a class

> 学校九点上课。
> Xuéxiào jiǔ diǎn shàngkè.
> School begins at nine.

下课 下課
xiàkè to finish class / to get out of class / (esp. of a sports coach) to be dismissed / to be fired

> 你们明天几点下课?
> Nǐmen míngtiān jǐdiǎn xiàkè?
> What time does your class finish tomorrow?

小学 小學
xiǎoxué elementary school / primary school

> 你在哪儿上的小学?
> Nǐ zài nǎr shàng de xiǎoxué?
> Where did you go to primary school?

中学 中學
zhōngxué middle school

> 你是中学学生吗?
> Nǐ shì zhōngxué xuésheng ma?
> Are you a high school student?

大学 大學
dàxué university / college / the Great Learning, one of the Four Books 四書|四书[Si4 shu1] in Confucianism

> 我去上大学。
> Wǒ qù shàng dàxué.
> I go to university.

休息
xiūxi rest / to rest

> 他休息两天。
> Tā xiūxi liǎng tiān.
> He rests for two days.

大学生 大學生
dàxuéshēng university student / college student

> 你是大学生吗?
> Nǐ shì dàxuéshēng ma?
> Are you a college student?

小学生 小學生
xiǎoxuéshēng primary school student / schoolchild / beginner

> 我是小学生。
> Wǒ shì xiǎoxuéshēng.
> I'm a pupil.

中学生 中學生
zhōngxuéshēng middle-school student / high school student

> 那个中学生在看书。
> Nàge zhōngxuéshēng zài kànshū.
> That middle-school student is reading.

教室
jiàoshì classroom

> 教室里没有人。
> Jiàoshì lǐ méiyǒu rén.
> There is no one in the classroom.

开学 開學
kāixué to start school / to begin / to found a school / the start of a new term

> 明天就开学了。
> Míngtiān jiù kāixué le.
> School begins tomorrow.

书包 書包
shūbāo schoolbag / satchel / bookbag

> 她在哪里买的她的书包?
> Tā zài nǎlǐ mǎi de tā de shūbāo?
> Where did she buy her schoolbag?

放学 放學
fàngxué to dismiss students at the end of the school day

> 什么时候放学?
> Shénme shíhou fàngxué?
> When is school over?

校长 校長
xiàozhǎng president / headmaster

> 他一定是校长。
> Tā yídìng shì xiàozhǎng.
> He must be the principal.

校园 校園
xiàoyuán campus

> 晚上的校园很安静。
> Wǎnshang de xiàoyuán hěn ānjìng.
> The campus is very quiet at night.

运动会 運動會
yùndònghuì sports competition

> 学校下个星期开运动会。
> Xuéxiào xiàgexīngqī kāi yùndònghuì.
> The school is holding a sports meet next week.

比赛 比賽
bǐsài competition (sports etc) / match / to compete

> 他想参加比赛。
> Tā xiǎng cānjiā bǐsài.
> He would like to take part in the competition.

参加 參加
cānjiā to participate / to take part / to join

> 你会参加吗?
> Nǐ huì cānjiā ma?
> Will you join us?

图书馆 圖書館
túshūguǎn library

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

留学 留學
liúxué to study abroad

> 我出国留学。
> Wǒ chūguó liúxué.
> I study abroad.

留学生 留學生
liúxuéshēng student studying abroad / returned student / foreign student / international student

> 我是义大利留学生。
> Wǒ shì Yìdàlì liúxuéshēng.
> I'm an exchange student from Italy.

迟到 遲到
chídào to arrive late

> 你总是迟到。
> Nǐ zǒngshì chídào.
> You are always late.

初中
chūzhōng junior high school (abbr. for 初級中學|初级中学 [chu1 ji2 zhong1 xue2])

> 你的初中离家远不远?
> Nǐ de chūzhōng líjiā yuǎn bù yuǎn?
> Is your junior high school far from home?

女生
nǚshēng girl / schoolgirl / female student

> 她给了女生一些苹果。
> Tā gěi le nǚshēng yìxiē píngguǒ.
> She gave her some apples.

年级 年級
niánjí grade / year (in school, college etc)

> 他比我高一个年级。
> Tā bǐ wǒ gāo yí gè niánjí.
> He is one year ahead of me in school.

男生
nánshēng schoolboy / male student / boy / guy (young adult male)

> 他是最高的男生。
> Tā shì zuìgāo de nánshēng.
> He is the tallest boy.

学期 學期
xuéqī term / semester

> 新的学期开始了。
> Xīn de xuéqī kāishǐle.
> The new school semester has started.

黑板
hēibǎn blackboard

> 去黑板那儿。
> Qù hēibǎn nàr.
> Go to the blackboard.

Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

毕业 畢業
bìyè graduation / to graduate / to finish school

> 他今年毕业吗?
> Tā jīnnián bìyè ma?
> Is he graduating this year?

食堂
shítáng dining hall / cafeteria

> 食堂开了吗?
> Shítáng kāile ma?
> Is the canteen open yet?

操场 操場
cāochǎng playground / sports field / drill ground

> 孩子们正在操场上玩。
> Háizimen zhèngzài cāochǎng shàng wán.
> The children are playing on the playground.

专业 專業
zhuānyè specialty / specialized field / main field of study (at university) / major / professional

> 那样很不专业。
> Nàyàng hěn bù zhuānyè.
> That was unprofessional.

报名 報名
bàomíng to sign up / to enter one's name / to apply / to register / to enroll / to enlist

> 我怎样报名参加呢?
> Wǒ zěnyàng bàomíng cānjiā ne?
> How do I sign up?

校外
xiàowài off campus

学院 學院
xuéyuàn college / educational institute / school / faculty

> 他们学院的老师都很年轻。
> Tāmen xuéyuàn de lǎoshī dōu hěn niánqīng.
> The teachers in their faculty are all very young.

校服
xiàofú school uniform

教师 教師
jiàoshī teacher

> 他是个教师。
> Tā shì gè jiàoshī.
> He is a teacher.

毕业生 畢業生
bìyèshēng graduate

> 他是去年的毕业生吗?
> Tā shì qùnián de bìyèshēng ma?
> Is he a graduate from last year?

研究生
yánjiūshēng graduate student / postgraduate student / research student

> 他读完研究生就回国了。
> Tā dú wán yánjiūshēng jiù huíguó le.
> He returned to his home country after finishing his postgraduate studies.

入学 入學
rùxué to enter a school or college / to go to school for the first time as a child

> 她提出了入学申请。
> Tā tíchūle rùxué shēnqǐng.
> She made out the application for admission.

课堂 課堂
kètáng classroom / class session

> 课堂上请不要玩手机。
> Kètáng shàng qǐng búyào wán shǒujī.
> Please don't play with your phone in class.

师生 師生
shīshēng teachers and students

> 他们的师生关系非常好。
> Tāmen de shīshēng guānxi fēicháng hǎo.
> The relationship between them as teacher and student is very good.

奖学金 獎學金
jiǎngxuéjīn scholarship

> 他申请了奖学金。
> Tā shēnqǐngle jiǎngxuéjīn.
> He applied for the scholarship.

班长 班長
bānzhǎng class monitor / squad leader / team leader

> 谁是你们班的班长?
> Shéi shì nǐmen bān de bānzhǎng?
> Who is the monitor of your class?

表扬 表揚
biǎoyáng to praise / to commend

> 老师当着全班表扬了他。
> Lǎoshī dāngzhe quánbān biǎoyángle tā.
> The teacher praised him in front of the whole class.

暑假
shǔjià summer vacation

> 你暑假作业做完了吗?
> Nǐ shǔjià zuòyè zuò wánle ma?
> Have you finished your summer homework?

点名 點名
diǎnmíng roll call / to mention sb by name / (to call or praise or criticize sb) by name

> 老师每天上课都先点名。
> Lǎoshī měitiān shàngkè dōu xiān diǎnmíng.
> The teacher takes roll call first at every class.

寒假
hánjià winter vacation

> 你寒假过得愉快吗?
> Nǐ hánjià guò de yúkuài ma?
> Did you enjoy your winter holidays?

校车 校車
xiàochē school bus

自习 自習
zìxí to study outside of class time (reviewing one's lessons) / to study in one's free time / individual study

> 晚上我们要在教室自习。
> Wǎnshang wǒmen yào zài jiàoshì zìxí.
> We have to study in the classroom this evening.

宿舍
sùshè dormitory / dorm room / living quarters / hostel

> 他一放学就回宿舍了。
> Tā yí fàngxué jiù huí sùshè le.
> He went back to the dorm as soon as he finished class.

讲座 講座
jiǎngzuò course of lectures / lecture series / chair (academic position)

> 他的讲座很长。
> Tā de jiǎngzuò hěn cháng.
> His lectures are very long.

培训 培訓
péixùn to cultivate / to train / to groom / training

> 学校每年培训很多老师。
> Xuéxiào měinián péixùn hěn duō lǎoshī.
> The school trains many teachers every year.

学术 學術
xuéshù learning / science / academic

> 他一生都在研究学术。
> Tā yìshēng dōu zài yánjiū xuéshù.
> He spent his whole life devoted to scholarship.

志愿者 志願者
zhìyuànzhě volunteer

> 志愿者帮老人打扫房间。
> Zhìyuànzhě bāng lǎorén dǎsǎo fángjiān.
> The volunteers help the elderly clean their rooms.

班主任
bānzhǔrèn teacher in charge of a class

> 她请假的事要先告诉班主任。
> Tā qǐngjià de shì yào xiān gàosu bānzhǔrèn.
> She must tell the class teacher first about her leave.

学长 學長
xuézhǎng senior or older male schoolmate

> 学长帮我找到了需要的参考书。
> Xuézhǎng bāng wǒ zhǎodàole xūyào de cānkǎoshū.
> A senior schoolmate helped me find the reference books I needed.

录取 錄取
lùqǔ to accept an applicant (prospective student, employee etc) who passes an entrance exam / to admit (a student) / to hire (a job candidate)

> 我希望考试能录取。
> Wǒ xīwàng kǎoshì néng lùqǔ.
> I hope to graduate at the exams.

学年 學年
xuénián academic year

> 这学年结束了。
> Zhè xuénián jiéshùle.
> The school year ended.

学生会 學生會
xuéshenghuì student union

> 学生会明天要开会吗?
> Xuéshenghuì míngtiān yào kāihuì ma?
> Is the student union having a meeting tomorrow?

成绩单 成績單
chéngjìdān school report or transcript

> 我爸爸看了我的成绩单。
> Wǒ bàba kànle wǒ de chéngjìdān.
> My dad looked at my report card.

课间 課間
kèjiān interval between lessons

> 课间可以去洗手间吗?
> Kèjiān kěyǐ qù xǐshǒujiān ma?
> May I go to the restroom between classes?

借书证 借書證
jièshūzhèng library card

> 借书需要带借书证吗?
> Jiè shū xūyào dài jièshūzhèng ma?
> Do I need to bring my library card to borrow books?

校友
xiàoyǒu schoolmate / alumnus / alumna

招生
zhāoshēng to enroll new students / to get students

> 这所学校今年不招生了。
> Zhè suǒ xuéxiào jīnnián bù zhāoshēngle.
> This school isn't enrolling new students this year.

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?

策划 策劃
cèhuà to plot / to scheme / to bring about / to engineer / planning / producer / planner

> 他在策划部工作。
> Tā zài cèhuà bù gōngzuò.
> He works in the planning section.

校规 校規
xiàoguī school rules and regulations

纪律 紀律
jìlǜ discipline

> 上课时要遵守纪律。
> Shàngkè shí yào zūnshǒu jìlǜ.
> You must follow the rules of discipline in class.

学员 學員
xuéyuán student / member of an institution of learning / officer cadet

> 学员们都在认真听课。
> Xuéyuánmen dōu zài rènzhēn tīngkè.
> The trainees are all listening carefully to the lesson.

导师 導師
dǎoshī tutor / teacher / academic advisor

> 她很尊重她的导师。
> Tā hěn zūnzhòng tā de dǎoshī.
> She respects her homeroom teacher a lot.

就读 就讀
jiùdú to go to school

> 他就读于京都大学。
> Tā jiùdú yú Jīngdū dàxué.
> He is studying at Kyoto University.

休学 休學
xiūxué to suspend schooling / to defer study

夏令营 夏令營
xiàlìngyíng summer camp

> 夏令营要带什么东西?
> Xiàlìngyíng yào dài shénme dōngxi?
> What do we need to bring to the summer camp?

辅导员 輔導員
fǔdǎoyuán student counselor (in Chinese universities)

> 我有问题，想去问辅导员。
> Wǒ yǒu wèntí, xiǎng qù wèn fǔdǎoyuán.
> I have a problem and want to go ask the student counselor.

转学 轉學
zhuǎnxué to change schools / to transfer from one school to another

> 他下个月要转学到上海。
> Tā xiàgeyuè yào zhuǎnxué dào Shànghǎi.
> He's transferring to a school in Shanghai next month.

值日
zhírì on day duty

> 他忘了值日，被老师说了。
> Tā wàngle zhírì, bèi lǎoshī shuōle.
> He forgot his cleaning duty and got scolded by the teacher.

校徽
xiàohuī school badge / college insignia / university crest

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

新生
xīnshēng new / newborn / emerging / nascent / rebirth / regeneration / new life / new student

> 你是新生吗?
> Nǐ shì xīnshēng ma?
> You're a new student?

社团 社團
shètuán association / society / group / union / club / organization

> 你属于哪个社团?
> Nǐ shǔyú nǎge shètuán?
> Which club do you belong to?

庆典 慶典
qìngdiǎn celebration

> 国庆庆典晚上八点开始。
> Guóqìng qìngdiǎn wǎnshang bā diǎn kāishǐ.
> The National Day celebration starts at eight in the evening.

学籍 學籍
xuéjí registration as a current student

奖惩 獎懲
jiǎngchéng rewards and penalties

处分 處分
chǔfèn to discipline sb / to punish / disciplinary action / to deal with (a matter)

> 他打架被学校记了一次处分。
> Tā dǎjià bèi xuéxiào jì le yícì chǔfèn.
> He got a disciplinary record from the school for fighting.

志愿 志願
zhìyuàn aspiration / ambition / to volunteer

> 我志愿去山区教书。
> Wǒ zhìyuàn qù shānqū jiāoshū.
> I volunteer to go teach in the mountains.

礼堂 禮堂
lǐtáng assembly hall / auditorium

> 我就知道礼堂里会很热。
> Wǒ jiù zhīdào lǐtáng lǐ huì hěn rè.
> I knew it would be hot in the auditorium.

寝室 寢室
qǐnshì bedroom / dormitory

> 寝室晚上十一点就要关门。
> Qǐnshì wǎnshang shíyīdiǎn jiùyào guānmén.
> The dormitory locks its doors at eleven every night.

作弊
zuòbì to practice fraud / to cheat / to engage in corrupt practices

> 老师不应该纵容作弊。
> Lǎoshī bù yīnggāi zòngróng zuòbì.
> Teachers should not condone cheating.

勤工俭学 勤工儉學

qíngōngjiǎnxué to work part-time while studying / work-study program

> 她靠勤工俭学付了大部分学费。
> Tā kào qíngōngjiǎnxué fùle dàbùfen xuéfèi.
> She paid most of her tuition by working part-time while studying.

夜校

yèxiào evening school / night school

> 她在夜校上自卫术课程。
> Tā zài yèxiào shàng zìwèi shù kèchéng.
> She took night classes in the art of self-defense.

旷课 曠課

kuàngkè to play truant / to cut classes

> 你为什么昨天旷课了？
> Nǐ wèishénme zuótiān kuàngkè le?
> Why did you cut class yesterday?