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Time and dates Chinese vocabulary list

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HSK 1

点 點

diǎn point / dot / spot / speck / dot stroke in Chinese characters / decimal point / point in time or space / o'clock / to touch briefly / to tap / to mark with a dot / to check off (on a list) / to nod (one's head) in agreement / to beckon by moving (one's hand) up and down / to order (food etc) / to select / to mention / to bring up (a topic or person) / to hint at / to imply / to administer (eye medicine etc) in drops / to light (a fire, a lamp etc) / to ignite / a small amount / a bit / (after a verb or adjective) a bit more / classifier for small amounts

> 9点可以吗?
> Jiǔ diǎn kěyǐ ma?
> Would 9 o'clock be all right?

分钟 分鐘

fēnzhōng minute

> 几分钟后见。
> Jǐ fēnzhōng hòu jiàn.
> See you in a couple of minutes.

现在 現在

xiànzài now / at present / currently

> 我现在不忙。
> Wǒ xiànzài bù máng.
> I'm not busy now.

时候 時候

shíhou time / length of time / moment / period

> 你什么时候来?
> Nǐ shénme shíhou lái?
> When will you come?

今天

jīntiān today / the present time / now

> 今天下雨了。
> Jīntiān xiàyǔle.
> It's rainy today.

明天

míngtiān tomorrow

> 好，明天见!
> Hǎo, míngtiān jiàn!
> Okay, see you tomorrow!

昨天

zuótiān yesterday

> 他昨天病了。
> Tā zuótiān bìng le.
> He was ill yesterday.

上午

shàngwǔ morning

> 今天上午下雨。
> Jīntiān shàngwǔ xiàyǔ.
> It will rain this morning.

中午

zhōngwǔ noon / midday

> 我们在中午吃了饭。
> Wǒmen zài zhōngwǔ chīle fàn.
> We took lunch at noon.

下午

xiàwǔ afternoon / p.m.

> 今天下午下雨。
> Jīntiān xiàwǔ xiàyǔ.
> This afternoon it is going to rain.

晚上

wǎnshang evening / night / in the evening

> 晚上吃什么?
> Wǎnshang chī shénme?
> What do we eat tonight?

年

nián year / surname Nian

> 今年是哪一年?
> Jīnnián shì nǎ yì nián?
> What year is it?

月

yuè month / moon / monthly
ròu flesh / meat

> 他下月会很忙。
> Tā xià yuè huì hěn máng.
> He will be busy next month.

星期
xīngqī week / day of the week / Sunday

> 他病了一星期。
> Tā bìng le yì xīngqī.
> He has been sick for a week.

日
rì day / day of the month / sun / Japan (abbr. for 日本[Ri4 ben3]) / to fuck / to have sex with

> 云开见天日。
> Yúnkāijiàntiān rì.
> The clouds opened and the sun shone through.

几
jǐ several / a few / how many / how much
jī almost / small table
qǐ how could / surely not

> 你去了几回?
> Nǐ qùle jǐ huí?
> How many trips did you make?

天
tiān sky / day / heaven

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

早上
zǎoshang early morning

> 今天早上冷。
> Jīntiān zǎoshang lěng.
> It's cold this morning.

星期天
xīngqītiān Sunday

> 明天是星期天。
> Míngtiān shì xīngqītiān.
> It is Sunday tomorrow.

小时 小時
xiǎoshí hour

> 她睡了几小时。
> Tā shuìle jǐ xiǎoshí.
> She slept for a few hours.

时间 時間
shíjiān time / time / time

> 你时间多吗?
> Nǐ shíjiān duō ma?
> Do you have a lot of time?

早
zǎo early / morning / long ago / prematurely / Good morning!

> 你起床早吗?
> Nǐ qǐchuáng zǎo ma?
> Did you get up early?

晚
wǎn late / evening / night / late years / old age / closing stage of a period

> 他很晚回家。
> Tā hěn wǎn huíjiā.
> He came home very late.

去年
qùnián last year

> 你去年住在哪儿?
> Nǐ qùnián zhù zài nǎr?
> Where did you live last year?

明年
míngnián next year

> 我明年17岁。
> Wǒ míngnián shíqī suì.
> I'll be seventeen next year.

今年
jīnnián this year

> 今年是哪一年?
> Jīnnián shì nǎ yì nián?
> What year is it?

半
bàn half / and a half / semi- / incomplete
pàn large piece / big chunk

> 现在十点半。
> Xiànzài shí diǎn bàn.
> It's now half past ten.

白天
báitiān daytime / during the day / day

> 他们只在白天工作。
> Tāmen zhǐ zài báitiān gōngzuò.
> They work only during the day.

星期日
xīngqīrì Sunday

> 今天是星期日。
> Jīntiān shì xīngqīrì.
> Today is Sunday.

HSK 2

什么时候 什麼時候
shénmeshíhou when? / at what time?

已经 已經
yǐjīng already

> 他已经走了。
> Tā yǐjīng zǒule.
> He's already left.

每天
měitiān every day

> 我每天跑步。
> Wǒ měitiān pǎobù.
> I run every day.

上个月 上個月
shànggèyuè last month

> 我是上个月来的北京。
> Wǒ shì shànggeyuè lái de Běijīng.
> I came to Beijing last month.

下个月 下個月
xiàgèyuè next month
> 下个月你哥哥回家吗?
> Xiàgeyuè nǐ gēge huíjiā ma?
> Is your older brother coming home next month?

经常 經常
jīngcháng frequently / constantly / regularly / often / day-to-day / everyday / daily
> 您经常去吗?
> Nín jīngcháng qù ma?
> Do you go often?

过去 過去
guòqù past / former / previous / to go over / to pass by
guòqu (verb suffix)
> 走过去一点!
> Zǒu guòqù yìdiǎn!
> Walk over a little!

上个星期 上個星期
shànggèxīngqī last week
> 她上个星期没有上课。
> Tā shànggexīngqī méiyǒu shàngkè.
> She didn't go to class last week.

下个星期 下個星期
xiàgèxīngqī next week
> 下个星期你有时间吗?
> Xiàgexīngqī nǐ yǒu shíjiān ma?
> Do you have time next week?

HSK 3

以前
yǐqián before / ago / formerly / previous
> 他以前做过。
> Tā yǐqián zuòguo.
> He has done it before.

以后 以後
yǐhòu after / later / afterwards / following / later on / in the future
> 以后请注意点。
> Yǐhòu qǐng zhùyì diǎn.
> Please take more care in the future.

刚才 剛才
gāngcái just now / a moment ago
> 他刚才到了。
> Tā gāngcái dàole.
> He had just arrived.

先
xiān beforehand / first / earlier / for the time being / for now / my late (in referring to deceased relatives older than oneself) / at first / originally
> 先谢谢您了。
> Xiān xièxie nín le.
> Thanking you in advance.

然后 然後
ránhòu then / after that / afterwards
> 对，然后呢?
> Duì, ránhòu ne?
> Yes, and?

常常
chángcháng frequently / often
> 她常常感冒。
> Tā chángcháng gǎnmào.
> She caught colds often.

周末 週末
zhōumò weekend
> 你周末过得怎么样?
> Nǐ zhōumò guò de zěnmeyàng?
> Did you have a good weekend?

刚 剛
gāng just / only a short while ago / hard / firm / strong / barely / only just / exactly / precisely
> 他刚去。
> Tā gāng qù.
> He's just gone.

马上 馬上
mǎshàng at once / right away / immediately / on horseback (i.e. by military force) / on a horse
> 好，马上来!
> Hǎo, mǎshàng lái!
> Okay, I'm coming!

一直
yīzhí continuously / always / all the way through / straight (in a straight line)
> 一直向前走!
> Yìzhí xiàngqián zǒu!
> Keep going straight ahead!

总是 總是
zǒngshì always
> 他总是在笑。
> Tā zǒngshì zài xiào.
> He is always laughing.

有时候 有時候
yǒushíhou sometimes
> 我有时候六点起床，有时候七点。
> Wǒ yǒushíhou liù diǎn qǐchuáng, yǒushíhou qī diǎn.
> Sometimes I get up at six, and sometimes at seven.

最近
zuìjìn recently / nearest / soon
> 你最近怎样?
> Nǐ zuìjìn zěnyàng?
> How are you getting along these days?

刻
kè quarter (hour) / moment / to carve / to engrave / to cut / oppressive / classifier for short time intervals
> 这个杯子上刻着我的名字。
> Zhège bēizi shàng kèzhe wǒ de míngzi.
> My name is engraved on this cup.

差
chà not up to standard / inferior / to fall short / to lack / different / wrong / mistaken
chā difference / discrepancy / a little / somewhat / slightly / difference (amount remaining after a subtraction)
chāi person sent on such an errand / job / official post / to send (on an errand)
chài to recover from illness
cī uneven / irregular / not uniform
chá mistaken / erroneous
cuō to stumble / to slip
jiē alas

> 他们差六岁。
> Tāmen chà liù suì.
> The difference in their ages is six years.

礼拜天 禮拜天
lǐbàitiān Sunday

后天 後天
hòutiān the day after tomorrow / life after birth (the period in which one develops through experiences, contrasted with 先天[xian1 tian1]) / acquired (not innate or congenital) / a posteriori

> 请后天来吧。
> Qǐng hòutiān lái ba.
> Please come the day after tomorrow.

前天
qiántiān the day before yesterday

> 他前天到北京的。
> Tā qiántiān dào Běijīng de.
> He arrived in Beijing the day before yesterday.

迟到 遲到
chídào to arrive late

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

平时 平時
píngshí ordinarily / in normal times / in peacetime

> 今天比平时还忙。
> Jīntiān bǐ píngshí hái máng.
> Today's even busier than normal.

最后 最後
zuìhòu final / last / ultimate / finally / in the end

> 最后她没有来。
> Zuìhòu tā méiyǒu lái.
> After all she did not come.

终于 終於
zhōngyú at last / in the end / finally / eventually

> 他终于来了。
> Tā zhōngyú láile.
> He's finally here!

后来 後來
hòulái afterwards / later / newly arrived

> 你后来还来过这儿吗?
> Nǐ hòulái hái láiguo zhèr ma?
> Have you been here since?

不久
bùjiǔ not long (after) / before too long / soon / soon after

> 他们刚结婚不久。
> Tāmen gāng jiéhūn bùjiǔ.
> They got married recently.

刚刚 剛剛
gānggang just recently / just a moment ago

> 刚刚好。
> Gānggang hǎo.
> Just right.

一刻
yīkè a quarter of an hour / 15 minutes / a moment / an instant

> 三点一刻，我在门口等你。
> Sāndiǎn yíkè, wǒ zài ménkǒu děng nǐ.
> I'll wait for you at the door at a quarter past three.

工作日
gōngzuòrì workday / working day / weekday

> 周末的人比工作日多。
> Zhōumò de rén bǐ gōngzuòrì duō.
> There are more people on weekends than on weekdays.

前年
qiánnián the year before last

> 她是前年去的。
> Tā shì qiánnián qù de.
> She left the year before last.

礼拜 禮拜
lǐbài to attend a religious service / week / Sunday

后年 後年
hòunián the year after next

礼拜六 禮拜六
lǐbàiliù Saturday

礼拜一 禮拜一
lǐbàiyī Monday

礼拜五 禮拜五
lǐbàiwǔ Friday

礼拜二 禮拜二
lǐbài'èr Tuesday

礼拜三 禮拜三
lǐbàisān Wednesday

礼拜四 禮拜四
lǐbàisì Thursday

HSK 4

当时 當時
dāngshí then / at that time
dàngshí immediately / right then

> 他当时很累。
> Tā dāngshí hěn lèi.
> He was tired then.

秒
miǎo second (unit of time) / arc second (angular measurement unit) / instantly

> 他跑一百米只用了十二秒。
> Tā pǎo yì bǎimǐ zhǐ yòng le shí'èr miǎo.
> He ran a hundred metres in just twelve seconds.

日期
rìqī date

> 我忘了会议的日期。
> Wǒ wàngle huìyì de rìqī.
> I forgot the date of the meeting.

月底
yuèdǐ end of the month

> 月底我们公司要搬家。
> Yuèdǐ wǒmen gōngsī yào bānjiā.
> Our company is moving at the end of the month.

年底
niándǐ the end of the year / year-end

> 你打算年底回老家吗?
> Nǐ dǎsuàn niándǐ huílǎojiā ma?
> Are you planning to go back to your hometown at the end of the year?

世纪 世紀
shìjì century

> 2001年是21世纪的开始。
> Èr líng líng yī nián shì èrshíyí shìjì de kāishǐ.
> 2001 is the year when the 21st century begins.

按时 按時
ànshí on time / before deadline / on schedule

> 我按时到了学校。
> Wǒ ànshí dàole xuéxiào.
> I arrived at school on time.

准时 準時
zhǔnshí on time / punctual / on schedule

> 他准时来了。
> Tā zhǔnshí láile.
> He arrived in time.

及时 及時
jíshí timely / at the right time / promptly / without delay

> 我们会及时准备好。
> Wǒmen huì jíshí zhǔnbèi hǎo.
> We'll be ready in time.

提前
tíqián to shift to an earlier date / to do sth ahead of time / in advance

> 我们提前吃了午饭。
> Wǒmen tíqián chīle wǔfàn.
> We had an early lunch.

推迟 推遲
tuīchí to postpone / to put off / to defer

> 我们推迟了会议。
> Wǒmen tuīchíle huìyì.
> We postponed the meeting.

从来 從來
cónglái never (if used in negative sentence) / always / at all times

> 你从来没有快乐过。
> Nǐ cónglái méiyǒu kuàilèguò.
> You've never been happy.

偶尔 偶爾
ǒu'ěr occasionally / once in a while / sometimes

> 它偶尔会发生。
> Tā ǒu'ěr huì fāshēng.
> It happens occasionally.

往往
wǎngwǎng usually / in many cases / more often than not

> 他开会往往会迟到。
> Tā kāihuì wǎngwǎng huì chídào.
> He tends to be late for meetings.

首先
shǒuxiān first of all / in the first place

> 首先，幸福跟钱有关系。
> Shǒuxiān, xìngfú gēn qián yǒu guānxi.
> Firstly, happiness is related to money.

接着 接著
jiēzhe to continue / to catch and hold on / to go on to do sth / to follow / to carry on / then / after that / subsequently / to proceed / to ensue / in turn / in one's turn

> 别停，接着往前走吧。
> Bié tíng, jiēzhe wǎngqián zǒu ba.
> Don't stop, keep walking forward.

之前
zhīqián before / prior to / ago / previously / beforehand

> 之前你在哪里?
> Zhīqián nǐ zài nǎlǐ?
> Where were you?

之后 之後
zhīhòu after / behind / (at the beginning of a sentence) afterwards / since then

> 我之后再考虑。
> Wǒ zhīhòu zài kǎolǜ.
> I'll think about it later.

同时 同時
tóngshí at the same time / simultaneously

> 大家别同时说。
> Dàjiā bié tóngshí shuō.
> Don't all speak at the same time.

目前
mùqián at the present time / currently

> 他目前住在巴黎。
> Tā mùqián zhù zài Bālí.
> He is now staying in Paris.

将来 將來
jiānglái in the future / future / the future

> 为将来做准备吧。
> Wèi jiānglái zuò zhǔnbèi ba.
> Prepare yourself for the future.

日子
rìzi day / days of one's life / a (calendar) date

> 今天是什么日子?
> Jīntiān shì shénme rìzi?
> What day is it today?

原来 原來
yuánlái so, actually, as it turns out / original / former / originally / formerly / at first

> 原来都是假的。
> Yuánlái dōu shì jiǎ de.
> So it was all a lie.

夜晚
yèwǎn night

> 夜晚一定下了雨。
> Yèwǎn yídìng xià le yǔ.
> It must have rained during the night.

期
qī phase / term / stage / cycle / fixed time / deadline / due date / to hope / period / a period of time / classifier for issues of a periodical, courses of study / time / period / to arrange a time / to agree on a date
jī a full year or a full month

> 汉语班第二期下周开始。
> Hànyǔ bān dì'èr qī xiàzhōu kāishǐ.
> The second session of the Chinese class starts next week.

赶紧 趕緊
gǎnjǐn hurriedly / without delay

> 最好赶紧离开!
> Zuìhǎo gǎnjǐn líkāi!
> Better run away immediately!

夜
yè night

> 我想待一夜。
> Wǒ xiǎng dài yí yè.
> I'd like to stay for one night.

早晨
zǎochén early morning

> 他每天早晨8点起床。
> Tā měitiān zǎochén bā diǎn qǐchuáng.
> He gets up at 8 a.m. every morning.

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?

HSK 5

年代
niándài a decade of a century (e.g. the Sixties) / age / era / period

> 九十年代的老歌很好听。
> Jiǔshí niándài de lǎogē hěn hǎotīng.
> The old songs from the nineties sound great.

延长 延長
yáncháng to prolong / to extend / to delay

> 冰箱能延长水果的保存时间。
> Bīngxiāng néng yáncháng shuǐguǒ de bǎocún shíjiān.
> A fridge can prolong how long fruit keeps.

期间 期間
qījiān period of time / time / time period / period

> 减肥期间要控制卡路里。
> Jiǎnféi qījiān yào kòngzhì kǎlùlǐ.
> When you're trying to lose weight, you need to watch your calories.

时期 時期
shíqī period / phase

> 那是困难时期。
> Nà shì kùnnan shíqī.
> Those were difficult times.

时代 時代
shídài age / era / epoch / period (in one's life) / Time, US weekly news magazine

> 时代在变化。
> Shídài zài biànhuà.
> Times are changing.

时刻 時刻
shíkè time / juncture / moment / period of time / constantly / always

> 这是一个伟大的时刻。
> Zhè shì yí gè wěidà de shíkè.
> This is a great moment.

随时 隨時
suíshí at any time / at all times / at the right time / whenever necessary

> 你可以随时来。
> Nǐ kěyǐ suíshí lái.
> Come on any day you like.

始终 始終
shǐzhōng from beginning to end / all along

> 我们始终都有死的一天。
> Wǒmen shǐzhōng dōu yǒu sǐ de yì tiān.
> We shall all die some day.

通常
tōngcháng usually / normally / regular / usual / normal

> 她通常很早起床。
> Tā tōngcháng hěn zǎo qǐchuáng.
> She usually gets up early.

以来 以來
yǐlái since (used after a specified time or event)

> 我去年以来就没再做了。
> Wǒ qùnián yǐlái jiù méi zài zuòle.
> I haven't done that since last year.

立刻
lìkè immediately / at once / right away

> 请立刻回来。
> Qǐng lìkè huílai.
> Please come back at once.

逐渐 逐漸
zhújiàn gradually
> 她逐渐开始明白。
> Tā zhújiàn kāishǐ míngbai.
> She gradually began to understand.

渐渐 漸漸
jiànjiàn gradually
chánchán lofty and steep (of rocks) / flowing down (of tears)
> 白天渐渐地越来越长。
> Báitiān jiànjiàn de yuèláiyuè cháng.
> The days are getting longer and longer.

曾经 曾經
céngjīng already / former / previously / (past tense marker used before verb or clause) / once / ever
> 他曾经是市长。
> Tā céngjīng shì shìzhǎng.
> He used to be the mayor.

当前 當前
dāngqián the present time / to be faced with
> 当前的任务是准备考试。
> Dāngqián de rènwu shì zhǔnbèi kǎoshì.
> The present task is to prepare for the exam.

如今
rújīn nowadays / now
> 如今很多人用手机付钱。
> Rújīn hěn duō rén yòng shǒujī fùqián.
> Nowadays many people pay with their phones.

未来 未來
wèilái future / tomorrow / approaching / coming / pending
> 你有光明的未来。
> Nǐ yǒu guāngmíng de wèilái.
> You have a bright future.

长期 長期
chángqī long-term / for a protracted period
> 他长期在外地工作。
> Tā chángqī zài wàidì gōngzuò.
> He has worked away from home for a long time.

短期
duǎnqī short-term
> 2月我们有个短期休假。
> Èr yuè wǒmen yǒu gè duǎnqī xiūjià.
> We had a short vacation in February.

临时 臨時
línshí temporary / as the time draws near / at the last moment / interim / ad hoc
> 这只是一个临时办法。
> Zhè zhǐshì yí gè línshí bànfǎ.
> This is only a temporary solution.

日历 日曆
rìlì calendar
> 我把日历挂在墙上。
> Wǒ bǎ rìlì guà zài qiáng shàng.
> I hang the calendar on the wall.

定期
dìngqī at set dates / at regular intervals / periodic / limited to a fixed period of time / fixed term
> 她以前定期来看我。
> Tā yǐqián dìngqī láikàn wǒ.
> She used to visit me regularly.

持续 持續
chíxù to continue / to last / to persist
> 物价持续上涨。
> Wùjià chíxù shàngzhǎng.
> Prices continued to rise.

连续 連續
liánxù continuous / in a row / serial / consecutive
> 他连续三年都得了第一名。
> Tā liánxù sān nián dōu dé le dìyīmíng.
> He has won first place for three consecutive years.

古代
gǔdài ancient times
> 他喜欢读古代经典。
> Tā xǐhuan dú gǔdài jīngdiǎn.
> He likes reading the ancient classics.

近代
jìndài the not-very-distant past / modern times, excluding recent decades / (in the context of Chinese history) the period from the Opium Wars until the May 4th Movement (mid-19th century to 1919) / capitalist times (pre-1949)
> 近代的发明让生活方便多了。
> Jìndài de fāmíng ràng shēnghuó fāngbiàn duō le.
> Modern inventions have made life much more convenient.

傍晚
bàngwǎn in the evening / when night falls / towards evening / at night fall / at dusk
> 今天傍晚做些事!
> Jīntiān bàngwǎn zuò xiē shì!
> Let's do something later this evening!

半夜
bànyè midnight / in the middle of the night
> 我半夜被冷醒了。
> Wǒ bànyè bèi lěng xǐngle.
> The cold woke me up in the middle of the night.

年初
niánchū beginning of the year
> 我年初换了新工作。
> Wǒ niánchū huàn le xīn gōngzuò.
> I changed to a new job at the beginning of the year.

尽快 儘快
jǐnkuài as quickly as possible / as soon as possible
> 他们会尽快。
> Tāmen huì jǐnkuài.
> They'll be quick.

事先
shìxiān in advance / before the event / beforehand / prior

> 你必须事先预约。
> Nǐ bìxū shìxiān yùyuē.
> You have to make a reservation.

此后 此後
cǐhòu after this / afterwards / hereafter

> 此后他再也没迟到过。
> Cǐhòu tā zàiyě méi chídàoguo.
> Afterwards he was never late again.

随后 隨後
suíhòu afterward / later / subsequently / following that

> 你先走，我随后就到。
> Nǐ xiān zǒu, wǒ suíhòu jiù dào.
> You go ahead, and I'll be there shortly.

自从 自從
zìcóng since (a time) / ever since

> 自从有了孩子，他很忙。
> Zìcóng yǒule háizi, tā hěn máng.
> Ever since they had a child, he has been very busy.

当年 當年
dāngnián in those days / back then / in those years / to be in the prime of life
dàngnián that very same year

> 当年他每天骑车去上班。
> Dāngnián tā měitiān qíchē qù shàngbān.
> Back then, he rode a bike to work every day.

近年来 近年來
jìnniánlái for the past few years

> 近年来，城里的公园多了。
> Jìnniánlái, chénglǐ de gōngyuán duō le.
> In recent years, there have been more parks in the city.

季度
jìdù quarter of a year / season (sports)

> 下个季度的计划还没定。
> Xià gè jìdù de jìhuà hái méi dìng.
> The plan for next quarter hasn't been decided yet.

近日
jìnrì the past few days / recently / the next few days

> 你近日身体怎么样?
> Nǐ jìnrì shēntǐ zěnmeyàng?
> How has your health been recently?

夜间 夜間
yèjiān nighttime / evening or night (e.g. classes)

> 夜间开车要特别小心。
> Yèjiān kāichē yào tèbié xiǎoxīn.
> You have to be extra careful driving at night.

近期
jìnqī near in time / in the near future / very soon / recent

> 近期我打算去看看爷爷。
> Jìnqī wǒ dǎsuàn qù kànkan yéye.
> I plan to go and visit my grandpa in the near future.

时常 時常
shícháng often / frequently

> 你时常忘记带钥匙吗?
> Nǐ shícháng wàngjì dài yàoshi ma?
> Do you often forget to bring your keys?

早晚
zǎowǎn (in reference to sth that is bound to happen) sooner or later / one of these days / at some time in the future / morning and evening / (this, or that) point of time

> 人早晚会死。
> Rén zǎowǎn huì sǐ.
> Man will die sooner or later.

午夜
wǔyè midnight

双休日 雙休日
shuāngxiūrì two-day weekend

时差 時差
shíchā time difference / time lag / jet lag

> 我时差还没倒过来呢。
> Wǒ shíchà hái méi dào guòlái ne.
> Actually, I still haven't gotten over my jet lag.

整点 整點
zhěngdiǎn time of day exactly on the hour (i.e. 12:00, 1:00 etc) / to make an inventory / point that has integer coordinates

> 火车整点出发，别迟到。
> Huǒchē zhěngdiǎn chūfā, bié chídào.
> The train leaves right on the hour, so don't be late.

闰年 閏年
rùnnián leap year / year with a thirteen intercalary month

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瞬间 瞬間
shùnjiān in an instant / in a flash

> 车子瞬间消失在雨中。
> Chēzi shùnjiān xiāoshī zài yǔ zhōng.
> The car vanished into the rain in an instant.

顿时 頓時
dùnshí immediately / suddenly

> 她的脸顿时红了。
> Tā de liǎn dùnshí hóngle.
> Her face turned red suddenly.

此刻
cǐkè this moment / now / at present

> 此刻我缺少现金。
> Cǐkè wǒ quēshǎo xiànjīn.
> I'm short of cash at the moment.

期限
qīxiàn time limit / deadline / allotted time

> 交作业的期限快到了!
> Jiāo zuòyè de qīxiàn kuài dàole!
> The deadline for handing in the homework is almost here!

截止
jiézhǐ to end / to close / cut-off

> 报名明天下午五点截止。
> Bàomíng míngtiān xiàwǔ wǔ diǎn jiézhǐ.
> Registration closes at five tomorrow afternoon.

频繁 頻繁
pínfán frequently / often

> 他最近频繁出差，很少在家。
> Tā zuìjìn pínfán chūchāi, hěn shǎo zàijiā.
> He has been traveling on business frequently lately and is rarely home.

频率 頻率
pínlǜ frequency

> 这个地方地震的频率很高。
> Zhège dìfang dìzhèn de pínlǜ hěn gāo.
> Earthquakes happen with high frequency in this area.

次数 次數
cìshù number of times / frequency / order number (in a series) / power (math.) / degree of a polynomial (math.)

> 他请假的次数太多，老板不高兴。
> Tā qǐngjià de cìshù tài duō, lǎobǎn bù gāoxìng.
> He has asked for leave too many times, and his boss is unhappy.

起初
qǐchū originally / at first / at the outset

> 起初她不喜欢马。
> Qǐchū tā bù xǐhuan mǎ.
> She didn't like the horse at first.

当初 當初
dāngchū at that time / originally

> 当初你为什么选了这个专业?
> Dāngchū nǐ wèishénme xuǎn le zhège zhuānyè?
> Why did you choose this major back then?

日益
rìyì day by day / more and more / increasingly / more and more with each passing day

> 夏天来了，白天日益变长。
> Xiàtiān láile, báitiān rìyì biàn cháng.
> Summer is here, and the days are getting increasingly long.

当代 當代
dāngdài the present age / the contemporary era

> 当代人的生活节奏很快。
> Dāngdài rén de shēnghuó jiézòu hěn kuài.
> The pace of life in the contemporary era is fast.

凌晨
língchén very early in the morning / in the wee hours

> 我们聊到凌晨两点。
> Wǒmen liáo dào língchén liǎng diǎn.
> We talked until two in the morning.

清晨
qīngchén early morning

> 她清晨离开了。
> Tā qīngchén líkāile.
> She left early in the morning.

时光 時光
shíguāng time (esp. as sth that passes)

> 我有一段美好的旧时光。
> Wǒ yǒu yíduàn měihǎo de jiù shíguāng.
> I had a fine old time.

岁月 歲月
suìyuè years / time

> 十年是一段漫长的岁月。
> Shínián shì yíduàn màncháng de suìyuè.
> Ten years is a really long period of time.

以往
yǐwǎng in the past / formerly

> 今年下的雪比以往少。
> Jīnnián xià de xuě bǐ yǐwǎng shǎo.
> We have less snow than usual.

拖延
tuōyán to delay / to put off / to procrastinate

> 我不能再拖延了。
> Wǒ bùnéng zài tuōyánle.
> I have to stop procrastinating.

耽误 耽誤
dānwu to delay / to hold up / to waste time / to interfere with

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

公元
gōngyuán CE (Common Era) / Christian Era / AD (Anno Domini)

> 这座古塔建于公元五世纪。
> Zhè zuò Gǔtǎ jiàn yú gōngyuán wǔ shìjì.
> This ancient pagoda was built in the fifth century CE.

当下 當下
dāngxià immediately / at once / at that moment / at the moment

> 他当下就答应了我。
> Tā dāngxià jiù dāyingle wǒ.
> He agreed to it immediately.

年度
niándù year (e.g. school year, fiscal year) / annual

> 新的年度从一月开始。
> Xīn de niándù cóng yíyuè kāishǐ.
> The new fiscal year starts in January.

当天 當天
dàngtiān the same day
dāngtiān on that day

> 快递当天就能送到吗?
> Kuàidì dàngtiān jiù néng sòng dào ma?
> Can the package be delivered the same day?

中旬
zhōngxún middle third of a month

> 三月中旬，花都开了。
> Sānyuè zhōngxún, huā dōu kāile.
> By the middle of March, the flowers are all in bloom.

深夜
shēnyè very late at night

他从不在深夜出门。
Tā cóngbú zài shēnyè chūmén.
He never goes out late at night.

下旬
xiàxún last third of the month

你下旬有空吗?
Nǐ xiàxún yǒukòng ma?
Are you free toward the end of the month?

往后 往後
wǎnghòu from now on / in the future / time to come

往后的日子会越来越好。
Wǎnghòu de rìzi huì yuèláiyuè hǎo.
The days ahead will get better and better.

往年
wǎngnián in former years / in previous years

今年的雨水比往年少。
Jīnnián de yǔshuǐ bǐ wǎngnián shǎo.
There is less rain this year than in past years.

开头 開頭
kāitóu beginning / to start

从第十课的开头读起。
Cóng dì shí kè de kāitóu dú qǐ.
Read Lesson 10 from the beginning.

延期
yánqī to delay / to extend / to postpone / to defer

我们把活动延期了。
Wǒmen bǎ huódòng yánqīle.
We postponed the event.

正午
zhèngwǔ midday / noon / noonday

上旬
shàngxún first third of a month

房租要在每月上旬交。
Fángzū yào zài měiyuè shàngxún jiāo.
The rent has to be paid in the first ten days of each month.

年终 年終
niánzhōng end of the year

年终前我想去旅行。
Niánzhōng qián wǒ xiǎng qù lǚxíng.
I want to go traveling before the end of the year.

子夜
zǐyè midnight

子夜的火车站很安静。
Zǐyè de huǒchēzhàn hěn ānjìng.
The train station is very quiet at midnight.

时区 時區
shíqū time zone

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即刻
jíkè immediately / instant / instantly

车要开了，请即刻上车!
Chē yào kāile, qǐng jíkè shàngchē!
The bus is about to leave, so please get on right away!

依次
yīcì in order / in succession

选手们依次走上了舞台。
Xuǎnshǒumen yīcì zǒu shàng le wǔtái.
The contestants stepped onto the stage in succession.

黄昏 黃昏
huánghūn dusk / evening / nightfall

黄昏时，天边的云变成了红色。
Huánghūn shí, tiānbiān de yún biànchéngle hóngsè.
At dusk, the clouds on the horizon turned red.

农历 農曆
nónglì the traditional Chinese calendar / the lunar calendar

今天是农历几号?
Jīntiān shì nónglì jǐhào?
What day of the lunar calendar is it today?

公历 公曆
gōnglì Gregorian calendar / solar calendar

阳历 陽曆
yánglì solar calendar / Western (Gregorian) calendar

你过阳历生日还是农历生日?
Nǐ guò yánglì shēngrì háishi nónglì shēngrì?
Do you celebrate your birthday by the Western calendar or the lunar calendar?

阴历 陰曆
yīnlì lunar calendar

中国按阴历过新年。
Zhōngguó àn yīnlì guò xīnnián.
In China, they celebrate New Year by the lunar calendar.

旬
xún ten-day period / one of the three ten-day divisions of a month (e.g. 上旬[shang4 xun2]) / ten years (in age expressions, e.g. 六旬[liu4 xun2] "sixty years old")

时而 時而
shí'ér occasionally / from time to time

我时而乐观，时而悲观。
Wǒ shí'ér lèguān, shí'ér bēiguān.
I am by turns an optimist and a pessimist.

迟早 遲早
chízǎo sooner or later

他迟早会后悔。
Tā chízǎo huì hòuhuǐ.
He will regret it sooner or later.

何时 何時

héshí when

他何时回国，没人知道。
Tā héshí huíguó, méi rén zhīdào.
Nobody knows when he will return to China.

钟

zhōng a (large) bell / surname Zhong / amount of time / o'clock (as in 三點鐘|三点钟[san1 dian3 zhong1] "three o'clock" or "three hours" or 五分鐘|五分钟[wu3 fen1 zhong1] "five minutes" etc) / handleless cup / goblet / to concentrate (one's affection etc) / clock

钟响过了吗?
Zhōng xiǎng guò le ma?
Has the bell rung?

当日 當日

dāngrì on that day
dàngrì that very day / the same day

我想要点当日套餐。
Wǒ xiǎng yàodiǎn dāngrì tàocān.
I'd like to buy menu of the day.

次日

cìrì next day / the morrow

次日早上，雨已经停了。
Cìrì zǎoshang, yǔ yǐjīng tíngle.
The next morning, the rain had already stopped.

同期

tóngqī the corresponding time period (in a different year etc) / concurrent / synchronous

本月的雨量比去年同期多很多。
Běnyuè de yǔliàng bǐ qùnián tóngqī duō hěn duō.
This month's rainfall is much more than in the same period last year.

往日

wǎngrì former days / the past

他脸上又有了往日的笑容。
Tā liǎnshàng yòu yǒule wǎngrì de xiàoróng.
His old smile has come back to his face.

黎明

líming dawn / daybreak

黎明时我们必须起床。
Líming shí wǒmen bìxū qǐchuáng.
We must get up at dawn.

当晚 當晚

dàngwǎn the same evening
dāngwǎn on that evening

下雪了，当晚没人出门。
Xiàxuěle, dàngwǎn méi rén chūmén.
It snowed, and nobody went out that evening.

周岁 週歲

zhōusuì one full year (e.g. on child's first birthday)

你儿子满周岁了吗?
Nǐ érzi mǎn zhōusuì le ma?
Has your son turned one yet?

往常

wǎngcháng usual / customary

会议比往常早结束。
Huìyì bǐ wǎngcháng zǎo jiéshù.
The meeting ended earlier than usual.

日程

rìchéng schedule / itinerary

这周的日程排得很满。
Zhè zhōu de rìchéng pái de hěn mǎn.
This week's schedule is packed.

次序

cìxù sequence / order

出场次序是抽签决定的。
Chūchǎng cìxù shì chōuqiān juédìng de.
The order of appearance was decided by drawing lots.

倒计时 倒計時

dàojìshí to count down / countdown

屏幕上的倒计时快结束了。
Píngmù shàng de dàojìshí kuài jiéshùle.
The countdown on the screen is about to end.

时段 時段

shíduàn time interval / work shift / time slot / the twelve two-hour divisions of the day

我每天工作不同时段。
Wǒ měitiān gōngzuò bùtóng shíduàn.
Every day I work different hours.

彻夜 徹夜

chèyè the whole night

我弟弟会经常彻夜不睡。
Wǒ dìdi huì jīngcháng chèyè bú shuì.
My brother will often sit up all night.