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Words

太极拳 太極拳
tàijíquán shadowboxing or Taiji, T'aichi or T'aichichuan / traditional form of physical exercise or relaxation / a martial art

> 太极拳是一种中国武术。
> Tàijíquán shì yìzhǒng Zhōngguó wǔshù.
> Tai chi is a Chinese martial art.

禁忌
jìnjì taboo / contraindication (medicine) / to abstain from

> 在这里谈钱是一种禁忌。
> Zài zhèlǐ tán qián shì yìzhǒng jìnjì.
> Talking about money here is a taboo.

礼仪 禮儀
lǐyí etiquette / ceremony

> 她没有一点礼仪。
> Tā méiyǒu yìdiǎn lǐyí.
> She has no manners at all.

葬礼 葬禮
zànglǐ burial / funeral

> 葬礼是昨天。
> Zànglǐ shì zuótiān.
> The funeral was yesterday.

迷信
míxìn superstition / to have a superstitious belief (in sth)

> 考试前，你别太迷信运气。
> Kǎoshì qián, nǐ bié tài míxìn yùnqi.
> Before the exam, don't put too much faith in luck.

忌讳 忌諱
jìhuì taboo / to avoid as taboo / to abstain from

> 他忌讳别人问他的年龄。
> Tā jìhuì biéren wèn tā de niánlíng.
> He doesn't like people asking his age.

嫁妆 嫁妝
jiàzhuang dowry

> 嫁妆里有一对金耳环。
> Jiàzhuang lǐ yǒu yíduì jīn ěrhuán.
> The dowry includes a pair of gold earrings.

彩礼 彩禮
cǎilǐ betrothal gift / bride price

出嫁
chūjià to get married (of woman)

> 女儿出嫁时，妈妈哭了。
> Nǚ'ér chūjià shí, māma kūle.
> When her daughter got married, the mother cried.

迎亲 迎親
yíngqīn to send a bridal sedan chair 花轎|花轿 to fetch the bride / to send a party to escort the bride to the groom's house

> 迎亲的车队什么时候到?
> Yíngqīn de chēduì shénme shíhou dào?
> When will the motorcade to fetch the bride arrive?

拜堂
bàitáng ritual kneeling to heaven and earth by bride and groom in a old-fashioned wedding ceremony / same as 拜天地

洞房
dòngfáng secret inner room / bridal room

媒人
méiren matchmaker

喜糖
xǐtáng sweet given on a happy occasion (esp. wedding)

> 你什么时候请我们吃喜糖?
> Nǐ shénme shíhou qǐng wǒmen chī xǐtáng?
> When are you going to treat us to your wedding candy?

喜酒
xǐjiǔ wedding feast / liquor drunk at a wedding feast

> 下个月请你来喝我的喜酒。
> Xiàgeyuè qǐng nǐ lái hē wǒ de xǐjiǔ.
> Please come to my wedding feast next month.

满月 滿月
mǎnyuè to reach one month of age / to reach the one-month mark since the start, launch or implementation of sth / the full moon

> 他喜欢在满月下散步。
> Tā xǐhuan zài mǎnyuè xià sànbù.
> He likes to take walks under the full moon.

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?

丧事 喪事
sāngshì funeral arrangements

墓地
mùdì cemetery / graveyard

> 老人在村子后面买了一块墓地。
> Lǎorén zài cūnzi hòumian mǎile yíkuài mùdì.
> The old man bought a plot in the graveyard behind the village.

哀悼
āidào to grieve over sb's death / to lament sb's death / mourning

遗体 遺體
yítǐ remains (of a dead person)

> 家人明天上午去看他的遗体。
> Jiārén míngtiān shàngwǔ qù kàn tā de yítǐ.
> His family will go to see his remains tomorrow morning.

火葬
huǒzàng to cremate

> 城里人大多选择火葬。
> Chénglǐrén dàduō xuǎnzé huǒzàng.
> Most city people choose cremation.

祭祀
jìsì to offer sacrifices to the gods or ancestors

> 古代的人常常祭祀天地。
> Gǔdài de rén chángcháng jìsì tiāndì.
> People in ancient times often offered sacrifices to heaven and earth.

扫墓 掃墓
sǎomù to sweep a grave (and pay one's respects to the dead person)

> 你明天有空陪我去扫墓吗?
> Nǐ míngtiān yǒukòng péi wǒ qù sǎomù ma?
> Are you free tomorrow to go with me to visit the grave?

风水 風水
fēngshuǐ feng shui / geomancy

> 这间房子的风水很好。
> Zhè jiān fángzi de fēngshuǐ hěn hǎo.
> The feng shui of this house is very good.

风土人情 風土人情
fēngtǔrénqíng local conditions and customs (idiom)

> 我想了解当地的风土人情。
> Wǒ xiǎng liǎojiě dāngdì de fēngtǔrénqíng.
> I want to learn about the local customs and way of life.

吉利
jílì auspicious / lucky / propitious / Geely, Chinese car make

> 八是个吉利的数字。
> Bā shì gè Jílì de shùzì.
> Eight is a lucky number.

鞠躬
jūgōng to bow / to bend down

> 我向老师鞠躬，表示敬意。
> Wǒ xiàng lǎoshī jūgōng, biǎoshì jìngyì.
> I bowed to my teacher to show my respect.

磕头 磕頭
kētóu to kowtow (traditional greeting, esp. to a superior, involving kneeling and pressing one's forehead to the ground)

> 在老家，结婚要给父母磕头。
> Zài lǎojiā, jiéhūn yào gěi fùmǔ kētóu.
> In my hometown, you kowtow to your parents when you marry.

和尚
héshang Buddhist monk

> 古时候有和尚去印度取经。
> Gǔshíhou yǒu héshang qù Yìndù qǔjīng.
> In ancient times, monks went to India to seek Buddhist scriptures.

葬
zàng to bury (the dead) / to inter

> 他死后被葬在山脚下。
> Tā sǐ hòu bèi zàng zài shān jiǎoxià.
> After he died, he was buried at the foot of the mountain.

棺材
guāncai coffin

> 电影里的棺材突然打开了!
> Diànyǐng lǐ de guāncai tūrán dǎkāile!
> The coffin in the movie suddenly opened!

菩萨 菩薩
púsà bodhisattva

> 她求菩萨保佑全家平安。
> Tā qiú púsà bǎoyòu quánjiā píng'ān.
> She prayed to the bodhisattva to keep her whole family safe.

逝世
shìshì to pass away / to die

> 他昨天逝世了。
> Tā zuótiān shìshìle.
> He died yesterday.

供奉
gòngfèng to consecrate / to enshrine and worship / an offering (to one's ancestors) / a sacrifice (to a god)

> 古时候人们用牛羊作供奉。
> Gǔshíhou rénmen yòng niúyáng zuò gòngfèng.
> In ancient times, people used cattle and sheep as sacrifices.

坟墓 墳墓
fénmù grave / tomb

> 这是谁的坟墓?
> Zhè shì shéi de fénmù?
> Whose tomb is this?

祈祷 祈禱
qídǎo to pray / to say a prayer

> 思念又祈祷。
> Sīniàn yòu qídǎo.
> Thoughts and prayers.

占卜
zhānbǔ to divine

> 老奶奶会用纸牌占卜。
> Lǎonǎinai huì yòng zhǐpái zhānbǔ.
> The old lady can tell fortunes with cards.

女方
nǚfāng the bride's side (of a wedding) / of the bride's party

> 女方的客人都坐在左边。
> Nǚfāng de kèrén dōu zuò zài zuǒbian.
> The bride's guests are all seated on the left.

男方
nánfāng the bridegroom's side / the husband's side

> 婚礼的钱主要由男方出。
> Hūnlǐ de qián zhǔyào yóu nánfāng chū.
> The money for the wedding is mainly paid by the groom's side.

蜜月
mìyuè honeymoon

> 去加拿大渡蜜月要花很多钱。
> Qù Jiānádà dù mìyuè yào huā hěn duō qián.
> A honeymoon in Canada costs a lot of money.

祭奠
jìdiàn to offer sacrifices (to one's ancestors) / to hold or attend a memorial service

> 奶奶每年都会在家门口祭奠爷爷。
> Nǎinai měinián dōu huì zàijiā ménkǒu jìdiàn yéye.
> Every year, Grandma makes offerings to Grandpa at the front door.

庙会 廟會
miàohuì temple fair

> 你小时候去过庙会吗?
> Nǐ xiǎoshíhou qùguo miàohuì ma?
> Did you go to temple fairs when you were little?

许愿 許願
xǔyuàn to make a wish / to make a vow / to promise a reward

> 生日时，她闭上眼睛许愿。
> Shēngrì shí, tā bì shang yǎnjing xǔyuàn.
> On her birthday, she closed her eyes and made a wish.

属相 屬相
shǔxiàng colloquial term for 生肖[sheng1 xiao4] the animals associated with the years of a 12-year cycle

> 我和奶奶的属相一样。
> Wǒ hé nǎinai de shǔxiàng yíyàng.
> My grandmother and I have the same zodiac animal.