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## Words

### 京剧 京劇
jīngjù Beijing opera

> 你想不想去看京剧?
> Nǐ xiǎng bùxiǎng qù kàn jīngjù?
> Do you want to go see a Peking opera?

### 功夫
gōngfu skill / art / kung fu / labor / effort

> 我没功夫吃饭。
> Wǒ méi gōngfu chīfàn.
> I had no time to eat.

### 国粹 國粹
guócuì national essence / quintessence of national culture

### 礼貌 禮貌
lǐmào courteous / polite / courtesy / politeness / manners

> 你不讲礼貌。
> Nǐ bù jiǎng lǐmào.
> You have no manners.

### 红包 紅包
hóngbāo money wrapped in red as a gift / bonus payment / kickback / bribe

> 老板赏了他一个红包。
> Lǎobǎn shǎngle tā yí gè hóngbāo.
> The boss gave him a red envelope as a reward.

### 风俗 風俗
fēngsú social custom

> 这是我们老家的风俗。
> Zhè shì wǒmen lǎojiā de fēngsú.
> This is a custom from our hometown.

### 传统 傳統
chuántǒng tradition / traditional

> 中华传统节日有很多。
> Zhōnghuá chuántǒng jiérì yǒu hěn duō.
> There are many traditional Chinese festivals.

### 婚礼 婚禮
hūnlǐ wedding ceremony / wedding

> 婚礼在哪儿举行?
> Hūnlǐ zài nǎr jǔxíng?
> Where is the wedding to be?

### 新郎
xīnláng bridegroom / groom

> 你见过新郎的父母吗?
> Nǐ jiànguo xīnláng de fùmǔ ma?
> Have you met the groom's parents?

### 新娘
xīnniáng bride

> 新娘好像非常漂亮。
> Xīnniáng hǎoxiàng fēicháng piàoliang.
> The bride seems to be very pretty.

### 去世
qùshì to pass away / to die

> 54岁去世。
> Wǔshísì suì qùshì.
> He died aged 54 years.

### 武术 武術
wǔshù military skill or technique (in former times) / all kinds of martial art sports (some claiming spiritual development) / self-defense / tradition of choreographed fights from opera and film (recent usage) / also called kungfu 功夫

> 武术就是人们常说的功夫。
> Wǔshù jiùshì rénmen cháng shuō de gōngfu.
> Wushu is what people often call kung fu.

### 中医 中醫
zhōngyī traditional Chinese medical science / a doctor trained in Chinese medicine

> 中医有几千年的历史。
> Zhōngyī yǒu jǐqiān nián de lìshǐ.
> Traditional Chinese medicine has a history of several thousand years.

### 书法 書法
shūfǎ calligraphy / handwriting / penmanship

> 你擅长书法吗?
> Nǐ shàncháng shūfǎ ma?
> Are you good at calligraphy?

### 生肖
shēngxiào one of the twelve animals symbolic of the earthly branches 地支[di4 zhi1] / animal from the Chinese zodiac

> 我奶奶的生肖是马。
> Wǒ nǎinai de shēngxiào shì mǎ.
> My grandmother's zodiac animal is the horse.

## 习俗 習俗
xísú custom / tradition / local tradition / convention

> 不同的国家有不同的习俗。
> Bùtóng de guójiā yǒu bùtóng de xísú.
> Each country has its own customs.

## 婚姻
hūnyīn marriage / matrimony

> 有些人害怕婚姻。
> Yǒuxiē rén hàipà hūnyīn.
> Marriage frightens some people.

## 祝福
zhùfú blessings / to wish sb well

> 谢谢你的祝福。
> Xièxie nǐ de zhùfú.
> Thanks for your well-wishes.

## 民俗
mínsú popular custom

> 你对中国的民俗有兴趣吗?
> Nǐ duì Zhōngguó de mínsú yǒu xìngqù ma?
> Are you interested in Chinese folk customs?

## 订婚 訂婚
dìnghūn to get engaged

> 我跟她订婚了。
> Wǒ gēn tā dìnghūnle.
> I am engaged to her.

## 民间 民間
mínjiān among the people / popular / folk / non-governmental / involving people rather than governments

> 奶奶会唱很多民间小调。
> Nǎinai huì chàng hěn duō mínjiān xiǎodiào.
> Grandma can sing many folk tunes.

## 传承 傳承
chuánchéng to pass on (to future generations) / passed on (from former times) / a continued tradition / an inheritance

> 这是代代传承的老习惯。
> Zhè shì dàidài chuánchéng de lǎo xíguàn.
> This is an old habit passed down through generations.

## 剪纸 剪紙
jiǎnzhǐ papercutting (Chinese folk art) / to make paper cutouts

> 窗上贴着红色的剪纸。
> Chuāng shàng tiēzhe hóngsè de jiǎnzhǐ.
> There is a red paper-cut pasted on the window.

## 喜事
xǐshì happy occasion / wedding

> 他们下个月办喜事。
> Tāmen xiàgeyuè bàn xǐshì.
> They are getting married next month.

## 吉祥
jíxiáng lucky / auspicious / propitious

> 红色在中国是吉祥的颜色。
> Hóngsè zài Zhōngguó shì jíxiáng de yánsè.
> Red is a lucky color in China.

## 仪式 儀式
yíshì ceremony

> 仪式完成了。
> Yíshì wánchéngle.
> The ritual was completed.

## 典礼 典禮
diǎnlǐ ceremony / celebration

> 明天举行典礼。
> Míngtiān jǔxíng diǎnlǐ.
> The ceremony will take place tomorrow.

## 求婚
qiúhūn to propose marriage

> 他向你求婚了吗?
> Tā xiàng nǐ qiúhūnle ma?
> Did he propose to you?