

B1 Chinese vocabulary

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A

爱心 愛心

àixīn compassion / kindness / care for others / love / charity (bazaar, golf day etc) / heart (the symbol ♥)

安排

ānpái to arrange / to plan / to set up / arrangements / plans

已经安排好了。
Yǐjīng ānpái hǎole.
Arrangements have already been made.

安装 安裝

ānzhuāng to install / to erect / to fix / to mount / installation

我想安装一台电话。
Wǒ xiǎng ānzhuāng yì tái diànhuà.
I want to have a telephone installed.

按

àn to press / to push / to leave aside or shelve / to control / to restrain / to keep one's hand on / to check or refer to / according to / in the light of / to make a comment

按我说的做。
Àn wǒ shuō de zuò.
Do as I say.

按照

ànzhào according to / in accordance with / on the basis of

我觉得我是按照你说的做的。
Wǒ juéde wǒ shì ànzhào nǐ shuō de zuò de.
I thought I was doing it your way.

B

把

bǎ marks the object before the verb / to hold / for things with a handle

把钱给我。
Bǎ qián gěi wǒ.
Give me the money.

把握

bǎwò to grasp (also fig.) / to seize / to hold / assurance / certainty / sure (of the outcome)

好好把握这个机会。
Hǎohǎo bǎwò zhège jīhuì.
Make good use of this opportunity.

白菜

báicài Chinese cabbage, esp. napa cabbage (*Brassica rapa* subsp. *pekinensis*) / sometimes used to refer to bok choy (*Brassica rapa* subsp. *chinensis*)

米饭的热量是白菜的数倍。
Mǐfàn de rèliàng shì báicài de shù bèi.
Rice has several times more calories than cabbage.

搬

bān to move (i.e. relocate oneself) / to move (sth relatively heavy or bulky) / to shift / to copy indiscriminately

我们搬了家。
Wǒmen bān le jiā.
We've moved.

班级 班級

bānji class (group of students) / grade (in school)

搬家

bānjiā to move house / to relocate / to remove (sth)

板

bǎn board / plank / plate / shutter / table tennis bat / clappers (music) / accented beat in Chinese music / hard / stiff / to stop smiling or look serious
pàn to catch sight of in a doorway (old)

办理 辦理

bànlǐ to handle / to transact / to conduct

保

bǎo to defend / to protect / to keep / to guarantee / to ensure / civil administration unit in the baojia 保甲[bao3 jia3] system / Bulgaria (abbr. for 保加利亞|保加利亚[Bao3 jia1 li4 ya4])

保安

bǎoān to ensure public security / to ensure safety (for workers engaged in production) / public security / security guard / Bonan ethnic group

保持

bǎochí to keep / to maintain / to hold / to preserve
请保持联系。
Qǐng bǎochí liánxi.
Please keep in touch.

保存

bǎocún to conserve / to preserve / to keep / to store / (computing) to save (a file etc)

我为你保存这些东西。

Wǒ wèi nǐ bǎocún zhèxiē dōngxi.

I've been saving these for you.

保护 保護

bǎohù to protect / to defend / to safeguard / protection

你需要保护。

Nǐ xūyào bǎohù.

You need protection.

保留

bǎoliú to keep / to retain / to have reservations (about sth) / to hold back (from saying sth) / to put aside for later

你可以把这个保留给自己。

Nǐ kěyǐ bǎ zhège bǎoliú gěi zìjǐ.

You can keep this one for yourself.

保险 保險

bǎoxiǎn insurance / to insure / safe / secure / be sure / be bound to

我的房子绝对保险。

Wǒ de fángzi juéduì bǎoxiǎn.

My house is fully insured.

保证 保證

bǎozhèng guarantee / to guarantee / to ensure / to safeguard / to pledge

我向你保证。

Wǒ xiàng nǐ bǎozhèng.

I give you my word.

报 報

bào to report / to inform / to announce / to respond / to reply / to sign up for / to register for (abbr. for 報名|报名[bao4 ming2]) / to reward / to recompense / to take revenge / to retaliate / newspaper / periodical / journal / bulletin / telegram

报到 報到

bàodào to report for duty / to check in / to register

报道 報道

bàodào to report (news) / report

报告 報告

bàogào to inform / to report / to make known / report / speech / talk / lecture

把报告给我。

Bǎ bàogào gěi wǒ.

Give me the report.

北部

běibù northern part

被

bèi quilt / to cover (with) / to suffer (a misfortune) / used to indicate passive voice (placed before the doer of the action like "by" in English passive-voice sentences, or, if the doer is not mentioned, before the verb) / (sarcastic or jocular) used to indicate that the following word should be regarded as being in air quotes (as in 被旅遊|被旅游[bei4 lu : 3 you2] to "go on a trip")

你被人爱着。

Nǐ bèi rén àizhe.

You are loved.

背后 背後

bèihòu behind / at the back / in the rear / behind sb's back

被子

bèizi blanket / quilt

本来 本來

běnlái original / originally / at first / it goes without saying / of course

你本来可以做的。

Nǐ běnlái kěyǐ zuò de.

You could have done it.

本领 本領

běnlǐng skill / ability / capability

本事

běnsì ability / skill

běnsì source material / original story

比较 比較

bǐjiào to compare / to contrast / comparatively / relatively / quite / comparison

以前比较好。

Yǐqián bǐjiào hǎo.

It was better in the old days.

比例

bǐlì proportion / scale

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.

必然

bìrán inevitable / certain / necessity

他的成功是必然的。

Tā de chénggōng shì bìrán de.

That he will succeed is certain.

必要

bìyào necessary / essential / indispensable / required

我们没必要急。

Wǒmen méi bìyào jí.

We didn't need to hurry.

变化 變化

biànhuà to change / to vary / change / variation

时代在变化。

Shídài zài biànhuà.

Times are changing.

变为 變為

biànwéi to change into

标题 標題

biāotí title / heading / headline / caption / subject

标准 標準

biāozhǔn standard / norm / criterion / standard / good / correct / conforming to a standard

他写的是标准英文。

Tā xiě de shì biāozhǔn Yīngwén.

He writes correct English.

表达 表達

biǎodá to express / to convey

你想表达什么？

Nǐ xiǎng biǎodá shénme?

What do you mean?

表格

biǎogé form / table

表面

biǎomiàn surface / face / outside / appearance

光看表面是不足够的。

Guāng kàn biǎomiàn shì bù zúgòu de.

All that glitters is not gold.

表明

biǎomíng to make clear / to make known / to state clearly / to indicate / known

他表明自己是一个理想的丈夫。

Tā biǎomíng zìjǐ shì yí gè lǐxiǎng de zhàngfu.

He's making it clear that he's an ideal husband.

表现 表現

biǎoxiàn to show / to show off / to display / to manifest / expression / manifestation / show / display / performance (at work etc) / behavior

他在学校的表现很好。

Tā zài xuéxiào de biǎoxiàn hěn hǎo.

He is doing very well at school.

表演

biǎoyǎn play / show / performance / exhibition / to perform / to act / to demonstrate

她表演得真好。

Tā biǎoyǎn de zhēn hǎo.

Her performance is really good.

并

bìng and / furthermore / also / together with / at all / simultaneously / to combine / to join / to merge / to combine / to amalgamate

bīng short name for Taiyuan 太原[Tai4 yuan2]

这并不容易。

Zhè bìng bù róngyì.

It's not easy.

并且 並且

bìngqiě and / besides / moreover / furthermore / in addition

我一直这么认为并且坚持。

Wǒ yìzhí zhè me rènwéi bìngqiě jiānchí.

I've always believed in and insisted on this.

播出

bōchū to broadcast / to air (a TV program etc)

播放

bōfàng to broadcast / to transmit (by radio or TV)

补 補

bǔ to repair / to patch / to mend / to make up for / to fill (a vacancy) / to supplement

补充 補充

bǔchōng to replenish / to supplement / to complement / additional / supplementary

我刚才说的内容，你想补充么？

Wǒ gāngcái shuō de nèiróng, nǐ xiǎng bǔchōng me?

Is there anything you want to add to what I just said?

布

bù to announce / to spread / cloth / to declare / to announce / to spread / to make known

特布恩能重建阿尔及利亚吗？

Tè bù ēn néng chóngjiàn Ā'ěrjīlià ma?

Can Tebboune rebuild Algeria?

步

bù a step / a pace / walk / march / stages in a process / situation / surname Bu

他们前进了几步。

Tāmen qiánjìn le jǐ bù.

They stepped a few paces forward.

部

bù ministry / department / section / part / division / troops / board / classifier for works of literature, films, machines etc

你有多少部车？

Nǐ yǒu duōshǎo bù chē?

How many cars do you have?

不安

bùān unpeaceful / unstable / uneasy / disturbed / restless / worried

不必

bùbì need not / does not have to / not necessarily

你不必紧张。

Nǐ bùbì jǐnzhāng.

You don't need to be nervous.

不得不

bùdébù have no choice or option but to / cannot but / have to / can't help it / can't avoid

其实是不得不结束的。

Qíshí shì bùdébù jiéshù de.

Actually, it must end.

不断 不斷

bùduàn unceasing / uninterrupted / continuous / constant

她不断在房间里走来走去。

Tā búduàn zài fángjiān lǐ zǒu lái zǒu qù.

She kept walking about the room.

不光

bùguāng not the only one / not only

不仅 不僅

bùjǐn not just / not limited to / (as a correlative conjunction)
not only (... , but also ...)

她不仅讲德语、法语，还讲英语。

Tā bùjǐn jiǎng Déyǔ, Fǎyǔ, hái jiǎng Yīngyǔ.

She speaks German and French, not to mention English.

不论 不論

bùlùn whatever / no matter what (who, how etc) / regardless
of / not to discuss

不论他来或不来，我都会去。

Bùlùn tā lái huò bù lái, wǒ dōu huì qù.

Whether he comes or not, I'll go.

部门 部門

bùmén department / branch / section / division

他负责这个部门。

Tā fùzé zhège bùmén.

He's in charge of the department.

部长 部長

bùzhǎng head of a (government etc) department / section
chief / section head / secretary / minister

C

才能

cáinéng talent / ability / capacity

到北方才能吃到真正的饺子！

Dào běifāng cáinéng chī dào zhēnzhèng de jiǎozi!

You can only get real dumplings in the north!

采取 採取

cǎiqǔ to adopt or carry out (measures, policies, course of
action) / to take

必须采取一些行动了！

Bìxū cǎiqǔ yìxiē xíngdòng!e!

Something must be done!

彩色

cǎisè color / multicolored

采用 採用

cǎiyòng to adopt / to employ / to use

采用他的主意。

Cǎiyòng tā de zhǔyi.

Take his ideas.

曾经 曾經

céngjīng once / already / former / previously / ever / (past
tense marker used before verb or clause)

他曾经是市长。

Tā céngjīng shì shìzhǎng.

He used to be the mayor.

产生 產生

chǎnshēng to arise / to come into being / to come about / to
give rise to / to bring into being / to bring about / to produce /
to engender / to generate

长城 長城

chángchéng the Great Wall

长城和长江都很长。

Chángchéng hé Cháng Jiāng dōu hěn cháng.

The Great Wall and the Yangtze River are both very long.

长处 長處

chángchù good aspects / strong points

长期 長期

chángqī long-term / for a protracted period

她决定长期住在美国。

Tā juéding chángqī zhù zài Měiguó.

She has decided to live in America for good.

厂

chǎng factory / yard / depot / workhouse / works / plant
hǎn "cliff" radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 27),
occurring in 原, 历, 压 etc

场合 場合

chǎnghé occasion / situation / context / setting / venue

场所 場所

chǎngsuǒ location / place

超级 超級

chāoji super- / ultra- / hyper-

朝

cháo imperial or royal court / government / dynasty / reign of
a sovereign or emperor / court or assembly held by a
sovereign or emperor / to make a pilgrimage to / facing /
towards

zhāo morning

吵

chǎo to quarrel / to make a noise / noisy / to disturb by
making a noise

吵架

chǎojià to quarrel / to have a row / quarrel

那两个人一遇到彼此就开始吵架。

Nà liǎng gè rén yí yù dào bǐcǐ jiù kāishǐ chǎojià.

Those two people start arguing whenever they meet.

衬衫 襯衫

chènshān shirt / blouse

这是一件黑色的衬衫。

Zhè shì yí jiàn hēisè de chènshān.

This is a black shirt.

衬衣 襯衣

chènyī shirt

称为 稱為

chēngwéi to be called / to be known as / to call it "..."

上海被称为东方的巴黎。

Shànghǎi bèi chēngwéi dōngfāng de Bālí.

Shanghai is referred to as the Paris of the East.

城

chéng city walls / city / town

程度

chéngdù degree / level / extent

这是程度的问题。

Zhè shì chéngdù de wèntí.

That is a matter of degrees.

成功

chénggōng to succeed / success / successful / fruitful

他会成功的。

Tā huì chénggōng de.

He'll succeed.

成果

chéngguǒ result / achievement / gain / profit

他的努力没有成果。

Tā de nǚlì méiyǒu chéngguǒ.

Nothing has resulted from his efforts.

成就

chéngjiù accomplishment / success / achievement / to achieve (a result) / to create / to bring about

她是个很有成就的人。

Tā shì gè hěn yǒu chéngjiù de rén.

She is a very successful woman. (person)

成立

chénglì to establish / to set up / to be tenable / to hold water

城市

chéngshì city / town

我想住在城市。

Wǒ xiǎng zhù zài chéngshì.

I want to live in the city.

成熟

chéngshú mature / ripe / to mature / to ripen

成员 成員

chéngyuán member

所有的成员都必须参加。

Suǒyǒu de chéngyuán dōu bìxū cānjiā.

Every member must attend.

成长 成長

chéngzhǎng to mature / to grow / growth

我在波士顿成长。

Wǒ zài Bōshìdùn chéngzhǎng.

I grew up in Boston.

持续 持續

chíxù to continue / to last / to persist

雪持续下了十天。

Xuě chíxù xià le shí tiān.

It snowed for ten consecutive days.

充满 充滿

chōngmǎn full of / brimming with / very full / permeated

我心里充满着快乐。

Wǒ xīnlǐ chōngmǎnzhe kuàilè.

My heart was filled with happiness.

初

chū at first / initially / first / early / (in lunar calendar dates, before numerals 1–10) days 1 to 10 of a month, as in 初三[chu1 san1] "the third"

初步

chūbù initial / preliminary / tentative

初级 初級

chūjí junior / primary

初中

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

除了

chúle apart from / besides / in addition to (used to exclude, as in 除了他, 誰也沒來|除了他, 谁也没来[chu2 le5 tā1, shéi2 yé3 méi2 lái2] "apart from him, nobody came", or to include, as in 除了英語, 他也會法語|除了英语, 他也会法语[chu2 le5 Yīng1 yǔ3, tā1 yé3 huì4 fǎ3 yǔ3] "in addition to English, he also knows French") / (used to introduce one of two habitual alternatives in the pattern 除了[chu2 le5] + A + 就是[jiù4 shì4] + B, "either A or B")

除了我没有离开。

Chúle wǒ méiyǒu rén líkāi.

I was the only one to leave.

处理 處理

chǔlǐ to handle / to deal with / to punish / to treat sth by a special process / to process / to sell at reduced prices

让我来处理。

Ràng wǒ lái chǔlǐ.

Let me handle this.

传 傳

chuán to pass on / to spread / to transmit / to infect / to transfer / to circulate / to conduct (electricity)

zhuàn biography / historical narrative / commentaries / relay station

传播 傳播

chuánbō to disseminate / to propagate / to spread

传来 傳來

chuánlái to come through / to be heard / to arrive

传说 傳說

chuánshuō legend / folk tale / to repeat from mouth to mouth / they say that...

创新 創新

chuàngxīn to bring forth new ideas / to blaze new trails / innovation

创业 創業

chuàngyè to begin an undertaking / to start an enterprise / entrepreneurship

创造 創造

chuàngzào to create / to bring about / to produce / to set (a record)

他自己创造了一种语言。

Tā zìjǐ chuàngzào le yízhǒng yǔyán.

He created a language himself.

创作 創作

chuàngzuò to create / to produce / to write / a creative work / a creation

孩子们总爱创作自己的游戏。

Háizimen zǒng ài chuàngzuò zìjǐ de yóuxì.

Children were apt to invent their own games.

从来 從來

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

你从来没有快乐过。

Nǐ cónglái méiyǒu kuàilèguò.

You've never been happy.

从前 從前

cóngqián previously / formerly / once upon a time

从事 從事

cóngshì to go for / to engage in / to undertake / to deal with / to handle / to do

我的姐姐从事英语教学工作。

Wǒ de jiějie cóngshì Yīngyǔjiàoxué gōngzuò.

My sister's work is teaching English.

村

cūn village / to scold / rustic / boorish

世界是一个小村。

Shìjiè shì yí gè xiǎo cūn.

The world is a small village.

存

cún to exist / to deposit / to store / to keep / to survive

你存了多少钱？

Nǐ cúnle duōshǎo qián?

How much money did you save?

存在

cúnzài to exist / to be / existence

我们存在吗？

Wǒmen cúnzài ma?

Do we exist?

错误 錯誤

cuòwù mistaken / false / wrong / error / mistake

它是我们的错误。

Tā shì wǒmen de cuòwù.

It's our fault.

D

达到 達到

dá dào to reach / to achieve / to attain

她达到了目标。

Tā dá dào le mùbiāo.

She has achieved her goals.

打破

dǎ pò to break / to smash

打听 打聽

dǎ tīng to ask about / to make some inquiries / to ask around

大概

dàgài roughly / probably / rough / approximate / about / general idea

我大概懂了。

Wǒ dàgài dǒng le.

I sort of understand.

大使馆 大使館

dàshǐguǎn embassy

大约 大約

dàyuē approximately / probably

你大约认识多少英文词？

Nǐ dàyuē rènshi duōshǎo Yīngwén cí?

About how many English words do you know?

代

dài to be a substitute for / to act on behalf of / to replace / to substitute / generation / dynasty / age / period / (historical) era / (geological) eon

你可以代我去吗？

Nǐ kěyǐ dài wǒ qù ma?

Will you go in place of me?

代表

dàibiǎo representative / delegate / to represent / to stand for / on behalf of / in the name of

绿色代表希望。

Lǜsè dài biǎo xīwàng.

Green stands for hope.

代表团 代表團

dàibiǎotuán delegation

带动 帶動

dàidòng to spur / to provide impetus / to drive

大夫

dàifu doctor / physician

dàfū senior official (in imperial China)

带领 帶領

dàilǐng to guide / to lead

单元 單元

dānyuán unit (forming an entity) / element / (in a residential building) entrance or staircase

当初 當初

dāngchū at that time / originally

当地 當地

dāngdì local

当然 當然

dāngrán only natural / as it should be / certainly / of course / without doubt

我当然爱你。

Wǒ dāngrán ài nǐ.

Of course I love you.

当中 當中

dāngzhōng among / in the middle / in the center

刀

dāo knife / blade / single-edged sword / cutlass (CL:把[bā3]) / (loanword) dollar / classifier for sets of one hundred sheets (of paper) / classifier for knife cuts or stabs / to bargain / to ask for a small discount (esp. on second-hand marketplaces) / to knife (sb) (often used hyperbolically, as in 想刀他[xiǎng3 dāo1 tā1] "I could kill him!") / surname Dao

我找不到刀。

Wǒ zhǎo bú dào dāo.

I can't find the knife.

导演 導演

dǎoyǎn to direct / director (film etc)

到达 到達

dàodá to reach / to arrive

我昨天到达东京。

Wǒ zuótiān dàodá Dōngjīng.

I arrived in Tokyo yesterday.

到底

dàodǐ finally / in the end / when all is said and done / after all / to the end / to the last

你到底是谁？

Nǐ dào dǐ shì shéi?

Who are you, anyway?

得分

dé fēn to score a point (in a competition, test etc) / score / rating / grade

等待

děngdài to wait / to wait for

我们必须等待。

Wǒmen bìxū děngdài.

We must wait.

底下

dǐxia the location below sth / afterwards

地区 地區

dìqū region / area (informal or geographical term) / prefecture (in China's administrative system)

电视剧 電視劇

diànshìjù TV series / TV drama

电视台 電視台

diànshìtái television station

电台 電臺

diàntái transmitter-receiver / broadcasting station / radio station

电子邮件 電子郵件

diànzǐyóujiàn email

调 調

diào to transfer / to move (troops or cadres) / to investigate / to enquire into / accent / view / argument / key (in music) / mode (music) / tune / tone / melody

tiáo to harmonize / to reconcile / to blend / to suit well / to adjust / to regulate / to season (food) / to provoke / to incite

我觉得我们得调低价格。

Wǒ juéde wǒmen děi diào dī jiàgé.

I think we should lower the price.

调查 調查

diàochá investigation / inquiry / to investigate / to survey / survey / poll

已展开调查。

Yǐ zhǎnkāi diàochá.

An investigation was launched.

订 訂

dìng to agree / to conclude / to draw up / to subscribe to (a newspaper etc) / to order

定期

dìngqī at set dates / at regular intervals / periodic / limited to a fixed period of time / fixed term

东部 東部

dōngbù the east / eastern part

动力 動力

dòngli motive power / motivation / impetus

动人 動人

dòngren touching / moving

读者 讀者

dúzhě reader

这本书不是给年轻读者看的。

Zhè běn shū bú shì gěi niánqīng dúzhě kàn de.

These books are not fit for young readers.

短处 短處

duǎnchù shortcoming / defect / fault / one's weak points

短裤 短褲

duǎnkù short pants / shorts

短期

duǎnqī short-term

断 斷

duàn to break / to snap / to cut off / to give up or abstain from sth / to judge / (usu. used in the negative) absolutely / definitely / decidedly

她发现她已经断盐了。

Tā fāxiàn tā yǐjīng duàn yán le.

She discovered that she had run out of salt.

对待 對待

duìdài to treat / treatment

对方 對方

duìfāng the other person / the other side / the other party

他们不太认识对方。

Tāmen bú tài rènshi duìfāng.

They don't know each other very well.

对手 對手

duìshǒu opponent / rival / competitor / adversary / match

你不是他的对手。

Nǐ bú shì tā de **duìshǒu**.

You're no match for him.

对象 對象

duìxiàng target / object / partner / boyfriend / girlfriend

队员 隊員

duìyuán team member

顿 頓

dùn to stop / to pause / to arrange / to lay out / to kowtow / to stamp (one's foot) / at once / classifier for meals, beatings, scoldings etc: time, bout, spell, meal

波斯顿那时的情况如何?

Bōsī dùn nàshí de **qíngkuàng rúhé?**

What was the situation in Boston?

F

发表 發表

fābiǎo to issue / to publish

它发表在哪里?

Tā fābiǎo zài nǎlǐ?

Where was it published?

发出 發出

fāchū to issue (an order, decree etc) / to send out / to dispatch / to produce (a sound) / to let out (a laugh)

不要发出声音。

Búyào fāchū shēngyīn.

Don't make a noise.

发达 發達

fādá well-developed / flourishing / to develop / to promote / to expand / to achieve fame and fortune / to prosper

发动 發動

fādòng to start / to launch / to unleash / to mobilize / to arouse

发明 發明

fāmíng to invent / an invention

爱不过是发明。

Ài búguò shì fāmíng.

Love is only an invention.

发生 發生

fāshēng to happen / to occur / to take place / to break out

在哪里发生?

Zài nǎlǐ fāshēng?

Where did it happen?

发送 發送

fāsòng to transmit / to dispatch / to issue (an official document or credential)

发言 發言

fāyán to make a speech / statement / utterance

发展 發展

fāzhǎn development / growth / to develop / to grow / to expand

中国发展得很快。

Zhōngguó fāzhǎn de **hěn kuài**.

China is developing very quickly.

反对 反對

fǎnduì to oppose / to be against / to object to

有三票反对。

Yǒu sān piào fǎnduì.

Three voted against the idea.

反覆

fǎnfù repeatedly / over and over / to upend / unstable / to come and go / to return

反应 反應

fǎnyīng to react / to respond / reaction / response / reply / chemical reaction

她反应很快。

Tā fǎnyīng hěn kuài.

She has a very quick mind.

反正

fǎnzhèng anyway / in any case / to come over from the enemy's side

范围 範圍

fànwéi range / scope / limit / extent

方式

fāngshì way / method / manner / mode / pattern (of behavior etc)

换种方式说。

Huàn zhǒng fāngshì shuō.

Say it in another way.

防

fáng to protect / to defend / to guard against / to prevent

房东 房東

fángdōng landlord

房屋

fángwū house / building

防止

fángzhǐ to prevent / to guard against / to take precautions

房租

fángzū rent for a room or house

访问 訪問

fǎngwèn to visit / to call on (a person or place) / to visit (a website) / to access (a network resource etc) / to interview (e.g. for a report or feature story)

我想访问韩国。

Wǒ xiǎng fǎngwèn Hánguó.

I want to visit Korea.

飞行 飛行

fēixíng to fly / flying / flight / aviation

费 費

fèi to cost / to spend / fee / wasteful / expenses / surname Fei

费用 費用

fèiyòng cost / expenditure / expense

他计算费用。

Tā jìsuàn fèiyòng.

He calculated the expenses.

分别 分別

fēnbié to part / to leave each other / to distinguish / to tell apart / difference / distinction / in different ways / differently / separately / individually / respectively

分配

fēnpèi to distribute / to assign / to allocate / to partition (a hard drive)

分组 分組

fēnzǔ to divide into groups / group (formed from a larger group) / subgroup / packet

丰富 豐富

fēngfù to enrich / rich / plentiful / abundant

他有丰富的经验。

Tā yǒu fēngfù de jīngyàn.

He has a great deal of experience.

风险 風險

fēngxiǎn risk / hazard

我不担心风险。

Wǒ bù dānxīn fēngxiǎn.

I don't worry about the risk.

否定

fǒudìng to negate / to deny / to reject / negative (answer) / negation

否认 否認

fǒurèn to declare to be untrue / to deny

福

fú good fortune / happiness / luck / surname Fu

施比受更有福。

Shī bǐ shòu gèng yǒu fú.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

服装 服裝

fúzhuāng dress / clothing / costume / clothes

付

fù to pay / to hand over to / classifier for pairs or sets of things / surname Fu

你加班我付你双倍工钱。

Nǐ jiābān wǒ fù nǐ shuāngbèi gōngqián.

I'll pay you double for working overtime.

富

fù rich / abundant / wealthy / surname Fu

父母

fùmǔ father and mother / parents

你父母多大了？

Nǐ fùmǔ duō dàle?

How old are your parents?

父亲 父親

fùqīn father

他像他父亲。

Tā xiàng tā fùqīn.

He is like his father.

复印 複印

fùyìn to photocopy / to duplicate a document

复杂 複雜

fùzá complicated / complex

它有多复杂？

Tā yǒu duō fùzá?

How complex is it?

负责 負責

fùzé to be responsible for / to be in charge of / to bear responsibility for / conscientious

他负责这个部门。

Tā fùzé zhège bùmén.

He's in charge of the department.

G

改进 改進

gǎijìn to improve / to make better / improvement

我希望改进自己的工作态度。

Wǒ xīwàng gǎijìn zìjǐ de gōngzuò tàidu.

I hope to improve my attitude to work.

改造

gǎizào to transform / to reform / to remodel / to remold

概念

gàiniàn concept / idea

我明白这概念。

Wǒ míngbai zhè gàiniàn.

I understand the concept.

敢

gǎn to dare / daring / may I venture

你怎么敢笑我？

Nǐ zěnmē gǎn xiào wǒ?

How dare you laugh at me!

赶 趕

gǎn to overtake / to catch up with / to hurry / to rush / to try to catch (the bus etc) / to drive (cattle etc) forward / to drive (sb) away / to avail oneself of (an opportunity) / until / by (a certain time)

赶到 趕到

gǎndào to hurry (to some place)

赶紧 趕緊

gǎnjǐn hurriedly / without delay

我觉得你应该赶紧走。

Wǒ juéde nǐ yīnggāi gǎnjǐn zǒu.

I think you should leave as soon as you can.

赶快 趕快

gǎnkuài quickly / at once

我赶快跑走了。

Wǒ gǎnkuài pǎo zǒule.

I ran away in a hurry.

感冒

gǎnmào to catch cold / cold / to be interested in (often used in the negative) / to detest / can't stand

上个星期我感冒了。

Shànggexīngqī wǒ gǎnmào.

I had a cold last week.

感情

gǎnqíng emotion / sentiment / affection / feelings between two persons

那个感情非常强烈。

Nàge gǎnqíng fēicháng qiángliè.

The feeling was really strong.

感受

gǎnshòu to sense / perception / to feel (through the senses) / to experience / a feeling / an impression / an experience

我亲自感受过。

Wǒ qīnzi gǎnshòuguò.

I experienced it firsthand.

高速

gāosù high speed / expressway (abbr. for 高速公路[gao1 su4 gong1 lu4])

高速公路

gāosùgōnglù expressway / highway / freeway

我走58号高速公路。

Wǒ zǒu wǔshíbā hào gāosùgōnglù.

I took Highway 58.

告别 告別

gàobié to leave / to part from / to bid farewell to / to say goodbye to

歌迷

gēmí fan of a singer

歌声 歌聲

gēshēng singing voice / fig. original voice of a poet

歌手

gēshǒu singer

各

gè each / every

请每种各给我三个。

Qǐng měi zhǒng gè gěi wǒ sān gè.

Please give me three of each kind.

各地

gèdì in all parts of (a country) / various regions

个人 個人

gèrén an individual / oneself / (attributive) personal / one's own

门口有个人。

Ménkǒu yǒu gèrén.

There's someone at the doorway.

各位

gèwèi everybody / all (guests, colleagues etc) / all of you

个性 個性

gèxìng individuality / personality

各种 各種

gèzhǒng every kind of / all kinds of / various

各种人住在东京。

Gèzhǒng rén zhù zài Dōngjīng.

All sorts of people live in Tokyo.

各自

gèzì each / respective / apiece

根本

gēnběn fundamental / basic / root / simply / absolutely (not) / at all

我根本不信。

Wǒ gēnběn bú xìn.

I don't believe it at all.

更加

gèngjiā more (than sth else) / even more

我必须更加努力。

Wǒ bìxū gèngjiā nǔlì.

I need to go at it harder.

公布

gōngbù to announce / to make public / to publish

工厂 工廠

gōngchǎng factory

他在一家工厂工作。

Tā zài yíjiā gōngchǎng gōngzuò.

He works in a factory.

工程师 工程師

gōngchéngshī engineer

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.

工夫

gōngfu period of time (may be months, or mere seconds) / spare time / skill / labor / effort

gōngfū laborer

公共

gōnggòng public / common / communal

工具

gōngjù tool / instrument / utensil / means (to achieve a goal etc)

工具应该放在手边。

Gōngjù yīnggāi fàng zài shǒubiān.

You should keep your tools close at hand.

公开 公開

gōngkāi open / overt / public / to make public / to release

工作越公开，批评就越多。

Gōngzuò yuè gōngkāi, pīpíng jiù yuè duō.

The more public the work, the more criticism you receive.

功课 功課

gōngkè homework / assignment / task / classwork / lesson / study

公民

gōngmín citizen

我是世界公民。

Wǒ shì shìjiè gōngmín.

I'm a citizen of the world.

功能

gōngnéng function / capability

公务员 公務員

gōngwùyuán civil servant / public servant

工业 工業

gōngyè industry

许多人在工业城市工作。

Xǔduō rén zài gōngyè chéngshì gōngzuò.

Many people work in industrial towns.

工资 工資

gōngzī wages / pay

这个月有很多工资。

Zhègè yuè yǒu hěn duō gōngzī.

My salary was high this month.

共同

gòngtóng common / joint / jointly / together / collaborative

音乐是人类共同的语言。

Yīnyuè shì rénlèi gòngtóng de yǔyán.

Music is a common speech for humanity.

共有

gòngyǒu in total there are ... / to own jointly

姑娘

gūniang girl / young woman / young lady / daughter / paternal aunt (old)

你们这些姑娘在做甚么？

Nǐmen zhèxiē gūniang zài zuò shénme?

What are you girls doing?

古

gǔ ancient / old / paleo- / surname Gu

我们必须将古建筑加以保护。

Wǒmen bīxū jiāng gǔ jiànzhù jiāyǐ bǎohù.

We must protect old buildings.

古代

gǔdài ancient times

我真想看看古代的世界是怎样的。

Wǒ zhēn xiǎng kànkān gǔdài de shìjiè shì zěnyàng de.

I wish I could see the ancient world.

故乡 故鄉

gùxiāng home / homeland / native place

挂 掛

guà to hang / to suspend (from a hook etc) / to hang up (the phone) / to be dead / to be worried / to be concerned / to make a phone call / to register (at a hospital) / to make an appointment (with a doctor) / to kill / to die / to be finished / to fail (an exam) / classifier for sets or clusters of objects

我不想挂科。

Wǒ bùxiǎng guà kē.

I don't want to fail my exams.

观察 觀察

guānchá to observe / to watch / to survey

观看 觀看

guānkàn to watch / to view

观念 觀念

guānniàn notion / thought / concept / sense / views / ideology / general impressions

关系 關係

guānxi relation / relationship / to concern / to affect / to have to do with / guanxi

跟你没有关系。

Gēn nǐ méiyǒu guānxi.

It has nothing to do with you.

观众 觀眾

guānzhòng spectators / audience / visitors (to an exhibition etc)

关注 關注

guānzhù to pay attention to / to follow sth closely / to follow (on social media) / concern / interest / attention

在推特上关注我们吧。

Zài Tuītuī shàng guānzhù wǒmen ba.

Follow us on Twitter.

管

guǎn to take care (of) / to control / to manage / to be in charge of / to look after / to run / to care about / tube / pipe / woodwind / classifier for tube-shaped objects / particle similar to 把[bā3] in 管...叫 constructions / writing brush / to / towards / surname Guan

管好你自己的事吧。

Guǎn hǎo nǐ zìjǐ de shì ba.

Mind your own business!

管理

guǎnlǐ to supervise / to manage / to administer / management / administration

网站的管理者很忙。

Wǎngzhàn de guǎnlǐzhě hěn máng.

The website manager is very busy.

光

guāng light / ray (CL:道[dào4]) / bright / shiny / only / merely / used up / finished / to leave (a part of the body) uncovered

这里没有光。

Zhèlǐ méiyǒu guāng.

There's no light.

光明

guāngmíng light / radiance / bright (prospects etc) / openhearted

广播 廣播

guǎngbō broadcast / broadcasting / to broadcast / to propagate / to publicize

广大 廣大

guǎngdà vast or extensive / large-scale / widespread / numerous

规定 規定

guīdìng to stipulate / to specify / to prescribe / to fix (a price) / to set (a quota) / regulations / rules / provisions / stipulations

各种规定让他失去了自由。

Gèzhǒng guīdìng ràng tā shīqùle zìyóu.

All kinds of rules made him lose his freedom.

规范 規範

guīfàn norm / standard / specification / regulation / rule / within the rules / to fix rules / to regulate / to specify

食品安全标准由法律加以规范。

Shípǐn ānquán biāozhǔn yóu fǎlǚ jiāyǐ guīfàn.

Food safety standards are specified by law.

国内 國內

guónèi domestic / internal (to a country) / civil

他从国内回来了。

Tā cóng guónèi huílaile.

He came back from China.

国庆 國慶

guóqìng National Day

果然

guǒrán really / sure enough / as expected / if indeed

我们昨天试了一下，果然是很好。

Wǒmen zuótiān shìle yíxià, guǒrán shì hěn hǎo.

We tried it out yesterday; as expected, it was really good.

果汁

guǒzhī fruit juice

过程 過程

guòchéng course of events / process

我向他解释了这个过程。

Wǒ xiàng tā jiěshìle zhège guòchéng.

I explained the process to him.

H

哈哈

hāhā laughing out loud

海关 海關

hǎiguān customs (i.e. border crossing inspection)

害怕

hàipà to be afraid / to be scared

他们害怕了。

Tāmen hàipàle.

They were afraid.

好好

hǎohǎo in perfectly good condition / perfectly all right / well / thoroughly / carefully / properly

好好休息吧！

Hǎohǎo xiūxi ba!

Have a good rest!

好奇

hàoqí inquisitive / curious / inquisitiveness / curiosity

合

hé to close / to join / to fit / to be equal to / whole / together / round (in battle) / conjunction (astronomy) / 1st note of pentatonic scale

gě 100 ml / one-tenth of a peck / measure for dry grain equal to one-tenth of sheng 升 or liter, or one-hundredth dou 斗

合法

héfǎ lawful / legitimate / legal

你的行为完全合法。

Nǐ de xíngwéi wánquán héfǎ.

Your conduct is perfectly legal.

合格

hégé to meet the standard required / qualified / eligible (voter etc)

合理

héli rational / reasonable / sensible / fair

他的意见很合理。

Tā de yìjiàn hěn héli.

His opinion is reasonable.

和平

héping peace / peaceful

我们要世界和平。

Wǒmen yào shìjiè héping.

We want world peace.

合作

hézuò to cooperate / to collaborate / to work together

亚洲人必须合作。

Yàzhōu rén bìxū hézuò.

People of Asia must work together.

红茶 紅茶

hóngchá black tea

红酒 紅酒

hóngjiǔ red wine

红酒我不太喜欢。

Hóngjiǔ wǒ bú tài xǐhuan.

Red wine, I don't really like.

后果 後果

hòuguǒ consequences / aftermath

后面 後面

hòumian the back / the rear / the last bit / behind / near the end / at the back / later / afterwards

我在他后面。

Wǒ zài tā hòumian.

I'm behind him.

后年 後年

hòunián the year after next

互联网 互聯網

hùliánwǎng Internet

开始有互联网不久以后，我们的世界就变小了。

Kāishǐ yǒu hùliánwǎng bùjiǔ yǐhòu, wǒmen de shìjiè jiù biǎnxiǎole.

Not long after the Internet came along, our world got smaller.

互相

hùxiāng each other / mutually / mutual

我们应该互相帮助。

Wǒmen yīnggāi hùxiāng bāngzhù.

We should help each other.

划船

huáchuán to row a boat / rowing / boating / small boat

华人 華人

huárén ethnic Chinese person or people

化

huà to make into / to change into / -ization / to ... -ize / to transform

话剧 話劇

huàjù stage play / modern drama

话题 話題

huàtí subject (of a talk or conversation) / topic

对这个话题来说，我没有想法。

Duì zhège huàtí lái shuō, wǒ méiyǒu xiǎngfǎ.

I don't have any opinion on this topic.

欢乐 歡樂

huānlè gaiety / gladness / glee / merriment / pleasure / happy / joyous / gay

环 環

huán ring / hoop / loop / link / classifier for scores in archery etc / to surround / to encircle / to hem in / surname Huan

那是谁的环？

Nà shì shéi de huán?

Whose ring is that?

环保 環保

huánbǎo environmental protection / environmentally friendly

关于新的环保政策，你有什么看法？

Guānyú xīn de huánbǎo zhèngcè, nǐ yǒu shénme kànfǎ?

What's your opinion on the new environmental policy?

环境 環境

huánjìng environment / circumstances / surroundings / ambient

你需要换个环境。

Nǐ xūyào huàn gè huánjìng.

You need a change of scenery.

会议 會議

huìyì meeting / conference

会议取消了。

Huìyì qǔxiǎole.

The meeting was called off.

会员 會員

huìyuán member

活

huó to live / alive / living / work / workmanship

她会活下来。

Tā huì huó xiàlai.

She will survive.

火

huǒ fire / urgent / ammunition / fiery or flaming / internal heat (Chinese medicine) / hot (popular) / classifier for military units (old) / Kangxi radical 86 / surname Huo

我们需要火。

Wǒmen xūyào huǒ.

We need fire.

J

基本

jīběn basic / fundamental / main / elementary

这些都是基本问题。

Zhèxiē dōu shì jīběn wèntí.

These are fundamental questions.

基本上

jīběnshàng basically / on the whole

基础 基礎

jīchǔ base / foundation / basis / basic / fundamental

数学是所有科学的基础。

Shùxué shì suǒyǒu kēxué de jīchǔ.

Mathematics are the foundation of all sciences.

积极 積極

jījí active / energetic / vigorous / positive (outlook) / proactive

你必须积极主动。

Nǐ bìxū jījí zhǔdòng.

You have to be proactive.

机器 機器

jīqì machine

机器发了很多电。

Jīqì fāle hěn duō diàn.

The machine generated large amounts of electricity.

极了 極了

jíle extremely / exceedingly

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.

集体 集體

jítǐ collective (decision) / joint (effort) / a group / a team / en masse / as a group

日本人喜欢集体旅游。

Rìběn rén xǐhuan jítǐ lǚyóu.

The Japanese like to travel in groups.

集中

jìzhōng to concentrate / to centralize / to focus / centralized / concentrated / to put together

我现在非常集中的学习。

Wǒ xiànzài fēicháng jìzhōng de xuéxí.

I'm studying very hard.

记录 記錄

jìlù to record / record (written account) / note-taker / record (in sports etc)

请把他所说的记录下来。

Qǐng bǎ tā suǒshuō de jìlù xiàlai.

Please write down what he says.

纪念 紀念

jìniàn to commemorate / to honor the memory of / memento / keepsake / souvenir

技术 技術

jìshù technology / technique / skill

计算 計算

jìsuàn to calculate / to compute / to consider / to think over / to plot / to scheme

他计算费用。

Tā jìsuàn fèiyòng.

He calculated the expenses.

继续 繼續

jìxù to continue / to proceed with / to go on with

人生会继续。

Rénshēng huì jìxù.

Life goes on.

记者 記者

jìzhě reporter / journalist

你是个记者。

Nǐ shì gè jìzhě.

You're a reporter.

加工

jiāgōng to process / processing / working (of machinery)

家具

jiājù furniture

加快

jiākuài to accelerate / to speed up / to hasten

我们的工作应该要加快。

Wǒmen de gōngzuò yīnggāi yào jiākuài.

We should work faster.

加强 加強

jiāqiáng to reinforce / to strengthen / to enhance

我们必须加强经济实力。

Wǒmen bīxū jiāqiáng jīngjì shíli.

We must strengthen our economy.

家属 家屬

jiāshǔ family member / dependent

家乡 家鄉

jiāxiāng hometown / native place

架

jià to support / frame / rack / framework / classifier for planes, large vehicles, radios etc

我不想打这架。

Wǒ bùxiǎng dǎ zhè jià.

I don't want to have this fight.

价格 價格

jiàgé price

任何价格我都不会卖。

Rènhe jiàgé wǒ dōu búhuì mài.

I wouldn't sell that at any price.

价钱 價錢

jiàqian price

价值 價值

jiàzhí value / worth / values

这个东西很有价值。

Zhège dōngxi hěn yǒu jiàzhí.

This stuff is worth its weight in gold!

坚持 堅持

jiānchí to persevere with / to persist in / to insist on

他们坚持让他走。

Tāmen jiānchí ràng tā zǒu.

They insist that he should go.

坚决 堅決

jiānjué firm / resolute / determined

坚强 堅強

jiānqiáng staunch / strong

简单 簡單

jiǎndān simple / not complicated

太简单了吗？

Tài jiǎndān le ma?

Was that too easy?

简直 簡直

jiǎnzhí simply / really

那里简直不是人住的。

Nàlǐ jiǎnzhí bú shì rén zhù de.

You'll find it impossible to live there.

建

jiàn to establish / to found / to set up / to build / to construct

这是谁建的？

Zhè shì shéi jiàn de?

Who built it?

建成

jiànchéng to establish / to build

它是什么时候建成的？

Tā shì shénme shíhou jiànchéng de?

When was it built?

建立

jiànlì to establish / to set up / to found

他们建立了一个网站。

Tāmen **jiànlì** le **yí gè wǎngzhàn**.

They created a website.

建设 建設

jiànshè to build / to construct / to establish / to develop / to institute

批评的目的是建设而不是破坏。

Pīpíng de **mùdì shì jiànshè ér bú shì pòhuài**.

The purpose of criticism is to construct, not to destroy.

建议 建議

jiànyì to propose / to suggest / to recommend / proposal / suggestion / recommendation (CL:點|点[dian3])

你有什么建议呢?

Nǐ yǒu shénme jiànyì ne?

What is your advice?

将近 將近

jiāngjìn almost / nearly / close to

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.

交费 交費

jiāofèi to pay a fee

交警

jiāojǐng traffic police (abbr. for 交通警察[jiao1 tong1 jing3 cha2])

交流

jiāoliú to exchange / exchange / communication / interaction / to have social contact (with sb)

人们需要更多的交流。

Rénmen xūyào gèng duō de jiāoliú.

People should get more involved.

交往

jiāowǎng to associate (with) / to have contact (with) / to hang out (with) / to date / relationship / association / contact

交易

jiāoyì to deal / to trade / to transact / transaction / deal

我看你该做这交易。

Wǒ kàn nǐ gāi zuò zhè jiāoyì.

I think you should make the deal.

较 較

jiào to compare / to dispute / compared to / relatively / comparatively / rather

保持在较低的温度。

Bǎochí zài jiào dī de wēndù.

Keep it at a lower temperature.

教材

jiàocái teaching material

教练 教練

jiàoliàn to coach / to train / instructor / sports coach / trainer (CL:位[wei4],名[ming2])

接待

jiēdài to receive / to entertain / to host (guests, visitors or clients)

接近

jiējìn to approach / to get close to

不要接近我。

Búyào jiējìn wǒ.

Keep away from me.

结实 結實

jiēshi rugged / sturdy / strong / durable / buff (physique)

jiēshí to bear fruit

她长得比较结实。

Tā zhǎng de bǐjiào jiēshi.

She's grown quite strong.

结合 結合

jiéhé to combine / to link / to integrate / binding

结婚 結婚

jiéhūn to marry / to get married

他们结婚了。

Tāmen jiéhūn le.

They got married.

结束 結束

jiéshù to end / to finish / to conclude

会议结束了。

Huìyì jiéshù le.

The meeting ended.

节约 節約

jiéyuē to economize / to conserve (resources) / economy / frugal

解决 解決

jiějué to solve / to resolve / to settle (a problem) / to eliminate / to wipe out (an enemy, bandits etc)

问题已解决。

Wèntí yǐ jiějué.

The problem's been solved.

解开 解開

jiěkāi to untie / to undo / to solve (a mystery)

金

jīn gold / chemical element Au / generic term for lustrous and ductile metals / money / golden / highly respected / one of the eight categories of ancient musical instruments 八音[bā yīn] / surname Jin / surname Kim (Korean) / Jurchen Jin dynasty (1115–1234)

这个项目是一块金。

Zhège xiàngmù shì yíkuài jīn.

This project is a gold nugget.

金牌

jīnpái gold medal

仅 僅

jǐn barely / only / merely

紧 緊

jǐn tight / strict / close at hand / near / urgent / tense / hard up / short of money / to tighten

紧急 緊急

jǐnjǐ urgent / emergency

紧急出口在哪里？
Jǐnjǐ chūkǒu zài nǎlǐ?
Where's the emergency exit?

仅仅 僅僅

jǐnjǐn barely / only / merely / only (this and nothing more)

仅仅听我们说吧。
Jǐnjǐn tīng wǒmen shuō ba.
Just listen to us.

尽量

jǐnliàng as much as possible / to the greatest extent

jǐnliàng as much as possible / to the greatest extent

紧张 緊張

jǐnzhāng nervous / keyed up / intense / tense / strained / in short supply / scarce

你不必紧张。
Nǐ búbì jǐnzhāng.
You don't need to be nervous.

进步 進步

jìnbù progress / improvement / to improve / to progress

她正在进步。
Tā zhèngzài jìnbù.
She's progressing.

近期

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

进一步 進一步

jìnyībù to go a step further / (develop, understand, improve etc) more / further

他想进一步了解他们。
Tā xiǎng jìnyībù liǎojiě tāmen.
He wants to know more about them.

进展 進展

jìnzǎn to make headway / to make progress

精彩

jīngcǎi wonderful / marvelous / brilliant

经济 經濟

jīngjì economy / economic

您怎样看日本的经济呢？
Nín zěnyàng kàn Rìběn de jīngjì ne?
What do you think of Japan's economy?

京剧 京劇

jīngjù Beijing opera

经历 經歷

jīnglì to experience / to go through / experience (CL:段 [duan4],次[ci4])

他一生中经历过很多东西。
Tā yìshēng zhōng jīnglì guò hěnduō dōngxi.
He had various experiences in his life.

精神

jīngshén spirit / mind / consciousness / thought / mental / psychological / essence / gist

jīngshen vigor / vitality / spirited / good-looking

他精神很好。
Tā jīngshén hěnhǎo.
He was in good spirits.

经验 經驗

jīngyàn experience / to go through / to experience

你还不够经验。
Nǐ hái búgòu jīngyàn.
You're still green.

经营 經營

jīngyíng to engage in (business etc) / to run / to operate

他的父母经营一家酒店。
Tā de fùmǔ jīngyíng yíjiā jiǔdiàn.
His parents ran a hotel.

警察

jǐngchá police / police officer

警察帮了我们一个大忙。
Jǐngchá bāngle wǒmen yí gè dà máng.
The police helped us a lot.

景色

jǐngsè scenery / landscape / view

静 靜

jìng still / calm / quiet / not moving

这里晚上很静。
Zhèlǐ wǎnshang hěnjìng.
It is quiet here at night.

久

jiǔ long

她活了很久。
Tā huóle hěnjiǔ.
She lived a long life.

救

jiù to save / to assist / to rescue

你救不了我。
Nǐ jiù bù liǎo wǒ.
You can't save me.

旧 舊

jiù old / opposite: new 新 / former / worn (with age)

那本书很旧。
Nà běn shū hěnjiù.
That book is very old.

就是

jiùshì exactly / precisely / only / simply / just / (used correlatively with 也[ye3]) even / even if

就是这样的。
Jiùshì zhèyàng de.
That's the way it is.

就业 就業

jiùyè to get a job / employment

他们对他们的员工保证就业。

Tāmen duì tāmen de yuángōng bǎozhèng jiùyè.

They guaranteed regular employment to their workers.

举办 舉辦

jǔbàn to conduct / to hold (an event)

我们为她举办了一个欢迎会。

Wǒmen wèi tā jǔbàn le yí gè huānyíng huì.

We had a welcome party for her.

剧场 劇場

jùchǎng theater

据说 據說

jùshuō it is said that / reportedly

据说她爱他。

Jùshuō tā ài tā.

It's said that she loves him.

具体 具體

jùtǐ concrete / specific / detailed

可以说说您的具体要求吗？

Kěyǐ shuō shuō nín de jùtǐ yāoqiú ma?

Could you tell me what your specific requirements are?

具有

jùyǒu to have / to possess

这是一个具有历史价值的城市。

Zhè shì yí gè jùyǒu lìshǐ jiàzhí de chéngshì.

This is a city of real historical value.

决定 決定

juéding to decide / to determine / to make up one's mind / decision (CL:個|个[ge4],項|项[xiang4])

她决定进房。

Tā juéding jìn fáng.

She decided to enter the room.

绝对 絕對

juéduì absolute / unconditional

我绝对不喜欢。

Wǒ juéduì bù xǐhuan.

No, I definitely don't like it.

决赛 決賽

juésài finals (of a competition)

决心 決心

juéxīn determination / resolution / determined / firm and resolute / to make up one's mind

他决心去英国。

Tā juéxīn qù Yīngguó.

He is determined to go to England.

K

咖啡

kāfēi coffee

除了咖啡以外，我也喜欢喝茶。

Chúle kāfēi yǐwài, wǒ yě xǐhuan hēchá.

As well as coffee, I also like to drink tea.

开发 開發

kāifā to exploit (a resource) / to open up (for development) / to develop

开放 開放

kāifàng to bloom / to open / to be open (to the public) / to open up (to the outside) / to be open-minded / unrestrained by convention / unconstrained in one's sexuality

它已经开放了。

Tā yǐjīng kāifàng le.

It's already open.

开始 開始

kāishǐ to begin / to start / beginning / start

从这里开始。

Cóng zhèlǐ kāishǐ.

Start here.

开业 開業

kāiyè to open a business / to open a practice / open (for business)

开展 開展

kāizhǎn to launch / to develop / to unfold / to open

看起来 看起來

kànqǐlai seemingly / apparently / looks as if / appears to be / gives the impression that / seems on the face of it to be

看起来要下雨了。

Kànqǐlai yào xià yǔ le.

Looks like it's going to rain.

看上去

kànshàngqu it would appear / it seems (that)

考验 考驗

kǎoyàn to test / to put to the test / trial / ordeal

科技

kējì science and technology

这种科技的优势是什么？

Zhèzhǒng kējì de yōushì shì shénme?

What is the advantage of this technology?

可靠

kěkào reliable

可乐 可樂

kělè amusing / entertaining / cola

我不太想喝可乐。

Wǒ bú tài xiǎng hē kělè.

I don't really want to drink coke.

课程 課程

kèchéng course / academic program

课程八点半开始。

Kèchéng bā diǎn bàn kāishǐ.

The class begins at 8:30.

克服

kèfú overcome (hardships etc) / to conquer / to put up with / to endure

客观 客觀

kèguān objective / impartial

要小心那些说自己客观的人。

Yào xiǎoxīn nàixiē shuō zìjǐ kèguān de rén.

Beware of anyone who claims objectivity.

空

kōng empty / air / sky / in vain

kòng to empty / vacant / unoccupied / space / leisure / free time

这房间是空的。

Zhè fángjiān shì kōng de.

The room is empty.

空调 空調

kōngtiáo air conditioning / air conditioner (including units that have a heating mode)

恐怕

kǒngpà fear / to dread / I'm afraid that... / perhaps / maybe

恐怕我现在得走了。

Kǒngpà wǒ xiànzài děi zǒule.

I'm afraid I have to go now.

裤子 褲子

kùzi trousers / pants

这条裤子是黑色的。

Zhè tiáo kùzi shì hēisè de.

These trousers are black.

快速

kuàisù fast / high-speed / rapid

这是快速且有效的交流方式。

Zhè shì kuàisù qiǎ yǒuxiào de jiāoliú fāngshì.

This is a fast and effective way of communication.

困

kùn to trap / to surround / hard-pressed / stranded / destitute / sleepy / tired

困难 困難

kùnnán difficult / challenging / straitened circumstances / difficult situation

工作困难吗？

Gōngzuò kùnnán ma?

Is the work hard?

L

浪费 浪費

làngfèi to waste / to squander

在这一点上，争论只是浪费时间。

Zài zhè yìdiǎn shàng, zhēnglùn zhǐshì làngfèi shíjiān.

On this point, it's a waste of time to argue.

老百姓

lǎobǎixìng ordinary people / the "person in the street"

许多老百姓加入了军队。

Xǔduō lǎobǎixìng jiārùle jūnduì.

A great number of citizens went into the army.

老板 老闆

lǎobǎn boss / proprietor / Robam (brand)

我不是老板。

Wǒ bú shì lǎobǎn.

I'm not the boss.

老太太

lǎotàitai elderly lady (respectful) / esteemed mother

乐 樂

lè happy

yuè music

乐观 樂觀

lèguān optimistic / hopeful

类 類

lèi kind / type / class / category / kind / type / to resemble / to be similar to

你最喜欢哪类的衣服？

Nǐ zuì xǐhuan nǎ lèi de yīfu?

What's your favorite item of clothing?

类似 類似

lèisì similar / analogous

我的观点和你的类似。

Wǒ de guāndiǎn hé nǐ de lèisì.

My opinion is similar to yours.

离婚 離婚

líhūn to divorce

理发 理髮

lǐfā to get a haircut / to have one's hair done / to cut (sb's) hair / to give (sb) a haircut

理解

lǐjiě to comprehend / to understand

他不理解我。

Tā bù lǐjiě wǒ.

He doesn't understand me.

理论 理論

lǐlùn theory / to argue / to take notice of

我的理论是这样。

Wǒ de lǐlùn shì zhèyàng.

That's my theory.

里面 裡面

lǐmiàn inside / interior

我往里面看。

Wǒ wǎng lǐmiàn kàn.

I looked inside.

理由

lǐyóu reason / grounds / justification

你没理由生气。

Nǐ méi lǐyóu shēngqì.

You didn't have any reasons to be angry.

力

lì power / force / strength / ability / strenuously / surname Li

立刻

lìkè immediately / at once / right away

请立刻回来。

Qǐng lìkè huí lai.

Please come back at once.

力量

lìliang power / force / strength

什么比力量还重要？

Shénme bǐ lìliang hái zhòngyào?

What surpasses strength?

利用

liyòng to exploit / to make use of / to use / to take advantage of / to utilize

我不想被利用。

Wǒ bùxiǎng bèi liyòng.

I don't want to be used.

连 連

lián to link / to join / to connect / continuously / in succession / including / (used with 也[ye3], 都[dou1] etc) even / company (military) / surname Lian

我连想都没想。

Wǒ lián xiǎng dōu méi xiǎng.

I didn't even think of it.

联合 聯合

liánhé to combine / to join / unite / alliance

他们必须联合起来。

Tāmen bìxū liánhé qǐ lai.

They must unite.

联合国 聯合國

liánhéguó United Nations

不是所有国家都加入了联合国。

Bú shì suǒyǒu guójiā dōu jiārù le Liánhéguó.

Not every country belongs to the U.N.

连忙 連忙

liánmáng promptly / at once

联系 聯繫

liánxì connection / contact / relation / to get in touch with / to integrate / to link / to touch

请保持联系。

Qǐng bǎochí liánxì.

Please keep in touch.

连续 連續

liánxù continuous / in a row / serial / consecutive

这个男人连续说了一个小时的话。

Zhège nánrén liánxù shuō le yí gè xiǎoshí de huà.

The man kept talking for an hour.

连续剧 連續劇

liánxùjù TV series

凉水 涼水

liángshuǐ cool water / unboiled water

领 領

lǐng neck / collar / to lead / to receive / classifier for clothes, mats, screens etc

船被安全地领入港口。

Chuán bèi ānquán de lǐng rù gǎngkǒu.

The boat was piloted safely into harbor.

领导 領導

lǐngdǎo lead / leading / to lead / leadership / leader

带我去见你们的领导。

Dài wǒ qù jiàn nǐmen de lǐngdǎo.

Take me to your leader.

领先 領先

lǐngxiān to lead / to be in front

另外

lìngwài additional / in addition / besides / separate / other / moreover / furthermore

大家都在另外的房里等着。

Dàjiā dōu zài lìngwài de fáng lǐ děng zhe.

Everyone is waiting in the other room.

另一方面

lìngyīfāngmiàn on the other hand / another aspect

留学 留學

liúxué to study abroad

龙 龍

lóng Chinese dragon / loong / emperor / dragon / dinosaur / surname Long

龙年结束了。

Lóng nián jiéshù le.

The year of the dragon has ended.

录

lù to carve wood / diary / record / to hit / to copy / surname Lu

路线 路線

lùxiàn itinerary / route / political line (e.g. right revisionist road)

录音 錄音

lùyīn to record sound / an audio recording (CL:段[duan4])

乱 亂

luàn in confusion or disorder / in a confused state of mind / disorder / upheaval / riot / illicit sexual relations / to throw into disorder / to mix up / indiscriminate / random / arbitrary

他的房间很乱。

Tā de fángjiān hěn luàn.

His room's a mess.

落后 落後

luòhòu to fall behind / to lag (in technology etc) / backward / to retrogress

我们应该读报纸，不落后于时代。

Wǒmen yīnggāi dú bàozhǐ, bú luòhòu yú shídài.

We should read the newspaper so as not to lag behind the times.

旅馆 旅館

lǚguǎn hotel

旅行社

lǚxíngshè travel agency

绿茶 綠茶

lǜchá green tea / (of a girl) seemingly innocent and charming but actually calculating and manipulative / a girl who has these qualities

M

麻烦 麻煩

máfan trouble / inconvenience / inconvenient / troublesome / annoying / to bother sb / to put sb to trouble

麻烦你开个门。

Máfan nǐ kāi gè mén.

Could you open the door for me?

马 馬

mǎ horse / horse or cavalry piece in Chinese chess / knight in Western chess / surname Ma

这是我的马。

Zhè shì wǒ de mǎ.

This is my horse.

满足 滿足

mǎnzú to satisfy / to meet (the needs of) / satisfied / content

对于自己的工资，我感到挺满足。

Duìyú zìjǐ de gōngzī, wǒ gǎndào tǐng mǎnzú.

I'm content with my salary.

慢慢

mànmàn slowly / gradually

门慢慢地开了。

Mén mànmàn de kāile.

The door opened slowly.

毛病

máobìng fault / defect / shortcomings / ailment

媒体 媒體

méitǐ media, esp. news media

没用 沒用

méiyòng useless

每

měi each / every

我喜欢他们每一个。

Wǒ xǐhuan tāmen měi yí gè.

I like each of them.

美

měi beautiful / very satisfactory / good / to beautify / to be pleased with oneself / the Americas (abbr. for 美洲[Mei3zhou1]) / USA (abbr. for 美國|美国[Mei3guo2])

这些树很美。

Zhèxiē shù hěn Měi.

These trees are beautiful.

美好

měihǎo beautiful / fine

美丽 美麗

měilì beautiful

你非常美丽。

Nǐ fēicháng měilì.

You are very beautiful.

美食

měishí culinary delicacy / fine food / gourmet food

美术 美術

měishù art / fine arts / painting

美元

měiyuán American dollar / US dollar

他给他四美元。

Tā gěi tā sì měiyuán.

He paid him four dollars.

迷

mí to bewilder / crazy about / fan / enthusiast / lost / confused

面对 面對

miànduì to face / to confront

面对事实吧。

Miànduì shìshí ba.

Let's face facts.

面积 面積

miànjī area (of a floor, piece of land etc) / surface area / tract of land

民间 民間

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

民族

mínzú nationality / ethnic group

中国有56个民族。

Zhōngguó yǒu wǔshíliù gè mínzú.

There are 56 ethnic groups in China.

明确 明確

míngquè clear-cut / definite / explicit / to clarify / to specify / to make definite

我要明确表示我不会再来了。

Wǒ yào míngquè biǎoshì wǒ búhuì zài lái.

I will make it clear that I won't come again.

明显 明顯

míngxiǎn clear / distinct / obvious

好像很明显。

Hǎoxiàng hěn míngxiǎn.

It seems pretty obvious.

命运 命運

mìngyùn fate / destiny

这是你的命运。

Zhè shì nǐ de mìngyùn.

This is your fate.

某

mǒu some / a certain / sb or sth indefinite / such-and-such

母亲 母親

mǔqīn mother

她比母亲高。

Tā bǐ mǔqīn gāo.

She's taller than her mother.

目标 目標

mùbiāo target / goal / objective

她达到了目标。

Tā dá dào le mùbiāo.

She has achieved her goals.

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.

木头 木頭

mùtou wood / log (CL:塊|块[kuai4],根[gen1]) / blockhead / dolt

N

奶茶

nǎichá milk tea

南部

nánbù southern part

她们现在在法国南部。

Tāmen xiànzài zài Fǎguó nánbù.

They are now in the south of France.

难道 難道

nándào don't tell me ... / could it be that...?

难道不是这样吗？

Nándào bú shì zhèyàng ma?

Is this not so?

难度 難度

nándù degree of difficulty

男子

nánzǐ a man / a male

那两个男子就像水和火。

Nà liǎng gè nánzǐ jiù xiàng shuǐ hé huǒ.

The two men were like fire and water.

内 內

nèi inside / inner / internal / within / interior

他跑进房间内。

Tā pǎo jìn fángjiān nèi.

He ran into the room.

内容 內容

nèiróng content / substance / details

信的内容是什么？

Xìn de nèiróng shì shénme?

What is the letter about?

内心 內心

nèixīn heart / innermost being / incenter

能力

nénglì capability / ability

他没有能力买新车。

Tā méiyǒu nénglì mǎi xīn chē.

He can't afford to buy a new car.

年初

niánchū beginning of the year

年代

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

年底

niándǐ the end of the year / year-end

年纪 年紀

niánjì age

我比他年纪还大。

Wǒ bǐ tā niánjì hái dà.

I am yet older than he is.

念

niàn to read / to study (a subject) / to attend (a school) / to read aloud / to give (sb) a tongue-lashing (CL:頓|顿[dun4]) / to miss (sb) / idea / remembrance / twenty (banker's anti-fraud numeral corresponding to 廿[nian4])

这个怎么念？

Zhège zěnmē niàn?

How do you say that?

牛

niú ox / cow / bull / newton (abbr. for 牛頓|牛頓[niu2 dun4]) / awesome / surname Niu

牛提供给我们很多需要的东西。

Niú tígōng gěi wǒmen hěnduō xūyào de dōngxi.

Cows supply us with many things we need.

农村 農村

nóngcūn rural area / village

在城市生活和在农村生活很不同。

Zài chéngshì shēnghuó hé zài nóngcūn shēnghuó hěn bùtóng.

Living in the city is really different to living in the country.

农民 農民

nóngmín peasant / farmer

农业 農業

nóngyè agriculture / farming

这片地不适合发展农业。

Zhè piàn de bú shìhé fāzhǎn nóngyè.

This land is not suitable for agriculture.

暖和

nuǎnhuo warm / nice and warm

今天天气暖和一点儿了。

Jīntiān tiānqì nuǎnhuo yìdiǎnr le.

The weather is a bit warmer today.

女子

nǚzǐ woman / female

她上女子高中。

Tā shàng nǚzǐ gāozhōng.

She goes to a girls' high school.

P

拍

pāi to pat / to clap / to slap / to swat / to take (a photo) / to shoot (a film) / racket (sports) / beat (music)

她哼着四四拍的歌。

Tā hēngzhe sì sì pāi de gē.

She hummed a song in four-four time.

排名

páimíng to rank (1st, 2nd etc) / ranking

牌子

páizi sign / trademark / brand

派

pài tributary / branch of a river / clique / school / group / faction / style / manner / to send (a person or resource) / to dispatch / to allocate (a resource or task) / to appoint (sb) / classifier for factions, groups etc / classifier used in characterizing a scene, atmosphere, demeanor, sound, remark etc / pi (Greek letter Π, π) / the circular ratio π = 3.14159... / pie

我想做个派。

Wǒ xiǎng zuò gè pài.

I want to make a pie.

判断 判斷

pànduàn to judge / to determine / judgment

你的判断是正确的。

Nǐ de pànduàn shì zhèngquè de.

You are correct in your judgement.

胖

pàng fat / plump

pán healthy / at ease

跑步

pǎobù to run / to jog / to march at the double

配

pèi to join / to fit / to mate / to mix / to match / to deserve / to make up (a prescription) / to allocate

我配不上你。

Wǒ pèi bú shàng nǐ.

You're too good for me.

配合

pèihé matching / fitting in with / compatible with / to correspond / to fit / to conform to / rapport / to coordinate with / to act in concert with / to cooperate / to become man and wife / to combine parts of machine

批评 批評

pīpíng to criticize / criticism

你总是批评我!

Nǐ zǒngshì pīpíng wǒ!

You're always criticizing me!

批准

pīzhǔn to approve / to ratify

我在等待批准。

Wǒ zài děngdài pīzhǔn.

I am waiting for approval.

皮

pí skin / peel / rind / outer layer / leather / hide / fur / cover / wrapping / outer covering / no longer crisp / soggy / naughty / mischievous / pico- (10⁻¹²) / surname Pi

皮包

píbāo handbag / briefcase

啤酒

píjiǔ beer (loanword)

我不喜欢啤酒。

Wǒ bù xǐhuan píjiǔ.

I don't like beer.

票价 票價

piàojià ticket price / fare / admission fee

苹果 蘋果

píngguǒ apple / Apple (American tech company)

我吃了半个苹果。

Wǒ chīle bànge píngguǒ.

I ate half an apple.

评价 評價

píngjià to evaluate / to assess

我对她的评价很好。

Wǒ duì tā de píngjià hěn hǎo.

I had a good opinion of her.

破

pò broken / damaged / worn out / lousy / rotten / to break, split or cleave / to get rid of / to destroy / to break with / to defeat / to capture (a city etc) / to expose the truth of

去你的破网站。

Qù nǐ de pò wǎngzhàn.

Fuck your websites.

破坏 破壞

pòhuài destruction / damage / to wreck / to break / to destroy

我认为考试破坏教育。

Wǒ rènwéi kǎoshì pòhuài jiàoyù.

I think exams ruin education.

普遍

pǔbiàn universal / general / widespread / common

普及

pǔjí to spread extensively / to generalize / widespread / popular / universal / ubiquitous / pervasive

Q

期

qī period / cycle / a period of time / phase / stage / classifier for issues of a periodical, courses of study / time / term / period / to hope

齐 齊

qí neat / even / level with / identical / simultaneous / all together / to even sth out / (name of states and dynasties at several different periods) / surname Qi

齐里走回里面。

Qí lǐ zǒu huí lǐmiàn.

Ziri headed back inside.

其次

qícì next / secondly

奇怪

qíguài strange / odd / to marvel / to be baffled

我很奇怪吗？

Wǒ hěn qíguài ma?

Am I strange or what?

其实 其實

qíshí actually / in fact / really

其实没有发生。

Qíshí méiyǒu fāshēng.

That didn't really happen.

气候 氣候

qìhòu climate / climate / prevailing conditions (in human affairs)

你最喜欢什么气候？

Nǐ zuì xǐhuan shénme qìhòu?

What's your favorite climate?

千万 千萬

qiānwàn ten million / countless / many / one must by all means

你千万不要和你父母说这件事。

Nǐ qiānwàn búyào hé nǐ fùmǔ shuō zhè jiàn shì.

You mustn't tell that to your parents.

前后 前後

qiánhòu around / from beginning to end / all around / front and rear

前进 前進

qiánjìn to go forward / to forge ahead / to advance / onward

我会继续前进。

Wǒ huì jìxù qiánjìn.

I will go on ahead.

前面

qiánmiàn ahead / in front / preceding / above

前面有危险。

Qiánmiàn yǒu wēixiǎn.

Danger ahead.

前往

qiánwǎng to leave for / to proceed towards / to go to

我在前往会议的路上。

Wǒ zài qiánwǎng huìyì de lùshang.

I'm on my way to the meeting right now.

强 強

qiáng strong / powerful / better / slightly more than / vigorous / violent / best in their category, e.g. see 百強|百强 [bai3 qiang2] / surname Qiang

qiǎng to force / to compel / to strive / to make an effort

jiàng stubborn / unyielding

你确实很强。

Nǐ quèshí hěn qiáng.

You are truly very strong.

强大 強大

qiángdà big and strong / formidable / powerful

这使我们更强大。

Zhè shǐ wǒmen gèng qiángdà.

This makes us stronger.

强调 強調

qiángdiào to emphasize (a statement) / to stress

我想特别强调这一点。

Wǒ xiǎng tèbié qiángdiào zhè yìdiǎn.

I want to emphasise this point especially.

强烈 強烈

qiángliè strong / intense

那个感情非常强烈。

Nàge gǎnqíng fēicháng qiángliè.

The feeling was really strong.

桥 橋

qiáo bridge

那座桥不长。

Nà zuò qiáo bù cháng.

That bridge isn't long.

巧

qiǎo opportunely / coincidentally / as it happens / skillful / timely

亲 親

qīn parent / one's own (flesh and blood) / relative / related / marriage / bride / close / intimate / in person / first-hand / in favor of / pro- / to kiss / dear

qìng parents-in-law of one's offspring

你怎么没亲她？

Nǐ zěnméi méi qīn tā?

Why didn't you kiss her?

亲切 親切

qīnqiè amiable / cordial / close and dear / familiar

亲人 親人

qīnrén one's close relatives

亲自 親自

qīnzì personally / in person / oneself

他亲自来了。

Tā qīnzì lái le.

He came in person.

情感

qínggǎn feeling / emotion / to move (emotionally)

情况 情況

qíngkuàng circumstances / state of affairs / situation

这得看情况。

Zhè de kàn qíngkuàng.

It depends on the context.

请教 請教

qǐngjiào to ask for guidance / to consult

庆祝 慶祝

qìngzhù to celebrate

球迷

qiú mí fan (ball sports)

区 區

qū area / region / district / small / distinguish

ōu surname Ou

我住在这区。

Wǒ zhù zài zhè qū.

I live in this place.

区别 區別

qūbié difference / to distinguish / to discriminate / to make a distinction

有什么区别吗？

Yǒu shénme qūbié ma?

Is there a difference?

取消

qǔxiāo to cancel / to call off / to revoke / to rescind

会议取消了。

Huìyì qǔxiāole.

The meeting was called off.

去世

qùshì to pass away / to die

他前年去世的。

Tā qiánnián qùshì de.

He passed away the year before last.

全场 全場

quánchǎng everyone present / the whole audience / across-the-board / unanimously / whole duration (of a competition or match)

全面

quánmiàn all-around / comprehensive / total / overall

我想去医院做一个全面的检查。

Wǒ xiǎng qù yīyuàn zuò yí gè quánmiàn de jiǎnchá.

I want to go to the hospital to get a complete check-up.

全球

quánqiú the whole world / worldwide / global

我们要提高全球对于环境保护的意识。

Wǒmen yào tígāo quánqiú duìyú huánjìngbǎohù de yìshí.

We want to raise global awareness of environmental protection.

缺

quē deficiency / lack / scarce / vacant post / to run short of

有一页缺了。

Yǒu yí yè quēle.

There is a page missing.

缺点 缺點

quēdiǎn weak point / fault / shortcoming / disadvantage

缺少

quēshǎo lack / shortage of / shortfall / to be short (of) / to lack

确保 確保

quèbǎo to ensure / to guarantee

确定 確定

quèdìng definite / certain / fixed / to fix (on sth) / to determine / to be sure / to ensure / to make certain / to ascertain / to clinch / to recognize / to confirm / OK (on computer dialog box)

我不太确定。

Wǒ bù tài quèdìng.

I can't say for sure.

确实 確實

quèshí indeed / really / reliable / real / true

你确实很强。

Nǐ quèshí hěn qiáng.

You are truly very strong.

群

qún group / crowd / flock, herd, pack etc

公园里有一大群人。

Gōngyuán lǐ yǒu yí dà qún rén.

There was a large crowd in the park.

裙子

qúnzi skirt

R

热爱 熱愛

rèi to love ardently / to adore

热烈 熱烈

rèliè enthusiastic / ardent / warm

人才

réncai talent / talented person / looks / attractive looks

只有少数的人才懂了我的意思。

Zhǐyǒu shǎoshù de réncái dǒngle wǒ de yìsi.

Only a few people understood me.

人工

réngōng artificial / manpower / manual work

人类 人類

rénlèi humanity / human race / mankind

他们是人类。

Tāmen shì rén�èi.

They are human.

人民

rénmín the people

那么去人民公园怎么走？

Nàme qù rénmin gōngyuán zěnme zǒu?

So which way is it to the People's Park?

人民币 人民幣

rénmínbì Renminbi, the official currency of the PRC
(currency codes: RMB or CNY)

我算了算，这次旅行要花大概一万块人民币。
Wǒ suànle suàn, zhècì lǚxíng yào huā dàgài yī wàn kuài
rénmínbì.
I've calculated that I'll spend about ten thousand RMB on
this trip.

人群

rénqún crowd

我在人群中看见了她。
Wǒ zài rénqún zhōng kànjiànle tā.
I caught sight of her in the crowd.

人生

rénshēng life (one's time on earth)

人生会继续。
Rénshēng huì jìxù.
Life goes on.

人员 人員

rényuán staff / crew / personnel

任

rèn to assign / to appoint / to take up a post / office /
responsibility / to let / to allow / to give free rein to / no
matter (how, what etc) / classifier for terms served in office,
or for spouses, girlfriends etc (as in 前任男友)

rén surname Ren

这是我第一任丈夫的第二任妻子。
Zhè shì wǒ dìyī rèn zhàngfū de **dì'èr rèn qī**zi.
This is my first husband's second wife.

认出 認出

rènchū recognition / to recognize

我没认出来是她。
Wǒ méi rènchū lái shì tā.
I didn't recognize her.

认得 認得

rènde to recognize / to remember sth (or sb) on seeing it / to
know

任何

rènhé any / whatever / whichever

您没有任何钱。
Nín méiyǒu rèn hé qián.
You don't have any money.

认可 認可

rènkě to approve / approval / acknowledgment / OK

任务 任務

rènwu mission / assignment / task / duty / role

这是个危险的任务。
Zhè shì gè wēixiǎn de **rènwu**.
This is a dangerous mission.

仍

réng still / yet / to remain / frequently / often

它仍可能会发生。
Tā réng kěnéng huì fāshēng.
It still could happen.

仍然

réngrán still / as before / yet

他仍然爱着她。
Tā réngrán àizhe tā.
He still loves her.

日常

rìcháng day-to-day / daily / everyday

容易

róngyì easy / straightforward / likely / liable to / apt to

第二课容易。
Dì'èr kè róngyì.
Lesson Two is easy.

如何

rúhé how / what way / what

你感觉如何？
Nǐ gǎnjué rúhé?
How do you feel?

S

散步

sànbù to take a walk / to go for a walk

沙发 沙發

shāfā sofa (CL: 条[tiao2], 张[zhāng1]) / first reply to a
forum post

猫在沙发上。
Māo zài shāfā shàng.
The cat is on the sofa.

沙子

shāzi sand / grit

伤 傷

shāng to injure / injury / wound

他吃糖吃伤了。
Tā chī táng chī shāngle.
He was sick of eating candy.

商品

shāngpǐn commodity / goods / merchandise

大量生产降低许多商品的价格。
Dàliàng shēngchǎn jiàngdī xǔduō shāngpǐn de **jiàgé**.
Mass production reduced the price of many goods.

伤心 傷心

shāngxīn to grieve / to be broken-hearted / to feel deeply hurt

商业 商業

shāngyè business / trade / commerce

上来 上來

shànglái to come up / to approach / (verb complement
indicating success)

请上来。
Qǐng shànglái.
Please come up.

上面

shàngmiàn on top of / above-mentioned

不要坐在上面。

Búyào zuò zài shàngmiàn.

Don't sit on it.

上去

shàngqù to go up

请上去。

Qǐng shàngqù.

Please go up.

上升

shàngshēng to rise / to go up / to ascend

酒的消费每年都在上升。

Jiǔ de xiāofèi měinián dōu zài shàngshēng.

Alcohol consumption is increasing every year.

上衣

shàngyī jacket / upper outer garment

设备 設備

shèbèi equipment / facilities / installations

这是台旧设备。

Zhè shì tái jiù shèbèi.

This is an old device.

社会 社會

shèhuì society

社会在变化。

Shèhuì zài biànhuà.

Society is changing.

设计 設計

shèjì to design / to plan / design / plan

他设计了新建筑。

Tā shèjì le xīn jiànzhù.

He designed the new building.

设立 設立

shèlì to set up / to establish

深

shēn deep

这个湖有多深？

Zhège hú yǒu duō shēn?

What is the depth of the lake?

身份证 身份證

shēnfènzhèng identity card / ID

深刻

shēnkè profound / deep / deep-going

深入

shēnrù to penetrate deeply / thorough

升

shēng to ascend / to rise / to promote / to elevate / liter / unit of dry measure for grain (= one liter or one-tenth dou 斗 [dou3]) / to ascend / to rise (variant of 升[sheng1]) / to promote / to elevate (variant of 升[sheng1]) / to ascend / to rise (variant of 升[sheng1]) / to promote / to elevate (variant of 升[sheng1])

太阳升起来了。

Tàiyang shēng qǐlaile.

The sun is coming up.

生产 生產

shēngchǎn to produce / to manufacture / to give birth to a child

她最近生产了。

Tā zuìjìn shēngchǎnle.

She recently gave birth.

生存

shēngcún to exist / to survive

人类会永远生存下去吗？

Rénlèi huì yǒngyuǎn shēngcún xiàqù ma?

Will the human race survive forever?

生动 生動

shēngdòng (of descriptions, writing etc) vivid / lively

声明 聲明

shēngmíng to state / to declare / statement / declaration

她承认我的声明是真实的。

Tā chéngrèn wǒ de shēngmíng shì zhēnshí de.

She acknowledged that my statement was true.

生命

shēgmìng life (as the characteristic of living beings) / living being / creature (CL: 条[tiao2])

水就是生命。

Shuǐ jiùshì shēgmìng.

Water is life.

生意

shēngyì business

shēngyì life force / vitality

生长 生長

shēngzhǎng to grow / to grow up / to be brought up

手甲的生长速度比脚甲快四倍。

Shǒu jiǎ de shēngzhǎng sùdù bǐ jiǎo jiǎ kuài sì bèi.

Fingernails grow nearly four times faster than toenails.

胜 勝

shèng victory / success / to beat / to defeat / to surpass / victorious / superior to / to get the better of / better than / surpassing / superb (of vista) / beautiful (scenery) / wonderful (view) / able to bear / equal to (a task)

健康胜于财富。

Jiànkāng shèng yú cáifù.

Health is above wealth.

胜利 勝利

shènglì victory

这是你们的胜利。

Zhè shì nǐmen de shènglì.

This is your victory.

失去

shīqù to lose

我不想失去你。

Wǒ bùxiǎng shīqù nǐ.

I don't want to lose you.

时 時

shí o'clock / time / when / hour / season / period / surname
Shi

现在是三时正。

Xiànzài shì sān shí zhèng.

It is exactly three o'clock now.

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.

实际上 實際上

shíjìshàng in fact / in reality / as a matter of fact / in practice

实际上我错了。

Shíjìshàng wǒ cuòle.

Actually, I was wrong.

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.

实力 實力

shílì strength

我们必须加强经济实力。

Wǒmen bìxū jiāqiáng jīngjì shílì.

We must strengthen our economy.

食品

shípǐn foodstuff / food / provisions

注意你们的食品。

Zhùyì nǐmen de shípǐn.

Pay attention to your food.

石头 石頭

shítou stone

实行 實行

shíxíng to implement / to carry out / to put into practice

我们实行了那个计划。

Wǒmen shíxíng le nàgè jìhuà.

We carried out that plan.

实验 實驗

shíyàn experiment / test / experimental / to experiment

这实验是成功的。

Zhè shíyàn shì chénggōng de.

The experiment was successful.

实验室 實驗室

shíyànshì laboratory

石油

shíyóu oil / petroleum

我们国家不缺石油。

Wǒmen guójiā bù quē shíyóu.

We are not short of oil in this country.

使

shǐ to make / to cause / to enable / to use / to employ / to send
/ to instruct sb to do sth / envoy / messenger

这使我们更强大。

Zhè shǐ wǒmen gèng qiángdà.

This makes us stronger.

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.

室

shì room / work unit / grave / scabbard / family or clan / one
of the 28 constellations of Chinese astronomy / surname Shi

市场 市場

shìchǎng marketplace / market / bazaar / market

我要去市场。

Wǒ yào qù shìchǎng.

I will go to the market.

事故

shìgù accident

适合 適合

shìhé to fit / to suit

绿色适合你。

Lǜsè shìhé nǐ.

Green suits you.

世纪 世紀

shìjì century

他生于19世纪。

Tā shēngyú shíjiǔ shìjì.

He was born in the 19th century.

事件

shìjiàn incident / event

这是个重要事件。

Zhè shì gè zhòngyào shìjiàn.

This is an important event.

世界

shìjiè world

你好，世界！

Nǐ hǎo, shìjiè!

Hello, world!

世界杯

shìjièbēi World Cup

事实 事實

shìshí fact

我知道事实。

Wǒ zhīdào shìshí.

I know the facts.

事实上 事實上

shìshíshàng in fact / in reality / actually / as a matter of fact / de facto / ipso facto

黑海里的水事实上是黑的吗？

Hēihǎi lǐ de shuǐ shìshíshàng shì hēi de ma?
Is the water in the Black Sea actually black?

试题 試題

shìtí exam question / test topic

试验 試驗

shìyàn experiment / test / to experiment / experimental

事业 事業

shìyè undertaking / project / activity / (charitable, political or revolutionary) cause / publicly funded institution, enterprise or foundation / career / occupation

她想去北京发展她的事业。

Tā xiǎng qù Běijīng fāzhǎn tā de shìyè.
She wants to go to Beijing to further her career.

适应 適應

shìyìng to adapt / to fit / to suit

我可以去适应一下。

Wǒ kěyǐ qù shìyìng yíxià.
I can adjust.

适用 適用

shìyòng to be applicable

这条规则不是甚么时候都适用的。

Zhè tiáo guīzé bú shì shénme shíhou dōu shìyòng de.
This rule doesn't apply to every case.

收费 收費

shōufèi to charge a fee

我们建议提高收费。

Wǒmen jiànyì tígāo shōufèi.
We suggest raising the fees.

收看

shōukàn to watch (a TV program)

收听 收聽

shōutīng to listen to (a radio broadcast)

收音机 收音機

shōuyīnjī radio

首都

shǒudū capital (city)

我住在首都。

Wǒ zhù zài shǒudū.
I live in the capital.

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.

手续 手續

shǒuxù procedure / formalities

手指

shǒuzhǐ finger

不能用手指人。

Bùnéng yòng shǒuzhǐ rén.
Don't point at others.

受

shòu to receive / to accept / to suffer / subjected to / to bear / to stand / pleasant / (passive marker) / bottom

施比受更有福。

Shī bǐ shòu gèng yǒu fú.
It is more blessed to give than to receive.

受伤 受傷

shòushāng to sustain injuries / wounded (in an accident etc) / harmed

他没有受伤。

Tā méiyǒu shòushāng.
He wasn't hurt.

输 輸

shū to lose / to be beaten / to transport / to donate / to contribute / to enter (a password)

他们要输了。

Tāmen yào shūle.
They were going to lose.

书架 書架

shūjià bookshelf

他从书架上拿下来了一本书。

Tā cóng shūjià shàng ná xiàlai le yìběn shū.
He took a book down from the bookshelf.

输入 輸入

shūrù to import / to input

熟人

shúrén acquaintance / friend

属 屬

shǔ category / genus (taxonomy) / family members / dependents / to belong to / subordinate to / affiliated with / be born in the year of (one of the 12 animals) / to be / to prove to be / to constitute

zhǔ to join together / to fix one's attention on / to concentrate on

属于 屬於

shǔyú to belong to / to fall under (a category)

他们说这属于他们。

Tāmen shuō zhè shǔyú tāmen.
They said that it belonged to them.

束

shù to bind / bunch / bundle / classifier for bunches, bundles, beams of light etc / to control / surname Shu

数量 數量

shùliàng amount / quantity / quantitative / scalar quantity

但是，数量不对。

Dànshì, shùliàng bú duì.
However, the quantity was not correct.

双 雙

shuāng two / double / pair / both / even (number) / surname Shuang

她有双蓝眼睛。
Tā yǒu shuāng lán yǎnjīng.
She has blue eyes.

双方 雙方

shuāngfāng bilateral / both sides / both parties involved

思想

sīxiǎng thought / thinking / idea / ideology

我试试思想。
Wǒ shì shì sīxiǎng.
I try to think.

死

sǐ to die / impassable / uncrossable / inflexible / rigid / extremely / damned

你死过吗？
Nǐ sǐguo ma?
Oh, so you've died before?

速度

sùdù speed / rate / velocity / (music) tempo

齐里移动的速度快多了。
Qí lǐ yídòng de sùdù kuài duō le.
Ziri was moving much faster.

随 隨

suí to follow / to comply with / varying according to... / to allow / subsequently / surname Sui

走不走随你。
Zǒu bù zǒu suí nǐ.
You may go or stay at will.

所

suǒ actually / place / classifier for houses, small buildings, institutions etc / that which / particle introducing a relative clause or passive

这是我所知道的。
Zhè shì wǒ suǒ zhīdào de.
This is all I know.

所长 所長

suǒzhǎng director / head of an institute, office or station
suǒcháng what one is good at / one's strong point

T

台

tái you (in letters) / desk / table / counter / platform / stage / terrace / stand / support / station / broadcasting station / classifier for vehicles or machines / typhoon / Taiwan (abbr.) / surname Tai / Taiwan (abbr.)

我爱这台车。
Wǒ ài zhè tái chē.
I love this car.

谈 談

tán to speak / to talk / to converse / to chat / to discuss / surname Tan

别谈这种事。
Bié tán zhèzhǒng shì.
Don't talk about such a thing.

谈话 談話

tánhuà to talk (with sb) / to have a conversation / talk / conversation

我刚跟她谈话。
Wǒ gāng gēn tā tánhuà.
I was just talking to her.

谈判 談判

tánpàn to negotiate / negotiation / talks / conference

谈判没有成功。
Tánpàn méiyǒu chénggōng.
The treaty was not a success.

汤 湯

tāng soup / hot or boiling water / decoction of medicinal herbs / water in which sth has been boiled / surname Tang
shāng rushing current

我要这个汤。
Wǒ yào zhège tāng.
I would like to have this soup.

糖

táng sugar / sweets / candy

你用多少糖？
Nǐ yòng duōshǎo táng?
How much sugar do you use?

特色

tèsè a characteristic / a distinctive feature or quality

这里的特色菜是什么？
Zhèlǐ de tèsè cài shì shénme?
What is the specialty food here?

题目 題目

tímù subject / title / topic / exercise or exam question (CL:道 [dao4])

提前

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

你提前跟我说就没问题。
Nǐ tíqián gēn wǒ shuō jiù méi wèntí.
If you tell me beforehand it'll be fine.

提问 提問

tíwèn to question / to quiz / to grill

体会 體會

tǐhuì to know from experience / to learn through experience / to realize / understanding / experience

体现 體現

tǐxiàn to embody / to reflect / to incarnate

体验 體驗

tǐyàn to experience for oneself

天空

tiānkōng sky

甜

tián sweet / pleasant / endearing / lovely

调整 調整

tiáozhěng to adjust / to revise / to reorganize

系统会调整成允许你看到的内容。

Xìtǒng huì tiáozhěng chéng yǔnxǔ nǐ kàndào de nèiróng.

The system will be adjusted to what it is that you are allowed to see.

跳

tiào to jump / to hop / to skip over / to bounce / to palpitate

你能跳多高？

Nǐ néng tiào duō gāo?

How high can you jump?

跳高

tiàogāo high jump

跳舞

tiàowǔ to dance

跳远 跳遠

tiàoyuǎn long jump (athletics)

铁 鐵

tiě iron (metal) / arms / weapons / hard / strong / violent / unshakeable / determined / close / tight (slang) / surname Tie

黄金比铁重。

Huángjīn bǐ tiě zhòng.

Gold is heavier than iron.

铁路 鐵路

tiělù railroad / railway

我爸爸在铁路工作。

Wǒ bàba zài tiělù gōngzuò.

My dad works on the railways.

听力 聽力

tīnglì hearing / listening ability

听众 聽眾

tīngzhòng audience / listeners

政治家对听众讲话。

Zhèngzhìjiā duì tīngzhòng jiǎnghuà.

The politician spoke to the audience.

停止

tíngzhǐ to stop / to halt / to cease

停止玩游戏。

Tíngzhǐ wán yóuxì.

Stop playing games.

通常

tōngcháng regular / usual / normal / usually / normally

我通常四点回家。

Wǒ tōngcháng sì diǎn huíjiā.

I usually go home at four.

通信

tōngxìn to correspond (by letter, email etc) / to send or receive messages through telecommunications

同意

tóngyì to agree / to consent / to approve

你不同意吗？

Nǐ bù tóngyì ma?

Don't you agree?

痛

tòng ache / pain / sorrow / deeply / thoroughly

我的眼睛痛。

Wǒ de yǎnjīngòng.

My eyes hurt.

痛苦

tòngkǔ pain / suffering / painful

我知道你有痛苦。

Wǒ zhīdào nǐ yǒuòngkǔ.

We know you're in pain.

头脑 頭腦

tóunǎo brains / mind / skull / gist (of a matter) / leader / boss

突出

tūchū prominent / outstanding / to give prominence to / to protrude / to project

突然

tūrán sudden / abrupt / unexpected

他们突然哭了。

Tāmen tūrán kūle.

They burst into tears.

图 圖

tú diagram / picture / drawing / chart / map / to plan / to scheme / to attempt / to pursue / to seek

让我用一张图来说明。

Ràng wǒ yòng yì zhāng tú lái shuōmíng.

Let me explain it with a diagram.

图画 圖畫

túhuà drawing / picture

土

tǔ earth / dust / clay / local / indigenous / crude opium / unsophisticated / one of the eight categories of ancient musical instruments 八音[bā yīn] / surname Tu / Tu ethnic group

今天下这么大的雨，土松着呢。

Jīntiān xià zhème dà de yǔ, tǔ sōngzhe ne.

It is still raining a lot today, and the soil is being broken up.

团

tuán round / lump / ball / to roll into a ball / to gather / regiment / group / society / classifier for a lump or a soft mass: wad (of paper), ball (of wool), cloud (of smoke) / dumpling

我想加入你们的团对。

Wǒ xiǎng jiārù nǐmen de tuán duì.

I'd like to join your group.

团结 團結

tuánjié to unite / unity / solidarity / united

团体 團體

tuántǐ group / organization / team

他试着统一不同的团体。

Tā shìzhe tǒngyī bùtóng de tuántǐ.

He tried to unify the various groups.

推动 推動

tuīdòng to push (e.g. for acceptance of a plan) / to promote / to give impetus to

推广 推廣

tuīguǎng to extend / to spread / to popularize / generalization / promotion (of a product etc)

推进 推進

tuījìn to impel / to carry forward / to push on / to advance / to drive forward

推开 推開

tuīkāi to push open (a gate etc) / to push away / to reject / to decline

退

tuì to retreat / to withdraw / to reject / to return (sth) / to decline

退出

tuìchū to withdraw / to abort / to quit / to log out (computing)

退休

tuìxiū to retire (from the workforce) / to go into retirement

她前年退休的。

Tā qiánnián tuìxiū de.

She retired the year before last.

W

外交

wàijiāo diplomacy / diplomatic / foreign affairs

外交谈判帮助结束了冲突。

Wàijiāo tánpàn bāngzhù jiéshù le chōngtū.

Diplomatic dialogue helped put an end to the conflict.

外面

wàimiàn outside / surface / exterior / external appearance

你去外面吗？

Nǐ qù wàimiàn ma?

Are you going outside?

外文

wàiwén foreign language (written)

玩具

wánjù plaything / toy

我要那个玩具。

Wǒ yào nàge wánjù.

I want that toy.

完美

wánměi perfect

完善

wánshàn (of systems, facilities etc) comprehensive / well-developed / excellent / to refine / to improve

完整

wánzhěng complete / intact

你有没有看完整本书？

Nǐ yǒuméiyǒu kàn wánzhěng běn shū?

Did you read the whole book?

往往

wǎngwǎng usually / in many cases / more often than not

女人往往比男人活得更长。

Nǚrén wǎngwǎng bǐ nánrén huó de gèng cháng.

Women tend to live longer than men.

危害

wēihài to harm / to jeopardize / to endanger / harmful effect / damage

危险 危險

wēixiǎn danger / dangerous

他们有危险。

Tāmen yǒu wēixiǎn.

They're in danger.

围 圍

wéi to encircle / to surround / all around / to wear by wrapping around (scarf, shawl)

世界不是围着你转的。

Shìjiè bú shì wéizhe nǐ zhuǎn de.

The world doesn't revolve around you.

伟大 偉大

wěidà huge / great / grand / worthy of the greatest admiration / important (contribution etc)

习惯的力量是伟大的。

Xíguàn de lìliang shì wěidà de.

Great is the power of habit.

为了 為了

wèile for / for the purpose of / in order to

为了什么目的？

Wèile shénme mùdì?

For what purpose?

卫生 衛生

wèishēng hygienic / sanitary / hygiene / sanitation

这食物不卫生。

Zhè shíwù bú wèishēng.

This food is unhygienic.

卫生间 衛生間

wèishēngjiān bathroom / toilet / WC

温暖 溫暖

wēnuǎn warm

文化

wénhuà culture / civilization / cultural

电脑文化是好是坏？

Diànnǎo wénhuà shì hǎo shì huài?

Is PC culture good or bad?

文件

wénjiàn document / file

请你看看这些文件。

Qǐng nǐ kànkān zhèxiē wénjiàn.

Would you please have a look at these papers?

文明

wénmíng civilized / civilization / culture

可以这样说，但是太不文明了。

Kěyǐ zhèyàng shuō, dànshì tài bù wénmíng le.

You could say it that way, but it's quite vulgar.

文学 文學

wénxué literature

文学是美丽的。

Wénxué shì měilì de.

Literature is beautiful.

文章

wénzhāng article / essay / literary works / writings / hidden meaning

你看文章了没？

Nǐ kàn wénzhāng le méi?

You read the paper?

文字

wénzì character / script / writing / written language / writing style / phraseology

这是个文字游戏。

Zhè shì gè wénzì yóuxì.

This is a pun.

握手

wòshǒu to shake hands

屋子

wūzi house / room

武器

wǔqì weapon / arms

他们有带武器。

Tāmen yǒu dài wǔqì.

They're armed.

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

舞台 舞臺

wǔtái stage / arena

X

西部

xībù western part

希望

xīwàng to hope / a hope / a wish

你没有希望。

Nǐ méiyǒu xīwàng.

You are hopeless.

系

xì to connect / to relate to / to tie up / to bind / to be (literary) / system / department / faculty / to connect / to arrest / to worry

jì to tie / to fasten / to button up

去历史系或者教育系。

Qù lìshǐ xì huòzhě jiàoyù xì.

Go to the history department or education department.

下来 下來

xiàlai to come down / (completed action marker) / (after verb of motion, indicates motion down and towards us, also fig.) / (indicates continuation from the past towards us) / to be harvested (of crops) / to be over (of a period of time) / to go among the masses (said of leaders)

你下来。

Nǐ xiàlai.

You come down.

下面

xiàmiàn below / under / next / the following / to boil noodles

李明家下面那家衣服店。

Lǐ míng jiā xiàmiàn nà jiā yīfu diàn.

The clothes shop just after Li Ming's house.

下去

xiàqù to go down / to descend / to go on / to continue / to withdraw

好，我下去。

Hǎo, wǒ xiàqù.

OK, I'll go down.

先进 先進

xiānjìn sophisticated / advanced (technology etc) / meritorious / exemplary (deeds etc)

显得 顯得

xiǎnde to seem / to look / to appear

显然 顯然

xiǎnrán clearly / evidently / obviously

显然的，你错了。

Xiǎnrán de, nǐ cuòle.

Clearly you are mistaken.

显示 顯示

xiǎnshì to show / to illustrate / to display / to demonstrate

线 線

xiàn thread / string / wire / line / tier (unofficial ranking of a Chinese city)

在你的纸上画一条线。

Zài nǐ de zhǐ shàng huà yìtiáo xiàn.

Draw a line on your paper.

现场 現場

xiànchǎng the scene (of a crime, accident etc) / the spot / the site

受伤者被运离现场。

Shòushāngzhě bèi yùn lí xiànchǎng.

The injured were removed from the scene.

现代 現代

xiàndài modern times / modern age / modern era / Hyundai, South Korean company

他喜欢现代音乐。
Tā xǐhuan **xiàndài yīnyuè**.

He has a liking for modern music.

现金 現金

xiànjīn cash

现实 現實

xiànshí reality / actuality / real / actual / realistic / pragmatic / materialistic / self-interested

现实经常只有一个。
Xiànshí jīngcháng zhǐyǒu yí gè.
There is always only one reality.

现象 現象

xiànxàng phenomenon / appearance

香

xiāng fragrant / sweet smelling / aromatic / savory or appetizing / with relish / sound / perfume or spice / joss or incense stick

花真的好香。
Huā zhēnde hǎo xiāng.
These flowers have a really nice fragrance.

相比

xiāngbǐ to compare

和以前相比，已经进步了很多。
Hé yǐqián xiāngbǐ, yǐjīng jìnbù le hěn duō.
It has greatly improved compared with what it was.

相当 相當

xiāngdāng equivalent to / appropriate / considerably / to a certain extent / fairly / quite

这相当不错。
Zhè xiāngdāng búcuò.
This is quite good.

相关 相關

xiāngguān related / relevant / pertinent / to be interrelated / correlation

相关调查正在进行中。
Xiāngguān diàochá zhèngzài jìnxíng zhōng.
The investigation is under way.

相互

xiānghù each other / mutual

我们的爱是相互的。
Wǒmen de ài shì xiānghù de.
Our love is mutual.

香蕉

xiāngjiāo banana

相似

xiāngsì similar / alike

我们很相似。
Wǒmen hěn xiāngsì.
We are cut from the same cloth.

消费 消費

xiāofèi to consume (goods and services, resources etc)

在日本生活消费很高。
Zài Rìběn shēnghuó xiāofèi hěn gāo.
Life in Japan is expensive.

消失

xiāoshī to disappear / to fade away

我随时可以消失。
Wǒ suíshí kěyǐ xiāoshī.
I could disappear at any time.

消息

xiāoxi news / information / message

我知道了那个消息。
Wǒ zhīdào le nàge xiāoxi.
I knew about that.

效果

xiàoguǒ result / effect / efficacy / sound or visual effects

效果没有那么好。
Xiàoguǒ méiyǒu nàme hǎo.
It doesn't work all that well.

写作 寫作

xiězuò to write / to compose / writing / written works

心

xīn heart / mind / intention / center / core

我不懂你的心。
Wǒ bù dǒng nǐ de xīn.
I don't understand your mind.

信封

xìnfēng envelope

信任

xìnren to trust / to have confidence in

形成

xíngchéng to form / to take shape

行李

xíngli luggage

你能带多少行李？
Nǐ néng dài duōshǎo xíngli?
How much luggage are you allowed to take?

形式

xíngshì outer appearance / form / shape / formality

她用数字的形式写了日期。
Tā yòng shùzì de xíngshì xiě le rìqī.
She wrote the date in numeric form.

形象

xíngxiàng image / form / figure / visualization / vivid

他的形象全毁了。
Tā de xíngxiàng quán huǐ le.
His image is completely ruined.

形状 形狀

xíngzhuàng form / shape

性

xìng nature / character / property / quality / attribute / sexuality / sex / gender / suffix forming adjective from verb / suffix forming noun from adjective, corresponding to -ness or -ity / essence

习惯是第二天性。

Xíguàn shì dì'èrtiān xìng.

Habit is second nature.

性别 性別

xìngbié sex / gender

幸福

xìngfú happiness / happy / blessed

什么是幸福？

Shénme shì xìngfú?

What is happiness?

性格

xìnggé nature / disposition / temperament / character

他有一个很好的性格。

Tā yǒu yí gè hěn hǎo de xìnggé.

He has a wonderful personality.

幸运 幸運

xìngyùn fortunate / lucky / good fortune / luck

修

xiū to decorate / to embellish / to repair / to build / to write / to cultivate / to study / to take (a class) / surname Xiu

我在修房子。

Wǒ zài xiū fángzi.

I'm repairing the house.

修改

xiūgǎi to amend / to alter / to modify

参议院将对此政策加以修改。

Cānyìyuàn jiāng duì cǐ zhèngcè jiāyǐ xiūgǎi.

The Senate is going to make adjustments to this policy.

需求

xūqiú requirement / to require / demand

阿尔及利亚对糖的需求正在增加。

Ā'ě'jīlìyà duì táng de xūqiú zhèngzài zēngjiā.

Algeria's appetite for sugar is increasing.

需要

xūyào to need / to want / to demand / to require / needs

你不需要钱。

Nǐ bù xūyào qián.

You don't need money.

宣布

xuānbù to declare / to announce / to proclaim

首先，我想宣布几条新制度。

Shǒuxiān, wǒ xiǎng xuānbù jǐ tiáo xīn zhìdù.

In the first place, I would like to announce several new regulations.

宣传 宣傳

xuānchuán to disseminate / to give publicity to / propaganda

宣传由我来负责。

Xuānchuán yóu wǒ lái fùzé.

I'm in charge of the propaganda.

选手 選手

xuǎnshǒu athlete / contestant

他是我们队上最优秀的选手。

Tā shì wǒmen duì shàng zuì yōuxiù de xuǎnshǒu.

He is the best player on our team.

学费 學費

xuéfèi tuition fee / tuition

血

xuè blood / colloquial pr. [xie3]

到处都是血。

Dàochù dōu shì xuè.

Blood was everywhere.

训练 訓練

xùnlìan to train / to drill / training

要训练狗并不简单。

Yào xùnlìan gǒu bìng bù jiǎndān.

It is not easy to train dogs.

Y

压 壓

yā to press / to push down / to keep under (control) / pressure

压力 壓力

yālì pressure

我最近压力有点大。

Wǒ zuìjìn yālì yǒudiǎn dà.

I've been under a lot of pressure lately.

烟

yān cigarette or pipe tobacco / smoke / mist / vapour / tobacco plant / to be irritated by smoke / tobacco (variant of 煙|烟[yān])

快看那个烟。

Kuài kàn nàge yān.

Look at that smoke.

演

yǎn to perform (a play etc) / to stage (a show) / to develop / to play out / to carry out (a task)

演唱

yǎnchàng to sing (for an audience) / vocal performance

演唱会 演唱會

yǎnchànghuì vocal recital or concert

演出

yǎnchū to act (in a play) / to perform / to put on (a performance) / performance / concert / show

我今天去看演出了。

Wǒ jīntiān qù kàn yǎnchūle.

I went to see a show today.

眼前

yǎnqián before one's eyes / now / at present

我不敢相信眼前发生的这一切。

Wǒ bùgǎn xiāngxìn yǎnqián fāshēng de zhè yíqiè.

I cannot believe what's happening in front of my eyes.

演员 演員

yǎnyuán actor / actress / performer

他们是演员。

Tāmen shì yǎnyuán.

They are actors.

羊

yáng sheep / goat / surname Yang

阳光 陽光

yángguāng sunshine / upbeat / energetic / transparent (open to public scrutiny)

你是我的阳光。

Nǐ shì wǒ de yángguāng.

You are my sunshine.

要是

yàoshi if

他要是来了就好了。

Tā yàoshi lái le jiù hǎo le.

If only he had come.

一方面

yīfāngmiàn on the one hand

衣架

yījià clothes hanger / clothes rack

一切

yīqiè everything / every / all

一切都在变。

Yīqiè dōu zài biàn.

Everything's changing.

已

yǐ already / to stop / then / afterwards

危险已过去。

Wēixiǎn yǐ guò qù.

The danger is over.

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 zuò le.

I haven't done that since last year.

艺术 藝術

yìshù art

我喜欢艺术。

Wǒ xǐhuan yìshù.

I like art.

意外

yìwài unexpected / accident / mishap

意义 意義

yìyì sense / meaning / significance / importance

你说的没有意义。

Nǐ shuō de méiyǒu yìyì.

What you are saying does not make sense.

因此

yīncǐ thus / consequently / as a result

因此，天气一点也不热。

Yīncǐ, tiānqì yìdiǎn yě bú rè.

So, it isn't hot at all.

银 銀

yín silver / silver-colored / relating to money or currency

你在哪买的银？

Nǐ zài nǎ mǎi de yín?

How do you buy silver?

银牌 銀牌

yínpái silver medal

印象

yìnxiàng impression (sth that stays in one's mind) / a memory

应当 應當

yīngdāng should / ought to

应当多学东西。

Yīngdāng duō xué dōngxi.

You should learn more.

赢 贏

yíng to beat / to win / to profit

他说他赢了。

Tā shuō tā yíng le.

He says he's won.

迎接

yíngjiē to welcome / to greet

她用微笑迎接了我。

Tā yòng yí gè wēixiào yíngjiē le wǒ.

She greeted me with a smile.

营养 營養

yíngyǎng nutrition / nourishment

她很关心孩子的营养问题。

Tā hěn guānxīn hái zǐ de yíngyǎng wèntí.

She is careful about her child's nutrition.

影视 影視

yǐngshì movies and television

应用 應用

yìngyòng to put to use / to apply / practical / applied (science, linguistics etc) / application / practical use / app

有它的应用吗？

Yǒu tā de yìngyòng ma?

Is there an app for that?

优点 優點

yōudiǎn merit / benefit / strong point / advantage

优势 優勢

yōushì superiority / dominance / advantage

这种科技的优势是什么？

Zhèzhǒng kējì de yōushì shì shénme?

What is the advantage of this technology?

游

yóu to swim / to walk / to tour / to roam / to travel / surname
You

他游得很好。

Tā yóu de hěn hǎo.

He swims well.

由

yóu to follow / from / because of / due to / by / via / through / it is for ... to ...

灯由红变绿。

Dēng yóu hóng biàn lǜ.

The light changed from red to green.

邮件 郵件

yóujiàn mail / post / email

邮票 郵票

yóupiào stamp

游戏 遊戲

yóuxì game (CL:场|场[chang3]) / to play

停止玩游戏。

Tíngzhǐ wán yóuxì.

Stop playing games.

邮箱 郵箱

yóuxiāng mailbox / post office box / email / email inbox

游泳

yóuyǒng swimming / to swim

我在学游泳。

Wǒ zài xué yóuyǒng.

I'm learning to swim.

由于 由於

yóuyú due to / as a result of / thanks to / owing to / since / because

有的是

yǒudeshì have plenty of / there's no lack of

有利

yǒulì advantageous / favorable

有效

yǒuxiào effective / in effect / valid

这条法律依然有效。

Zhè tiáo fǎlǜ yīrán yǒuxiào.

The law is still in effect.

预报 預報

yùbào forecast

预防 預防

yùfáng to prevent / to take precautions against / to protect / to guard against / precautionary / prophylactic

预计 預計

yùjì to forecast / to predict / to estimate

预习 預習

yùxí to prepare a lesson

员 員

yuán person engaged in a certain field of activity / member / classifier for military generals

员工 員工

yuángōng staff / personnel / employee

员工在办公室工作。

Yuángōng zài bàngōngshì gōngzuò.

The employees work at the office.

愿望 願望

yuànwàng desire / wish

他要访华的愿望终于实现了。

Tā yào fǎnghuá de yuànwàng zhōngyú shíxiànle.

His wish to visit China has at last come true.

约 約

yuē to make an appointment / to invite / approximately / pact / treaty / to economize / to restrict / to reduce (a fraction) / concise

yāo to weigh in a balance or on a scale

我们约的是今天还是明天？

Wǒmen yuē de shì jīntiān háishì míngtiān?

Is our appointment today or tomorrow?

乐队 樂隊

yuèduì band / pop group

运输 運輸

yùنشū to transport / to carry / transportation

Z

杂志 雜誌

zázhì magazine

她喜欢读杂志。

Tā xǐhuan dú zázhì.

She likes to read magazines.

早已

zǎoyǐ for a long time / long since / in the past

这种方法早已过时了。

Zhèzhǒng fāngfǎ zǎoyǐ guò shí le.

Such a method is out of date.

造

zào to make / to build / to manufacture / to invent / to fabricate / to go to / party (in a lawsuit or legal agreement) / crop / classifier for crops

他们造了座桥。

Tāmen zào le zuò qiáo.

They constructed a bridge.

造成

zàochéng to bring about / to create / to cause

城市扩张会对环境造成破坏。

Chéngshì kuòzhāng huì duì huánjìng zàochéng pòhuài.

Urban sprawl is environmentally damaging.

责任 責任

zérèn responsibility / duty / liability

我的责任是什么？

Wǒ de **zérèn** shì shénme?

What are my responsibilities?

增加

zēngjiā to raise / to increase

学生人数一年比一年增加。

Xuésheng **rénshù yì nián bǐ yì nián zēngjiā**.

The number of students grows year by year.

增长 增長

zēngzhǎng to grow / to increase

人口正在增长。

Rénkǒu zhèngzài zēngzhǎng.

The population is growing.

展开 展開

zhǎnkāi to unfold / to spread out / to open up / to launch / to carry out

已展开调查。

Yǐ zhǎnkāi diào chá.

An investigation was launched.

张 張

zhāng to open up / to spread / sheet of paper / classifier for flat objects, sheet / classifier for votes / surname Zhang

给我一张纸。

Gěi wǒ yì zhāng zhǐ.

Give me a piece of paper.

照

zhào according to / in accordance with / to shine / to illuminate / to reflect / to look at (one's reflection) / to take (a photo) / photo / as requested / as before

照他说的做！

Zhào tā shuō de zuò!

Do as he says.

者

zhě (after a verb or adjective) one who (is) ... / person involved in ... / -er / -ist / (used after a number or 後|后[hou4] or 前[qian2] to refer to sth mentioned previously) / (used after a term, to mark a pause before defining the term) / (used at the end of a command) / this

网站的管理者很忙。

Wǎngzhàn de guǎnlǐzhě hěn máng.

The website manager is very busy.

真实 真實

zhēnshí true / real

这是真实的世界。

Zhè shì zhēnshí de shìjiè.

This is the real world.

争 爭

zhēng to strive for / to vie for / to argue or debate / deficient or lacking (dialect) / how or what (literary)

权力之争，非我即敌。

Quánlì zhī zhēng, fēi wǒ jí dí.

Everyone who isn't us is an enemy.

争取 爭取

zhēngqǔ to fight for / to strive for / to win over

整

zhěng whole / complete / entire / (before a measure word) whole / (before or after number + measure word) exactly / in good order / tidy / neat / to put in order / to straighten / to repair / to mend / to renovate / to fix sb / to give sb a hard time / to mess with sb / to tinker with / to do sth to

整个 整個

zhěnggè whole / entire / total

我哭了整个晚上。

Wǒ kūle zhěnggè wǎnshang.

I cried all night.

整理

zhěnglǐ to arrange / to tidy up / to sort out / to straighten out / to list systematically / to collate (data, files) / to pack (luggage)

整齐 整齊

zhěngqí orderly / neat / even / tidy

整体 整體

zhěngtǐ whole / entirety / overall / whole / general / on the whole / overall

整体而言，这个事件是成功的。

Zhěngtǐ éryán, zhège shìjiàn shì chénggōng de.

On the whole, the event was successful.

整天

zhěngtiān all day long / whole day

整整

zhěngzhěng whole / full

证

zhèng to admonish / certificate / proof / to prove / to demonstrate / to confirm

这是不证自明的。

Zhè shì bú zhèng zì míng de.

It's self-evident.

证件 證件

zhèngjiàn certificate / papers / credentials / document / ID

证据 證據

zhèngjù evidence / proof / testimony

证明 證明

zhèngmíng proof / certificate / identification / testimonial / to prove / to testify / to confirm the truth of

你能证明吗？

Nǐ néng zhèngmíng ma?

Can you prove it?

正式

zhèngshì formal / official

他给了我正式批准。

Tā gěi le wǒ zhèngshì pīzhǔn.

He gave me his stamp of approval.

支

zhī to support / to sustain / to erect / to raise / branch / division / to draw money / classifier for rods such as pens and guns, for army divisions and for songs or compositions / surname Zhi

我有十支笔。

Wǒ yǒu shí zhī bǐ.

I have ten pens.

支持

zhīchí to be in favor of / to support / to back / support / backing / to stand by

没人支持她。

Méi rén zhīchí tā.

Nobody supported her.

支付

zhīfù to pay (money)

那些钱足够支付费用。

Nèixiē qián zúgòu zhīfù fèiyòng.

That's enough money to cover the expenses.

值

zhí value / worth / to happen to / to be on duty

这幅画值10镑。

Zhè fú huà zhí shí bàng.

The price of the picture is 10 pounds.

直

zhí straight / to straighten / fair and reasonable / frank / straightforward / (indicates continuing motion or action) / vertical / vertical downward stroke in Chinese characters / surname Zhi / Zhi (c. 2000 BC), fifth of the legendary Flame Emperors 炎帝[Yan2 di4] descended from Shennong 神農|神农 [Shen2 nong2] Farmer God

他是个直男。

Tā shì gè zhí nán.

He's straight.

直播

zhíbō to broadcast live / live broadcast / to livestream / direct seeding

直到

zhídào until

值得

zhíde worth the money / to merit / to deserve / to be worth (doing sth)

不值得去记。

Bù zhíde qù jì.

It's not worth remembering.

职工 職工

zhígōng employee / staff member / worker

职业 職業

zhíyè occupation / profession / vocation / professional

他的职业是医生。

Tā de zhíyè shì yīshēng.

He is a doctor by profession.

指

zhǐ finger / to point at or to / to indicate or refer to / to depend on / to count on / to stand on end

我给他指了指路。

Wǒ gěi tā zhǐ le lù.

I showed him the way.

指出

zhǐchū to indicate / to point out

老师指出了你的错误。

Lǎoshī zhǐchū le nǐ de cuòwù.

The teacher pointed out your mistakes.

指导 指導

zhǐdǎo to guide / to direct / to instruct / coach / trainer

我们需要指导。

Wǒmen xūyào zhǐdǎo.

We need directions.

只好

zhǐhǎo to have no other option but to ... / to have to / to be forced to

只好坐下来等待。

Zhǐhǎo zuò xiàlai děngdài.

There was no choice but to sit and wait.

只是

zhǐshì merely / only / just / nothing but / simply / but / however

她只是个孩子。

Tā zhǐshì gè hái zi.

She is no more than a child.

只有

zhǐyǒu only have ... / there is only ... / (used in combination with 才[cai2]) it is only if ... (that one can ...) (as in 只有通过治療才能痊愈|只有通过治疗才能痊愈[zhǐ3 you3 tong1 guo4 zhi4 liao2 cai2 neng2 quan2 yu4] "the only way to cure it is with therapy") / it is only (someone) who ... (as in 只有男性才有此需要[zhǐ3 you3 nan2 xing4 cai2 you3 ci3 xu1 yao4] "only men would have such a requirement") / (used to express lack of alternatives) can only / have no choice but to (as in 只有屈服[zhǐ3 you3 qū1 fu2] "the only thing you can do is give in")

只有你懂我。

Zhǐyǒu nǐ dǒng wǒ.

You're the only one who understands me.

制定

zhìdìng to draw up / to formulate

制度

zhìdù system (e.g. political, administrative etc) / institution

他们改变了制度。

Tāmen gǎibiàn le zhìdù.

They changed the system.

至今

zhìjīn so far / to this day / until now

至少

zhìshǎo at least / least

至少你试过了。

Zhìshǎo nǐ shìguole.

At least you've tried.

志愿 志願

zhìyuàn aspiration / ambition / to volunteer

志愿者 志願者

zhìyuànzhě volunteer

制造 製造

zhìzào to manufacture / to make

这台电视是中国制造的。

Zhè tái diànshì shì Zhōngguó zhìzào de.

This TV was made in China.

制作 製作

zhìzuò to make / to manufacture

我在制作电影。

Wǒ zài zhìzuò diànyǐng.

I'm making a movie.

钟

zhōng handleless cup / goblet / to concentrate (one's affection etc) / a (large) bell (CL:架[jia4]) / clock (CL:座[zuo4]) / amount of time / o'clock (CL:點|点[dian3],分[fen1],秒[miao3]) (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) / surname Zhong

钟响过了吗?

Zhōng xiǎng guò le ma?

Has the bell rung?

中部

zhōngbù middle part / central section / central region

中华民族 中華民族

zhōnghuámínzú the Chinese nation / the Chinese people (collective reference to all the ethnic groups in China)

终于 終於

zhōngyú at last / in the end / finally / eventually

他终于来了。

Tā zhōngyú lái le.

He's finally here!

种 種

zhǒng seed / species / kind / type / classifier for types, kinds, sorts

zhòng to plant / to grow / to cultivate

换种方式说。

Huàn zhǒng fāngshì shuō.

Say it in another way.

种子 種子

zhǒngzi seed

重大

zhòngdà great / important / major / significant

不只是钱关系重大。

Bù zhǐshì qián guānxi zhòngdà.

Money isn't the only thing that matters.

周围 周圍

zhōuwéi environs / surroundings / periphery

我看了看周围。

Wǒ kàn le kàn zhōuwéi.

I looked around me.

猪 豬

zhū hog / pig / swine

我是昨天买猪的。

Wǒ shì zuótiān mǎi zhū de.

I bought the pig yesterday.

主持

zhǔchí to take charge of / to manage or direct / to preside over / to uphold / to stand for (justice etc) / to host (a TV or radio program etc) / anchor

主动 主動

zhǔdòng to take the initiative / to do sth of one's own accord / spontaneous / active / opposite: passive 被动|被动[bei4 dong4] / drive (of gears and shafts etc)

你必须积极主动。

Nǐ bìxū jījī zhǔdòng.

You have to be proactive.

主任

zhǔrèn director / head

主意

zhǔyi plan / idea / decision / Beijing pr. [zhu2 yi5]

我有好主意。

Wǒ yǒu hǎo zhǔyi.

A good idea came into my mind.

主张 主張

zhǔzhāng to advocate / to stand for / view / position / stand / proposition / viewpoint / assertion

这些主张没有科学的根据。

Zhèxiē zhǔzhāng méiyǒu kēxué de gēnjù.

There is no scientific basis for these claims.

祝

zhù to pray for / to wish (sb bon voyage, happy birthday etc) / person who invokes the spirits during sacrificial ceremonies / surname Zhu

祝您健康长寿。

Zhù nín jiànkāng chángshòu.

I wish you health and a long life.

注意

zhùyì to take note of / to pay attention to

他没有注意她。

Tā méiyǒu zhùyì tā.

He paid no attention to her.

抓

zhuā to grab / to catch / to arrest / to snatch / to scratch

他抓了一把米。

Tā zhuā le yì bǎ mǐ.

He grabbed a handful of rice.

抓住

zhuāzhù to grab hold of / to capture

谁来抓住他!

Shéi lái zhuāzhù tā!

Someone! Catch that man!

专家 專家

zhuānjiā expert / specialist

一个专家小组讨论这个计划。

Yí gè zhuānjiā xiǎozǔ tāolùn zhège jìhuà.

A panel of experts discussed the plan.

专门 專門

zhuānmén specialized / dedicated (to a particular field or purpose) / specially / specifically (for a particular purpose) / (of institutions, personnel etc) designated or assigned for a specific task / special

专题 專題

zhuāntí specific topic (addressed by a book, lecture, TV program etc) / article, report or program etc on a specific topic

专业 專業

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

你的专业是什么？

Nǐ de zhuānyè shì shénme?

What's your major?

转 轉

zhuǎn to turn / to change direction / to transfer / to forward (mail) / to share (sb else's content)

zhuàn to revolve / to turn / to circle about / to walk about / classifier for revolutions (per minute etc): revs, rpm / classifier for repeated actions

他们转过身。

Tāmen zhuǎnguò shēn.

They turned around.

转变 轉變

zhuǎnbiàn to change / to transform / shift / transformation

人体能够快速适应气温的转变。

Réntǐ nénggòu kuàisù de shìyìng qìwēn de zhuǎnbiàn.

The body quickly adjusts itself to changes in temperature.

状况 狀況

zhuàngkuàng condition / state / situation

他处理不好复杂的状况。

Tā chǔlǐ bù hǎo fùzá de zhuàngkuàng.

He doesn't cope with complicated situations.

状态 狀態

zhuàngtài condition / state / state of affairs

他状态真的很好。

Tā zhuàngtài zhēnde hěn hǎo.

He's really in good shape.

追

zhuī to chase / to pursue / to look into / to investigate / to reminisce / to recall / to court (one's beloved) / to binge-watch (a TV drama) / retroactively / posthumously

duī to sculpt / to carve / musical instrument (old)

他们追了我们。

Tāmen zhuīle wǒmen.

They ran after us.

准

zhǔn to allow / to grant / in accordance with / in the light of / accurate / standard / definitely / certainly / about to become (bride, son-in-law etc) / quasi- / para-

谁准你回去的！

Shéi zhǔn nǐ huíqu de!

Who let you return!

资格 資格

zīgé qualifications / seniority

你有资格知道。

Nǐ yǒu zīgé zhīdào.

You have the right to know.

资金 資金

zījīn funds / capital

子女

zǐnǚ children / sons and daughters

自从 自從

zìcóng since (a time) / ever since

自动 自動

zìdòng automatic / voluntarily

自觉 自覺

zìjué to realize / to be aware of / to feel that / to be conscious of (sth relating to oneself) / responsible / predisposed to do the right thing / considerate of others

自然

zìrán nature / natural / naturally

人类是自然的一部分。

Rénlèi shì zìrán de yībùfen.

Humans are part of nature.

自身

zìshēn itself / oneself / one's own

我重视自身的健康。

Wǒ zhòngshì zìshēn de jiànkāng.

I take my health seriously.

自主

zìzhǔ to act independently / to be autonomous / to be in control of one's own affairs

总 總

zǒng general / overall / to sum up / in every case / always / invariably / anyway / after all / eventually / sooner or later / surely / abbr. for 總經理 | 总经理 [zong3 jing1 li3] or 總編 | 总编 [zong3 bian1] etc

笑总比哭好。

Xiào zǒng bǐ kū hǎo.

It's better to laugh than to cry.

总结 總結

zǒngjié to sum up / to conclude / summary / résumé

总是 總是

zǒngshì always

他总是在笑。

Tā zǒngshì zài xiào.

He is always laughing.

足够 足夠

zúgòu enough / sufficient

今天已经足够了。

Jīntiān yǐjīng zúgòu le.

It is enough for today.

足球

zúqiú soccer / football / a soccer ball / a football

对于足球，她乐此不疲。

Duìyú zúqiú, tā lècǐbùpí.

She is never bored with football.

组合 組合

zǔhé to assemble / to combine / to compose / combination / association / set / compilation / combinatorial

左右

zuǒyòu left and right / nearby / approximately / attendant / to control / to influence

他左右看了看。

Tā zuǒyòu kànle kàn.

He looked left and right.

做客

zuòkè to be a guest or visitor

作品

zuòpǐn work (of art) / opus

我读过许多现代作家的作品。

Wǒ dúguo xǔduō xiàndài zuòjiā de zuòpǐn.

I have read many modern authors.

作者

zuòzhě author / writer

作者是巴西人。

Zuòzhě shì Bāxī rén.

The author is Brazilian.