

B2 Chinese vocabulary

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A

阿姨

āyí maternal aunt / step-mother / childcare worker / nursemaid / woman of similar age to one's parents (term of address used by child)

矮

ǎi short / low / inferior (to) / lower (than)

矮小

ǎixiǎo short and small / low and small / undersized

爱国 愛國

àiguó to love one's country / patriotic

爱护 愛護

àihù to cherish / to treasure / to take care of / to love and protect

安

ān calm / peaceful / to calm / to set at ease / safe / secure / in good health / content / satisfied (as in 安於|安于[an1 yu2]) / to place (sb) in a suitable position (job) / to install / to fix / to fit / to bring (a charge against sb) / to harbor (certain intentions) / ampere (abbr. for 安培[an1 pei2]) / surname An

我住在安塔利亚。
Wǒ zhù zài ān tā lì yà.
I live in Antalya.

安置

ānzhì to find a place for / to help settle down / to arrange for / to get into bed / placement

暗

àn dark / to turn dark / secret / hidden / confused / ignorant

天暗了下来。
Tiān àn le xià lai.
The sky turned dark.

按时 按時

ànshí on time / before deadline / on schedule

请把作业按时交给我。
Qǐng bǎ zuò yè àn shí jiāo gěi wǒ.
Please hand your homework in on time.

暗示

ànshì to hint / to suggest / hint / suggestion

B

巴士

bāshì bus (loanword) / motor coach

摆 擺

bǎi to arrange / to exhibit / to move to and fro / a pendulum

摆动 擺動

bǎidòng to sway / to swing / to move back and forth / to oscillate

百货 百貨

bǎihuò general merchandise

摆脱 擺脫

bǎituō to break away from / to cast off (old ideas etc) / to get rid of / to break away (from) / to break out (of) / to free oneself from / to extricate oneself

败 敗

bài to defeat / to damage / to lose (to an opponent) / to fail / to wither

办事 辦事

bànshì to handle (affairs) / to work

包裹

bāoguǒ to wrap up / to bind up / bundle / parcel / package

包裹是昨天送到的。
Bāoguǒ shì zuótiān sòng dào de.
The parcel was delivered yesterday.

包含

bāohán to contain / to embody / to include

它包含了什么？
Tā bāohán le shén me?
What does it contain?

包括

bāokuò to comprise / to include / to involve / to incorporate / to consist of

薄

báo thin / cold in manner / indifferent / weak / light / infertile

bó meager / slight / weak / ungenerous or unkind / frivolous / to despise / to belittle / to look down on / to approach or near / surname Bo

宝 寶

bǎo jewel / gem / treasure / precious

我不会把藏宝的地方告诉任何人。

Wǒ bú huì bǎ cáng bǎo de dì fāng gào su rèn hé rén.

I'll never tell anyone where I've hidden the treasure.

宝宝 寶寶

bǎobao darling / baby

宝贝 寶貝

bǎo bèi treasured object / treasure / darling / baby / cowry / good-for-nothing or queer character

宝贵 寶貴

bǎo guì valuable / precious / to value / to treasure / to set store by

保密

bǎo mì to keep sth confidential / to maintain secrecy

宝石 寶石

bǎo shí precious stone / gem

保守

bǎo shǒu conservative / to guard / to keep

抱

bào to hold / to carry (in one's arms) / to hug / to embrace / to surround / to cherish / (of clothes) to fit nicely

我抱不起他。

Wǒ bào bù qǐ tā.

I cannot lift him.

倍

bèi -fold / times (multiplier) / double / to increase or multiply

二的二倍是四。

Èr de èr bèi shì sì.

Two times two is four.

背景

bèi jǐng background / backdrop / context / powerful backer

被迫

bèi pò to be compelled / to be forced

我被迫吃了药。

Wǒ bèi pò chī le yào.

I was forced to take medicine.

本科

běn kē undergraduate course / undergraduate (attributive)

笨

bèn stupid / foolish / silly / slow-witted / clumsy

你才笨呢!

Nǐ cái bèn ne!

Are you stupid or what?!

比分

bǐ fēn score (of a game or competition)

避

bì to avoid / to shun / to flee / to escape / to keep away from / to leave / to hide from

避免

bì miǎn to avert / to prevent / to avoid / to refrain from

那是可避免的。

Nà shì kě bì miǎn de.

That's avoidable.

毕业 畢業

bì yè graduation / to graduate / to finish school

他今年毕业吗?

Tā jīn nián bì yè ma?

Is he graduating this year?

毕业生 畢業生

bì yè shēng graduate

编 編

biān to weave / to plait / to organize / to group / to arrange / to edit / to compile / to write / to compose / to fabricate / to make up

谁帮你编头发?

Shéi bāng nǐ biān tóufa?

Who braids your hair for you?

辩论 辯論

biàn lùn debate / argument / to argue over

标志 標誌

biāo zhì sign / mark / symbol / logo / to symbolize / to indicate / to mark

红色是危险的标志, 与绿色相对。

Hóng sè shì wēi xiǎn de biāo zhì, yǔ lǜ sè xiāng duì.

Red, as opposed to green, is a sign of danger.

表情

biǎo qíng expression / to express one's feelings

表扬 表揚

biǎo yáng to praise / to commend

兵

bīng soldiers / a force / an army / weapons / arms / military / warlike

你当过兵吗?

Nǐ dāng guò bīng ma?

Were you a soldier?

冰

bīng ice / to chill sth / (of an object or substance) to feel cold / cold / unfriendly / methamphetamine

冰箱

bīng xiāng refrigerator / icebox

请把牛奶从冰箱里拿出来。

Qǐng bǎ niú nǎi cóng bīng xiāng lǐ ná chū lái.

Please take the milk out of the fridge.

冰雪

bīng xuě ice and snow

不管

bù guǎn not to be concerned / regardless of / no matter

我完全不管。

Wǒ wán quán bù guǎn.

I don't give a rat's ass.

不然

bùrán not so / no / or else / otherwise / if not / How about ...?

步行

bùxíng to go on foot / to walk

不要紧 不要緊

bùyàoǐn unimportant / not serious / it doesn't matter / never mind / it looks all right, but

不在乎

bùzàihu not to care

布置 佈置

bùzhi to arrange / to set up / to lay out / to assign (tasks, homework etc)

C

擦

cā to rub / to scratch / to wipe / to polish / to apply (lipstick, lotion etc) / to brush (past) / to shred (a vegetable etc)

擦擦你的眼睛。

Cā cā nǐ de yǎnjīng.

Wipe your eyes.

财产 財產

cáichǎn property / assets / estate

这是我的财产。

Zhè shì wǒ de cáichǎn.

This is my property.

财富 財富

cáifù wealth / riches

健康比财富重要。

Jiànkāng bǐ cáifù zhòngyào.

Health is above wealth.

材料

cáiliào material / data / person who has the potential to do the job

今天我要去买些材料。

Jīntiān wǒ yào qù mǎi xiē cáiliào.

I'm going to go buy some materials today.

采访 採訪

cǎifǎng to interview / to gather news / to hunt for and collect / to cover

我采访了他。

Wǒ cǎifǎng le tā.

I interviewed him.

参考 參考

cānkǎo consultation / reference / to consult / to refer

参与 參與

cānyù to participate (in sth)

我们正参与。

Wǒmen zhèng cānyù.

We're involved.

操场 操場

cāochǎng playground / sports field / drill ground

操作

cāozuò to work / to operate / to manipulate

她不会操作这台机器。

Tā búhuì cāozuò zhè tái jīqì.

She cannot work this machine.

测 測

cè to survey / to measure / to conjecture

测量 測量

cèliáng survey / to measure / to gauge / to determine

测试 測試

cèshì to test (machinery etc) / to test (a person's skill in a particular area) / a test / beta (version of software)

我们应该进行测试。

Wǒmen yīnggāi jìnxíng cèshì.

We should run some tests.

曾

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

zēng great- (grandfather, grandchild etc) / surname Zeng

他曾去过北海道。

Tā céng qùguo Běihǎidào.

He has been to Hokkaido.

茶叶 茶葉

cháyè tea / tea leaves

产品 產品

chǎnpǐn goods / merchandise / product

这是中国的产品。

Zhè shì Zhōngguó de chǎnpǐn.

This is a Chinese product.

常识 常識

chángshí common sense / general knowledge

长途 長途

chángtú long distance / long-distance phone call (abbr. for 长途电话|长途电话[chang2 tu2 dian4 hua4]) / long-distance coach (abbr. for 长途汽车|长途汽车[chang2 tu2 qi4 che1])

唱片

chàngpiàn gramophone record / LP / music CD / musical album

抄

chāo to make a copy / to plagiarize / to search and seize / to raid / to grab / to go off with / to take a shortcut / to make a turning move / to fold one's arms

抄写 抄寫

chāoxiě to copy / to transcribe

潮

cháo tide / damp / moist / humid / fashionable / trendy / inferior / substandard

潮流

cháoliú tide / current / trend

潮湿 潮濕

cháoshī damp / moist

彻底 徹底

chèdǐ thorough / thoroughly / complete

这个计划彻底的失败了。

Zhègè jìhuà chèdǐ de shībàile.

The project was a complete failure.

沉

chén to submerge / to immerse / to sink / to keep down / to lower / to drop / deep / profound / heavy

沉默

chénmò taciturn / uncommunicative / silent

沉重

chénzhòng heavy / hard / serious / critical

称赞 稱讚

chēngzàn to praise / to commend / to compliment

承担 承擔

chéngdān to undertake / to assume (responsibility etc)

我来承担失败的责任。

Wǒ lái chéngdān shībài de zérèn.

I take accountability for my mistake.

成人

chéngren to reach adulthood / an adult

承认 承認

chéngren to admit / to concede / to recognize / recognition (diplomatic, artistic etc) / to acknowledge

她承认很累。

Tā chéngren hěn lèi.

She admitted that she was tired.

诚实 誠實

chéngshí honest

承受

chéngshòu to bear / to support / to inherit

诚信 誠信

chéngxìn honesty / trustworthiness / good faith

程序

chéngxù procedures / sequence / order / computer program

吃惊 吃驚

chījīng to be startled / to be shocked / to be amazed

迟到 遲到

chídào to arrive late

以后，你不要再迟到了。

Yǐhòu, nǐ bùyào zài chídàole.

Don't be late again in future.

尺

chǐ a Chinese foot / one-third of a meter / a ruler / a tape-measure / one of the three acupoints for measuring pulse in Chinese medicine

chě one of the characters used to represent a musical note in gongche notation, 工尺譜 | 工尺譜 [gong1 che3 pu3]

尺寸

chǐcun size / dimensions / measurements (esp. of clothes) / propriety

尺子

chǐzi ruler (measuring instrument)

冲

chōng to dash against / to mix with water / to infuse / to rinse / to flush / to develop (a film) / to rise in the air / to clash / to collide with / thoroughfare / to go straight ahead / to rush / to clash

chòng powerful / vigorous / pungent / towards / in view of

每个人都向我们冲来。

Měige rén dōu xiàng wǒmen chōng lái.

Everybody rushed towards us.

充电 充電

chōngdiàn to recharge (a battery) / to recharge one's batteries (through leisure) / to update one's skills and knowledge

充电器 充電器

chōngdiànqì battery charger

充分

chōngfēn ample / sufficient / adequate / full / fully / to the full

你的理由很充分。

Nǐ de lǐyóu hěn chōngfēn.

Your reason is very good.

虫子 蟲子

chóngzi insect / bug / worm

抽

chōu to draw out / to pull out from in between / to remove part of the whole / to inhale (esp. smoke) / to shrink / to sprout / to bud / to whip / to thrash / classifier for sheets (of tissues, wet wipes etc)

我爸爸每天抽一包烟。

Wǒ bàba měitiān chōu yì bāo yān.

My father smokes a pack of cigarettes a day.

抽奖 抽獎

chōujiǎng to draw a prize / a lottery / a raffle

抽烟 抽菸

chōuyān to smoke (tobacco)

出色

chūsè remarkable / outstanding

出售

chūshòu to sell / to offer for sale / to put on the market

这房子不出售。

Zhè fángzi bù chūshòu.

This house is not for sale.

出席

chūxí to attend / to participate / present

他出席了会议。

Tā chūxí le huìyì.

He was present at the meeting.

处于 處於

chǔyú to be in (some state, position, or condition)

你处于危险之中。

Nǐ chǔyú wēixiǎn zhīzhōng.

You were in danger.

处 處

chù place / locality / part / aspect / office / department / bureau / classifier for locations: spot, point

chǔ to reside / to live / to dwell / to be in / to be situated at / to stay / to get along with / to be in a position of / to deal with / to discipline / to punish

我跟他处得很好。

Wǒ gēn tā chǔ de hěn hǎo.

I get along well with him.

穿上

chuānshang to put on (clothes etc)

传统 傳統

chuántǒng tradition / traditional

这是个土耳其的传统。

Zhè shì gè Tǔ'ěrqí de chuántǒng.

This is a Turkish tradition.

窗户 窗戶

chuānghu window

帮我打开窗户吧!

Bāng wǒ dǎkāi chuānghu ba!

Could you open the window [for me]?

窗台 窗臺

chuāngtái windowsill / window ledge

窗子

chuāngzi window

春季

chūnjì springtime

纯 純

chún pure / simple / unmixed / genuine

纯净水 純淨水

chúnjìngshuǐ purified water

词汇 詞彙

cíhuì vocabulary / list of words (e.g. for language teaching purposes) / word

此

cǐ this / these

对此你确定吗?

Duì cǐ nǐ quèdìng ma?

Are you sure about this?

此外

cǐwài besides / in addition / moreover / furthermore

此外, 我能飞。

Cǐwài, wǒ néng fēi.

Moreover, I can fly.

刺

cì thorn / sting / thrust / to prick / to pierce / to stab / to assassinate / to murder

cī whoosh

刺激

cìjī to provoke / to irritate / to upset / to stimulate / to excite / irritant

你今年做的最刺激的事是什么?

Nǐ jīnnián zuò de zuì cìjī de shì shì shénme?

What's the most exciting thing you've done this year?

从此 從此

cóngcǐ from now on / since then / henceforth

从此以后我自由了。

Cóngcǐ yǐhòu wǒ zìyóule.

Now I am free.

粗

cū wide / thick / coarse / gruff / rough / crude / careless / rude

粗心

cūxīn careless / thoughtless

促进 促進

cùjìn to promote (an idea or cause) / to advance / boost

相互理解能促进和平。

Xiānghù lǐjiě néng cùjìn héping.

Mutual understanding promotes peace.

促使

cùshǐ to prompt / to induce / to spur

促销 促銷

cùxiāo to promote sales

本公司将此产品加以促销。

Běn gōngsī jiāng cǐ chǎnpǐn jiāyǐ cùxiāo.

Our company is promoting this product.

措施

cuòshī measure / step

非常时期需要非常措施。

Fēicháng shíqī xūyào fēicháng cuòshī.

Desperate times call for desperate measures.

D

答案

dáàn answer / solution

这个问题太难了, 我说不出来答案。

Zhègè wèntí tài nánle, wǒ shuō bù chūlái dá'àn.

The question is too hard - I can't answer it.

打败 打敗

dǎbài to defeat / to overpower / to beat / to be defeated

打雷

dǎléi to rumble with thunder / clap of thunder

打扫 打掃

dǎsǎo to clean / to sweep

打折

dǎzhé to give a discount

打针 打針

dǎzhēn to give or get an injection

大巴

dàbā large bus / coach / (abbr. for 大型巴士)

大多

dàiduō for the most part / many / most / the greater part / mostly

大方

dàfang generous / magnanimous / stylish / in good taste / easy-mannered / natural and relaxed

dàfāng expert / scholar / mother earth / a type of green tea

大哥

dàgē eldest brother / big brother (polite address for a man of about the same age as oneself) / gang leader / boss

大规模 大規模

dàguīmó large scale / extensive / wide scale / broad scale

农村好像要大规模发展了。

Nóngcūn hǎoxiàng yào dàguīmó fāzhǎnle.

It seems the rural area will be developed on a large scale.

大会 大會

dàhui general assembly / general meeting / convention

大姐

dàjiě big sister / elder sister / older sister (also polite term of address for a girl or woman slightly older than the speaker)

大楼 大樓

dàlóu building (a relatively large, multistory one)

大陆 大陸

dàlù continent / mainland / mainland China (reference to the PRC)

他从大陆回来了。

Tā cóng dàlù huíláile.

He returned from China.

大妈 大媽

dàmā father's elder brother's wife / aunt (affectionate term for an elderly woman)

大型

dàxíng large / large-scale

这是我所见过的最大型的构造了。

Zhè shì wǒ suǒ jiànguò de zuì dàxíng de gòuzào.

This is the most massive structure I have ever seen.

大爷 大爺

dàye father's older brother / uncle / term of respect for older man

dàyé arrogant idler / self-centered show-off

大众 大眾

dàzhòng the masses / the great bulk of the population / popular (of music, science etc) / Volkswagen (automobile manufacturer)

戴

dài to put on or wear (glasses, hat, gloves etc) / to respect / to bear / to support / surname Dai

我只有戴眼镜的话才看得清楚。

Wǒ zhǐyǒu dài yǎnjìng dehuà cái kàn de qīngchū.

I can only see clearly if I wear my glasses.

袋

dài pouch / bag / sack / pocket

代替

dàitì to replace / to take the place of

待遇

dàiyù treatment / pay / salary / status / rank

单 單

dān bill / list / form / single / only / sole / odd number

shàn surname Shan

担保 擔保

dānbǎo to guarantee / to vouch for

单纯 單純

dānchún simple / pure / unsophisticated / merely / purely

单调 單調

dāndiào monotonous

单独 單獨

dāndú alone / by oneself / on one's own

担任 擔任

dānrèn to hold a governmental office or post / to assume office of / to take charge of / to serve as

我们在学校担任教师。

Wǒmen zài xuéxiào dānrèn jiàoshī.

We work as teachers in the school.

担心 擔心

dānxīn anxious / worried / uneasy / to worry / to be anxious

不要担心它。

Búyào dānxīn tā.

Don't worry about it.

淡

dàn insipid / diluted / weak / mild / light in color / tasteless / indifferent / nitrogen

倒闭 倒閉

dǎobì to go bankrupt / to close down

导游 導遊

dǎoyóu tour guide / guidebook / to conduct a tour

导致 導致

dǎozhì to lead to / to create / to cause / to bring about

这样的行为导致问题。

Zhèyàng de xíngwéi dǎozhì wèntí.

Such behavior gives rise to problems.

倒车 倒車

dàoche to reverse (a vehicle) / to drive backwards

dǎochē to change buses, trains etc

得意

déyì proud of oneself / pleased with oneself / complacent

登

dēng to scale (a height) / to ascend / to mount / to publish or record / to enter (e.g. in a register) / to press down with the foot / to step or tread on / to put on (shoes or trousers) (dialect) / to be gathered and taken to the threshing ground (old)

我一直想登富士山。

Wǒ yìzhí xiǎng dēng Fùshì Shān.

I've always wanted to climb Mt. Fuji.

灯光 燈光

dēngguāng lighting / light

登记 登記

dēngjì to register (one's name)

登录 登錄

dēnglù to register / to log in

登山

dēngshān to climb a mountain / climbing / mountaineering

的确 的確

díquè really / indeed

敌人 敵人

dírén enemy

她没有敌人。

Tā méiyǒu dírén.

She doesn't have any enemies.

底

dǐ bottom / base / background / foundation / copy (of a manuscript or receipt etc) kept as a record / end of a year or month / radix / base (abbr. for 底数|底数[dǐ shù])
de (equivalent to 的 as possessive particle)

他经常看杯底。

Tā jīngcháng kàn bēi dǐ.

He often sees the bottom of the glass.

地面

dìmiàn floor / ground / surface

地位

dìwèi position / status / place

地下

dìxià underground / subterranean / covert

今天在地上，明天在地下。

Jīntiān zài dìshàng, míngtiān zài dìxià.

Today above ground tomorrow under.

地址

dìzhǐ address

我忘记地址了。

Wǒ wàngjì dìzhǐ le.

I forgot the address.

点名 點名

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

典型

diǎnxíng model / typical case / archetype / typical / representative

这是典型的。

Zhè shì diǎnxíng de.

This is typical.

电灯 電燈

diàndēng electric light

电动车 電動車

diàndòngchē electric vehicle (commonly refers to e-bikes, scooters or electric cars)

电梯 電梯

diàntī elevator / escalator

电源 電源

diànyuán electric power source

顶 頂

dǐng apex / crown of the head / top / roof / most / to carry on the head / to push to the top / to go against / to replace / to substitute / to be subjected to (an aerial bombing, hailstorm etc) / to "bump" a forum thread to raise its profile / classifier for headwear, hats, veils etc

我的房子没有顶。

Wǒ de fángzi méiyǒu dǐng.

My house doesn't have a roof.

定

dìng to fix / to set / to make definite / to subscribe to (a newspaper etc) / to book (tickets etc) / to order (goods etc) / to congeal / to coagulate / definitely

我还没有拿定主意。

Wǒ hái méiyǒu ná dìng zhǔyi.

I haven't made up my mind yet.

冬季

dōngjì winter

动画片 動畫片

dònghuàpiàn animated film

动摇 動搖

dòngyáo to sway / to waver / to rock / to rattle / to destabilize / to pose a challenge to

豆腐

dòufu tofu / bean curd

独立 獨立

dúlì independent / independence / to stand alone

你必须独立完成。

Nǐ bìxū dúlì wánchéng.

You have to do it by yourself.

独特 獨特

dútè unique / distinctive

你们很独特。

Nǐmen hěn dúte.

You are unique.

独自 獨自

dúzì alone

堵

dǔ to block up (a road, pipe etc) / to stop up (a hole) / (of a person) choked up with anxiety or stress / wall (literary) / (classifier for walls)

堵车 堵車

dǔchē traffic jam / to get congested

度过 度過

dùguò to pass / to spend (time) / to survive / to get through

肚子

dùzi belly / abdomen / stomach

锻炼 鍛鍊

duànliàn to toughen / to temper / to engage in physical exercise / to work out / to develop one's skills / to train oneself

在花园走一走算不上锻炼!

Zài huāyuán zǒu yì zǒu suàn bú shàng duànliàn!

Taking a walk in the garden doesn't count as exercise!

对比 對比

duìbǐ to contrast / contrast / ratio

对付 對付

duìfu to handle / to deal with / to tackle / to get by with / to make do / (usu. used in the negative) to get along with (sb)

他很难对付。

Tā hěn nán duìfu.

He is hard to deal with.

对于 對於

duìyú regarding / as far as (sth) is concerned / with regard to

对于我，我不反对。

Duìyú wǒ, wǒ bù fǎnduì.

As for me, I have no objection.

多次

duōcì many times / repeatedly

他来了很多次了。

Tā lái le hěn duōcì le.

He came several times.

多年

duōnián many years / for many years / longstanding

他已消失多年了。

Tā yǐ xiāoshī duōnián le.

It's been years since he disappeared.

多样 多樣

duōyàng diverse / diversity / manifold

多种 多種

duōzhǒng many kinds of / multiple / diverse / multi-

人和人之间沟通的方法有很多种。

Rén hé rén zhījiān gōutōng de fāngfǎ yǒu hěn duōzhǒng.

Human beings communicate in many ways.

E

恶心 惡心

ěxīn nausea / to feel sick / disgust / nauseating / to embarrass (deliberately)

èxīn bad habit / vicious habit / vice

我才不吃这么恶心的东西呢!

Wǒ cái bùchī zhème èxīn de dōngxi ne!

There's no way I'm eating something so disgusting!

而

ér and / as well as / and so / but (not) / yet (not) / (indicates causal relation) / (indicates change of state) / (indicates contrast)

为艺术而艺术。

Wèi yìshù ér yìshù.

Art for art's sake.

而是

érsì rather

他不是老师，而是医生。

Tā bú shì lǎoshī, érsì yīshēng.

He is not a teacher but a doctor.

儿童 兒童

értóng child

他们是儿童吗?

Tāmen shì értóng ma?

Are these children?

耳机 耳機

ěrjī headphones / earphones / telephone receiver

二手

èrshǒu indirectly acquired / second-hand (information, equipment etc) / assistant

F

发挥 發揮

fāhuī to display / to exhibit / to bring out implicit or innate qualities / to express (a thought or moral) / to develop (an idea) / to elaborate (on a theme)

发票 發票

fāpiào invoice / receipt / bill / uniform invoice (abbr. for 統一發票|统一发票[tong3 yì fā piao4])

发烧 發燒

fāshāo to have a high temperature (from illness) / to have a fever / to be fascinated with / to obsess over / flourishing / thriving / popular

法

fǎ law / method / way / to emulate / dharma / the Legalists / farad (abbr. for 法拉[fa3 la1]) / France / French

此法适用于所有情况。

Cǐ fǎ shìyòng yú suǒyǒu qíngkuàng.

This law is applicable to all cases.

法官

fǎguān judge (in court)

法律

fǎlù law

法律很清楚。

Fǎlù hěn qīngchū.

The law is quite clear.

法院

fǎyuàn court of law / court

翻

fān to turn over / to flip over / to overturn / to rummage through / to translate / to decode / to double / to climb over or into / to cross

她翻了一页书。

Tā fānle yí yè shū.

She turned a page of her book.

翻译 翻譯

fānyì to translate / to interpret / translator / interpreter / translation / interpretation

把这句话翻译成韩语。

Bǎ zhè jù huà fānyì chéng Hányǔ.

Translate this sentence into Korean.

烦 煩

fán to feel vexed / to bother / to trouble / superfluous and confusing / edgy

反

fǎn contrary / in reverse / inside out or upside down / to reverse / to return / to oppose / opposite / against / anti- / to rebel / to use analogy / instead

她把画挂反了。

Tā bǎ huà guà fǎn le.

She hung the picture upside down.

反而

fǎn'ér on the contrary / instead

反映

fǎnyìng to mirror / to reflect / mirror image / reflection / to report / to make known / to render

价格反映着需求。

Jiàgé fǎnyìngzhe xūqiú.

Price reflects demand.

方

fāng square / power or involution (math.) / upright / honest / fair and square / direction / side / party (to a contract, dispute etc) / place / method / prescription (medicine) / just when / only or just / classifier for square things / surname Fang

蛋是圆的不是方的。

Dàn shì yuán de bú shì fāng de.

Eggs are round, not square.

方案

fāng'àn plan / program (for action etc) / proposal / proposed bill

她批准了我的方案。

Tā pīzhǔnle wǒ de fāng'àn.

She approved of my plan.

方针 方針

fāngzhēn policy / guidelines

放松 放鬆

fāngsōng to relax / to slacken / to loosen

非

fēi to not be / not / wrong / incorrect / non- / un- / in- / de- / to reproach / to blame / to insist on / simply must

非等一年不可。

Fēi děng yí nián bùkě.

It's necessary to wait one year.

肥

féi fat / fertile / loose-fitting or large / to fertilize / to become rich by illegal means / fertilizer / manure

分布 分佈

fēnbù to scatter / to distribute / to be distributed (over an area etc) / distribution

纷纷 紛紛

fēnfēn one after another / in succession / one by one / continuously / diverse / in profusion / numerous and confused / pell-mell

分散

fēnsàn to scatter / to disperse / to distribute

分手

fēnshǒu to part company / to split up / to break up

分为 分為

fēnwéi to divide sth into (parts) / to subdivide

考试分为两个部分。

Kǎoshì fēnwéi liǎng gè bùfen.

The exam was divided into two parts.

分之

fēnzhī (indicating a fraction)

奋斗 奮鬥

fèndòu to strive / to struggle

封闭 封閉

fēngbì to close / to seal off / to close down (an illegal venue) / closed (i.e. isolated from outside input)

风格 風格

fēnggé style

不是你的风格。

Bú shì nǐ de fēnggé.

It's not your style.

风景 風景

fēngjǐng scenery / landscape

我们望着这美丽的风景。

Wǒmen wàngzhe zhè měili de fēngjǐng.

We gazed at the beautiful scenery.

风俗 風俗

fēngsú social custom

否则 否則

fǒuzé otherwise / if not / or (else)

夫妇 夫婦

fūfù a (married) couple / husband and wife

我们是夫妇。

Wǒmen shì fūfù.

We are husband and wife.

夫妻

fūqī husband and wife / married couple

夫人

fūren lady / madam / Mrs.

请和夫人一起来吧！

Qǐng hé fūren yìqǐ lái ba!

Please come over with your wife.

符号 符號

fúhào symbol / mark / sign

符合

fúhé in accordance with / to agree with / to conform to / to meet (a requirement) / coincidence

我不认识符合条件的人。

Wǒ bú rènshi fúhé tiáojiàn de rén.

I don't know anyone who meets that description.

付出

fùchū to pay / to expend / to invest (energy or time)

负担 負擔

fùdān to bear (an expense, a responsibility etc) / burden

附近

fùjìn nearby / neighboring / vicinity (of) / neighborhood

她住在附近。

Tā zhù zài fùjìn.

She lives nearby.

复制 複製

fùzhì to duplicate / to make a copy of / to copy / to reproduce / to clone

G

改善

gǎishàn to make better / to improve

它有改善了。

Tā yǒu gǎishànle.

It's improved.

改正

gǎizhèng to correct / to amend / to put right / correction

盖 蓋

gài lid / top / cover / canopy / to cover / to conceal / to build

gě surname Ge

它是什么什么时候盖的？

Tā shì shénme-shénme shíhou gài de?

When was it built?

概括

gàikuò to summarize / to generalize / briefly / in broad outline

感兴趣 感興趣

gǎnxìngqù to be interested (in sth)

高潮

gāocháo high tide / high water / upsurge / peak of activity / climax (of a story, a competition etc) / to have an orgasm

高价 高價

gāojià high price

高尚

gāoshàng noble / lofty / refined / exquisite

高铁 高鐵

gāotiě high speed rail

隔

gé to separate / to partition / to stand or lie between / at a distance from / after or at an interval of

中国与蒙古隔着万里长城。

Zhōngguó yǔ Měnggǔ gézhe Wànlǐchángchéng.

China and Mongolia are separated by the Great Wall of China.

隔开 隔開

gékāi to separate

格外

géwài especially / particularly / even more than usual / extra / additional

个别 個別

gèbié individually / one by one / just one or two / exceptional / rare

只有个别人才懂了我的意思。

Zhǐyǒu gèbié réncái dǒngle wǒ de yìsi.

Only a few people understood me.

各个 各個

gègè every / various / separately, one by one

个体 個體

gètǐ an individual / self-employed individual / small business operator (abbr. for 個體戶|个体户 [ge4 ti3 hu4])

根

gēn root / basis / classifier for long slender objects, e.g. cigarettes, guitar strings / radical (chemistry)

草已长了根。

Cǎo yǐ zhǎngle gēn.

The grass has grown roots.

根据 根據

gēnjù according to / based on / basis / foundation

价格根据需求变化。

Jiàgé gēnjù xūqiú biànhuà.

The price varies with demand.

工程

gōngchéng engineering / an engineering project / project / undertaking

工程的第一阶段已经完成了。

Gōngchéng de dìyī jiēduàn yǐjīng wánchéngle.

The first phase of construction has been completed.

供应 供應

gōngyìng to supply / to provide (goods, services etc)

供应和需求之间的关系十分密切。

Gōngyìng hé xūqiú zhījiān de **guānxi shífēn mìqiè**.

There is close relationship between supply and demand.

公元

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

共

gòng common / general / to share / together / total / altogether

你共住一个房间吗？

Nǐ gòng zhù yí gè fángjiān ma?

Do you share a room?

构成 構成

gòuchéng to constitute / to form / to compose / to make up / to configure (computing)

人体的组织是由细胞构成的。

Réntǐ de **zǔzhī shì yóu xìbāo gòuchéng** de.

Human tissue is made up of cells.

购买 購買

gòumǎi to purchase / to buy

您现在不必购买任何东西。

Nín xiànzài búbì gòumǎi rènhé dōngxi.

You don't have to buy anything right now.

购物 購物

gòuwù shopping

构造 構造

gòuzào structure / composition / tectonic (geology)

这是我所见过的最大型的构造了。

Zhè shì wǒ suǒ jiànguò de zuì dàxíng de **gòuzào** le.

This is the most massive structure I have ever seen.

骨头 骨頭

gǔtōu bone / moral character / bitterness

固定

gùdìng to fix / to fasten / to set rigidly in place / fixed / set / regular

我在找一些固定工作。

Wǒ zài zhǎo yìxiē gùdìng gōngzuò.

I'm looking for some regular work.

瓜

guā melon / gourd / squash / a piece of gossip

怪

guài odd / strange / uncanny / monster / supernatural being / to find strange / to regard as odd / to blame / somewhat / rather

你真能怪他吗？

Nǐ zhēn néng guài tā ma?

Can you really blame him?

官

guān government official / governmental / official / public / organ of the body / surname Guan

关闭 關閉

guānbì to close / to shut (a window etc) / to shut down

官方

guānfāng government / official (approved or issued by an authority)

关于 關於

guānyú pertaining to / concerning / with regard to / about / a matter of

这有关于你。

Zhè yǒu guānyú nǐ.

It concerns you.

光临 光臨

guānglín to honor with one's presence / to attend

光盘 光盤

guāngpán compact disc (CD) / DVD / CD-ROM

逛

guàng to stroll / to visit

归 歸

guī to return / to go back to / to give back to / to be taken care of by / to belong to / to gather together / (used between two identical verbs) despite / to marry (of a woman) (old) / division on the abacus with a one-digit divisor / surname Gui

它现在归我了。

Tā xiànzài guī wǒ le.

It belongs to me now.

规律 規律

guīlǚ rule (e.g. of science) / law of behavior / regular pattern / rhythm / discipline

我相信规律的运动。

Wǒ xiāngxìn guīlǚ de **yùndòng**.

I believe in exercising regularly.

规模 規模

guīmó scale / scope / extent

规则 規則

guīzé rule / regulation / regular / orderly / fixed

他向我说明了规则。

Tā xiàng wǒ shuōmíng le **guīzé**.

He explained the rules to me.

果实 果實

guǒshí fruit (produced by a plant) / fruits (of success etc) / results / gains

过分 過分

guòfèn excessive / undue / unduly / overly

H

海水

hǎishuǐ seawater

海鲜 海鮮

hǎixiān seafood

含

hán to keep in the mouth / to contain

这个价格含了税。

Zhège jiàgé hánle shuì.

This amount includes tax.

寒假

hánjià winter vacation

寒冷

hánlěng cold (climate) / frigid / very cold

含量

hánliàng content / quantity contained

含义 含義

hányì meaning (implicit in a phrase) / implied meaning / hidden meaning / hint / connotation

含有

hányǒu to contain / including

航班

hángbān flight / (scheduled) sailing

航空

hángkōng aviation

行业 行業

hángyè trade / profession / industry / business

政府将在2015年对旅游行业加以规范。

Zhèngfǔ jiāng zài èr líng yī wǔ nián duì lǚyóu hángyè jiǎyǐ guīfàn.

The government is going to apply regulations to the tourism industry in 2015.

毫米

háomǐ millimeter

毫升

háoshēng milliliter

好友

hǎoyǒu close friend / pal / (social networking website) friend

号码 號碼

hàomǎ number

合同

hétong contract / agreement

他们对合同很满意。

Tāmen duì hétong hěn mǎnyì.

They are satisfied with the contract.

黑暗

hēi'àn dark / darkly / darkness

历史是黑暗的。

Lìshǐ shì hēi'àn de.

History is dark.

红包 紅包

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

厚

hòu thick / deep or profound / kind / generous / rich or strong in flavor / to favor / to stress

这本书好厚。

Zhè běn shū hǎo hòu.

This book is too thick.

后头 後頭

hòutou behind / the back / the rear / later / afterwards / the future

忽视 忽視

hūshì to neglect / to overlook / to disregard / to ignore

呼吸

hūxī to breathe

你在呼吸吗？

Nǐ zài hūxī ma?

Are you breathing?

户 戶

hù a household / door / family

护士 護士

hùshi nurse

护士下楼把病人的药拿上来了。

Hùshi xiàlóu bǎ bìng rén de yào ná shàng lái le.

The nurse went downstairs to bring the patients' medicine up.

划

huà to delimit / to transfer / to assign / to plan / to draw (a line) / stroke of a Chinese character

huá to row / to paddle / profitable / worth (the effort) / it pays (to do sth) / to cut / to slash / to scratch (cut into the surface of sth) / to strike (a match)

怀念 懷念

huáiniàn to cherish the memory of / to think of / to reminisce

怀疑 懷疑

huáiyí to doubt (sth) / to be skeptical of / to have one's doubts / to harbor suspicions / to suspect that

别怀疑他的话。

Bié huáiyí tā de huà.

Don't doubt his words.

缓解 緩解

huǎnjiě to bring relief / to alleviate (a crisis) / to dull (a pain)

黄瓜 黃瓜

huángguā cucumber

黄金 黃金

huángjīn gold / golden (opportunity) / prime (time)

黄金比铁重。

Huángjīn bǐ tiě zhòng.

Gold is heavier than iron.

回复 回復

huífù to recover / to revert / to return to (good health, normal condition etc)

汇

huì to remit / to converge (of rivers) / to exchange / class / collection

汇报

huìbào to report / to give an account of / to collect information and report back / to report / to give an account of / report

汇率 匯率

huìlǜ exchange rate

婚礼 婚禮

hūnlǐ wedding ceremony / wedding

伙

huǒ meals (as in 伙食[huo3 shi2]) / companion / partner / group / classifier for groups of people / to combine / together

伙伴 夥伴

huǒbàn companion / pal / partner / business associate

获

huò to catch / to capture / to get / to obtain / to win / to reap / to harvest

货 貨

huò goods / money / commodity

获得 獲得

huòdé to obtain / to receive / to get

你获得的比我多。

Nǐ huòdé de bǐ wǒ duō.

You obtained more than me.

获奖 獲獎

huòjiǎng to win an award

获取 獲取

huòqǔ to gain / to get / to acquire

或许 或許

huòxǔ perhaps / maybe

J

激动 激動

jīdòng to move emotionally / to stir up (emotions) / to excite

我激动得睡不着。

Wǒ jīdòng de shuì bù zháo.

I'm too excited to sleep.

机构 機構

jīgòu mechanism / structure / organization / agency / institution

几乎 幾乎

jīhū almost / nearly / practically

他几乎不来。

Tā jīhū bù lái.

He seldom, if ever, comes.

积累 積累

jīlěi to accumulate / accumulation / cumulative / cumulatively

激烈

jīliè (of competition or fighting) intense / fierce / acute / (of an expression of opinion) impassioned / vehement / drastic / extreme

我们激烈的讨论了这个问题。

Wǒmen jīliè de tāolùnle zhège wèntí.

We had a heated discussion about it.

机遇 機遇

jīyù opportunity / favorable turn of events / stroke of luck

极 極

jí extremely / pole (geography, physics) / utmost / top

及格

jígé to pass an exam or a test / to meet a minimum standard

集合

jíhé to gather / to assemble / set

即将 即將

jíjiāng about to / on the point of / soon

这即将成为历史。

Zhè jíjiāng chéngwéi lìshǐ.

This is going to become history.

急忙

jímáng hastily

极其 極其

jíqí extremely

季

jì season / the last month of a season / fourth or youngest amongst brothers / classifier for seasonal crop yields / surname Ji

寄

jì to entrust / to place in sb's care / to depend on / to attach oneself to / to reside temporarily / foster (as in 寄女[ji4 nu : 3] foster daughter) / to send by post / to mail

我记得寄了信。

Wǒ jìde jìle xìn.

I remember mailing the letter.

既

jì already / since / both... (and...)

她既学越语又学英语。

Tā jì xué yuè yǔ yòu xué Yīngyǔ.

She is learning both Vietnamese and English.

季度

jìdù quarter of a year / season (sports)

季节 季節

jìjié time / season / period

这是我们多雨的季节。

Zhè shì wǒmen duō yǔ de jìjié.

It is our rainy season.

纪律 紀律

jìlǜ discipline

技巧

jìqiǎo skill / technique

既然

jìrán since / as / this being the case

你既然已经知道了，还问什么？

Nǐ jìrán yǐjīng zhīdàole, **hái wèn shénme**?

If you already know, why are you still asking?

记载 記載

jìzǎi to write down / to record / written account

加班

jiābān to work overtime

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.

加入

jiārù to become a member / to join / to mix into / to participate in / to add in

请加入我们。

Qǐng jiārù wǒmen.

Please join us.

家务 家務

jiāwù household duties / housework

加油站

jiāyóuzhàn gas station

假如

jiǎrú if

假如今天是星期五，前天就是星期三。

Jiǎrú jīntiān shì xīngqīwǔ, qiántiān jiùshì xīngqīsān.

If today is Friday, the day before yesterday was Wednesday.

坚固 堅固

jiāngù firm / firmly / hard / stable

减 減

jiǎn to lower / to decrease / to reduce / to subtract / to diminish

检测 檢測

jiǎncè to test / to detect

减肥 減肥

jiǎnféi to lose weight

简历 簡歷

jiǎnlì curriculum vitae (CV) / résumé / biographical notes

减少 減少

jiǎnshǎo to lessen / to decrease / to reduce / to lower

日本的人口在减少。

Rìběn de rénkǒu zài jiǎnshǎo.

Japan's population is declining.

渐渐 漸漸

jiànjiàn gradually

健身

jiànshēn to exercise / to keep fit / to work out / physical exercise

江

jiāng river / surname Jiang / Yangtze River / Jiangsu Province (abbr. for 江蘇|江苏[Jiang1 su1])

我的家与他的隔着一江。

Wǒ de jiā yǔ tā de gézhe yìtiáo Jiāng.

My home is separated from his by a river.

奖 獎

jiǎng prize / award / bonus / reward / to encourage / to commend / to praise / to award / to give as a reward

奖金 獎金

jiǎngjīn premium / award money / bonus

讲究 講究

jiǎngjiu to pay particular attention to / carefully selected for quality / tastefully chosen

奖学金 獎學金

jiǎngxuéjīn scholarship

讲座 講座

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

降

jiàng to drop / to fall / to come down / to descend

xiáng to surrender / to capitulate / to subdue / to conquer / to tame

降低

jiàngdī to reduce / to lower / to bring down

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.

降价 降價

jiàngjià to cut the price / to drive down the price / to get cheaper

降落

jiàngluò to descend / to land

降温 降溫

jiàngwēn to become cooler / to lower the temperature / cooling / (of interest, activity etc) to decline

交换 交換

jiāohuàn to exchange / to swap / to switch (telecom) / commutative (math) / to commute

交际 交際

jiāoji communication / social intercourse

教授

jiàoshòu professor

jiàoshòu to teach (a subject)

她是一名教授。

Tā shì yì míng jiàoshòu.

She's a professor.

教训 教訓

jiàoxùn to provide guidance / to lecture sb / to upbraid / a talking-to / a bitter lesson

街道

jiēdào street / subdistrict / residential district

请给我一张街道地图好吗？

Qǐng gěi wǒ yì zhāng jiēdào dìtú hǎo ma?

Can you give me a map of the street?

阶段 階段

jiēduàn stage / section / phase / period

工程的第一阶段已经完成了。

Gōngchéng de dìyī jiēduàn yǐjīng wánchéng le.

The first phase of construction has been completed.

结 結

jié knot / sturdy / bond / to tie / to bind / to check out (of a hotel)

jiē to produce (fruit or seeds)

我结过婚。

Wǒ jié guò hūn.

I got married once. I've been married before.

结构 結構

jiégòu structure / composition / makeup / architecture

结论 結論

jiélùn conclusion / verdict / to conclude / to reach a verdict

做出这个结论花了我们三个小时。

Zuòchū zhège jiélùn huāle wǒmen sān gè xiǎoshí.

We spent three hours to come to this conclusion.

节省 節省

jiéshěng saving / to save / to use sparingly / to cut down on

姐妹

jiěmèi sisters / siblings / sister (school, city etc)

解释 解釋

jiěshì explanation / to explain / to interpret / to resolve

你不用解释。

Nǐ bùyòng jiěshì.

You don't have to explain.

尽快 儘快

jǐnkuài as quickly as possible / as soon as possible

紧密 緊密

jǐnmì inseparably close

近代

jìndài the not-very-distant past / modern times, excluding recent decades / (in the context of Chinese history) the period from the Opium Wars until the May 4th Movement (mid-19th century to 1919) / capitalist times (pre-1949)

进口 進口

jìnkǒu to import / imported / entrance / inlet (for the intake of air, water etc)

日本的石油依靠进口。

Rìběn de shíyóu yīkào jìnkǒu.

Japan depends on other countries for oil.

尽力 盡力

jìnli to strive one's hardest / to spare no effort

禁止

jìnzhǐ to prohibit / to forbid / to ban

禁止游戏吗？

Jìnzhǐ yóuxì ma?

Suspend the game?

经典 經典

jīngdiǎn the classics / scriptures / classical / classic (example, case etc) / typical

精力

jīnglì energy

竟然

jìngrán unexpectedly / to one's surprise / in spite of everything / in that crazy way / actually / to go as far as to

镜头 鏡頭

jìngtóu camera lens / camera shot (in a movie etc) / scene

镜子 鏡子

jìngzi mirror

究竟

jiūjìng to go to the bottom of a matter / after all / when all is said and done / (in an interrogative sentence) finally / outcome / result

究竟谁要负责？

Jiūjìng shéi yào fùzé?

Who exactly is responsible?

酒吧

jiǔbā bar (place to buy drinks)

居民

jūmín resident / inhabitant

居民走后，房子就空了。

Jūmín zǒu hòu, fángzi jiù kōng le.

After the residents leave, the house is empty.

居住

jūzhù to reside / to dwell / to live in a place / resident in

我在日本居住。

Wǒ zài Rìběn jūzhù.

I live in Japan.

局

jú narrow / office / situation / classifier for games: match, set, round etc

聚

jù to assemble / to gather (transitive or intransitive) / poly-

我们一年聚一次。

Wǒmen yì nián jù yíci.

We get together once a year.

具备 具備

jùbèi to possess / to have / equipped with / able to fulfill (conditions or requirements)

巨大

jùdà huge / immense / enormous / gigantic

压力很巨大。

Yālì hěn jùdà.

The pressure was tremendous.

聚会 聚會

jùhuì party / gathering / to meet / to get together

我上个星期在聚会上偶然遇见了他。

Wǒ shànggēxīngqī zài jùhuì shàng ǒurán yùjiàn le tā.

I bumped into him at a party last week.

距离 距離

jùlí distance / to be apart from

我无法判断距离。

Wǒ wúfǎ pànduàn jùlí.

I can't judge distance.

卷

juǎn to roll up / to sweep up / to engulf / to drag into (a situation) / to compete to an unhealthy degree / hypercompetitive / a roll / classifier for small rolled-up things (wad of paper money, movie reel etc) / to roll up / to sweep up / to carry along / a roll / classifier for rolls, spools etc

juàn scroll / book / volume / chapter / examination paper / classifier for books, paintings: volume, scroll

我的头发很容易打卷。

Wǒ de tóufa hěn róngyì dǎ juǎn.

My hair curls easily.

角色

juésè role / part (in a play or movie etc)

K

开花 開花

kāihuā to bloom / to blossom / to flower / to burst / to split open / to burst with joy / to spring up everywhere / to flourish

开水 開水

kāishuǐ boiled water / boiling water

看不起

kànbuqǐ to look down upon / to despise

看来 看來

kànlai apparently / it seems that

看来他很好。

Kànlai tā hěn hǎo.

It seems that he is fine.

看望

kànwàng to pay a visit to / to see (sb)

考察

kǎochá to inspect / to observe and study / on-the-spot investigation

考虑 考慮

kǎolǚ to think over / to consider / consideration

请考虑一下。

Qǐng kǎolǚ yíxià.

Please think it over.

棵

kē classifier for trees, cabbages, plants etc

可见 可見

kějiàn it can clearly be seen (that this is the case) / it is (thus) clear / clear / visible

空间 空間

kōngjiān space / room / scope / leeway / outer space / space

床占了很多空间。

Chuáng zhàn le hěn duō kōngjiān.

The bed took up a lot of space.

口袋

kǒudài pocket / bag / sack

口语 口語

kǒuyǔ colloquial speech / spoken language / vernacular language / slander / gossip

苦

kǔ bitter / hardship / pain / to suffer / to bring suffering to / painstakingly

快递 快遞

kuàidì express delivery

会计 會計

kuàijì accountant / accountancy / accounting

宽 寬

kuān wide / broad / loose / relaxed / lenient / surname Kuan

生命不长，它是宽的！

Shēngmìng bù cháng, tā shì kuān de!

Life is not long, it is wide!

宽广 寬廣

kuānguǎng wide / broad / extensive / vast

矿泉水 礦泉水

kuànguānshuǐ mineral water

扩大 擴大

kuòdà to expand / to enlarge / to broaden one's scope

括号 括號

kuòhào parentheses / brackets

扩展 擴展

kuòzhǎn to extend / to expand / extension / expansion

我们正在努力扩展合作。

Wǒmen zhèngzài nǚlì kuòzhǎn hézuò.

We are working hard to cooperate more.

L

垃圾

lājī trash / refuse / garbage / of poor quality

收垃圾的人来了。

Shōu lājī de rén lái le.

The rubbish collectors are here.

拉开 拉開

lākāi to pull open / to pull apart / to space out / to increase

辣

là hot (spicy) / pungent / (of chili pepper, raw onions etc) to sting / to burn

我喜欢很辣的菜。

Wǒ xǐhuan hěn là de cài.

I like spicy food.

来不及 來不及

lái**bu**jí there's not enough time (to do sth) / it's too late

来得及 來得及

lái**de**jí to have enough time / can do it in time / can still make it

来源 來源

lái**yuán** source (of information etc) / origin

老公

lǎo**gōng** husband

lǎogong eunuch

老家

lǎo**jiā** native place / place of origin / home state or region

老婆

lǎo**pó** wife

他怕他老婆。

Tā pà tā lǎo**pó**.

He was afraid of his wife.

老实 老實

lǎo**shi** honest / sincere / well-behaved / naive / gullible

乐趣 樂趣

lè**qù** delight / pleasure / joy

泪 淚

lèi tears / teardrops

泪水 淚水

lèi**shuǐ** teardrop / tears

除了鲜血、辛劳、泪水和汗水之外，我没有什么可奉献的。

Chúle xiān**xuè**, xīn**láo**, lèi**shuǐ** hé hàn**shuǐ** zhī**wài**, wǒ méi**yǒu** shén**me** kě fèng**xiàn** de.

I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.

类型 類型

lèi**xíng** type / kind / category / type

她是我喜欢的类型。

Tā shì wǒ xǐ**huan** de lèi**xíng**.

She's my type.

冷静 冷靜

lěng**jìng** calm / cool-headed / dispassionate / deserted / quiet

离不开 離不開

lí**bu**kāi inseparable / inevitably linked to

厘米 釐米

lí**mǐ** centimeter

立即

lì**jí** immediately

你应该立即开始。

Nǐ yīng**gāi** lì**jí** kāi**shǐ**.

You should begin right away.

力气 力氣

lì**qì** physical strength

历史 歷史

lì**shǐ** history

我喜欢历史。

Wǒ xǐ**huan** lì**shǐ**.

I like history.

利息

lì**xī** interest (on a loan)

利益

lì**yì** benefit / interest

商人们只看中利益。

Shāng**rén**men zhǐ kàn zhòng lì**yì**.

Merchants only look at the profits.

俩 倆

liǎ two (colloquial equivalent of 兩個|两个) / both / some

他们俩上了车。

Tāmen liǎ shàng le chē.

They both got in the car.

良好

liáng**hǎo** good / favorable / well / fine

他给了他的孩子们良好的教育。

Tā gěi le tā de hái**zì**men liáng**hǎo** de jiào**yù**.

He gave his children a good education.

粮食 糧食

liáng**shi** foodstuff / cereals

两边 兩邊

liǎng**biān** either side / both sides

量

liàng capacity / quantity / amount / to estimate / measure word

liáng to measure

这是篇信息量很大的文章。

Zhè shì piān xìn**xī** liàng hěn dà de wén**zhāng**.

This is a very informative article.

疗养 療養

liáo**yǎng** to get well / to heal / to recuperate / to convalesce / convalescence / to nurse

了不起

liǎo**bu**qǐ amazing / terrific / extraordinary

了解

liǎo**jiě** to understand / to know about / to learn about / to find out

我不了解他。

Wǒ bù liǎo**jiě** tā.

I can't figure him out.

列

liè to arrange / to line up / file / series / column / row

列车 列車

liè**chē** train

列入

liè**rù** to include on a list

列为 列為

lièwéi to be classified as

临时 臨時

línshí as the time draws near / at the last moment / temporary / interim / ad hoc

零食

lingshí snack / nibbles

流传 流傳

liúchuán to spread / to circulate / to hand down

楼梯 樓梯

lóutī stair / staircase

陆地 陸地

lùdì dry land (as opposed to the sea)

录取 錄取

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

我希望考试能录取。

Wǒ xīwàng kǎoshì néng lùqǔ.

I hope to graduate at the exams.

陆续 陸續

lùxù in turn / successively / one after the other / bit by bit

轮 輪

lún wheel / disk / ring / steamship / to take turns / to rotate / classifier for big round objects: disk, or recurring events: round, turn

轮到我了么？

Lún dào wǒ le ma?

Is it my turn?

轮船 輪船

lúnchuán steamship / steamer / steamboat

轮椅 輪椅

lúnyǐ wheelchair

轮子 輪子

lúnzi wheel / Falun Gong practitioner

论文 論文

lùnwén paper / treatise / thesis / to discuss a paper or thesis (old)

她要腾出一个晚上把论文给写完。

Tā yào téngchū yí gè wǎnshang bǎ lùnwén gěi xiě wán.

She's going to set aside an evening to finish writing her essay.

落

luò to fall or drop / to set / to go out / to lower / to decline or sink / to lag or fall behind / to fall onto / to rest with / to get or receive / to write down / whereabouts / settlement

là to leave out / to be missing / to leave behind or forget to bring / to lag or fall behind

lào colloquial reading for 落[luo4] in certain compounds

那是我昨天落在房间里的包。

Nà shì wǒ zuótiān luò zài fángjiān lǐ de bāo.

It was a bag that I lost in the room yesterday.

律师 律師

lǚshī lawyer

M

毛巾

máojīn towel

毛衣

máoyī sweater

帽子

màozi hat / cap / label / bad name

我喜欢你的帽子。

Wǒ xǐhuan nǐ de màozi.

I like your hat.

没错 沒錯

méicuò that's right / sure! / rest assured! / that's good / can't go wrong

没想到 沒想到

méixiǎngdào didn't expect

没想到你会告诉我。

Méixiǎngdào nǐ huì gàosu wǒ.

I didn't think you'd tell me.

美金

měijīn American dollar / US dollar

美女

měinǚ beautiful woman

梦 夢

mèng dream (CL:场[chang2]) / to dream

我梦到了他。

Wǒ mèng dào le tā.

I had a dream about him.

梦见 夢見

mèngjiàn to dream about (sth or sb) / to see in a dream

梦想 夢想

mèngxiǎng to dream of / dream

他当老师的梦想终于实现了。

Tā dāng lǎoshī de mèngxiǎng zhōngyú shíxiàn le.

He finally realised his dream of becoming a teacher.

密

mì dense / close / thick / intimate / close / secret / confidential / to send a private message to (sb) / to DM / surname Mi / name of an ancient state

密码 密碼

mìmǎ cipher / secret code / password / PIN

秘密

mìmì secret / private / confidential / clandestine / a secret

它是个秘密。

Tā shì gè mìmì.

It's a secret.

密切

mìqiè close / intimate / to strengthen (ties, cooperation etc) / closely / intently / carefully / to osculate

供应和需求之间的关系十分密切。

Gōngyìng hé xūqiú zhījiān de **guānxi shífēn mìqiè**.

There is close relationship between supply and demand.

秘书 秘書

mìshū secretary

我需要一个秘书。

Wǒ xūyào yí gè mìshū.

I need a secretary.

免费 免費

miǎnfèi free (of charge)

面临 面臨

miànlín to face sth / to be confronted with

他面临着许多困难。

Tā miànlínzhe xǔduō kùnnán.

He is confronted by many difficulties.

面试 面試

miànshì to be interviewed (as a candidate) / interview

我今天有个面试。

Wǒ jīntiān yǒu gè miànshì.

I have an audition today.

描述

miáoshù to describe / description

描写 描寫

miáoxiě to describe / to depict / to portray / depiction / portrayal

名片

míngpiàn card

名人

míng rén personage / celebrity

摸

mō to feel with the hand / to touch / to stroke / to grope / to steal / to abstract

谁也不要摸这个。

Shéi yě búyào mō zhège.

I don't want anyone to touch this.

模型

mó xíng model / mold / matrix / pattern

小明很喜欢飞机模型。

Xiǎo míng hěn xǐhuan fēijī mó xíng.

Xiaoming really likes model airplanes.

末

mò tip / end / final stage / latter part / inessential detail / powder / dust / opera role of old man

默默

mòmò in silence / not speaking

N

哪怕

nǎpà even / even if / even though / no matter how

难免 難免

nánmiǎn hard to avoid / difficult to escape from / will inevitably

男女

nánnǚ male-female / male and female

男士

nánshì man / gentleman

脑袋 腦袋

nǎodai head / skull / brains / mental capability

闹 鬧

nào noisy / cacophonous / to make noise / to disturb / to vent (feelings) / to fall ill / to have an attack (of sickness) / to go in (for some activity) / to joke

让他们闹去。

Ràng tāmen nào qù.

Let them have their fun.

闹钟 鬧鐘

nàozhōng alarm clock

内部 內部

nèibù interior / inside (part, section) / internal

我们还应该看下这个房子的内部。

Wǒmen hái yīnggāi kàn xià zhège fángzi de nèibù.

We should look inside this house as well.

内科 內科

nèikē internal medicine / general medicine

能干 能幹

nénggàn capable / competent

宁静 寧靜

níngjìng tranquil / tranquility / serenity

浓 濃

nóng concentrated / dense / strong (smell etc)

这是一种很浓的咖啡。

Zhè shì yízhǒng hěn nóng de kāfēi.

This is a very strong kind of coffee.

暖气 暖氣

nuǎnqì central heating / heater / warm air

女士

nǚshì lady / madam / Miss / Ms

P

拍照

pāizhào to take a picture

牌

pái signboard / plaque / plate / tablet (CL:塊|块[kuai4]) / brand / trademark / mahjong tile / domino / playing card (CL:張|张[zhang1]) / fixed pattern for lyrics or set melody in classical poetry or music (used in 詞牌|词牌[ci2 pai2] and 曲牌[qu3 pai2])

请发一下牌。

Qǐng fā yíxià pái.

Please deal the cards.

排列

páiliè to arrange in order / permutation

盘 盤

pán tray / plate / dish / (bound form) market prices / (bound form) disk / to coil (a rope, pigtail etc) / to check / to examine / to investigate / to transfer / to sell (property) / to shift / to move (sth big and heavy) / classifier for things resembling a plate or dish / classifier for coils / classifier for games or matches (chess, table tennis etc)

我已经洗了碗盘。
Wǒ yǐjīng xǐ le wǎn pán.
I have already washed the dishes.

盘子 盤子

pánzi tray / plate / dish

胖子

pàngzi fat person / fatty

培训 培訓

péixùn to cultivate / to train / to groom / training

培训班 培訓班

péixùnbān training class

培养 培養

péiyǎng to cultivate / to breed / to foster / to nurture / to educate / to groom (for a position) / education / fostering / culture (biology)

培育

péiyù to train / to breed

批

pī to ascertain / to act on / to criticize / to pass on / classifier for batches, lots, military flights / tier (for the ranking of universities and colleges)

片面

piànmiàn unilateral / one-sided

品质 品質

pǐnzhì character / intrinsic quality (of a person) / quality (of a product or service, or as in "quality of life", "air quality" etc)

平方

píngfāng square (as in square foot, square mile, square root)

平静 平靜

píngjìng calm / tranquil / serene

平均

píngjūn average / on average / evenly / in equal proportions

日本女性平均在二十五岁结婚。
Rìběn nǚxìng píngjūn zài èr shíwǔ suì jiéhūn.
Japanese women get married at 25 on average.

平稳 平穩

píngwěn smooth / steady

破产 破產

pòchǎn to go bankrupt / to become impoverished / bankruptcy

迫切

pòqiè urgent / pressing

Q

期待

qīdài to look forward to / to await / expectation

我们期待着一个快乐的假期。
Wǒmen qīdàizhe yí gè kuàilè de jiàqī.
We're looking forward to a happy vacation.

期间 期間

qījiān period of time / time / time period / period

他在那个事件期间支持我们。
Tā zài nàge shìjiàn qījiān zhīchí wǒmen.
He backed us up during that incident.

期末

qīmò the end of a term or semester (in school)

期限

qīxiàn time limit / deadline / allotted time

期中

qīzhōng interim / midterm

妻子

qīzi wife

qīzǐ wife and children

她是我妻子。
Tā shì wǒ qīzi.
She's my wife.

其余 其餘

qíyú the rest / the others / remaining / remainder / apart from them

企业 企業

qīyè company / firm / enterprise / corporation

这是个企业生活区。
Zhè shì gè qīyè shēnghuó qū.
This is a company town.

器官

qìguān organ / apparatus

气球 氣球

qìqiú balloon

汽水

qìshuǐ soda pop / carbonated soft drink

汽油

qìyóu gasoline

前头 前頭

qiántou in front / at the head / ahead / above

前途

qiántú prospects / future outlook / journey

浅 淺

qiǎn shallow / light (color)

jiǎn sound of moving water

这条河浅吗？
Zhè tiáo hé qiǎn ma?
Is this river shallow?

巧克力

qiǎokèlì chocolate

我从盒子里拿出来了一块巧克力。

Wǒ cóng hézi lǐ ná chū lái yí kuài qiǎokèlì.

I took a piece of chocolate out of the box.

切

qiè definitely / absolutely (not) / (scoffing or dismissive interjection) Yeah, right. / Tut! / to grind / close to / eager / to correspond to / (used to indicate that the fanqie 反切[fan3 qie4] system should be applied to the previous two characters)

qiē to cut / to slice / to carve / tangential

我刚刚切到手指了。

Wǒ gānggāng qiē dào shǒuzhǐ le.

I just cut my finger.

亲爱 親愛

qīn'ài dear / beloved / darling

亲密 親密

qīnmì intimate / close

青春

qīngchūn youth / youthfulness

轻松 輕鬆

qīngsōng light / gentle / relaxed / effortless / uncomplicated / to relax / to take things less seriously

清醒

qīngxǐng clear-headed / sober / awake

轻易 輕易

qīngyì easy / simple / rashly / offhandedly

情景

qíngjǐng scene / spectacle / circumstances / situation

穷 窮

qióng poor / destitute / to use up / to exhaust / thoroughly / extremely / persistently and pointlessly

穷人 窮人

qióng rén poor people / the poor

秋季

qiūjì autumn / fall

趋势 趨勢

qūshì trend / tendency

世界人口有上升的趋势。

Shìjiè rénkǒu yǒu shàngshēng de qūshì.

The world's population tends to increase.

圈

quān circle / ring / loop / social circle / niche group / community / fandom / classifier for loops, orbits, laps / to surround / to encircle / to circle (sth) / to mark with a circle
juàn livestock enclosure / pen / fold / sty

juān to confine / to lock up / to pen in

你的名字怎么圈了?

Nǐ de míngzi zěnmē quān le?

Why is your name circled?

权利 權利

quánlì right (i.e. an entitlement to sth) / power and wealth

保留一切权利。

Bǎoliú yíqiè quánlì.

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却 卻

què but / yet / however / while / to go back / to decline / to retreat / nevertheless / even though

却没有人要听。

Què méiyǒu rén yào tīng.

But no one wanted to hear it.

确认 確認

quèrèn to confirm / to verify / confirmation

R

然而

ránér however / but / yet

然而，相反的理论往往也是真的。

Rán'ér, xiāngfǎn de lǐlùn wǎngwǎng yě shì zhēnde.

And yet, the contrary is always true as well.

燃料

ránliào fuel

燃烧 燃燒

ránshāo to ignite / to combust / to burn / combustion / flaming

热闹 熱鬧

rènao bustling with noise and excitement / lively

热心 熱心

rèxīn enthusiastic / ardent / zealous

人家

rénjiā household / dwelling / family / sb else's house / household business / house of woman's husband-to-be

rénjia other people / sb else / he, she or they / I, me (referring to oneself as "one" or "people")

你为什么非要骂人家?

Nǐ wèishénme yào mà rénjiā?

Why do you go about being cross at people?

日记 日記

rìjì diary

日历 日曆

rìlì calendar

如今

rújīn nowadays / now

弱

ruò weak / feeble / young / inferior / not as good as / (following a decimal or fraction) slightly less than

S

伞 傘

sǎn umbrella / parasol

我带了伞。

Wǒ dài le sǎn.

I've brought my umbrella.

散

sàn to scatter / to break up (a meeting etc) / to disperse / to disseminate / to dispel / to sack

sǎn scattered / loose / to come loose / to fall apart / leisurely / powdered medicine

我去公园散了步。

Wǒ qù gōngyuán sàn le bù.

I went for a walk in the park.

扫 掃

sǎo to sweep (with a brush or broom) / to sweep away / to wipe out / to get rid of / to sweep (one's eyes etc) over / to scan

sào a (large) broom

色

sè color / look / appearance / sex

shǎi color

你的头发自然发色是什么颜色？

Nǐ de tóufa zìrán fā sè shì shénme yánsè?

What's your natural hair color?

色彩

sècǎi tint / coloring / coloration / flavor / character

森林

sēnlín forest

我们都在森林里。

Wǒmen dōu zài sēnlín lǐ.

We're in the forest.

晒 曬

shài to shine on / to bask in (the sunshine) / to dry (clothes, grain etc) in the sun / to expose and share (one's experiences and thoughts) on the Web (loanword from "share") / to give the cold shoulder to

闪 閃

shǎn to dodge / to duck out of the way / to beat it / shaken (by a fall) / to sprain / to pull a muscle / lightning / spark / a flash / to flash (across one's mind) / to leave behind / (of a display of affection) "dazzlingly" saccharine / surname Shan

闪电 閃電

shǎndiàn lightning

善良

shànláng good and honest / kindhearted

善于 善於

shànyú to be good at / to be adept at

伤害 傷害

shānghài to injure / to harm

商务 商務

shāngwù commercial affairs / commercial / commerce / business

赏 賞

shǎng to bestow (a reward) / to give (to an inferior) / to hand down / a reward (bestowed by a superior) / to appreciate (beauty)

上个月 上個月

shànggèyuè last month

我是上个月来的北京。

Wǒ shì shànggèyuè lái de Běijīng.

I came to Beijing last month.

上楼 上樓

shànglóu to go upstairs

上门 上門

shàngmén to drop in / to visit / to lock a door / to close / to go and live with one's wife's family, in effect becoming a member of her family

烧 燒

shāo to burn / to set on fire / to heat (over a fire) / to boil (water, tea etc) / to braise / to cook / to prepare food / to run a fever / fever / to become full of oneself / to get carried away

我发了两天烧。

Wǒ fā le liǎng tiān shāo.

I had fever for two days.

设施 設施

shèshī facilities / installation

设置 設置

shèzhì to set up / to install

身材

shēncái stature / build (height and weight) / figure

身份

shēnfèn identity / aspect of one's identity (e.g. mayor, father, permanent resident) / role / capacity (as in "in his capacity as ..." 以[yi3] + ... + 的身份[de5 shen1 fen4]) / status (social, legal etc) / position / rank

他以总统的身份访问了日本。

Tā yǐ zǒngtǒng de shēnfèn fǎngwèn le Rìběn.

He visited Japan in the character of President.

身高

shēngāo height

深厚

shēnhòu deep / profound

申请 申請

shēnqǐng to apply for sth / application form (CL:份[fen4])

要申请的话，你得亲自去。

Yào shēnqǐng de huà, nǐ děi qīn zì qù.

In order to apply, you have to go in person.

神话 神話

shénhuà legend / fairy tale / myth / mythology

神秘

shénmì mysterious / mystery

甚至

shènzhì even / so much so that

我甚至不想试试。

Wǒ shènzhì bùxiǎng shì shì.

I don't even want to try it.

湿 濕

shī moist / wet

诗 詩

shī poem / poetry / verse

他又读了一遍诗。

Tā yòu dúle yíbiàn shī.

He read the poem again.

失败 失敗

shībài to be defeated / to lose / to fail (e.g. experiments) / failure / defeat

实验失败了。

Shíyàn shībàile.

That experiment was a failure.

诗人 詩人

shīrén bard / poet

他只是个诗人。

Tā zhǐshì gè shīrén.

He is nothing but a poet.

失望

shīwàng disappointed / to lose hope / to despair

失业 失業

shīyè unemployment / to lose one's job

实施 實施

shíshī to implement / to carry out

食堂

shítáng dining hall / cafeteria

我在食堂吃的饭。

Wǒ zài shítáng chī de fàn.

I ate in the canteen.

实用 實用

shíyòng to apply in practice / practical / functional / pragmatic / applied (science)

使劲 使勁

shǐjìn to exert all one's strength

士兵

shìbīng soldier

士兵给了我水。

Shìbīng gěi le wǒ shuǐ.

The soldier gave water to me.

似的

shìde seems as if / rather like

不要哭得像个孩子似的。

Búyào kū de xiàng gè hái zǐ shìde.

Don't cry like a child!

是否

shìfǒu whether (or not) / if / is or isn't

他问我是否很忙。

Tā wèn wǒ shìfǒu hěn máng.

He asked me if I was busy.

试卷 試卷

shìjuàn examination paper / test paper

市区 市區

shìqū urban district / downtown / city center

你在不在市区？

Nǐ zài bù zài shìqū?

Are you in the city or not?

事物

shìwù thing / object

我以为你喜欢学习新事物。

Wǒ yǐwéi nǐ xǐhuan xuéxí xīn shìwù.

I thought you liked to learn new things.

事先

shìxiān in advance / before the event / beforehand / prior

收回

shōuhuí to regain / to retake / to take back / to withdraw / to revoke

你借给他的那些东西收回了没有？

Nǐ jiègěi tā de nèixiē dōngxi shōuhuíle méiyǒu?

Have you got those things that you lent him back?

收获 收穫

shōuhuò to harvest / to reap / to gain / crop / harvest / profit / gain / bonus / reward

收益

shōuyì earnings / profit

守

shǒu to guard / to defend / to keep watch / to abide by the law / to observe (rules or ritual) / nearby / adjoining

她守着这个秘密。

Tā shǒuzhe zhège mìmì.

She kept the secret to herself.

首

shǒu head / chief / first (occasion, thing etc) / classifier for poems, songs etc

我爱这首歌。

Wǒ ài zhè shǒu gē.

I love this song.

手工

shǒugōng handwork / manual

手里 手裡

shǒulǐ in hand / in sb's hands

她手里拿着花。

Tā shǒulǐ názháo huā.

She is holding flowers in her hand.

手术 手術

shǒushù operation / surgery

你是否同意手术?

Nǐ shìfǒu tóngyì shǒushù?

Do you give your consent to the operation?

手套

shǒutào glove / mitten

受不了

shòubùliǎo unbearable / unable to endure / can't stand

我受不了。

Wǒ shòubùliǎo.

I can't stand it.

售货员 售貨員

shòuhuòyuán sales clerk / sales associate / retail salesperson

舒适 舒適

shūshì cozy / snug

叔叔

shūshu father's younger brother / paternal uncle / form of address used by children for a male one generation older

熟练 熟練

shúliàn practiced / proficient / skilled / skillful

暑假

shǔjià summer vacation

数据 數據

shùjù data

这个数据一点也不准确。

Zhège shùjù yìdiǎn yě bù zhǔnquè.

This data isn't accurate at all.

树林 樹林

shùlín woods / grove / forest / Shulin city in New Taipei City
新北市[Xin1 bei3 shi4], Taiwan

数码 數碼

shùmǎ number / numerals / figures / digital / amount / numerical code

树叶 樹葉

shùyè tree leaves

刷

shuā a brush / to paint / to daub / to brush / to scrub / to remove / to eliminate (from a contest) / to fire (from a job) / swish / rustle / to swipe (a card) / to scroll on (a phone) / to grind / to farm (for experience points, equipment, levels etc)
shuà to select

刷牙

shuāyá to brush one's teeth

刷子

shuāzi brush / scrub

帅 帥

shuài commander-in-chief / to lead / to command / handsome / graceful / dashing / elegant / cool! / sweet! / general (on the red side, equivalent to a king in Western chess) / surname Shuai

他也很帅。

Tā yě hěn shuài.

He is also good-looking.

帅哥 帥哥

shuàigē handsome guy / lady-killer / handsome (form of address)

那个城市帅哥很多。

Nàge chéngshì shuàigē hěn duō.

There are a lot of handsome guys in that city.

率先

shuàixiān to take the lead / to show initiative

睡着 睡著

shuìzháo to fall asleep

她头一碰枕头就睡着了。

Tā tóu yí pèng zhěntou jiù shuìzháole.

She was asleep the moment her head hit the pillow.

顺序 順序

shùnxù sequence / order

说不定 說不定

shuōbùdìng can't say for sure / maybe

说服 說服

shuōfú to persuade / to convince / to talk sb over

她说服她妈妈把汽车借给她了。

Tā shuōfú tā māma bǎ qìchē jiègěi tā le.

She persuaded her mum to lend her the car.

思考

sīkǎo to reflect on / to ponder over

似乎

sìhū it seems / seemingly / as if

你似乎错了。

Nǐ sìhū cuòle.

It would appear that you're wrong.

松

sōng pine / loose / to loosen / to relax / floss (dry, fluffy food product made from shredded, seasoned meat or fish, used as a topping or filling) / surname Song

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.

松树 松樹

sōngshù pine / pine tree

塑料

sùliào plastic / plastics (general term for synthetic polymer materials)

塑料袋

sùliàodài plastic bag

酸

suān sour / tart / sick at heart / grieved / sore / aching / pedantic / impractical / to make sarcastic remarks about sb / an acid

第二天我的腿很酸。

Dì'èrtiān wǒ de tuǐ hěn suān.

I had sore legs the next day.

酸奶

suānnǎi yogurt

随手 隨手

suíshǒu conveniently / without extra trouble / while doing it / in passing

孙女 孫女

sūnnǚ son's daughter / granddaughter

孙子 孫子

sūnzi grandson / son's son

sūnzǐ Sun Tzu, also known as Sun Wu 孫武|孙武[Sun1 Wu3] (c. 500 BC, dates of birth and death uncertain), general, strategist and philosopher of the Spring and Autumn Period (700-475 BC), believed to be the author of the "Art of War" 孫子兵法|孙子兵法[Sun1 zi3 Bing1 fa3], one of the Seven Military Classics of ancient China 武經七書|武经七书[Wu3 jing1 Qi1 shu1]

缩短 縮短

suōduǎn to shorten / to reduce / to curtail

缩小 縮小

suōxiǎo to reduce / to decrease / to shrink

T

台阶 臺階

táijiē steps / flight of steps / step (over obstacle) / fig. way out of an embarrassing situation / bench (geology)

台上 臺上

táishàng on stage

躺

tǎng to recline / to lie down

我躺在床上。

Wǒ tǎng zài chuáng shàng.

I lay on my bed.

套餐

tàocān set meal / product or service package (e.g. for a cell phone subscription)

特价 特價

tèjià special price

特殊

tèshū special / particular / unusual / extraordinary

我们有特殊联系。

Wǒmen yǒu tèshū liánxi.

We have a special connection.

特征 特徵

tèzhēng characteristic / diagnostic property / distinctive feature / trait

提供

tígōng to offer / to supply / to provide / to furnish

我提供了他食物。

Wǒ tígōng le tā shíwù.

I provided him with food.

提醒

tíxǐng to remind / to call attention to / to warn of

我会提醒你的。

Wǒ huì tíxǐng nǐ de.

I'll remind you.

体操 體操

tǐcāo gymnastic / gymnastics

体重 體重

tǐzhòng body weight

我现在的体重是过去的两倍。

Wǒ xiànzài de tǐzhòng shì guòqù de liǎngbèi.

My current weight is twice as high as before.

替

tì to substitute for / to take the place of / to replace / for / on behalf of / to stand in for

不要替我说话。

Búyào tì wǒ shuōhuà.

Don't speak for me.

替代

tìdài to substitute for / to replace / to supersede

天真

tiānzhēn naive / innocent / artless

填

tián to fill or stuff / to fill in

填空

tiánkòng to fill a job vacancy / to fill in a blank (e.g. on a form, questionnaire or exam paper)

挑

tiāo to carry on a shoulder pole / to choose / to pick / to nitpick

tiǎo to raise / to dig up / to poke / to prick / to incite / to stir up

这只狗挑了。

Zhè zhǐ gǒu tiāole.

This dog jumped.

挑选 挑選

tiāoxuǎn to choose / to select

调皮 調皮

tiáopí naughty / mischievous / unruly

挑战 挑戰

tiǎozhàn to challenge / to take on a challenge / a challenge

她说她喜欢那个挑战。

Tā shuō tā xǐhuan nàge tiǎozhàn.

She said she enjoyed the challenge.

贴 貼

tiē to stick / to paste / to post (e.g. on a blog) / to keep close to / to fit snugly / to subsidize / allowance (e.g. money for food or housing) / sticker / classifier for sticking plaster: strip

门外又被贴满了小广告。

Ménwài yòu bèi tiē mǎn le **xiǎo guǎnggào**.

Everything outside is fly-posted again.

停下

tíngxià to stop

通知书 通知書

tōngzhīshū written notice

童话 童話

tónghuà children's fairy tales

童年

tóngnián childhood

同情

tóngqíng to sympathize with / sympathy

统计 統計

tǒngjì statistics / to count / to add up

统一 統一

tǒngyī to unify / to integrate / unified / integrated

他试着统一不同的团体。

Tā shìzhe tǒngyī bùtóng de **tuántǐ**.

He tried to unify the various groups.

痛快

tòngkuài delighted / to one's heart's content / straightforward

投

tóu to throw (sth in a specific direction: ball, javelin, grenade etc) / to cast (a ballot) / to cast (a glance, a shadow etc) / to put in (money for investment, a coin to operate a slot machine) / to send (a letter, a manuscript etc) / to throw oneself into (a river, a well etc to commit suicide) / to go to / to seek refuge / to place oneself into the hands of / to rinse (clothes) in water

他给自己投了保险。

Tā gěi zìjǐ tóu le **bǎoxiǎn**.

He insured himself.

投入

tóurù to throw into / to put into / to throw oneself into / to participate in / to invest in / absorbed / engrossed

投诉 投訴

tóusù to lodge a complaint

投资 投資

tóuzī investment / to invest

你投资多少？

Nǐ tóuzī duōshǎo?

How much do you have invested?

透

tòu to penetrate / to seep through / to tell secretly / to leak / thoroughly / through and through / to appear / to show

谁也参不透。

Shéi yě cān bú tòu.

Nobody can understand it.

透明

tòumíng transparent / transparent / open to scrutiny

图案 圖案

tú'àn design / pattern

我注意到一个图案。

Wǒ zhùyì dào yí gè tú'àn.

I noticed a pattern.

途中

túzhōng en route

土地

tǔdì land / soil / territory

tǔdì local god / genius loci

他买土地目的是要造房子。

Tā mǎi tǔdì mùdì shì yào zào fángzi.

He bought the land for the purpose of building a house on it.

推迟 推遲

tuīchí to postpone / to put off / to defer

推销 推銷

tuīxiāo to market / to sell

脱 脫

tuō to shed / to take off / to escape / to get away from

他们在她眼前脱下我的衣服。

Tāmen zài tā yǎnqián tuō xià wǒ de yīfu.

They took off my clothes in front of her eyes.

W

袜子 襪子

wàzi socks / stockings

外汇 外匯

wàihuì foreign (currency) exchange

外交官

wàijiāoguān diplomat

外套

wàitào outer garment / jacket / coat

弯 彎

wān to bend / bent / a bend / a turn (in a road etc)

晚点 晚點

wǎndiǎn late / delayed / behind schedule / light dinner

晚点去吧。

Wǎndiǎn qù ba.

Why don't you leave a bit later?

万一 萬一

wànyī just in case / if by any chance / contingency

万一我来晚的话，请不要等我。

Wànyī wǒ lái wǎn de huà, qǐng bú yào děng wǒ.

If by any chance I arrive late, please don't wait for me.

王

wáng king or monarch / best or strongest of its type / grand / great / surname Wang

wàng (of a monarch) to reign over (a kingdom)

他姓王，对吧？

Tā xìng Wáng, duì ba?

His surname is Wang, isn't it?

网络 網絡

wǎngluò network / Internet

网络连不上。

Wǎngluò lián bú shàng.

The internet is not connecting.

网址 網址

wǎngzhǐ web address / URL

微笑

wēixiào smile / to smile

你还在微笑。

Nǐ hái zài wēixiào.

You're still smiling.

微信

wēixìn Weixin or WeChat (mobile text and voice messaging service developed by Tencent 騰訊|腾讯[Teng2 xun4])

能加你微信吗？

Néng jiā nǐ Wēixìn ma?

Can I have your number?

维持 維持

wéichí to keep / to maintain / to preserve

他靠什么维持生活？

Tā kào shénme wéichí shēnghuó?

What does he do for a living?

维护 維護

wéihù to defend / to safeguard / to protect / to uphold / to maintain

台湾将维护自由。

Táiwān jiāng wéihù zìyóu.

Taiwan will remain free!

围巾 圍巾

wéijīn scarf / shawl

维修 維修

wéixiū maintenance (of equipment) / to protect and maintain

尾巴

wěiba tail / colloquial pr. [yi3 ba5]

未必

wèibì not necessarily / maybe not

这项工作未必容易。

Zhè xiàng gōngzuò wèibì róngyì.

This work is not necessarily easy.

未来 未來

wèilái future / tomorrow / approaching / coming / pending

孩子是我们的未来。

Háizi shì wǒmen de wèilái.

Children are our future.

位于 位於

wèiyú to be located at / to be situated at / to lie

古巴位于中美洲。

Gǔbā wèiyú Zhōngměizhōu.

Cuba is located in the Americas.

位置

wèizhi position / place / seat

他们的位置是？

Tāmen de wèizhi shì?

What's their location?

稳 穩

wěn settled / steady / stable

稳定 穩定

wěndìng steady / stable / stability / to stabilize / to pacify

人口稳定地增加。

Rénkǒu wěndēng de zēngjiā.

There was a steady increase in population.

问候 問候

wèn hòu to give one's respects / to send a greeting / (coll.) to make offensive reference to (somebody dear to the person to whom one is speaking)

麻烦你替我问候。

Máfan nǐ tì wǒ wèn hòu.

Please pass on my regards.

无 無

wú not to have / no / none / not / to lack / un- / -less

从无到有，这叫成就。

Cóng wú dào yǒu, zhè jiào chéngjiù.

Going from not having to having – that's success.

无法 無法

wúfǎ unable to / incapable of

你无法证明。

Nǐ wúfǎ zhèngmíng.

You can't prove that.

无聊 無聊

wúliáo bored / boring / senseless

她是个很无聊的人。

Tā shì gè hěn wúliáo de rén.

She is a very boring person.

无论 無論

wúlùn no matter what or how / regardless of whether...

无论从哪方面看，她很健康。

Wúlùn cóng nǎ fāngmiàn kàn, tā hěn jiànkāng.

To all appearances, she is healthy.

无数 無數

wúshù countless / numberless / innumerable

无所谓 無所謂

wúsuǒwèi to be indifferent / not to matter / cannot be said to be

无限 無限

wúxiàn unlimited / unbounded

五颜六色 五顏六色

wǔyánliùsè multicolored / every color under the sun

误会 誤會

wùhuì to misunderstand / to mistake / misunderstanding

别误会我。

Bié wùhuì wǒ.

Don't misunderstand me.

X

吸

xī to breathe / to suck in / to absorb / to inhale

我从来没有吸过毒。

Wǒ cónglái méiyǒu xīguo dú.

I never took drugs.

西瓜

xīguā watermelon

吸管

xīguǎn straw / pipette / eyedropper / snorkel

吸收

xīshōu to absorb / to assimilate / to ingest / to recruit

吸烟 吸煙

xīyān to smoke

我不吸烟了。

Wǒ bù xīyān le.

I don't smoke anymore.

吸引

xīyǐn to attract / to appeal to / to fascinate

他被那个女人吸引住了。

Tā bèi nàge nǚrén xīyǐn zhù le.

He was attracted to the woman.

喜爱 喜愛

xǐài to like / to love / to be fond of / favorite

细 細

xì thin or slender / finely particulate / thin and soft / fine / delicate / trifling / quiet / frugal

细节 細節

xìjié details / particulars

系列

xìliè series / set

系统 系統

xìtǒng system

他们已经换了系统。

Tāmen yǐjīng huàn le xìtǒng.

They've changed the system.

细致 細緻

xìzhi delicate / fine / careful / meticulous / painstaking

下个月 下個月

xiàgèyuè next month

夏季

xiàjì summer

下降

xiàjiàng to decline / to drop / to fall / to go down / to decrease

气温突然下降了。

Qìwēn tūrán xiàjiàng le.

The temperature has suddenly dropped.

下楼 下樓

xiàlóu to go downstairs

护士下楼把病人的药拿上来了。

Hùshi xiàlóu bǎ bìng rén de yào ná shàng lái le.

The nurse went downstairs to bring the patients' medicine up.

下载 下載

xiàzǎi to download

鲜 鮮

xiān fresh / bright (in color) / delicious / tasty / delicacy / aquatic foods

xiǎn few / rare

鲜花 鮮花

xiānhuā flower / fresh flowers

鲜明 鮮明

xiānmíng bright / fresh and clear / clear-cut / distinct

咸

xián all / everyone / each / widespread / harmonious / salted / salty / stingy / miserly / surname Xian

显著 顯著

xiǎnzhù outstanding / notable / remarkable / statistically significant

他的英语有了显著的进步。

Tā de Yīngyǔ yǒu le xiǎnzhù de jìnbù.

He made remarkable progress in English.

县 縣

xiàn county / prefecture

限制

xiànzhì to restrict / to limit / to confine / restriction / limit

他们把我的限制提高了。

Tāmen bǎ wǒ de xiànzhì tígāo le.

They've upped my limit.

箱

xiāng box / trunk / chest

相处 相處

xiāngchǔ to be in contact (with sb) / to associate / to interact / to get along (well, poorly)

相反

xiāngfǎn opposite / contrary

我的看法相反。

Wǒ de kàn fǎ xiāngfǎn.

My opinion is the opposite.

箱子

xiāngzi suitcase / chest / box / case / trunk

箱子很轻，我可以很容易地拿起来。

Xiāngzi hěn qīng, wǒ kěyǐ hěn róngyì de ná qǐ lai.

The box is very light - I can pick it up easily.

想念

xiǎngniàn to miss / to remember with longing / to long to see again

我很想念她。

Wǒ hěn xiǎngniàn tā.

I really miss her.

想象

xiǎngxiàng to imagine / to envision / imagination

项 项

xiàng back of neck / item / thing / term (in a mathematical formula) / sum (of money) / classifier for principles, items, clauses, tasks, research projects etc / surname Xiang

我同意这项建议。

Wǒ tóngyì zhè xiàng jiànyì.

I agreed to the proposal.

项目 项目

xiàngmù item / project / (sports) event

这是我的项目。

Zhè shì wǒ de xiàngmù.

This is my project.

相片

xiàngpiàn image / photograph

消化

xiāohuà to digest (food) / to absorb (information etc) / to assimilate / to process

销售 销售

xiāoshòu to sell / to market / sales (representative, agreement etc)

谁负责销售部门？

Shéi fùzé xiāoshòu bùmén?

Who's in charge of the sales section?

小吃

xiǎochī street food / snack

小伙子 小夥子

xiǎohuǒzi young man / young fellow / lad

小型

xiǎoxíng small scale / small size

效率

xiàolǜ efficiency

你们的效率太低了。

Nǐmen de xiàolǜ tài dī le.

It is inefficient of you.

些

xiē classifier indicating a small amount or small number greater than 1: some, a few, several

他买了些花。

Tā mǎi le xiē huā.

He bought some flowers.

新郎

xīnláng bridegroom / groom

心理

xīnlǐ psychology / mentality

他主要是心理的问题。

Tā zhǔyào shì xīnlǐ de wèntí.

His trouble was chiefly mental.

新娘

xīnniáng bride

新鲜 新鮮

xīnxiān fresh (experience, food etc) / freshness / novel / uncommon

新型

xīnxíng new type / new kind

这种新型的城市生活有什么特点？

Zhèzhǒng xīnxíng de chéngshì shēnghuó yǒu shénme tèdiǎn?

What's new about this way of urban living?

兴奋 興奮

xīngfèn excited / excitement / excitation

我让她兴奋。

Wǒ ràng tā xīngfèn.

I excited her.

型

xíng mold / type / style / model

型号 型號

xínghào model (particular version of a manufactured article) / type (product specification in terms of color, size etc)

形容

xíngróng to describe / countenance / appearance

形势 形勢

xíngshì circumstances / situation / terrain

最近这个区域的国际形势很紧张。

Zuìjìn zhège qūyù de guójì xíngshì hěn jǐnzhāng.

Recently, this area's international relations have become very tense.

醒

xǐng to wake up / to be awake / to become aware / to sober up / to come to

你还醒着吗？

Nǐ hái xǐngzhe ma?

Are you still up?

兴趣 興趣

xìngqù interest (desire to know about sth) / interest (thing in which one is interested) / hobby

他还有兴趣吗？

Tā hái yǒu xìngqù ma?

Is he still interested?

性质 性質

xìngzhì nature / characteristic

胸部

xiōngbù chest / bosom

兄弟

xiōngdì brothers / younger brother / I, me (humble term used by men in public speech) / brotherly / fraternal

他是我兄弟。

Tā shì wǒ xiōngdì.

He is my brother.

修理

xiūlǐ to repair / to fix / to prune / to trim / to sort sb out / to fix sb

选择 選擇

xuǎnzé to select / to pick / choice / option / alternative

你必须做选择。

Nǐ bìxū zuò xuǎnzé.

You have to choose.

学分 學分

xuéfēn course credit

学年 學年

xuénián academic year

学时 學時

xuéshí class hour / period

学术 學術

xuéshù learning / science / academic

学问 學問

xuéwèn learning / knowledge / scholarship / a body of specialized knowledge (CL:門|门[mén2]) / (fig.) any activity that demands expertise, skill or experience (e.g. gathering forensic evidence, selecting clothing, managing relationships)

寻找 尋找

xúnzhǎo to seek / to look for

沙米到处寻找。

Shā mǐ dào chù xúnzhǎo.

Sami searched everywhere.

迅速

xùnsù rapid / speedy / fast

他行动迅速。

Tā xíngdòng xùnsù.

He acts quickly.

Y

牙

yá tooth / ivory

我的牙很痛。

Wǒ de yá hěn tòng.

I've got a toothache.

牙刷

yáshuā toothbrush

亚运会 亞運會

yà yùn huì Asian Games

呀

ya (particle equivalent to 啊 after a vowel, expressing surprise or doubt)

yā ah (used to express surprise) / creaking

你到哪里呀？

Nǐ qù nǎlǐ ya?

Where are you going?

严 嚴

yán tight (closely sealed) / stern / strict / rigorous / severe / father / surname Yan

他这个人嘴很严。

Tā zhè ge rén zuǐ hěn yán.

He is the last person to give away the secret.

盐 鹽

yán salt

别放太多盐。

Bié fàng tài duō yán.

Don't add too much salt.

延长 延長

yáncháng to prolong / to extend / to delay

严格 嚴格

yángé strict / stringent / tight / rigorous

他在这方面不是很严格。

Tā zài zhè fāngmiàn bú shì hěn yángé.

He's not very strict about this.

研究

yánjiū research / a study / to research / to look into

他研究了十年。

Tā yánjiū le shí nián.

He studied for ten years.

研究生

yánjiūshēng graduate student / postgraduate student / research student

延期

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

延续 延續

yánxù to continue / to go on / to last

研制 研製

yánzhì to research and manufacture / to research and to develop

严重 嚴重

yánzhòng grave / serious / severe / critical

情况非常严重。

Qíngkuàng fēicháng yánzhòng.

The situation is very serious.

演讲 演講

yǎnjiǎng to give a lecture / to make a speech

眼镜 眼鏡

yǎnjìng spectacles / eyeglasses

我只有戴眼镜的话才看得清楚。

Wǒ zhǐyǒu dài yǎnjìng dehuà cái kàn de qīngchu.

I can only see clearly if I wear my glasses.

眼泪 眼淚

yǎnlèi tear / teardrop

我在流眼泪。

Wǒ zài liú yǎnlèi.

My eyes are watering.

阳台 陽臺

yángtái balcony / porch

养成 養成

yǎngchéng to cultivate / to raise / to form (a habit) / to acquire

腰

yāo the waist and lower back / kidney of an animal (as food) / the waist of trousers or a skirt / money pouch / pocket / the middle section of an upright object (mountain, bottle etc)

摇 搖

yáo to shake / to rock / to row / to crank / surname Yao

药物 藥物

yàowù medicaments / pharmaceuticals / medication / medicine / drug

将你需要的药物写在这张纸上。

Jiāng nǐ xūyào de yàowù xiě zài zhè zhāng zhǐ shàng.

Write down the medications you need on this piece of paper.

业余 業餘

yèyú in one's spare time / outside working hours / amateur (historian etc)

叶子 葉子

yèzi leaf (CL:片[pian4]) / marijuana

树长叶子了。

Shù zhǎng yèzi le.

The tree has grown leaves.

一般来说 一般來說

yībānláishuō generally speaking

依靠

yīkào to rely on / to depend on

你可以依靠他。

Nǐ kěyǐ yīkào tā.

You can rely on him.

医疗 醫療

yīliáo medical treatment

一律

yīlǜ same / identical / uniformly / all / without exception

依然

yīrán still / as before

我依然不关心。

Wǒ yīrán bù guānxīn.

I still don't care.

医学 醫學

yīxué medicine / medical science / study of medicine

一再

yīzài repeatedly

一致

yīzhì consistent / unanimous / in agreement / together / in unison

我和他们意见一致。

Wǒ hé tāmen yìjiàn yízhì.

I think the same as they do.

移

yí to move / to shift / to change / to alter / to remove

遗产 遺產

yíchǎn heritage / legacy / inheritance / bequest

遗传 遺傳

yíchuán heredity / to inherit (a trait) / to pass on (to one's offspring)

移动 移動

yídòng to move / movement / migration / mobile / portable

齐里移动的速度快多了。

Qí lǐ yídòng de sùdù kuài duō le.

Ziri was moving much faster.

移民

yímín to immigrate / to migrate / emigrant / immigrant

疑问 疑問

yíwèn question / interrogation / doubt

以及

yǐjǐ and / as well as

以内 以內

yǐnèi within / less than

议论 議論

yìlùn to comment / to talk about / to discuss / discussion

义务 義務

yìwù duty / obligation (CL:项[xiang4]) / volunteer (work etc)

引

yǐn to draw (e.g. a bow) / to pull / to stretch sth / to extend / to lengthen / to involve or implicate in / to attract / to lead / to guide / to leave / to provide evidence or justification for / old unit of distance equal to 10 丈[zhang4], one-thirtieth of a km or 33.33 meters

这条路会引你去博物馆。

Zhè tiáo lù huì yǐn nǐ qù bówùguǎn.

This road will take you to the museum.

引导 引導

yǐndǎo to guide / to lead (around) / to conduct / to boot / introduction / primer

她从正面加以引导。

Tā cóng zhèngmiàn jiǎyǐ yǐndǎo.
She leads by positive example.

引进 引進

yǐnjìn to recommend / to introduce (from outside)

引起

yǐnqǐ to give rise to / to lead to / to cause / to arouse

我们的到来引起了注意。

Wǒmen de dàolái yǐnqǐle zhùyì.
Our arrival drew attention.

应 應

yīng to agree (to do sth) / should / ought to / must / shall / surname Ying

yìng to answer / to respond / to comply with / to deal or cope with

这应证了我的想法。

Zhè yīng zhèng le wǒ de xiǎngfǎ.
That thought crossed my mind.

英勇

yīngyǒng heroic / gallant / valiant

赢得 贏得

yíngdé to win / to gain

营业 營業

yíngyè to do business / to trade

影子

yǐngzi shadow / reflection / hint / indication / influence

勇敢

yǒnggǎn brave / courageous

勇气 勇氣

yǒngqì courage

用途

yòngtú use / application

优良 優良

yōuliáng fine / good / first-rate

优美 優美

yōuměi graceful / fine / elegant

优秀 優秀

yōuxiù outstanding / excellent

你是个优秀的记者。

Nǐ shì gè yōuxiù de jìzhě.
You're an excellent journalist.

邮局 郵局

yóujú post office

请问，邮局在哪里？

Qǐngwèn, yóujú zài nǎlǐ?
Excuse me, where is the post office?

有趣

yǒuqù interesting / fascinating / amusing

昨天发生了一件有趣的事。

Zuótiān fāshēngle yí jiàn yǒuqù de shì.
Something interesting happened yesterday.

有限

yǒuxiàn limited / finite

幼儿园 幼兒園

yòu'eryuán kindergarten / nursery school

于是 於是

yúshì thereupon / as a result / consequently / thus / hence

语法 語法

yǔfǎ grammar / syntax

语音 語音

yǔyīn speech sounds / pronunciation / colloquial (rather than literary) pronunciation of a Chinese character / phonetic / audio / voice / to voice chat / voice message

玉

yù jade

休息时间我跟朋友一起玩剑玉。

Xiūxi shíjiān wǒ gēn péngyou yìqǐ wán jiàn yù.
During my break, I played kendama with my friend.

遇

yù to encounter / to happen upon / to meet unplanned / to treat / to receive / surname Yu

预测 預測

yùcè to forecast / to predict

遇到

yùdào to meet / to run into / to come across

你遇到了我。

Nǐ yùdàole wǒ.
You bumped into me.

预订 預訂

yùdìng to place an order / to book ahead

遇见 遇見

yùjiàn to meet

我昨天遇见了他。

Wǒ zuótiān yùjiànle tā.
I bumped into him yesterday.

玉米

yùmǐ corn / maize

圆 圓

yuán circle / round / circular / spherical / full / unit of Chinese currency (yuan) / tactful / to make consistent and whole (the narrative of a dream or a lie)

老师说地球是圆的。

Lǎoshī shuō dìqiú shì yuán de.
The teacher said that the earth is round.

原料

yuánliào raw material

日本从国外进口各种原料。

Rìběn cóng guówài jìnkǒu gèzhǒng yuánliào.

Japan imports various raw materials from abroad.

圆满 圓滿

yuánmǎn satisfactory / consummate / perfect

原则 原則

yuánzé principle / doctrine

约会 約會

yuēhuì appointment / engagement / date / to arrange to meet

月底

yuèdǐ end of the month

阅读 閱讀

yuèdú to read / reading

你能阅读吗？

Nǐ néng yuèdú ma?

Can you read?

运动会 運動會

yùndònghuì sports competition

运动员 運動員

yùndòngyuán athlete

那位运动员终于击进了一球。

Nà wèi yùndòngyuán zhōngyú jī jìn le yì qiú.

At the last moment the player was able to hit the ball in.

运气 運氣

yùnqì luck (good or bad)

运用 運用

yùnyòng to use / to put to use

Z

在乎

zài hu to rest with / to lie in / to be due to (a certain attribute) / (often used in the negative) to care about

再三

zài sān over and over again / again and again

在于 在於

zài yú to rest with / to lie in / to be due to (a certain attribute) / to be determined by / to be up to (sb)

赞成 贊成

zànchéng to approve / to endorse / to assist

赞赏 讚賞

zànshǎng to admire / to praise / to appreciate

赞助 贊助

zànzhù to support / to assist / to sponsor

造型

zàoxíng to model / to shape / appearance / style / design / form / pose

战斗 戰鬥

zhàndòu to fight / to engage in combat / struggle / battle

他们应该战斗。

Tāmen yīnggāi zhàndòu.

They should fight.

战胜 戰勝

zhànshèng to prevail over / to defeat / to surmount

他战胜了困难。

Tā zhànshèng le kùnnán.

He got over the difficulties.

战士 戰士

zhànshi fighter / soldier / warrior

战争 戰爭

zhànzhēng war / conflict

我反对战争。

Wǒ fǎnduì zhànzhēng.

I'm against the war.

丈夫

zhàngfu husband

他是我丈夫。

Tā shì wǒ zhàngfu.

He is my husband.

招呼

zhāo hu to call out to / to greet / to say hello to / to inform / to take care of / to take care that one does not

着火 著火

zháohuǒ to catch fire

着急 著急

zháoji to worry / to feel anxious / to feel a sense of urgency / to be in a hurry

召开 召開

zhàokāi to convene (a conference or meeting) / to convoke / to call together

委员会一个月召开两次。

Wěiyuánhui yí gè yuè zhàokāi liǎngcì.

The committee meets twice a month.

折

zhé to break / to fracture / to snap / to suffer loss / to bend / to twist / to turn / to change direction / convinced / to convert into (currency) / discount / rebate / tenth (in price) / classifier for theatrical scenes / to fold / accounts book / to fold

zhē to turn sth over / to turn upside down / to tip sth out (of a container)

shé to snap / to break (a stick, a bone etc) / to sustain a loss (in business)

能给我打个折么？

Néng gěi wǒ dǎ gè zhé me?

Can you give me a discount?

针 針

zhēn needle / pin / injection / stitch

我得给你打一针。

Wǒ děi gěi nǐ dǎ yì zhēn.

I need to give you an injection.

针对 針對

zhēnduì to target / to focus on / to be aimed at or against / in response to

我们应该禁止针对儿童的广告。

Wǒmen yīnggāi jìnzhǐ zhēnduì értóng de guǎnggào.

We should ban advertising aimed towards children.

阵 陣

zhèn disposition of troops / wave / spate / burst / spell / short period of time / classifier for events or states of short duration

征服

zhēngfú to conquer / to subdue / to vanquish

争论 爭論

zhēnglùn to argue / to debate / to contend / argument / contention / controversy / debate

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.

征求 徵求

zhēngqiú to solicit / to seek / to request (opinions, feedback etc) / to petition

政府

zhèngfǔ government

日本政府无法管理问题。

Rìběn zhèngfǔ wúfǎ guǎnlǐ wèntí.

The Japanese government can't cope with the problem.

政治

zhèngzhì politics / political

你关心政治吗？

Nǐ guānxīn zhèngzhì ma?

Are you concerned with politics?

之后 之後

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

我之后再考虑。

Wǒ zhīhòu zài kǎolǔ.

I'll think about it later.

之间 之間

zhījiān between / among / amid / (used after certain bisyllabic words to form expressions indicating a short period of time, e.g. 彈指之間|弹指之间[tan2 zhi3 zhi1 jian1])

在两者之间做选择。

Zài liǎngzhě zhījiān zuò xuǎnzé.

Choose between the two.

之前

zhīqián before / prior to / ago / previously / beforehand

之前你在哪里？

Zhīqián nǐ zài nǎlǐ?

Where were you?

之一

zhīyī one of (sth) / one out of a multitude / one (third, quarter, percent etc)

他是我的朋友之一。

Tā shì wǒ de péngyou zhīyī.

He is included among my friends.

植物

zhíwù plant / vegetation

植物能说话吗？

Zhíwù néng shuōhuà ma?

Can plants talk?

指挥 指揮

zhǐhuī to conduct / to command / to direct / conductor (of an orchestra)

治

zhì to rule / to govern / to manage / to control / to harness (a river) / to treat (a disease) / to wipe out (a pest) / to punish / to research

医生治好了她的病。

Yīshēng zhì hǎole tā de bìng.

The doctor cured her of her disease.

制订 制訂

zhìdìng to work out / to formulate

智力

zhìlì intelligence / intellect

质量 質量

zhìliàng mass / quality (i.e. degree of excellence) / quality and quantity

数量不如质量。

Shùliàng bùrú zhìliàng.

Quality is more important than quantity.

治疗 治療

zhìliáo to treat (an illness) / medical treatment / therapy

你必须坚持完成治疗。

Nǐ bìxū jiānchí wánchéng zhìliáo.

You must complete the treatment until the end.

智能

zhìnéng intelligent / able / smart (phone, system, bomb etc)

中介

zhōngjiè to act as intermediary / to link / intermediate / inter- / agency / agent

种类 種類

zhǒnglèi kind / genus / type / category / variety / species / sort / class

我已经读过很多种类的书了。

Wǒ yǐjīng dúguo hěnduō zhǒnglèi de shū le.

I've read many kinds of books.

中奖 中獎

zhòngjiǎng to win a prize (in a lottery etc)

重量

zhòngliàng weight

氧原子的重量几乎是氢原子的十六倍。

Yǎngyuánzǐ de zhòngliàng jīhū shì qīngyuánzǐ de shíliù bèi.

Oxygen atoms are almost sixteen times heavier than

hydrogen atoms.

种植 種植

zhòngzhí to plant / to grow (a crop) / to cultivate

你应该试试自己种植食物。

Nǐ yīnggāi shì shì zìjǐ zhòngzhí shíwù.

You should try growing your own food.

逐步

zhúbù progressively / step by step

逐渐 逐漸

zhújiàn gradually

她逐渐开始明白。

Tā zhújiàn kāishǐ míngbai.

She gradually began to understand.

主题 主題

zhǔtí theme / subject

那场会议主题是什么？

Nà chǎng huìyì zhǔtí shì shénme?

What was that meeting about?

主席

zhǔxí chairperson / premier / chairman

我们选她为主席。

Wǒmen xuǎn tā wèi zhǔxí.

We elected her chairperson.

祝福

zhùfú blessings / to wish sb well

著名

zhùmíng famous / noted / well-known / celebrated

著作

zhùzuò to write / literary work / book / article / writings

抓紧 抓緊

zhuājǐn to keep a firm grip on / to pay close attention to / to lose no time in (doing sth)

专心 專心

zhuānxīn to focus one's attention / to concentrate on (doing sth)

转动 轉動

zhuǎndòng to turn sth around / to swivel

zhuàndòng to rotate (about an axis) / to revolve / to turn / to move in a circle / to gyrate

转告 轉告

zhuǎngào to pass on / to communicate / to transmit

转身 轉身

zhuǎnshēn to turn round / to face about / to remarry (archaic)

我建议你转身回家。

Wǒ jiànyì nǐ zhuǎnshēn huíjiā.

I suggest you turn around and go back home.

转弯 轉彎

zhuǎnwān to turn / to go around a corner

转移 轉移

zhuǎnyí to shift / to relocate / to transfer / to shift (attention) / to change (the subject etc) / to metastasize

这些鸟不转移。

Zhèxiē niǎo bù zhuǎnyí.

These birds don't migrate.

装修 裝修

zhuāngxiū to decorate / interior decoration / to fit up / to renovate

装置 裝置

zhuāngzhì to install / installation / equipment / system / unit / device

你应该给他看看这装置。

Nǐ yīnggāi gěi tā kànkān zhè zhuāngzhì.

You should have shown him the device.

追求

zhuīqiú to pursue (a goal etc) stubbornly / to seek after / to woo

他们在追求幸福。

Tāmen zài zhuīqiú xìngfú.

They are after happiness.

准时 準時

zhǔnshí on time / punctual / on schedule

资料 資料

zīliào material / resources / data / information / profile (Internet)

你可以帮我更新这份资料吗？

Nǐ kěyǐ bāng wǒ gēngxīn zhè fèn zīliào ma?

Could I get you to update this data for me?

资源 資源

zīyuán natural resource (such as water or minerals) / resource (such as manpower or tourism)

美国的石油资源十分丰富。

Měiguó de shíyóu zīyuán shífēn fēngfù.

America abounds in oil.

自

zì self / oneself / from / since / naturally / as a matter of course

这是不证自明的。

Zhè shì bú zhèng zì míng de.

It's self-evident.

字母

zìmǔ letter (of the alphabet)

自信

zìxìn to have confidence in oneself / self-confidence

综合 綜合

zōnghé comprehensive / composite / synthesized / mixed / to sum up / to integrate / to synthesize

总共 總共

zǒnggòng altogether / in sum / in all / in total

总理 總理

zǒnglǐ premier / prime minister

这是总理住的房子。

Zhè shì zǒnglǐ zhù de fángzi.

This is the house in which the prime minister lives.

总统 總統

zǒngtǒng president (of a country)

他被选为总统。

Tā bèi xuǎn wéi zǒngtǒng.

He was elected president.

总之 總之

zǒngzhī in a word / in short / in brief

阻止

zǔzhǐ to prevent / to block

嘴巴

zuǐba mouth (CL:張|张[zhang1]) / slap in the face

最初

zuìchū first / primary / initial / original / at first / initially / originally

你们应该实行你们最初的计划。

Nǐmen yīnggāi shíxíng nǐmen zuìchū de jìhuà.

You must carry out your first plan.

作出

zuòchū to put out / to come up with / to make (a choice, decision, proposal, response, comment etc) / to issue (a permit, statement, explanation, apology, reassurance to the public etc) / to draw (conclusion) / to deliver (speech, judgment) / to devise (explanation) / to extract

你怎样作出的解释?

Nǐ zěnyàng zuòchū de jiěshì?

How do you account for that?

做梦 做夢

zuòmèng to dream / to have a dream / (fig.) to indulge in wishful thinking

作为 作為

zuòwéi one's conduct / deed / activity / accomplishment / achievement / to act as / as (in the capacity of) / qua / to view as / to look upon (sth as) / to take sth to be