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A

阿拉伯语 阿拉伯語

ālābóyǔ Arabic (language)

哎

āi hey! / (interjection used to attract attention or to express surprise or disapprobation)

挨家挨户 挨家挨戶

āijiāāihù to go from house to house

哀求

āiqiú to entreat / to implore / to plead

哎呀

āiyā interjection of wonder, shock or admiration

挨着 挨著

āizhe near

挨

ái to suffer / to endure / to pull through (hard times) / to delay / to stall / to play for time / to dawdle

āi in order / in sequence / close to / adjacent to

癌

ái cancer / (esp.) carcinoma

挨打

áidǎ to take a beating / to come under attack

癌症

áizhèng cancer

唉

ài alas / oh dear

āi interjection or grunt of agreement or recognition (e.g. yes, it's me!) / to sigh

爱不释手 愛不釋手

àibùshìshǒu to like sth so much that one is reluctant to put it down / to find sth utterly irresistible

爱理不理 愛理不理

àilǐbùlǐ standoffish / indifferent

爱面子 愛面子

àimiànzi to like to look good in the eyes of others / sensitive about how one is regarded by others / proud

碍事 礙事

àishì to be in the way / to be a hindrance / to be of consequence / to matter

爱惜 愛惜

àixī to cherish / to treasure / to use sparingly

艾滋病

àizibìng AIDS

安定

āndìng stable / calm / settled / to stabilize / Valium / diazepam

安抚 安撫

ānfǔ to placate / to pacify / to appease

安检 安檢

ānjiǎn security check (abbr. for 安全檢查|安全检查[an1 quan2 jian3 cha2]) / to do a security check

安眠药 安眠藥

ānmiányào sleeping pill

安宁 安寧

ānníng peaceful / tranquil / calm / composed / free from worry

安稳 安穩

ānwěn steady / stable / sedate / calm / (of sleep) sound / (of a transition) smooth

安心

ānxīn at ease / to feel relieved / to set one's mind at rest / to keep one's mind on sth

安逸

ānyì easy and comfortable / easy

暗地里 暗地裡

àndìli secretly / inwardly / on the sly

按键 按鍵

ànjiàn button or key (on a device) / keystroke / to press a button

案件

ànjiàn case / instance

按理说 按理說

ànlǐshuō it is reasonable to say that...

暗杀 暗殺

ànshā to assassinate

按说 按說

ànsuō in the ordinary course of events / ordinarily / normally

暗中

ànzhōng in the dark / in secret / on the sly / surreptitiously

昂贵 昂貴

ángguì expensive / costly

凹

āo concave / depressed / sunken / indented / female (connector etc)

wā (used in names)

熬

áo to cook on a slow fire / to extract by heating / to decoct / to endure

āo to simmer / to boil slowly

熬夜

áoyè to stay up late or all night

傲

ào proud / arrogant / to despise / unyielding / to defy

傲慢

àomàn arrogant / haughty

奥秘 奧祕

àomì secret / mystery

奥运会 奧運會

àoyùnhuì Olympic Games / the Olympics (abbr. for 奥林匹克运动会|奥林匹克运动会[Ao4 lin2 pi3 ke4 Yun4 dong4 hui4])

B

扒

bā to peel / to skin / to tear / to pull down / to cling to (sth on which one is climbing) / to dig

pá to rake up / to steal / to braise / to crawl

巴不得

bābude to be eager for / to long for / to look forward to

八卦

bāguà the eight divinatory trigrams of the Book of Changes 易經|易经[Yi4 jing1] / gossip / gossipy

芭蕾

bālěi ballet (loanword)

把柄

bǎbǐng handle / information that can be used against sb

把关 把關

bǎguān to guard a pass / to check on sth

把手

bǎshou handle / grip / knob

bǎshǒu to shake hands

靶子

bǎzi target

坝

bà plain / flatland / sandbar / shoal / dam / dike / embankment

罢工 罷工

bàgōng a strike / to go on strike

罢了 罷了

bále a modal particle indicating (that's all, only, nothing much)

bàliǎo a modal particle indicating (don't mind it, ok)

罢免 罷免

bàmiǎn to remove sb from their post / to dismiss

罢休 罷休

bàxiū to give up / to abandon (a goal etc) / to let sth go / forget it / let the matter drop

霸占 霸佔

bàzhàn to occupy by force / to seize / to dominate

掰

bāi to break off or break open sth with one's hands / to break off (a relationship)

白白

báibái in vain / to no purpose / for nothing / white

白领 白領

báilǐng white-collar / white-collar worker

摆放 擺放

bǎifàng to set up / to arrange / to lay out

百分比

bǎifēnbǐ percentage

百分点 百分點

bǎifēndiǎn percentage point

百合

bǎihé lily / (slang) yuri (genre depicting romantic or intimate relationships between women)

百科全书 百科全書

bǎikēquánshū encyclopedia

摆平 擺平

bǎipíng to be fair / to be impartial / to settle (a matter etc)

摆设 擺設

bǎishe ornament / decorative item / sth that is merely for show

bǎishè to set out / to display / to furnish (a room or house)

柏树 柏樹

bǎishù cypress tree

拜会 拜會

bàihui (often used in the context of diplomacy) to meet with / to pay a visit to / to call on

拜见 拜見

bàijiàn to pay a formal visit / to call to pay respects / to meet one's senior or superior

拜年

bàinián to pay a New Year call / to wish sb a Happy New Year

拜托 拜託

bàituō to request sb to do sth / please!

扳

bān to pull / to turn (sth) around / to turn around (a situation) / to recoup

颁布 頒布

bānbù to issue / to proclaim / to enact (laws, decrees etc)

斑点 斑點

bāndiǎn spot / stain / speckle

颁发 頒發

bānfā to issue / to promulgate / to award

颁奖 頒獎

bānjiǎng to confer an award

搬迁 搬遷

bānqiān to move / to relocate / removal

板块 板塊

bǎnkuài slab / tectonic plate / sector (of the stock market or of industry) / bloc

伴

bàn partner / companion / comrade / associate / to accompany

扮

bàn to disguise oneself as / to dress up / to play (a role) / to put on (an expression)

拌

bàn to mix / to mix in / to toss (a salad)

半边天 半邊天

bànbīāntiān half the sky / women of the new society / womenfolk

办不到 辦不到

bànbudào cannot be done / not feasible / impossible to accomplish

半场 半場

bànchǎng half of a game or contest / half-court

半岛 半島

bàndǎo peninsula

办公 辦公

bàngōng to handle official business (usu. in an office) / to do (office) work

半决赛 半決賽

bànjuésài semifinals

半路

bànlù halfway / midway / on the way

伴侣 伴侶

bànlǚ companion / mate / partner

办事处 辦事處

bànshìchù office / agency / bureau

半数 半數

bànshù half the number / half

伴随 伴隨

bànsuí to accompany / to follow / to occur together with / concomitant

半途而废 半途而廢

bàntúérfèi to give up halfway (idiom) / leave sth unfinished

半信半疑

bànxìnbànyí half believing, half doubting / not quite convinced / skeptical

办学 辦學

bànxué to run a school

半真半假

bànzhēnbànjiǎ half true and half false

伴奏

bànzòu to accompany (musically)

帮手 幫手

bāngshou helper / assistant

绑 綁

bǎng to tie / bind or fasten together / to kidnap

绑架 綁架

bǎngjià to kidnap / to abduct / to hijack / a kidnapping / abduction / staking

榜样 榜樣

bǎngyàng model / example (for people to follow) / (in reference to a person) role model

磅

bàng scale (instrument for weighing) / to weigh / pound (unit of weight, about 454 grams) / point (unit used to measure the size of type) / (printing) pound / ream weight (used to describe paper thickness)

棒球

bàngqiú baseball

傍晚

bàngwǎn in the evening / when night falls / towards evening / at night fall / at dusk

剥 剝

bāo to peel / to skin / to shell / to shuck

bō to peel / to skin / to flay / to shuck

煲

bāo deep cooking pot / to cook slowly in such a pot

包袱

bāofu wrapping cloth / a bundle wrapped in cloth / load / weight / burden / funny part / punchline

包容

bāoróng to pardon / to forgive / to show tolerance / to contain / to hold / inclusive

包扎 包紮

bāozā to wrap up / to pack / to bind up (a wound)

保管

bǎoguǎn to hold in safekeeping / to have in one's care / to guarantee / certainly / surely / custodian / curator

饱和 飽和

bǎohé saturated / filled to capacity

保健

bǎojiàn health protection / health care / to maintain in good health

宝库 寶庫

bǎokù treasure-house / treasury / treasure-trove (often fig., book of treasured wisdom)

堡垒 堡壘

bǎolěi fort

饱满 飽滿

bǎomǎn full / plump

保姆

bǎomǔ nanny / babysitter / housekeeper

保暖

bǎonuǎn to keep warm

保鲜 保鮮

bǎoxiān to keep fresh / to preserve freshness

保修

bǎoxiū to promise to keep sth in good repair / guarantee / warranty

保佑

bǎoyòu to bless and protect / blessing

宝藏 寶藏

bǎozàng precious mineral deposits / hidden treasure / treasure / the treasure of Buddha's law

保障

bǎozhàng to ensure / to guarantee / to safeguard

平等是由宪法保障的。

Píngděng shì yóu xiànfǎ bǎozhàng de.

Equality is guaranteed by the Constitution.

保质期 保質期

bǎozhìqī shelf life / expiration date

保重

bǎozhòng to take care of oneself

爆

bào to explode / to burst / to stir-fry briefly / to quick-boil

豹

bào leopard / panther

报仇 報仇

bàochóu to take revenge / to avenge

报酬 報酬

bàochou reward / remuneration

爆发 爆發

bàofā to break out / to erupt / to explode / to burst out

战争随时可能爆发。

Zhànzhēng suíshí kěnéng bàofā.

War may break out at any moment.

报废 報廢

bàofèi to scrap / to dispose of (sth worn-out or damaged)

暴风雨 暴風雨

bàofēngyǔ rainstorm / storm / tempest

看来我们要碰上一场暴风雨。

Kànlai wǒmen yào pèngshàng yìcháng bàofēngyǔ.

Looks like we're in for a storm.

暴风骤雨 暴風驟雨

bàofēngzhòuyǔ violent wind and rainstorm / hurricane / tempest

报复 報復

bàofù to make reprisals / to retaliate / revenge / retaliation

抱负 抱負

bàofù aspiration / ambition

曝光

bàoguāng to expose (photography) / to expose (a scandal) / exposure

报刊 報刊

bàokān newspapers and periodicals / the press

报考 報考

bàokǎo to enter oneself for an examination

爆冷门 爆冷門

bàolěngmén an upset (esp. in sports) / unexpected turn of events / to pull off a coup / a breakthrough

暴利

bàoli sudden huge profits

暴力

bàoli violence / force / violent

暴露

bàolù to expose / to reveal / to lay bare

爆满 爆滿

bàomǎn filled to capacity (of theater, stadium, gymnasium etc)

抱歉

bàoqiàn to be sorry / to feel apologetic / sorry!

报社 報社

bàoshè newspaper (i.e. a company)

报亭 報亭

bàotíng kiosk / newsstand

报销 報銷

bàoxiāo to submit an expense account / to apply for reimbursement / to write off / to wipe out

暴雨

bàoyǔ torrential rain / rainstorm

暴躁

bàozào irascible / irritable

爆炸

bàozhà explosion / to explode / to blow up / to detonate

爆竹

bàozhú firecracker

碑

bēi a monument / an upright stone tablet / stele

悲哀

bēiāi grieved / sorrowful

卑鄙

bēibǐ base / mean / contemptible / despicable

悲惨 悲惨

bēicǎn miserable / tragic

悲观 悲觀

bēiguān pessimistic

悲欢离合 悲歡離合

bēihuānlíhé joys and sorrows / partings and reunions / the vicissitudes of life

悲痛

bēitòng grieved / sorrowful

被捕

bèibǔ to be arrested / under arrest

被告

bèigào the defendant / the accused

贝壳 貝殼

bèiké shell (of a mollusk)

备课 備課

bèikè to do one's lesson preparation

背面

bèimiàn the back / the reverse side / the wrong side

背叛

bèipàn to betray

备受 備受

bèishòu to receive a great deal of (respect, criticism, attention etc)

他是一个备受欢迎的人。

Tā shì yí gè bèishòu huānyíng de rén.

He's a very popular guy. (person)

背诵 背誦

bèisòng to recite / to repeat from memory

背心

bèixīn sleeveless garment (vest, waistcoat, singlet, tank top etc)

备用 備用

bèiyòng reserve / spare / alternate / backup

背着 背著

bèizhe turning one's back to (sth or sb) / keeping sth secret from (sb) / keeping (one's hands) behind one's back

bēizhe carrying on one's back

奔波

bēnbō to rush about / to be constantly on the move

奔赴

bēnfù to rush to / to hurry to

奔跑

bēnpǎo to run

本地

běndì local / this locality

本分

běnfèn one's part / one's role / one's duty / one's bounds / dutiful / keeping to one's role

本能

běnnéng instinct

本期

běnqī the current period / this term (usually in finance)

本钱 本錢

běnqián capital / asset / advantage / the means (to do sth)

本色

běnsè inherent qualities / natural qualities / distinctive character / true qualities

běنشāi natural color

本身

běنشēn itself / in itself / per se

设计本身有问题。

Shèjì běنشēn yǒu wèntí.

The design itself is flawed.

本土

běntǔ one's native country / native / local / metropolitan territory

本性

běnxìng natural instincts / nature / inherent quality

本意

běnyì original idea / real intention / etymon

本着 本著

běnzhe based on... / in conformance with.. / taking as one's main principle

本质 本質

běnzhi essence / nature / innate character / intrinsic quality

奔

bèn to go to / to head for / towards

bēn to hurry / to rush / to run quickly / to elope

笨蛋

bèndàn fool / idiot / silly person

笨重

bènzòng heavy / cumbersome / unwieldy / laborious / arduous

绷 繃

bēng to draw tight / to stretch taut / to tack (with thread or pin) / embroidery hoop / woven bed mat

běng to have a taut face

绷带 繃帶

bēngdài bandage

崩溃 崩潰

bēngkuì to collapse / to crumble / to fall apart

蹦

bèng to jump / to bounce / to hop

逼

bī to force (sb to do sth) / to compel / to press for / to extort / to press on towards / to press up to / to close in on / euphemistic variant of 戾[bīl]

他是给逼的。

Tā shì gěi bī de.

He is being forced.

逼近

bījìn to press on towards / to close in on / to approach / to draw near

逼迫

bīpò to force / to compel / to coerce

逼真

bīzhēn lifelike / true to life / distinctly / clearly

鼻涕

bítì nasal mucus / snivel / snot

比比皆是

bǐbǐjiēshì can be found everywhere

比不上

bǐbùshàng can't compare with

比起

bǐqǐ compared with

比试 比試

bǐshì to have a competition / to measure with one's hand or arm / to make a gesture of measuring

笔试 筆試

bǐshì written examination / paper test (for an applicant)

鄙视 鄙視

bǐshì to despise / to disdain / to look down upon

比喻

bǐyù to compare / to liken to / metaphor / analogy / figure of speech / figuratively

闭 閉

bì to close / to stop up / to shut / to obstruct

闭上你的嘴。

Bì shàng nǐ de zuǐ.

Shut your mouth.

弊病

bìbìng malady / evil / malpractice / drawback / disadvantage

必不可少

bìbùkěshǎo absolutely necessary / indispensable / essential

必定

bìdìng to be bound to / to be sure to

弊端

bìduān systemic problem (sometimes refers specifically to corrupt practices)

壁画 壁畫

bìhuà mural (painting) / fresco

必将 必將

bìjiāng inevitably

碧绿 碧綠

bìlǜ dark green

避难 避難

bìnàn to take refuge / to seek asylum

避暑

bìshǔ to be away for the summer holidays / to spend a holiday at a summer resort / to prevent sunstroke

必修

bìxiū required / compulsory

鞭策

biāncè to spur on / to urge on / to encourage sb (e.g. to make progress)

编号 編號

biānhào to number / to assign numbers / serial number

边疆 邊疆

biānjiāng border area / borderland / frontier / frontier region

边界 邊界

biānjiè boundary / border

编剧 編劇

biānjù to write a play / scenario / dramatist / screenwriter

编排 編排

biānpái to arrange / to lay out

鞭炮

biānpào firecrackers / string of small firecrackers

编写 編寫

biānxiě to compile

边缘 邊緣

biānyuán edge / fringe / verge / brink / periphery / marginal / borderline

边远 邊遠

biānyuǎn far from the center / remote / outlying

编造 編造

biānzào to compile / to draw up / to fabricate / to invent / to concoct / to make up / to cook up

编制

biānzhi to establish (a unit or department) / authorized staffing allocation in government or public institutions (excluding temporary or contract staff) / to weave / to plait / to compile / to put together (a lesson plan, budget etc)

扁

biǎn flat / to beat (sb) up
piǎn small / surname Pian

贬值 貶值

biǎnzhí to become devaluated / to devalue / to depreciate

便

biàn plain / informal / suitable / convenient / opportune / to urinate or defecate / equivalent to 就[jiu4]: then / in that case / even if / soon afterwards

我会让你搭个便车。

Wǒ huì ràng nǐ dā gè biàn chē.

I'll give you a ride.

辩 辯

biàn to dispute / to debate / to argue / to discuss

辨别 辨別

biànbíe to distinguish / to differentiate / to discern / to recognize / to tell

遍布

biànbù to cover the whole (area) / to be found throughout

便道

biàndào pavement / sidewalk / shortcut / makeshift road

遍地

biàndì everywhere / all over

便饭 便飯

biànfàn an ordinary meal / simple home cooking

变革 變革

biàngé to transform / to change

变更 變更

biàngēng to change / to alter / to modify

辩护 辯護

biànhù to speak in defense of / to argue in favor of / to defend / to plead

变换 變換

biànhuàn to transform / to convert / to vary / to alternate / a transformation

变幻莫测 變幻莫測

biànhuànmòcè to change unpredictably / unpredictable / erratic / treacherous

便捷

biànjié convenient and fast

辩解 辯解

biànjiě to explain / to justify / to defend (a point of view etc) / to provide an explanation / to try to defend oneself

便利店

biànlidiàn convenience store

变迁 變遷

biànqiān changes / vicissitudes

辨认 辨認

biànrèn to recognize / to identify

便是

biànshì (emphasizes that sth is precisely or exactly as stated) / precisely / exactly / even / if / just like / in the same way as

数大便是美。

Shù dà biànshì Měi.

The more, the better.

变形 變形

biànxíng to become deformed / to change shape / to morph

变异 變異

biànyì variation

变质 變質

biànzhì to degenerate / to deteriorate / to go bad / to go off / metamorphism

辫子 辮子

biànzi plait / braid / pigtail / a mistake or shortcoming that may be exploited by an opponent / handle

标 標

biāo mark / sign / label / to mark with a symbol, label, lettering etc / to bear (a brand name, registration number etc) / prize / award / bid / target / quota / the topmost branches of a tree / visible symptom / classifier for military units

标榜 標榜

biāobǎng to flaunt / to advertise / to parade / boost / excessive praise

标本 標本

biāoběn specimen / sample / the root cause and symptoms of a disease

标签 標籤

biāoqiān label / tag / tab (GUI element)

飙升 飆升

biāoshēng to rise rapidly / to soar

标示 標示

biāoshì to indicate

标语 標語

biāoyǔ written slogan / placard

标致 標致

biāozhì Peugeot (automobile brand)

biāozhì beautiful / pretty

表白

biǎobái to explain oneself / to express / to reveal one's thoughts or feelings / declaration / confession

表决 表決

biǎojié to decide by vote / to vote

表面上

biǎomiànshang outwardly / superficially / on the face of it

表述

biǎoshù to express / to articulate / to formulate

表率

biǎoshuài example / model

表态 表態

biǎotài to declare one's position / to say where one stands

表彰

biǎozhāng to honor / to commend / to cite (in dispatches)

憋

biē to choke / to stifle / to restrain / to hold back / to hold in (urine) / to hold (one's breath)

别具匠心 別具匠心

biéjùjiāngxīn to show ingenuity / clever / brilliantly conceived

别看 別看

biékàn don't be fooled by the fact that

别墅 別墅

biéshù villa

别说 別說

biéshuō to say nothing of / not to mention / let alone

别提了 別提了

biétile say no more / don't bring it up / drop the subject

别致 別緻

biézhì unusual / unique

别扭 警扭

bièniu awkward / difficult / uncomfortable / not agreeing / at loggerheads / gauche

彬彬有礼 彬彬有禮

bīnbīnyǒulǐ refined and courteous / urbane

缤纷 繽紛

bīnfēn vast and various / rich and diverse

滨海 濱海

bīnhǎi coastal / bordering the sea / Binhai (place name) / Binhai New District, subprovincial district of Tianjin / Binhai county in Yancheng 鹽城|盐城[Yan2 cheng2], Jiangsu / fictitious city Binhai in political satire / Primorsky, a territory in the far east of Russia

冰山

bīngshān iceberg / ice-covered mountain / a backer one cannot rely on for long

丙

bǐng third of the ten Heavenly Stems 十天干[shí2 tiān1 gān1] / third in order / letter "C" or Roman "III" in list "A, B, C", or "I, II, III" etc / ancient Chinese compass point: 165° / propyl

秉承

bǐngchéng to take orders / to receive commands / to carry on (a tradition)

病床

bìngchuáng hospital bed / sickbed

病房

bìngfáng ward (of a hospital) / sickroom

并非 並非

bìngfēi really isn't

她说她并非专家。

Tā shuō tā bìngfēi zhuānjiā.

She said that she's no expert.

并购 併購

bìnggòu merger and acquisition (M and A) / acquisition / to take over

并列 並列

bìngliè to stand side by side / to be juxtaposed

病情

bìngqíng state of an illness / patient's condition

并行 並行

bìngxíng to proceed in parallel / side by side (of two processes, developments, thoughts etc)

病症

bìngzhèng disease / illness

拨 撥

bō to push aside with the hand, foot, a stick etc / to dial / to allocate / to set aside (money) / to poke (the fire) / to pluck (a string instrument) / to turn round / classifier: group, batch

播

bō to sow (seeds) / to spread (ideas, rumors etc) / to broadcast (radio signals etc)

拨打 撥打

bōdǎ to call / to dial

波动 波動

bōdòng to undulate / to fluctuate / wave motion / rise and fall

剥夺 剝奪

bōduó to deprive / to expropriate / to strip (sb of his property)

波及

bōjí to spread to / to involve / to affect

拨款 撥款

bōkuǎn to allocate funds / appropriation

波澜 波瀾

bōlán billows / great waves (fig. of a story with great momentum)

波浪

bōlàng wave

波涛 波濤

bōtāo billows / great waves / surging waves

拨通 撥通

bōtōng to get through to sb on the phone

剥削 剝削

bōxuē to exploit / exploitation

波折

bōzhé twists and turns

伯伯

bóbo father's elder brother / uncle

搏斗 搏鬥

bódòu to wrestle / to fight / to struggle

伯父

bófù father's elder brother / term of respect for older man

驳回 駁回

bóhuì to reject / to turn down / to overrule

伯母

bómǔ wife of father's elder brother / aunt / (polite form of address for a woman who is about the age of one's mother)

脖子

bózi neck

捕

bǔ to catch / to seize / to capture

补给 補給

bǔjǐ supply / replenishment / to replenish

补救 補救

bǔjiù to remedy

补考 補考

bǔkǎo to sit for a makeup exam / to resit an exam / makeup exam / resit

补课 補課

bǔkè to make up missed lesson / to reschedule a class

补习 補習

bǔxí to take extra lessons in a cram school or with a private tutor

哺育

bǔyù to feed / to nurture / to foster

补助 補助

bǔzhù to subsidize / subsidy / allowance

捕捉

bǔzhuō to catch / to seize / to capture

不便

bùbiàn inconvenient / inappropriate / unsuitable / short of cash

不成

bùchéng won't do / unable to / (at the end of a rhetorical question) can that be?

不耻下问 不恥下問

bùchǐxiàwèn not feel ashamed to ask and learn from one's subordinates

不辞而别 不辭而別

bùcíérbié to leave without saying good-bye

不得而知

bùdéérxī unknown / unable to find out

不得已

bùdéyǐ to act against one's will / to have no alternative but to / to have to / to have no choice / must

不定

bùdìng indefinite / indeterminate / adventitious

部队 部隊

bùduì army / armed forces / troops / force / unit

步伐

bùfá pace / step / march

不妨

bùfáng there is no harm in / might as well

不服

bùfú not to accept sth / to want to have sth overruled or changed / to refuse to obey or comply / to refuse to accept as final / to remain unconvinced by / not to give in to

不服气 不服氣

bùfúqì unwilling to concede / defiant / indignant / to find it galling

不假思索

bùjiǎsīsuǒ to act without taking time to think / to react instantly / to fire from the hip

不见 不見

bùjiàn not to see / not to meet / to have disappeared / to be missing

部件

bùjiàn part / component

不见得 不見得

bùjiànde not necessarily / not likely

不解

bùjiě to not understand / to be puzzled by / indissoluble

不禁

bùjīn can't help (doing sth) / can't refrain from

我不禁想我的儿子一直都在生。

Wǒ bùjīn xiǎng wǒ de érzi yìzhí dōu zài shēng.

I cannot help thinking that my son is still alive.

不仅仅 不僅僅

bùjǐnjīn not only / not just

不经意 不經意

bùjīngyì not paying attention / carelessly / by accident

不景气 不景氣

bùjǐngqì slack / in a slump

布局 佈局

bùjú arrangement / composition / layout / opening (chess jargon)

不堪

bùkān cannot bear / cannot stand / utterly / extremely

不可避免

bùkěbìmiǎn inevitable / unavoidable

不可思议 不可思議

bùkěsīyì inconceivable / unimaginable / unfathomable

不理

bùlǐ to refuse to acknowledge / to pay no attention to / to take no notice of / to ignore

不了了之

bùliǎoliǎozhī to settle a matter by leaving it unsettled / to end up with nothing definite

不料

bùliào unexpectedly / to one's surprise

布满 布滿

bùmǎn to be covered with / to be filled with

不平

bùpíng uneven / injustice / unfairness / wrong / grievance / indignant / dissatisfied

不起眼

bùqǐyǎn unremarkable / nothing out of the ordinary

不容

bùróng must not / cannot / to not allow / cannot tolerate

步入

bùrù to step into / to enter

不慎

bùshèn incautious / inattentive

不适 不適

bùshì unwell / indisposed / out of sorts

部署

bùshǔ to dispose / to deploy / deployment

不算

bùsuàn to not calculate / to not count / to not be considered (as) / to have no weight

不通

bùtōng to be obstructed / to be blocked up / to be impassable / to make no sense / to be illogical

不同寻常 不同尋常

bùtóngxúncáng out of the ordinary / unusual

不为人知 不為人知

bùwéirénzhī not known to anyone / secret / unknown

不惜

bùxī not stint / not spare / not hesitate (to do sth) / not scruple (to do sth)

不相上下

bùxiāngshàngxià equally matched / about the same

不像话 不像話

bùxiànghuà unreasonable / shocking / outrageous

不屑

bùxiè to disdain to do sth / to think sth not worth doing / to feel it beneath one's dignity

不懈

bùxiè untiring / unremitting / indefatigable

不亚于 不亞於

bùyà yú no less than / not inferior to

不宜

bùyí not suitable / inadvisable / inappropriate

不已

bùyǐ endlessly / incessantly

不以为然 不以為然

bùyǐwéirán not to accept as correct (idiom) / to object / to disapprove / to take exception to

不翼而飞 不翼而飛

bùyìérfēi to disappear without trace / to vanish all of a sudden / to spread fast / to spread like wildfire

不亦乐乎 不亦樂乎

bùyìlèhū lit. isn't that a joy? (quote from Confucius) / fig. (jocular) extremely / awfully

不用说 不用說

bùyòngshuō needless to say / it goes without saying

不由得

bùyóude can't help / cannot but

不由自主

bùyóuzìzhǔ can't help but / involuntarily

不予

bùyǔ not to (do sth)

不约而同 不約而同

bùyüéertóng (of two or more people) to take the same action without prior consultation / (usu. used adverbially) all (or both) of them, independently / as if by prior agreement

不再

bùzài no more / no longer

我不再爱你了。

Wǒ búzài ài nǐ le.

I don't love you anymore.

不怎么 不怎麼

bùzěnmē not very / not particularly

不怎么样 不怎麼樣

bùzěnmeyàng not up to much / very indifferent / nothing great about it / nothing good to be said about it

不正之风 不正之風

bùzhèngzhīfēng unhealthy tendency

不知

bùzhī not to know / unaware / unknowingly / fig. not to admit (defeat, hardships, tiredness etc)

不知作者在说什么。

Bùzhī zuòzhě zài shuō shénme.

It is not clear what the writer is trying to say.

不知不觉 不知不覺

bùzhībùjué unconsciously / unwittingly

不值

bùzhí not worth

不至于 不至於

bùzhìyú unlikely to go so far as to / not as bad as

步骤 步驟

bùzhòu procedure / step

不准

bùzhǔn not to allow / to forbid / to prohibit

C

猜谜 猜謎

cāimí to answer a riddle / to guess (i.e. form an opinion without much evidence)

猜想

cāixiǎng to guess / to conjecture / to suppose / conjecture / hypothesis

裁

cái to cut out (as a dress) / to cut / to trim / to reduce / to diminish / to cut back (e.g. on staff) / decision / judgment

裁定

cáidìng ruling

才华 才華

cáihuá talent

财经 財經

cáijīng finance and economics

裁决 裁決

cáijué ruling / adjudication

财力 財力

cáilì financial resources

财务 財務

cáiwù financial affairs / finance

财物 財物

cáiwù property / belongings

财政 財政

cáizhèng public finance / government finance

俄罗斯面临着严重的财政困难。

Éluósī miànlínzhe yánzhòng de cáizhèng kùnnán.

Russia is facing great financial difficulties.

踩

cǎi to step on / to tread / to stamp / to press a pedal / to pedal (a bike) / to downvote

采

cǎi to pick / to pluck / to collect / to select / to choose / to gather / color / complexion / looks

彩电 彩電

cǎidiàn color television (abbr. for 彩色電視|彩色电视[cai3 se4 dian4 shi4])

彩虹

cǎihóng rainbow

采集 採集

cǎijí to gather / to collect / to harvest

采矿 採礦

cǎikuàng mining

采纳 採納

cǎinà to accept / to adopt

彩霞

cǎixiá clouds tinged with sunset hues

菜市场 菜市場

càishìchǎng food market

我每天去菜市场买蔬菜。

Wǒ měitiān qù càishìchǎng mǎi shūcài.

I go to the market every day to buy vegetables.

餐

cān meal / to eat / classifier for meals

参见 參見

cānjiàn to refer to / compare (cf.) / to pay respect to

参军 參軍

cānjūn to join the army / (official title in imperial China) military adviser / aide-de-camp

参谋 參謀

cānmóu staff officer / to give advice

参赛 參賽

cānsài to compete / to take part in a competition

参展 參展

cānzhǎn to exhibit at or take part in a trade show etc

参照 參照

cānzhào to consult a reference / to refer to (another document)

餐桌

cānzhuō dining table / dinner table

残 殘

cán to destroy / to spoil / to ruin / to injure / cruel / oppressive / savage / brutal / incomplete / disabled / to remain / to survive / remnant / surplus

残疾 殘疾

cánjī disabled / handicapped / deformity on a person or animal

残疾人 殘疾人

cánjírén disabled person

残酷 殘酷

cánkù cruel / harsh / merciless

惭愧 慚愧

cánkui ashamed

残留 殘留

cánliú to remain / to be left over / residual / remnant / residue

残缺 殘缺

cánquē badly damaged / shattered

残忍 殘忍

cánrěn cruel / merciless / ruthless

惨 慘

cǎn miserable / wretched / cruel / inhuman / disastrous / tragic / dim / gloomy

惨白 慘白

cǎnbái deathly pale

惨痛 慘痛

cǎntòng bitter / painful / deeply distressed

惨重 慘重

cǎnzhòng disastrous

灿烂 燦爛

cànlàn to glitter / brilliant / splendid

他脸上带着灿烂的笑容。

Tā liǎnshàng dàizhe cànlàn de xiàoróng.

He had a beaming smile on his face.

舱 艙

cāng cabin / the hold of a ship or airplane

仓库 倉庫

cāngkù depot / storehouse / warehouse

沧桑 滄桑

cāngsāng great changes / ups and downs / vicissitudes / abbr. of 滄海桑田|沧海桑田[cang1 hai3 sang1 tian2]

苍蝇 蒼蠅

cāngying housefly

藏

cáng to conceal / to hide away / to harbor / to store / to collect
zàng storehouse / depository / Buddhist or Taoist scripture / Tibetan ethnic group / Tibet Autonomous Region (short name for 西藏自治区|西藏自治区[Xi1 zang4 Zi4 zhi4 qu1])

他在藏甚么？

Tā zài cáng shénme?

What's he hiding?

藏匿

cángnì to cover up / to conceal / to go into hiding

藏品

cángpǐn museum piece / collector's item / precious object

藏身

cángshēn to hide / to go into hiding / to take refuge

操控

cāokòng to control / to manipulate

操劳 操勞

cāoláo to work hard / to look after

操心

cāoxīn to worry about

操纵 操縱

cāozòng to operate / to control / to rig / to manipulate

槽

cáo trough / manger / groove / channel / (computing) hard drive

草案

cǎo'àn draft (legislation, proposal etc)

草坪

cǎopíng lawn

侧 側

cè the side / to incline towards / to lean / inclined / lateral / side

zhāi lean on one side

测定 測定

cèdìng to determine (by measuring or surveying)

策划 策劃

cèhuà to plot / to scheme / to bring about / to engineer / planning / producer / planner

策略

cèlüè strategy / tactics / crafty / adroit

侧面 側面

cèmiàn lateral side / side / aspect / profile

测算 測算

cèsuàn to take measurements and calculate

厕所 廁所

cèsuǒ toilet / lavatory

测验 測驗

cèyàn test / to test

侧重 側重

cèzhòng to place particular emphasis on

层出不穷 層出不窮

céngchūbùqióng more and more emerge / innumerable succession / breeding like flies (idiom)

层面 層面

céngmiàn aspect / facet / level (political, psychological, spiritual etc) / bedding plane

蹭

cèng to rub against / to walk slowly / to freeload

差错 差錯

chācuò mistake / slip-up / fault / error / accident / mishap

差额 差額

chā'é balance (financial) / discrepancy (in a sum or quota) / difference

插手

chāshǒu to get involved in / to meddle / interference

插图 插圖

chātú illustration

差异 差異

chāyì difference / discrepancy

插嘴

chāzuǐ to interrupt (sb talking) / to butt in / to cut into a conversation

查出

cháchū to find out / to discover

查处 查處

cháchǔ to investigate and handle (a criminal case)

茶道

chá dào Japanese tea ceremony / sado

察觉 察覺

chájué to sense / to perceive / to become aware of / to detect

察看

chá kàn to watch / to look carefully at

查看

chá kàn to look over / to examine / to check up / to ferret out

查明

chá míng to investigate and find out / to ascertain

查找

chá zhǎo to search for / to look up

诧异 詫異

chà yì flabbergasted / astonished

拆迁 拆遷

chāi qiān to demolish a building and relocate the inhabitants

掺 摻

chān to mix / to blend / to dilute / to adulterate

shǎn to grasp

搀 攙

chān to take by the arm and assist

缠 纏

chán to wind around / to wrap round / to coil / tangle / to involve / to bother / to annoy

馋 饞

chán gluttonous / greedy / to have a craving

禅杖 禪杖

chán zhàng the staff of a Buddhist monk

产 產

chǎn to give birth / to reproduce / to produce / product / resource / estate / property

本产品产自中国。
Běn chǎn pǐn chǎn zì Zhōngguó.
This product was made in China.

铲

chǎn to scrape the ground with a spade (to make it level or to remove weeds) / to shovel / spade / shovel

产地 產地

chǎn dì source (of a product) / place of origin / manufacturing location

产量 產量

chǎn liàng output

米的产量减少了。

Mǐ de chǎn liàng jiǎn shǎo le.

Production of rice has decreased.

阐述 闡述

chǎn shù to expound (a position) / to elaborate (on a topic) / to treat (a subject)

产物 產物

chǎn wù product / result (of)

产值 產值

chǎn zhí value of output / output value

铲子 鏟子

chǎn zi shovel / spade / trowel / spatula (kitchen utensil)

颤抖 顫抖

chàn dǒu to shudder / to shiver / to shake / to tremble

猖狂

chāng kuáng savage / furious

昌盛

chāng shèng prosperous

长达 長達

cháng dá to extend as long as / to lengthen out to

长短 長短

cháng duǎn length / accident / mishap / right and wrong / good and bad / merits and demerits

嫦娥

cháng é Chang'e, the lady in the moon (Chinese mythology) / one of the Chang'e series of PRC lunar spacecraft

常规 常規

cháng guī code of conduct / conventions / common practice / routine (medical procedure etc)

偿还 償還

cháng huán to repay / to reimburse

长假 長假

cháng jià long vacation

长久 長久

cháng jiǔ long-time / long-term / lasting / enduring / permanent / for a long time

希望我们能长久合作。

Xī wàng wǒ men néng cháng jiǔ hé zuò.

I hope that we can co-operate for a long time.

常理

cháng lǐ common sense / conventional reasoning and morals

常年

cháng nián all year round / for years on end / average year

长跑 長跑

cháng pǎo long-distance running

长期以来 長期以來

cháng qī yǐ lái for a long time

常人

cháng rén ordinary person

常态 常態

cháng tài normal state

常温 常溫

cháng wēn room temperature / ordinary temperatures

长效 長效

cháng xiào to be effective over an extended period

长远 長遠

cháng yuǎn long-term / long-range

从长远来看，也许结果比你所想的要好。

Cóng cháng yuǎn lái kàn, yě xǔ jié guǒ bǐ nǐ suǒ xiǎng de yào hǎo.

It might turn out better than you think in the long run.

长征 長征

cháng zhēng expedition / long journey / Long March (retreat of the Red Army 1934-1935)

长足 長足

cháng zú remarkable (progress, improvement, expansion etc)

场地 場地

chǎng dì space / site / place / sports pitch

场馆 場館

chǎng guǎn sporting venue / arena

厂家 廠家

chǎng jiā factory / manufacturer / a factory owner / the factory management

场景 場景

chǎng jǐng scene / scenario / situation / setting

敞开 敞開

chǎng kāi to open wide / unrestrictedly

厂商 廠商

chǎng shāng manufacturer / producer

畅谈 暢談

chàng tán to talk freely / to discuss without inhibition

畅通 暢通

chàng tōng unobstructed / unimpeded / free-flowing / smooth

畅销 暢銷

chàng xiāo to sell well / bestselling / chart-topping

倡议 倡議

chàng yì to suggest / to initiate / proposal / initiative

超

chāo to exceed / to overtake / to surpass / to transcend / to pass / to cross / ultra- / super-

我被一辆车超了。

Wǒ bèi yí liàng chē chāo le.

I was overtaken by a car.

超标 超標

chāo biāo to cross the limit / to be over the accepted norm / excessive

超车 超車

chāo chē to overtake (another car)

超出

chāo chū to exceed / to overstep / to go too far / to encroach

钞票 鈔票

chāo piào paper money / a bill (e.g. 100 yuan)

超前

chāo qián to be ahead of one's time / to surpass or outdo one's predecessors / to be ahead of the pack / to take the lead / advanced

超速

chāo sù to exceed the speed limit / to speed / high-speed

抄袭 抄襲

chāo xí to plagiarize / to copy / to attack the flank or rear of an enemy

朝代

cháo dài dynasty / reign (of a king)

嘲弄

cháo nòng to tease / to poke fun at / to make fun of

嘲笑

cháo xiào to jeer at / to deride / to ridicule / mockery / derision

不要嘲笑我了！

Bú yào cháo xiào wǒ le!

Stop mocking me!

朝着 朝著

cháo zhe towards

炒

chǎo to sauté / to stir-fry / to speculate (in real estate etc) / to scalp / to hype up / to sack / to fire (sb)

秘书被炒了。

Mì shū bèi chǎo le.

The secretary was dismissed.

炒股

chǎo gǔ to speculate in stocks

吵嘴

chǎo zuǐ to quarrel

炒作

chǎo zuò to hype / to promote (in the media)

车道 車道

chē dào traffic lane / driveway

车号 車號

chē hào vehicle number (license plate number, taxi number, bus number, train car number)

车祸 車禍

chē huò traffic accident / car crash

车间 車間

chējiān workshop

车轮 車輪

chēlún wheel

车牌 車牌

chēpái vehicle license plate

车速 車速

chēsù vehicle speed

车位 車位

chēwèi parking spot / unloading point / garage place / stand for taxi

车厢 車廂

chēxiāng carriage

车型 車型

chēxíng vehicle model (i.e. particular version of a car or motorcycle etc)

车展 車展

chēzhǎn auto show / motor show

车轴 車軸

chēzhóu axle

扯

chě to pull / to tear / to buy / to chat / to gossip / (Tw) ridiculous / hokey

别再扯你姐姐的头发了!

Bié zài chě nǐ jiějie de tóufa le!

Stop pulling your sister's hair.

撤

chè to remove / to take away

撤换 撤換

chèhuàn to dismiss and replace (sb) / to replace (sb or sth)

撤离 撤離

chèlí to withdraw from / to evacuate

撤销 撤銷

chèxiāo to cancel / to revoke / to rescind / to undo

彻夜 徹夜

chèyè the whole night

沉淀 沉澱

chéndiàn to settle / to precipitate / sediment / precipitate / (of emotions, thoughts, experience etc) to settle and be absorbed over time / to take shape gradually (through reflection or maturation)

沉甸甸

chéndiàndiàn heavy

沉浸

chénjìn to soak / to permeate / to immerse

陈旧 陳舊

chénjiù old-fashioned / out of date / obsolete / antiquated

陈列 陳列

chénliè to display / to exhibit

沉闷 沉悶

chénmèn oppressive (of weather) / heavy / depressed / not happy / dull / muffled

沉迷

chénmí to be engrossed / to be absorbed with / to lose oneself in / to be addicted to

陈述 陳述

chénshù to state / to declare

沉思

chénsī to contemplate / to ponder / contemplation / meditation

沉稳 沉穩

chénwěn steady / calm / unflustered

沉着 沉着

chénzhuó steady / calm and collected / not nervous

趁

chèn to avail oneself of / to take advantage of

趁机 趁機

chènjī to seize an opportunity

衬托 襯托

chèntuō to serve to highlight / to serve as a backdrop or contrasting element

趁早

chènzǎo as soon as possible / at the first opportunity / the sooner the better / before it's too late

撑 撐

chēng to support / to prop up / to push or move with a pole / to maintain / to open or unfurl / to fill to bursting point / brace / stay / support

称呼 稱呼

chēnghu to call / to address as / form of address / appellation

称作 稱作

chēngzuò to be called / to be known as

承包

chéngbāo to contract / to undertake (a job)

成才

chéngcái to make sth of oneself / to become a person who is worthy of respect

惩处 懲處

chéngchǔ to punish / to administer justice

惩罚 懲罰

chéngfá penalty / punishment / to punish

成分

chéngfèn composition / ingredient / element / component / one's social status

成家

chéngjiā to settle down and get married (of a man) / to become a recognized expert

诚恳 誠懇

chéngkěn sincere / honest / cordial

成年

chéngnián to grow to adulthood / fully grown / adult / the whole year

承诺 承諾

chéngnuò to promise / to undertake to do something / commitment

成品

chéngpǐn finished goods / a finished product

成千上万 成千上萬

chéngqiānshàngwàn by the thousands and tens of thousands (idiom) / untold numbers / innumerable / countless

城墙 城牆

chéngqiáng city wall

澄清

chéngqīng clear (of liquid) / limpid / to clarify / to make sth clear / to be clear (about the facts)

dèngqīng to settle (of liquid) / to become clear (by precipitation of impurities) / precipitate (chemistry) / to put in order / to quell disturbances

城区 城區

chéngqū city district / urban area / Cheng District or Chengqu, a district of Shanwei City 汕尾市[Shan4 wei3 Shi4], Guangdong / Cheng District or Chengqu, a district of Yangquan City 陽泉市|阳泉市[Yang2 quan2 Shi4], Shanxi / Cheng District or Chengqu, a district of Jincheng City 晉城市|晋城市[Jin4 cheng2 Shi4], Shanxi

成群结队 成群結隊

chéngqúnjiéduì making up a group / forming a troupe / in large numbers / as a large crowd

乘人之危

chéng rén zhī wēi to take advantage of sb's precarious position

成天

chéngtiān all day long / all the time

成问题 成問題

chéngwèntí to be a problem / problematic / questionable

呈现 呈現

chéngxiàn to appear / to emerge / to present (a certain appearance) / to demonstrate

城乡 城鄉

chéngxiāng city and countryside

诚心诚意 誠心誠意

chéngxīnchéngyì earnestly and sincerely (idiom) / with all sincerity

成型

chéngxíng to become shaped / to become formed

诚意 誠意

chéngyì sincerity / good faith

承载 承載

chéngzài to bear the weight / to sustain

城镇 城鎮

chéngzhèn town / cities and towns

橙汁

chéngzhī orange juice

诚挚 誠摯

chéngzhì sincere / cordial

逞能

chěngnéng to show off one's ability / to boast one's merits

逞强 逞強

chěngqiáng to show off / to try to be brave

秤

chèng steelyard balance / Roman balance

chèng to weigh (variant of 稱|称[chengl])

吃不上

chībushàng unable to get anything to eat / to miss a meal

痴呆

chīdāi stupid / dull / dementia

吃喝玩乐 吃喝玩樂

chīhēwánlè to eat, drink, play and be merry (idiom) / to abandon oneself to a life of pleasure

吃苦

chīkǔ to bear hardships

吃亏 吃虧

chīkuī to suffer losses / to come to grief / to lose out / to get the worst of it / to be at a disadvantage / unfortunately

痴迷

chīmí infatuated / obsessed

痴心

chīxīn infatuation

持

chí to hold / to grasp / to support / to maintain / to persevere / to manage / to run (i.e. administer) / to control

迟迟 遲遲

chíchí late (with a task etc) / slow

持久

chíjiǔ lasting / enduring / persistent / permanent / protracted / endurance / persistence / to last long

驰名 馳名

chímíng famous

池塘

chítáng pool / pond

迟疑 遲疑

chíyí to hesitate

持有

chíyǒu to hold (passport, views etc)

迟早 遲早

chízǎo sooner or later

持之以恒 持之以恆

chízhīyǐhéng to pursue unremittingly (idiom) / to persevere

尺度

chǐdù scale / yardstick

耻辱 恥辱

chǐrǔ disgrace / shame / humiliation

耻笑 恥笑

chǐxiào to sneer at sb / to ridicule

翅膀

chìbǎng wing

最大的鹰的翅膀展开长达一米半。

Zuì dà de yīng de chìbǎng zhǎnkāi cháng dá yì mǐ bàn.

The largest eagles have a wingspan of one and a half meters.

赤字

chìzì deficit / red letter

充

chōng sufficient / full / to fill / to serve as / to act as / to act falsely as / to pose as

冲刺 衝刺

chōngcì to sprint / to spurt / to dash / to put in a big effort to achieve a goal as the deadline approaches

充当 充當

chōngdāng to serve as / to act as / to play the role of

冲击 衝擊

chōngjī to attack / to batter / to pound against / shock / impact

冲浪 衝浪

chōnglàng to surf / surfing

充沛

chōngpèi abundant / plentiful

充实 充實

chōngshí rich / full / substantial / to enrich / to augment / to substantiate (an argument)

冲洗 沖洗

chōngxǐ to rinse / to wash / to develop (film)

冲撞 衝撞

chōngzhuàng to collide / jerking motion / to impinge / to offend / to provoke

崇拜

chóngbài to worship / adoration

重播

chóngbō to replay / to rerun / to reseed / to oversow

重叠 重疊

chóngdié to overlap / to superimpose / to telescope / to run together / to duplicate / one over another / superposition / an overlap / redundancy / reduplication (in Chinese grammar, e.g. 散散步[san4 san4 bu4] to have a stroll)

重返

chóngfǎn to return to

崇高

chónggāo majestic / sublime

重合

chónghé to match up / to coincide

重建

chóngjiàn to rebuild / to reconstruct / to reestablish

没有重建的钱。

Méiyǒu chóngjiàn de qián.

There was no money for rebuilding.

崇尚

chóngshàng to hold up (as an model) / to hold in esteem / to revere / to advocate

重申

chóngshēn to reaffirm / to reiterate

重现 重現

chóngxiàn to reappear

重组 重組

chóngzǔ to reorganize / to recombine / to restructure

宠 寵

chǒng to love / to pamper / to spoil / to favor

宠爱 寵愛

chǒngài to dote on sb

宠物 寵物

chǒngwù house pet

抽签 抽籤

chōuqiān to perform divination with sticks / to draw lots / a ballot (in share dealing)

抽屉 抽屜

chōuti drawer

抽象

chōuxiàng abstract / abstraction

仇

chóu hatred / animosity / enmity / foe / enemy / to feel animosity toward (the wealthy, foreigners etc)

qiú spouse / companion / surname Qiu

稠

chóu dense / crowded / thick / many

筹 籌

chóu chip (in gambling) / token (for counting) / ticket / to prepare / to plan / to raise (funds) / resource / way / means

筹办 籌辦

chóubàn to arrange / to make preparations

筹备 籌備

chóubèi preparations / to get ready for sth

筹措 籌措

chóucuò to raise (money)

仇恨

chóuhèn to hate / hatred / enmity / hostility

筹划 籌劃

chóuhuà to plan and prepare

筹集 籌集

chóují to collect money / to raise funds

筹码 籌碼

chóumǎ bargaining chip / gaming chip / casino token

愁眉苦脸 愁眉苦臉

chóuméikǔliǎn to look anxious (idiom) / to look miserable

稠密

chóumì dense

仇人

chóurén foe / one's personal enemy

瞅

chǒu to look at

丑恶 醜惡

chǒuè ugly / repulsive

丑陋 醜陋

chǒulòu ugly

丑闻 醜聞

chǒuwén scandal

出版社

chūbǎnshè publishing house

出厂 出廠

chūchǎng to leave the factory (of finished goods)

出场 出場

chūchǎng to come onto the stage to perform / to enter the arena to compete / to enter the scene (e.g. a new product) / to leave the venue

出丑 出醜

chūchǒu to make a fool of oneself

初次

chūcǐ for the first time / first (meeting, attempt etc)

出道

chūdào to start one's career / to make one's debut

初等

chūděng elementary (i.e. easy)

出动 出動

chūdòng to start out on a trip / to dispatch troops

出发点 出發點

chūfādiǎn starting point / basis / motive

出访 出訪

chūfǎng to go and visit in an official capacity or for investigation

出风头 出風頭

chūfēngtōu to push oneself forward / to seek fame / to be in the limelight / same as 出鋒頭|出锋头[chul fengl tou5]

出境

chūjìng to leave a country or region / outbound (tourism)

出局

chūjú to be put out (in baseball) / to be dismissed (in cricket) / to be eliminated from a competition / to be weeded out / to get the chop (in a competitive environment)

出具

chūjù to issue (document, certificate etc) / to provide

出口成章

chūkǒuchéngzhāng (of one's speech) eloquent / articulate

出路

chūlù a way out (lit. and fig.) / opportunity for advancement / a way forward / outlet (for one's products)

出卖 出賣

chūmài to offer for sale / to sell / to sell out / to betray

出毛病

chūmáobìng a problem appears / to break down

出面

chūmiàn to appear personally / to step in / to step forth / to show up

出名

chūmíng well-known for sth / to become well known / to make one's mark / to lend one's name (to an event, endeavor etc)

出难题 出難題

chūnántí to raise a tough question

出人意料

chūrényìliào unexpected (idiom) / surprising

出任

chūrèn to take up a post / to start in a new job

出入

chūrù to go out and come in / entrance and exit / expenditure and income / discrepancy / inconsistent

出山

chūshān to leave the mountain (of a hermit) / to come out of obscurity to a government job / to take a leading position

出身

chūshēn to be born of / to come from / family background / class origin

出事

chūshì to have an accident / to meet with a mishap

出示

chūshì to show / to take out and show to others / to display

出手

chūshǒu to dispose of / to spend (money) / to undertake a task

出台 出臺

chūtái to officially launch (a policy, program etc) / to appear on stage / to appear publicly / to leave with a client

出头 出頭

chūtóu to get out of a predicament / to stick out / to take the initiative / remaining odd fraction after a division / a little more than

出土

chūtǔ to dig up / to appear in an excavation / unearthed / to come up out of the ground

出息

chūxi future prospects / profit / to mature / to grow up
chūxī to yield interest, profit etc / to exhale (Buddhism)

出行

chūxíng to go out somewhere (relatively short trip) / to set off on a journey (longer trip)

出血

chūxuè to bleed / bleeding / to spend money in large amounts

出演

chūyǎn to perform (in a play, film, concert etc) / to play the part of / to portray

出洋相

chūyángxiàng to make a fool of oneself

出游 出遊

chūyóu to go on a tour / to have an outing

初衷

chūzhōng original intention

出众 出眾

chūzhòng to stand out / outstanding

出主意

chūzhǔyi to come up with ideas / to make suggestions / to offer advice

出资 出資

chūzī to fund / to put money into sth / to invest

出自

chūzì to come from

出走

chūzǒu to leave home / to go off / to run away

除

chú to get rid of / to remove / to exclude / to eliminate / to wipe out / to divide / except / not including

除此之外

chúcǐzhīwài apart from this / in addition to this

除此之外，我还有更多。
Chúcǐzhīwài, wǒ hái yǒu gèng duō.
I've got plenty more besides that.

除去

chúqù to eliminate / to remove / except for / apart from

厨师 廚師

chúshī cook / chef

除外

chúwài to exclude / not including sth (when counting or listing) / except for

储备 儲備

chǔbèi to store up / reserves

储存 儲存

chǔcún stockpile / to store / to stockpile / storage

处方 處方

chǔfāng medical prescription / to write out a prescription / recommendation / advice

处境 處境

chǔjìng situation (of a person)

储蓄 儲蓄

chǔxù to save money (in a bank) / savings

处置 處置

chǔzhì to handle / to take care of / to punish

处处 處處

chùchù everywhere / in all respects

触动 觸動

chùdòng to touch / to stir up (trouble or emotions) / to move (sb's emotions or worry)

触犯 觸犯

chùfàn to violate / to offend

触觉 觸覺

chùjué sense of touch / tactile sensation

触摸 觸摸

chùmō to touch

触目惊心 觸目驚心

chùmùjīngxīn lit. shocks the eye, astonishes the heart (idiom) / shocking / horrible to see / a ghastly sight

处长 處長

chùzhǎng department head / section chief

揣

chuāi to put into (one's pockets, clothes)

chuǎi to estimate / to guess / to figure / to surmise

揣测 揣測

chuǎicè to guess / to conjecture

揣摩

chuǎimó to analyze / to try to figure out / to try to fathom

踹

chuài to kick / to trample / to tread on

穿过 穿過

chuānguò to pass through

川流不息

chuānliúbùxī the stream flows without stopping (idiom) / unending flow

穿小鞋

chuānxiǎoxié to have one's life made difficult by sb (usu. by sb in a position of authority) (lit. to be made to wear tight shoes)

穿越

chuānyuè to traverse / to pass through / to cross

穿着 穿著

chuānzhuó attire / clothes / dress

除了她以外，其他人都穿着牛仔裤。

Chúle tā yǐwài, qítā rén dōu chuānzhe niúzáikù.

Except for her, everyone was wearing jeans.

船舶

chuánbó shipping / boats

传承 傳承

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

传出 傳出

chuánchū to transmit outwards / to disseminate / efferent (nerve)

船桨 船槳

chuánjiǎng oar

传媒 傳媒

chuánméi the media / mass media / medium or route of transmission (of a disease)

传奇 傳奇

chuánqí legendary / fantasy saga / romance / short stories of the Tang and Song Dynasty

传染 傳染

chuánrǎn to infect / contagious

传染病 傳染病

chuánrǎnbìng infectious disease / contagious disease / communicable disease

传人 傳人

chuánrén to teach / to impart / a disciple / descendant

传授 傳授

chuánshòu to impart / to pass on / to teach

传输 傳輸

chuánshū to transmit / transmission

传闻 傳聞

chuánwén rumor

传言 傳言

chuányán rumor / hearsay

船员 船員

chuányuán sailor / crew member

船长 船長

chuánzhǎng captain (of a boat) / skipper

船只 船隻

chuánzhī ship / boat / vessel

喘

chuǎn to gasp / to pant / asthma

喘息

chuǎnxi to gasp for breath / to take a breather

串

chuàn to string together / to skewer / to connect wrongly / to gang up / to rove / string / bunch / skewer / classifier for things that are strung together, or in a bunch, or in a row: string of, bunch of, series of / to make a swift or abrupt linear movement (like a bead on an abacus) / to move across

串门 串門

chuànmén to call on sb / to drop in / to visit sb's home

窗口

chuāngkǒu window / opening providing restricted access (e.g. customer service window) / computer operating system window / fig. medium / intermediary / showpiece / testing ground

创伤 創傷

chuāngshāng wound / injury / trauma

床位

chuángwèi bed (in hospital, hotel, train etc) / berth / bunk

创 創

chuàng to initiate / to create / to achieve (sth for the first time)

chuāng a wound / to wound

创办 創辦

chuàngbàn to establish / to found

创建 創建

chuàngjiàn to found / to establish

创始人 創始人

chuàngshǐrén creator / founder / initiator

创意 創意

chuàngyì creative / creativity

吹了

chuīle failed / busted / to have not succeeded / to have died / to have parted company / to have chilled (of a relationship)

吹牛

chuīniú to talk big / to brag / to shoot off one's mouth / to chat idly

吹捧

chuīpěng to flatter / to laud sb's accomplishments / adulation

垂

chuí to hang (down) / droop / dangle / bend down / hand down / bequeath / nearly / almost / to approach

捶

chuí to beat (with a stick or one's fist) / to thump / to pound

垂头丧气 垂頭喪氣

chuítóusàngqì hanging one's head dispiritedly (idiom) / dejected / crestfallen

锤子 錘子

chuízi hammer

纯粹 純粹

chúncuì pure / unadulterated / purely / completely

醇厚

chúnhòu mellow and rich / simple and kind

纯洁 純潔

chúnjié pure / clean and honest / to purify

蠢

chǔn stupid / stupid / sluggish / clumsy / to wiggle (of worms) / to move in a disorderly fashion

戳

chuō to jab / to poke / to stab / to sprain / to blunt / to fuck (vulgar) / to stand / to stand (sth) upright / stamp / seal

绰号 綽號

chuòhào nickname

瓷

cí chinaware / porcelain / china

辞 辭

cí to resign / to dismiss / to decline / to take leave / ballad

他上个月辞的职。

Tā shànggèyuè cí de zhí.

He quit his job last month.

辞呈 辭呈

cíchéng resignation

磁带 磁帶

cídài magnetic tape

磁卡

cíkǎ magnetic card / IC Card (telephone)

磁盘 磁盤

cípán disk

瓷器

cíqì chinaware / porcelain

辞去 辭去

cíqù to resign / to quit

慈善

císhàn benevolent / charitable

辞退 辭退

cítuì to dismiss / to discharge / to fire

慈祥

cíxiáng kindly / benevolent (often of older person)

此处 此處

cíchù this place / here (literary)

此次

cǐcì this time

此起彼伏

cǐqǐbǐfú up here, down there (idiom) / to rise and fall in succession / no sooner one subsides, the next arises / repeating continuously / occurring again and again (of applause, fires, waves, protests, conflicts, uprisings etc)

此前

cǐqián before this / before then / previously

此事

cǐshì this matter

我会重新考虑此事。

Wǒ huì chóngxīn kǎolǚ cǐshì.

I'll reconsider the matter.

此致

cǐzhì (used at the end of a letter to introduce a polite salutation)

赐 賜

cì to confer / to bestow / to grant / gift / favor

刺耳

cǐěr ear-piercing

刺骨

cìgǔ piercing / cutting / bone-chilling / penetrating (cold)

伺候

cìhou to serve / to wait upon

赐教 賜教

cìjiào to impart one's wisdom / to enlighten

次日

cìrì next day / the morrow

次数 次數

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

我现在吃肉的次数不如以前多了。

Wǒ xiànzài chī ròu de cìshù bùrú yǐqián duō le.

I don't eat meat as much as I used to.

刺绣 刺繡

cìxiù to embroider / embroidery

葱 蔥

cōng scallion / green onion

匆匆

cōngcōng hurriedly

匆忙

cōngmáng hasty / hurried

从不 從不

cóngbù never

从今以后 從今以後

cóngjīnyǐhòu from now on / henceforward

从来不 從來不

cóngláibù never

丛林 叢林

cónglín jungle / thicket / forest / Buddhist monastery

从没 從沒

cóngméi never (in the past) / never did

从容 從容

cóngróng to go easy / unhurried / calm

从容不迫 從容不迫

cóngróngbùpò calm / unruffled

从头 從頭

cóngtóu anew / from the start

从未 從未

cóngwèi never

从业 從業

cóngyè to practice (a trade)

从早到晚 從早到晚

cóngzǎodàowǎn from morning till night / from dawn to dusk / all day long

凑 湊

còu to gather together, pool or collect / to happen by chance / to move close to / to exploit an opportunity

凑合 湊合

còuhe to bring together / to make do in a bad situation / to just get by / to improvise / passable / not too bad

凑巧 湊巧

còuqiǎo fortuitously / luckily / as chance has it

粗暴

cūbào crude / crass / rude / rough / harsh

粗糙

cūcāo crude / gruff / rough / coarse

粗鲁 粗魯

cūlǔ coarse / crude (in one's manner) / boorish

粗略

cūlüè rough (not precise or accurate) / cursory

粗心大意

cūxīndàyi negligent / careless / inadvertent

醋

cù vinegar / jealousy (in love rivalry)

促成

cùchéng to facilitate / to help bring about

簇拥 簇擁

cùyōng to crowd around / to escort

窜 竄

cuàn to flee / to scuttle / to exile or banish / to amend or edit

催

cūi to urge / to press / to prompt / to rush sb / to hasten sth / to expedite

催促

cuīcù to urge

摧毁 摧毀

cuīhuǐ to destroy / to wreck

敌人用炸弹把桥摧毁了。

Dírén yòng zhàdàn bǎ qiáo cuīhuǐle.

The enemy destroyed the bridge with a bomb.

催眠

cuīmián to lull to sleep / to hypnotize

翠绿 翠綠

cuìlǜ greenish-blue / emerald green

脆弱

cuìruò weak / frail

村庄 村莊

cūnzhuāng village / hamlet

存放

cúnfàng to deposit / to store / to leave in sb's care

存心

cúnxīn deliberately

存折 存摺

cúnzhé passbook / bankbook

搓

cuō to rub or roll between the hands or fingers / to twist

磋商

cuōshāng to consult / to discuss seriously / to negotiate / to confer / negotiations / consultations

错别字 錯別字

cuòbiézi Chinese character error (collective term for 錯字|错字[cuo4 zi4] and 别字|别字[bie2 zi4])

错过 錯過

cuòguò to miss (train, opportunity etc)

错觉 錯覺

cuòjué misconception / illusion / misperception

措手不及

cuòshǒubùjí no time to deal with it (idiom) / caught unprepared

错位 錯位

cuòwèi to be wrongly positioned / to be dislocated / to be misplaced / to be in malposition / erroneous / eccentric

挫折

cuòzhé setback / reverse / check / defeat / frustration / disappointment / to frustrate / to discourage / to set sb back / to blunt / to subdue

错综复杂 錯綜複雜

cuòzōngfùzá tangled and complicated (idiom)

D

搭

dā to put up / to build (scaffolding) / to hang (clothes on a pole) / to connect / to join / to arrange in pairs / to match / to add / to throw in (resources) / to take (boat, train)

他搭错了车。

Tā dā cuò le **chē**.

He took the wrong bus by mistake.

搭乘

dāchéng to ride as a passenger / to travel by (car, plane etc)

搭档 搭檔

dādàng to cooperate / partner

搭建

dājiàn to build (esp. with simple materials) / to knock together (a temporary shed) / to rig up

搭配

dāpèi to pair up / to match / to arrange in pairs / to add sth into a group

答辩 答辯

dábiàn to reply (to an accusation) / to defend one's dissertation

达标 達標

dábiāo to reach a set standard

打岔

dǎchā interruption / to interrupt (esp. talk) / to change the subject

打倒

dǎdǎo to overthrow / to knock down / Down with ... !

打动 打動

dǎdòng to move (to pity) / arousing (sympathy) / touching

打断 打斷

dǎduàn to interrupt / to break off / to break (a bone)

打发 打發

dǎfa to dispatch sb to do sth / to make sb leave / to pass (the time) / to make arrangements / to bestow (alms etc)

打官司

dǎguānsi to file a lawsuit / to sue / to dispute

打交道

dǎjiāodào to come into contact with / to have dealings

打搅 打攪

dǎjiǎo to disturb / to trouble / to bother

打捞 打撈

dǎlǎo to salvage / to dredge / to fish out (person or object from the sea)

打量

dǎliang to size sb up / to look sb up and down / to take the measure of / to suppose / to reckon

打猎 打獵

dǎliè to go hunting

打磨

dǎmó to polish / to burnish / to shine

打牌

dǎpái to play mahjong or cards

打通

dǎtōng to open access / to establish contact / to remove a block / to put through (a phone connection)

打印机 打印機

dǎyìnjī printer

打造

dǎzào to forge (metal) / to create / to build / to develop

打仗

dǎzhàng to fight a battle / to go to war

打招呼

dǎzhāohu to greet sb by word or action / to give prior notice

他看到了我，就过来跟我打招呼。

Tā kàndào le **wǒ**, **jiù guòlái gēn wǒ dǎzhāohu**.

He saw me and came over to say hello.

大包大揽 大包大攬

dàbāodàlǎn to take complete charge (idiom)

大笔 大筆

dàbǐ (honorific) your writing / your handwriting / pen / calligraphy brush / a large sum of (money)

我一得到一大笔钱就捐一部分给慈善机构。

Wǒ yì dédào yí dàbǐ qián jiù juān yíbùfen gěi císhàn jīgòu.

Whenever I get a large sum of money, I donate some of it to charity.

大臣

dàchén chancellor (of a monarchy) / cabinet minister

大吃一惊 大吃一驚

dàchīyījīng astounded / flabbergasted / taken aback

大大咧咧

dàdàliēliē carefree / offhand / casual

大道

dàdào main street / avenue

大地

dàdì earth / mother earth

大队 大隊

dàduì group / a large body of / production brigade / military group

大幅度

dàfúdù substantially / by a wide margin

大公无私 大公無私

dàgōngwúsi selfless / impartial

大家庭

dàjiāting extended family / big family / harmonious group

大街

dàjiē street / main street

大街小巷

dàjiēxiǎoxiàng great streets and small alleys (idiom) / everywhere in the city

大惊小怪 大驚小怪

dàjīngxiǎoguài to make a fuss about nothing (idiom)

大局

dàjú overall situation / the big picture

大款

dàkuǎn very wealthy person

大力

dàlì energetically / vigorously

大米

dàmǐ rice

大面积 大面積

dàmiànjī large area / (of a problem) (occurring) on a massive scale

大名鼎鼎

dà míng dǐng dǐng grand reputation / renowned / famous

大模大样 大模大樣

dà mú dà yàng boldly / ostentatiously / poised / self-assured

大棚

dà péng greenhouse / polytunnel

大批

dà pī large quantities of

大片

dà piàn wide expanse / large area / vast stretch / extending widely / blockbuster movie

大气 大氣

dà qì atmosphere (surrounding the earth) / imposing / impressive / stylish

大赛 大賽

dà sài grand contest

大厦 大廈

dà shà (used in the names of grand buildings such as 百老匯大廈|百老匯大廈 Broadway Mansions (in Shanghai) or 帝國大廈|帝國大廈 Empire State Building etc)

大师 大師

dà shī great master / master

大使

dà shǐ ambassador / envoy

大数据 大數據

dà shù jù big data (computing)

大肆

dà sì wantonly / without restraint (of enemy or malefactor) / unbridled

大体 大體

dà tǐ in general / more or less / in rough terms / basically / on the whole / overall situation / the big picture / cadaver for dissection in training medical students

大体上 大體上

dà tǐ shàng overall / in general terms

大同小异 大同小異

dà tóng xiǎo yì virtually the same / differing only on small points

大选 大選

dà xuǎn general election

大雁

dà yàn wild goose

大意

dà yì general idea / main idea

dà yì careless

大有可为 大有可為

dà yǒu kě wéi with great prospects for the future (idiom) / well worth doing

大宗

dà zōng large amount / staple / influential family of long standing

逮

dǎi to catch / to seize / to capture

dài to reach

歹徒

dǎi tú evildoer / malefactor / gangster / hoodlum

逮捕

dài bǔ to arrest / to apprehend / to take into custody

带队 帶隊

dài duì to lead a team / to lead a group / group leader / tour guide

怠工

dài gōng to slacken off in one's work / to go slow (as a form of strike)

代号 代號

dài hào code name

代理人

dài lǐ rén agent

带路 帶路

dài lù to lead the way / to guide / to show the way / to instruct

怠慢

dài màn to slight / to neglect

带头 帶頭

dài tóu to take the lead / to be the first / to set an example

带头人 帶頭人

dài tóu rén leader

代言人

dài yán rén spokesperson

担 擔

dān to undertake / to carry / to shoulder / to take responsibility

dàn picul (100 catties, 50 kg) / two buckets full / carrying pole and its load / classifier for loads carried on a shoulder pole

单边 單邊

dānbiān unilateral

单薄 單薄

dānbó weak / frail / thin / flimsy

单打 單打

dāndǎ singles (in sports)

担当 擔當

dāndāng to take upon oneself / to assume

单方面 單方面

dānfāngmiàn unilateral

担负 擔負

dānfù to shoulder / to bear / to undertake

耽搁 耽擱

dānge to delay / to hold up / to tarry / to stay / to put off

单身 單身

dānshēn unmarried / single / alone

耽误 耽誤

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

担忧 擔憂

dānyōu to worry / to be concerned

胆怯 膽怯

dǎnqiè timidity / timid / cowardly

胆子 膽子

dǎnzi courage / nerve / guts

蛋白质 蛋白質

dànbáizhì protein

诞辰 誕辰

dànchén birthday

淡化

dànhuà to water down / to play down / to trivialize / to weaken / to become dull with time / to desalinate / desalination

淡季

dànjì off season / slow business season

诞生 誕生

dànshēng to be born

但愿 但願

dànyuàn if only (sth were possible) / I wish (that)

担子 擔子

dànzi carrying pole and the loads on it / burden / task / responsibility

当即 當即

dāngjí at once / on the spot

当今 當今

dāngjīn the present time / (in reference to the reigning monarch) His Majesty

当面 當面

dāngmiàn to sb's face / in sb's presence

当日 當日

dāngrì on that day

dàngù that very day / the same day

当事人 當事人

dāngshìrén persons involved or implicated / party (to an affair)

当务之急 當務之急

dāngwùzhījí top priority job / a matter of the greatest urgency

当下 當下

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

当心 當心

dāngxīn to take care / to look out

当着 當著

dāngzhe in front of / in the presence of

当之无愧 當之無愧

dāngzhīwúkuì fully deserving, without any reservations (idiom) / entirely worthy (of a title, honor etc)

当众 當眾

dāngzhòng in public / in front of everybody

党 黨

dǎng party / association / club / society / surname Dang

档 檔

dàng shelves (for files) / pigeonholes / files / crosspiece (of a table etc) / (of goods) grade / vendor's open-air stall / timeslot for a show or program / classifier for shows / classifier for events, affairs etc

dǎng gear (variant of 擋|挡[dang3])

档案 檔案

dàngàn file / record / archive

当成 當成

dāngchéng to consider as / to take to be

档次 檔次

dàngcì grade / class / quality / level

当天 當天

dāngtiān the same day

dāngtiān on that day

当晚 當晚

dāngwǎn the same evening

dāngwǎn on that evening

荡漾 蕩漾

dàngyàng to ripple / to undulate

当真 當真

dàngzhēn to take seriously / serious / No joking, really!

当作 當作

dàngzuò to treat as / to regard as

岛 島

dǎo island

西西里是一座岛。
Xīxīlǐ shì yí zuò dǎo.
Sicily is an island.

导弹 導彈

dǎodàn missile

导航 導航

dǎoháng to navigate

导火索 導火索

dǎohuǒsuǒ fuse (for explosive)

捣乱 搗亂

dǎoluàn to disturb / to look for trouble / to stir up a row / to bother sb intentionally

倒卖 倒賣

dǎomài to resell at a profit / to speculate

倒霉

dǎoméi to have bad luck / to be out of luck

导师 導師

dǎoshī tutor / teacher / academic advisor

学生们已经把论文交给导师了。
Xuéshengmen yǐjīng bǎ lùnwén jiāogěi dǎoshī le.
The students have handed their essays in to their tutors.

倒塌

dǎotā to collapse (of building) / to topple over

倒下

dǎoxià to collapse / to topple over

导向 導向

dǎoxiàng to be oriented towards / orientation

岛屿 島嶼

dǎoyǔ island

盗 盜

dào to steal / to rob / to plunder / thief / bandit / robber

盗版 盜版

dàobǎn pirated / illegal

稻草

dàocǎo rice straw

倒计时 倒計時

dàojìshí to count down / countdown

道教

dàojiào Taoism / Daoism

道具

dàojù prop / paraphernalia / item / artifact

悼念

dàoniàn to grieve

到期

dàoqī to fall due (loan etc) / to expire (visa etc) / to mature (investment bond etc)

道歉

dàoqiàn to apologize

那算得上道歉吗？
Nà suàn de shàng dàoqiàn ma?
Does that count as an apology?

盗窃 盜竊

dàoqiè to steal

倒数 倒數

dàoshǔ to count backwards (from 10 down to 0) / to count down / from the bottom (lines on a page) / from the back (rows of seats)

dàoshù inverse number / reciprocal (math.)

到头来 到頭來

dàotóulái in the end / finally / as a result

到位

dàowèi to get to the intended location / to be in place / to be in position / precise / well (done)

德

dé virtue / goodness / morality / ethics / kindness / favor / character / kind / Germany / German

德米特里失去控制。
Dé mǐ tè lǐ shīqù kòngzhì.
Dmitri lost control.

得不偿失 得不償失

débùchángshī the gains do not make up for the losses (idiom)

得当 得當

dédàng appropriate / suitable

得力

déli able / capable / competent / efficient

得失

déshī gains and losses / success and failure / merits and demerits

得手

déshǒu to go smoothly / to come off / to succeed

得体 得體

détǐ appropriate to the occasion / fitting

得天独厚 得天獨厚

détiāndúhòu blessed by heaven (idiom) / enjoying exceptional advantages / favored by nature

得益于 得益於

déyìyú to benefit from / thanks to

得知

dézhi to find out / to learn of

得罪

dézuì to commit an offense / to violate the law / excuse me! (formal)

dézuì to offend sb / to make a faux pas / a faux pas

蹬

dēng to step on / to tread on / to put on / to wear (shoes, trousers etc) / to dump (sb)

登机 登機

dēngjī to board a plane

灯笼 燈籠

dēnglóng lantern

登陆 登陸

dēnglù to land / to come ashore / to make landfall (of typhoon etc) / to log in (frequently used erroneous variant of 登錄|登录[deng1 lu4])

灯泡 燈泡

dēngpào light bulb / third-wheel or unwanted third party spoiling a couple's date (slang)

瞪

dèng to open (one's eyes) wide / to stare at / to glare at

凳子

dèngzi stool / small seat

堤

dī dike

滴

dī to drip / to let drip / to apply (eye drops etc) / a drop (of liquid) / classifier for drops of liquid

堤坝 堤壩

dībà dam / dike

低调 低調

dīdiào low pitch / quiet (voice) / subdued / low-key / low-profile

提防

dīfáng to guard against / to be vigilant / watch you don't (slip)

低估

dīgū to underestimate / to underrate

低谷

dīgǔ valley / trough (as opposed to peaks) / fig. low point / lowest ebb / nadir of one's fortunes

低价 低價

dījià low price

低迷

dīmí blurred (landscape etc) / low (spirits) / in a slump (economy)

低碳

dītàn low-carbon / low-carb (diet)

低头 低頭

dītóu to bow the head / to yield / to give in

低温 低溫

dīwēn low temperature

低下

dīxià low status / lowly / to lower (one's head)

笛子

dizi bamboo flute

底层 底層

dǐcéng ground floor / first floor / lowest level / lowest rung (of society etc)

抵触 抵觸

dǐchù to conflict / to contradict

抵达 抵達

dǐdá to arrive / to reach (a destination)

抵挡 抵擋

dǐdǎng to resist / to hold back / to stop / to ward off / to withstand

抵抗

dǐkàng to resist / resistance

底线 底線

dǐxiàn bottom line / the limit of what one is prepared to accept / baseline / under thread / spy / informer / plant

抵消

dǐxiāo to counteract / to cancel out / to offset

抵押

dīyā to provide (an asset) as security for a loan / to put up collateral

抵御 抵禦

dīyù to resist / to withstand

底蕴 底蘊

dīyùn inside information / concrete details

抵制

dǐzhì to resist / to boycott / to refuse (to cooperate) / to reject / resistance / refusal

底子

dǐzi base / foundation / bottom

地板

dībǎn floor

地步

dībù stage / degree (to which a situation has evolved) / a (usu. bad) situation / leeway

地道

dìdào tunnel / causeway

dìdao authentic / genuine / proper

地段

dìduàn section / district

帝国 帝國

díguó empire / imperial

帝国主义 帝國主義

dìguózhǔyì imperialism

递交 遞交

dìjiāo to present / to give / to hand over / to hand in / to lay before

地理

dìlǐ geography

他喜欢地理和历史。

Tā xǐhuan dìlǐ hé lìshǐ.

He likes geography and history.

地名

dì míng place name / toponym

地毯

dìtǎn carpet / rug

地下室

dìxiàshì basement / cellar

这个房子的地下室太恐怖了，我不敢下去。

Zhège fángzi de dìxiàshì tài kǒngbùle, wǒ bùgǎn xiàqù.

The basement in this house is too scary, I don't dare go down.

地下水

dìxiàshuǐ groundwater

第一手

dìyīshǒu first-hand

第一线 第一線

dìyīxiàn front line / forefront

地域

dìyù area / district / region

地狱 地獄

dìyù hell / underworld / (Buddhism) Naraka / (of humor, jokes, content etc) extremely dark or morally transgressive

地质 地質

dìzhì geology

弟子

dìzǐ disciple / follower

颠倒 顛倒

diāndǎo to turn upside down / to reverse / back to front / confused / deranged / crazy

巅峰 巔峰

diānfēng summit / apex / pinnacle (of one's career etc) / peak (of a civilization etc)

颠覆 顛覆

diānfù to topple (i.e. knock over) / to capsize / fig. to overturn (a regime, by plotting or subversion) / to undermine / to subvert

典范 典範

diǎnfàn model / example / paragon

点火 點火

diǎnhuǒ to ignite / to light a fire / to agitate / to start an engine / ignition / fig. to stir up trouble

点击率 點擊率

diǎnjǐlǜ click-through rate (CTR) (Internet)

点评 點評

diǎnpíng to comment / a point by point commentary

点心 點心

diǎnxīn light refreshments / pastry / dim sum (in Cantonese cooking) / dessert

点缀 點綴

diǎnzhuì to decorate / to adorn / sprinkled / studded / only for show

点子 點子

diǎnzi spot / point / dot / speck / drop (of liquid) / droplet / point (of argument) / idea / crux / indication / pointer

垫 墊

diàn pad / cushion / mat / to pad out / to fill a gap / to pay for sb / to advance (money)

电报 電報

diànbào telegram / cable / telegraph

电车 電車

diànchē tram / streetcar / trolleybus / electric car / e-bike / electric train

垫底 墊底

diàndǐ to put sth on the bottom / to eat sth to tide oneself over until mealtime / to lay the foundation / to come last in the rankings

奠定

diàndìng to establish / to fix / to settle

电动 電動

diàndòng electric-powered / video game

淀粉 澱粉

diànfěn starch / amylum (C6H10O5)_n

惦记 惦記

diànjì to think of / to keep thinking about / to be concerned about

电力 電力

diànlì electrical power / electricity

我父亲在电力公司工作。

Wǒ fùqīn zài diànlì gōngsī gōngzuò.

My father works for a power company.

电铃 電鈴

diànlíng electric bell

电器 電器

diànnqì appliance / device

殿堂

diàntáng palace / hall / temple buildings

电网 電網

diànwǎng electricity grid / power grid / electrified wire netting

电线 電線

diànxìàn wire / power cord

电信 電信

diànxìn telecommunications

电讯 電訊

diànxùn telecommunications / telecom

垫子 墊子

diànzi cushion / mat / pad

叼

diāo to hold with one's mouth (as a smoker with a cigarette or a dog with a bone)

雕

diāo to carve / to engrave / shrewd / bird of prey / bird of prey

雕刻

diāokè to carve / to engrave / carving

刁难 刁難

diāonàn to be hard on sb / to deliberately make things difficult

雕塑

diāosù a statue / a Buddhist image / sculpture / to carve

吊

diào to suspend / to hang up / to hang a person / a string of 100 cash (arch.) / to lament / to condole with

调度 調度

diàodù to dispatch (vehicles, staff etc) / to schedule / to manage / dispatcher / scheduler

掉队 掉隊

diàoduì to fall behind / to drop out

掉头 掉頭

diàotóu to turn one's head / to turn round / to turn about

吊销 吊銷

diàoxiāo to suspend (an agreement) / to revoke

调研 調研

diàoyán to investigate and research / research / investigation

钓鱼 釣魚

diàoyú to fish (with line and hook) / to angle / to entrap / to repeatedly nod one's head while dozing

爹

diē dad

她爹是日本人。

Tā diē shì Rìběn rén.

Her father is Japanese.

跌

diē to fall / to tumble / to trip / to drop

叠 疊

dié to pile up / repeated / to fold / classifier: stack, pile (of thin objects) / classifier for repeated sections in a musical composition

迭起

diéqǐ continuously arising / to arise repeatedly

丁

dīng male adult / the 4th of the 10 Heavenly Stems 天干[tian1 gan1] / fourth (used like "4" or "D") / small cube of meat or vegetable / to encounter / ancient Chinese compass point: 195° / butyl / surname Ding

盯

dīng to watch attentively / to fix one's attention on / to stare at / to gaze at

叮嘱 叮囑

dīngzhǔ to warn repeatedly / to urge / to exhort again and again

钉子 釘子

dīngzi nail / snag / saboteur

顶多 頂多

dǐngduō at most / at best

顶级 頂級

dǐngjí top-notch / first-rate

顶尖 頂尖

dǐngjiān peak / apex / world best / number one / finest (competitors) / top (figures in a certain field)

钉 釘

dīng to join things together by fixing them in place at one or more points / to nail / to pin / to staple / to sew on

dīng nail / to follow closely / to keep at sb (to do sth)

订单 訂單

dīngdān order

订购 訂購

dīnggòu to place an order / to subscribe

订婚 訂婚

dīnghūn to get engaged

定价 定價

dīngjià to set a price / to fix a price

定金

dīngjīn down payment / advance payment

定居

dīngjū to settle (in some city, country etc) / to take up residence

订立 訂立

dīnglì to conclude (treaty, contract, agreement etc) / to set up (a rule etc)

定论 定論

dīnglùn final conclusion / accepted argument

定时 定時

dīngshí to fix a time / fixed time / timed (of explosive etc)

定位

dīngwèi to orientate / to position / to categorize (as) / to characterize (as) / positioning / position / niche

定向

dìngxiàng to orientate / directional / directed / orienteering

定心丸

dìngxīnwán tranquilizer / sth that sets one's mind at ease

定义 定義

dìngyì definition / to define

定做

dìngzuò to have something made to order

丢掉 丟掉

diūdiào to lose / to throw away / to discard / to cast away

丢脸 丟臉

diūliǎn to lose face / humiliation

丢弃 丟棄

diūqì to discard / to abandon

丢人 丟人

diūrén to lose face

丢失 丟失

diūshī to lose / to misplace

东奔西走 東奔西走

dōngbēnxīzǒu to run this way and that (idiom) / to rush about busily / to bustle about / to hopscotch / also 東跑西顛|东跑西颠[dong1 pao3 xil dian1]

东道主 東道主

dōngdàozhǔ host / official host (e.g. venue for games or a conference)

东张西望 東張西望

dōngzhāngxīwàng to look in all directions (idiom) / to glance around

懂事

dǒngshì to grow beyond the naivete of childhood / to be aware of what is going on in the world / sensible / thoughtful / intelligent

董事

dǒngshì board member

董事会 董事會

dǒngshìhuì board of directors

昨天的董事会会议非常成功。

Zuótiān de dǒngshìhuì huìyì fēicháng chénggōng.

Yesterday's board meeting was a big success.

董事长 董事長

dǒngshìzhǎng chairman of the board of directors

栋 棟

dòng classifier for houses or buildings / ridgepole (old)

动不动 動不動

dòngbudòng (typically followed by 就[jiu4]) apt to (lose one's temper, catch a cold etc) / at the drop of a hat

动荡 動蕩

dòngdàng unrest (social or political) / turmoil / upheaval / commotion

动感 動感

dònggǎn sense of movement (often in a static work of art) / dynamic / vivid / lifelike

动工 動工

dònggōng to start (a building project)

动画 動畫

dònghuà animation / cartoon

冻结 凍結

dòngjié to freeze (water etc) / to freeze (assets, prices etc)

动静 動靜

dòngjìng movement / (sign of) activity / movement and stillness

栋梁 棟梁

dòngliáng ridgepole / ridgepole and beams / person able to bear heavy responsibility / mainstay (of organization) / pillar (of state)

动脉 動脈

dòngmài artery

动身 動身

dòngshēn to go on a journey / to leave

动弹 動彈

dòngtan to budge

动听 動聽

dòngtīng pleasant to listen to

动向 動向

dòngxiàng trend / tendency

动用 動用

dòngyòng to utilize / to put sth to use

兜

dōu pocket / bag / to wrap up or hold in a bag / to move in a circle / to canvas or solicit / to take responsibility for / to disclose in detail / combat armor (old)

兜售

dōushòu to hawk / to peddle

抖

dǒu to tremble / to shake out / to reveal / to make it in the world

陡

dǒu steep / precipitous / abrupt / sudden

斗

dòu to fight / to struggle / to condemn / to censure / to contend / to put together / coming together

dǒu dry measure for grain equal to ten 升[sheng1] or one-tenth of a 石[dan4] / decaliter / peck / cup or dipper shaped object

逗

dòu to tease (playfully) / to entice / to joke / funny / amusing / to stay / to sojourn / brief pause at the end of a phrase (variant of 讀|读[dou4])

豆浆 豆漿

dòujiāng soy milk

斗争 鬥爭

dòuzhēng a struggle / fight / battle

斗争结束了。

Dòuzhēng jiéshùle.

The fight is over.

斗志 鬥志

dòuzhì will to fight / fighting spirit

豆子

dòuzi bean / pea

督促

dūcù to supervise and urge completion of a task / to urge on

都会 都會

dūhuì city / metropolis

都市

dūshi city / metropolis

独 獨

dú alone / independent / single / sole / only

独唱 獨唱

dúchàng solo / to solo

独家 獨家

dújiā exclusive

独立自主 獨立自主

dúlìzìzhǔ independent and autonomous (idiom) / self-determination / to act independently / to maintain control over one's own affairs

毒品

dúpín drugs / narcotics

独身 獨身

dúshēn unmarried / single / alone

独一无二 獨一無二

dúyīwúèr unique / unmatched / unrivalled

赌 賭

dǔ to bet / to gamble

赌博 賭博

dǔbó to gamble

堵塞

dǔsè to clog up / blockage

渡

dù to cross / to pass through / to ferry

渡过 渡過

dùguò to cross over / to pass through

妒忌

dùjì to be jealous of (sb's achievements etc) / to be envious / envy

度假

dùjià to go on holidays / to spend one's vacation

我上个月在那里度假。

Wǒ shànggēyuè zài nàlǐ dùjià.

I went on holiday there last month.

杜绝 杜絕

dùjué to put an end to

端

duān tip / end / extremity / aspect / facet / upright / proper / to hold sth level with both hands / to carry / to eliminate / to wipe out

能不能请你拿着这端？

Néng bùnéng qǐng nǐ ná zhe zhè duān?

Will you please hold this edge?

端午节 端午節

duānwǔjié Dragon Boat Festival (5th day of the 5th lunar month)

端正

duānzhèng upright / regular / proper / correct

短片

duǎnpiàn short film / video clip

短缺

duǎnquē shortage

短暂 短暫

duǎnzàn of short duration / brief / momentary

断定 斷定

duàndìng to conclude / to determine / to come to a judgment

断断续续 斷斷續續

duànduànxiùxiù intermittent / off and on / discontinuous / stop-go / stammering / disjointed / inarticulate

断裂 斷裂

duànliè fracture / rupture / to break apart

段落

duànluò phase / time interval / paragraph / passage

堆砌

duīqì lit. to pile up (bricks) / to pack / fig. to pad out (writing with fancy phrases) / ornate rhetoric

对白 對白

duìbái dialogue (in a movie or a play)

对策 對策

duìcè countermeasure for dealing with a situation

对称 對稱

duìchèn symmetry / symmetrical

对得起 對得起

duìdeqǐ not to let sb down / to treat sb fairly / be worthy of

兑换 兌換

duìhuàn to convert / to exchange

对抗 對抗

duìkàng to withstand / to resist / to stand off / antagonism / confrontation

对联 對聯

duìlián rhyming couplet / pair of lines of verse written vertically down the sides of a doorway

对外 對外

duìwài external / foreign / pertaining to external or foreign (affairs)

队伍 隊伍

duìwǔ ranks / troops / queue / line / procession

我喜欢在队伍里。
Wǒ xǐhuan zài duìwǔ lǐ.
I like being on the team.

兑现 兌現

duìxiàn to cash / to honor a commitment

队形 隊形

duìxíng formation

对弈 對弈

duìyì to play go, chess etc

对照 對照

duìzhào to contrast / to compare / to place side by side for comparison (as parallel texts) / to check

对峙 對峙

duìzhì to stand facing each other / to confront each other

对准 對準

duìzhǔn to aim at / to target / to point at / to be directed at / registration / alignment (mechanical engineering)

蹲

dūn to crouch / to squat / to stay (somewhere)

cún to sprain one's foot or leg due to a sudden impact or landing

敦促

dūncù to press / to urge / to hasten

敦厚

dūnhòu genuine / honest and sincere

炖 燉

dùn to stew

顿时 頓時

dùnsǐ immediately / suddenly

多半

duōbàn most / mostly / most likely

多边 多邊

duōbiān multilateral

多方面

duōfāngmiàn many-sided / in many aspects

多功能

duōgōngnéng multifunctional / multifunction

多亏 多虧

duōkuī thanks to / luckily

多劳多得 多勞多得

duōláoduōdé work more and get more

多媒体 多媒體

duōméitǐ multimedia

多年来 多年來

duōniánlái for the past many years

哆嗦

duōsuo to tremble / to shiver

多心

duōxīn oversensitive / suspicious

多余 多餘

duōyú superfluous / unnecessary / surplus

多元

duōyuán poly- / multi- / multielement / multivariant / multivariate (math.)

夺 奪

duó to seize / to take away forcibly / to wrest control of / to compete or strive for / to force one's way through / to leave out / to lose

夺冠 奪冠

duóguàn to seize the crown / fig. to win a championship / to win gold medal

夺魁 奪魁

duókuí to win the championship / to take first place

夺取 奪取

duóqǔ to seize / to capture / to wrest control of

躲避

duǒbì to hide / to evade / to dodge / to take shelter / to avoid (difficulties)

躲藏

duǒcáng to conceal oneself / to go into hiding / to take cover

堕落 墮落

duòluò to degrade / to degenerate / to become depraved / corrupt / a fall from grace

舵手

duòshǒu helmsman

E

鹅 鵞

é goose

额外 額外

éwài extra / added / additional

俄语 俄語

éyǔ Russian (language)

俄语很难学。
Éyǔ hěn nán xué.
Russian is hard to learn.

讹诈 訛詐

ézhà to extort under false pretenses / to blackmail / to bluff / to defraud

恶 惡

è evil / fierce / vicious / ugly / coarse / to harm

wù to hate / to loathe / ashamed / to fear / to slander

恶化 惡化

èhuà to worsen

恶劣 惡劣

èliè vile / nasty / of very poor quality

恶性 惡性

èxing malignant / wicked / vicious (circle) / producing evil / rapid (decline) / runaway (inflation)

恶意 惡意

èyì malice / evil intention

鳄鱼 鱷魚

èyú alligator / crocodile (CL:條|条[tiao2])

厄运 厄運

èyùn bad luck / misfortune / adversity

遏制

èzhì to check / to contain / to hold back / to keep within limits / to constrain / to restrain

恩赐 恩賜

ēncì to bestow (favours, charity etc)

恩惠

ēnhuì favor / grace

恩情

ēnqíng kindness / affection / grace / favor

恩人

ēnrén a benefactor / a person who has significantly helped sb else

恩怨

ēnyuàn gratitude and grudges / resentment / grudges / grievances

儿科 兒科

érkē pediatrics

而已

éryǐ that's all / nothing more

就是个吻而已啊。

Jiùshì gè wěn éryǐ a.

It was just a kiss.

耳光

ěrguāng a slap on the face

他把我气得要命，就给了他一记耳光。

Tā bǎ wǒ qì de yàomìng, jiù gěi le tā yíjì ěrguāng.

He made me so angry I slapped him across the face.

耳目一新

ěrmùyīxīn a pleasant change / a breath of fresh air / refreshing

耳熟能详 耳熟能詳

ěershúnéngxiáng what's frequently heard can be repeated in detail (idiom)

耳闻目睹 耳聞目睹

ěrwénmùdǔ to witness personally

二手车 二手車

èrshǒuchē second-hand car

二氧化碳

èryǎnghuàtàn carbon dioxide CO₂

F

发病 發病

fābìng to occur / to get sick / to fall ill / onset (of a medical condition)

发布会 發布會

fābùhuì press conference / news conference / product launch event

发财 發財

fācái to get rich

发愁 發愁

fāchóu to worry / to fret / to be anxious / to become sad

发电 發電

fādiàn to generate electricity / to send a telegram

发电机 發電機

fādiànjī electricity generator / dynamo

发抖 發抖

fādǒu to tremble / to shake / to shiver

发放 發放

fāfàng to provide / to give / to grant

发愤图强 發憤圖強

fāfèntúqiáng to be strongly determined to succeed (idiom)

发光 發光

fāguāng to emit light / to shine / to glow / to glisten / to be luminous

发火 發火

fāhuǒ to catch fire / to ignite / to detonate / to get angry

发酵 發酵

fājiào to ferment / (of trends, emotions or repercussions etc) to bubble away / to simmer / to develop

发掘 發掘

fājué to excavate / to explore / to unearth / to tap into

发愣 發愣

fālèng to stare blankly / to be in a daze

他坐在那里发愣。

Tā zuò zài nàlǐ fālèng.

He sat there daydreaming.

发怒 發怒

fānù to get angry

发脾气 發脾氣

fāpíqì to lose one's temper / to fly into a rage / to throw a tantrum

发起 發起

fāqǐ to originate / to initiate / to launch (an attack, an initiative etc) / to start / to propose sth (for the first time)

发起人 發起人

fāqǐrén proposer / initiator / founding member

发热 發熱

fā rè to have a high temperature / feverish / unable to think calmly / to emit heat

发誓 發誓

fāshì to vow / to pledge / to swear

发泄 發洩

fāxiè to give vent to (one's feelings)

发炎 發炎

fāyán to become inflamed / inflammation

发言人 發言人

fāyánrén spokesperson

发扬 發揚

fāyáng to develop / to make full use of

发扬光大 發揚光大

fāyángguāngdà to develop and promote / to carry forward / to bring to great height of development

发育 發育

fāyù to develop / to mature / growth / development / mature

发源地 發源地

fāyuándì place of origin / birthplace / source

发作 發作

fāzuò to flare up / to break out

阀门 閥門

fámén valve (mechanical)

法庭

fǎtíng court of law

法语 法語

fǎyǔ French (language)

他会说法语。

Tā huì shuō Fǎyǔ.

He speaks French.

发型 髮型

fàxíng hairstyle / coiffure / hairdo

帆

fān sail

番

fān foreign (non-Chinese) / barbarian / classifier for processes or actions that take time and effort / a kind / a sort / (used after the verb 翻[fān1] to indicate how many times a quantity doubles, as in 翻一番[fān1 yī fān1] "to double")

pān surname Pan

我不喜欢这番话。

Wǒ bù xǐhuan zhè fān huà.

I don't like these remarks.

飊

fān to gallop

帆船

fānchuán sailboat

翻番

fānfān to double / to increase by a certain number of times

翻来覆去 翻來覆去

fānláifùqù to toss and turn (sleeplessly) / again and again

番茄

fānqié tomato

翻天覆地

fāntiānfùdì sky and the earth turning upside down (idiom) / fig. complete confusion / everything turned on its head

凡

fán ordinary / commonplace / mundane / temporal / of the material world (as opposed to supernatural or immortal levels) / every / all / whatever / altogether / gist / outline / note of Chinese musical scale

繁华 繁華

fánhuá flourishing / bustling

繁忙

fánmáng busy / bustling

烦闷 煩悶

fánmèn moody / gloomy

烦恼 煩惱

fánnǎo to be worried / to be distressed / worries

凡是

fánshì each and every / every / all / any

繁体字 繁體字

fántǐzì traditional Chinese character

烦躁 煩躁

fánzào jittery / twitchy / fidgety

繁殖

fánzhí to breed / to reproduce / to propagate

繁重

fánzhòng heavy / burdensome / heavy-duty / arduous / onerous

反驳 反駁

fǎnbó to retort / to refute

反差

fǎnchā contrast / discrepancy

反常

fǎncháng unusual / abnormal

反倒

fǎndào but on the contrary / but instead

反感

fǎngǎn to be disgusted with / to dislike / bad reaction / antipathy

反过来 反過來

fǎnguólái conversely / in reverse order / in an opposite direction

返还 返還

fǎnhuán restitution / return of something to its original owner / remittance

反击 反擊

fǎnjī to strike back / to beat back / to counterattack

反抗

fǎnkàng to resist / to rebel

反馈 反饋

fǎnkuì to send back information / feedback

反面

fǎnmiàn reverse side / backside / the other side (of a problem etc) / negative / bad

反思

fǎnsī to think back over sth / to review / to revisit / to rethink / reflection / reassessment

反弹 反彈

fǎntán to bounce / to bounce back / to boomerang / to ricochet / rebound (of stock market etc) / bounce / backlash / negative repercussions

反问 反問

fǎnwèn to ask (a question) in reply / to answer a question with a question / rhetorical question

反响 反響

fǎnxiǎng repercussions / reaction / echo

反省

fǎnxǐng to reflect upon oneself / to examine one's conscience / to question oneself / to search one's soul

犯

fàn to violate / to offend / to assault / criminal / crime / to make a mistake / recurrence (of mistake or sth bad)

你没有犯错误。

Nǐ méiyǒu fàn cuòwù.

You didn't make a mistake.

犯愁

fànchóu to worry / to be anxious

范畴 範疇

fànchóu category

犯规 犯規

fànguī to break the rules / an illegality / a foul

泛滥 氾濫

fànlan to overflow / to inundate / to flood / to proliferate unchecked

贩卖 販賣

fànmài to sell / to peddle / to traffic

饭碗 飯碗

fǎnwǎn rice bowl / fig. livelihood / job / way of making a living

犯罪

fànzui to commit a crime / crime / offense

少年犯罪最近一直在增长。

Shàonián fànzui zuìjìn yìzhí zài zēngzhǎng.

Juvenile crimes have been increasing recently.

方方面面

fāngfāngmiànmiàn all sides / all aspects / multifaceted

方向盘 方向盤

fāngxiàngpán steering wheel

方言

fāngyán topolect / dialect / the first Chinese dialect dictionary, edited by Yang Xiong 揚雄|扬雄[Yang2 Xiong2] in 1st century, containing over 9000 characters

妨碍 妨礙

fāngài to hinder / to obstruct

防盗 防盜

fángdào to guard against theft / anti-theft

防盗门 防盜門

fángdàomén security door

房地产 房地產

fángdichǎn real estate

防范 防範

fángfàn to be on guard / wariness / to guard against / preventive

妨害

fānghài to jeopardize / to be harmful to / to undermine

防护 防護

fānghù to defend / to protect

防火墙 防火牆

fānghuǒqiáng firewall

房价 房價

fángjià house price / cost of housing

防守

fángshǒu to defend / to protect (against)

防卫 防衛

fángwèi to defend / defensive / defense

防汛

fángxùn flood control / anti-flood (precautions)

防疫

fángyì to prevent epidemics

防御 防禦

fángyù defense / to defend

仿

fǎng to imitate / to copy

仿佛

fǎngfú to seem / as if / seemingly / alike / similar

彷彿

fǎngfú to seem / as if / seemingly / alike / similar

访谈 訪談

fǎngtán to visit and discuss / to interview

纺织 紡織

fǎngzhī spinning and weaving

仿制 仿製

fǎngzhì to copy / to imitate / to make by imitating a model

放过 放過

fàngguò to let off / to let slip by / to let sb get away with sth

放水

fàngshuǐ to turn on the water / to let water out / to throw a game

放肆

fàngsì wanton / unbridled / presumptuous / impudent

放映

fàngyìng to project (an image onto a screen) / to show (a movie, slide etc)

放置

fàngzhì to put

放纵 放縱

fàngzòng to indulge / to pamper / to connive at / permissive / indulgent / self-indulgent / unrestrained / undisciplined / uncultured / boorish

飞船 飛船

fēichuán spaceship / spacecraft / dirigible / airship

飞船离开太阳系了。

Fēichuán líkāi tàiyángxì le.

The spacecraft has left the solar system.

非得

fēiděi (followed by a verb phrase, then – optionally – 不可, or 不行 etc) must

非法

fēifǎ illegal

非凡

fēifán out of the ordinary / unusually (good, talented etc)

飞速 飛速

fēisù swift / rapidly

绯闻 緋聞

fēiwén sex scandal

飞翔 飛翔

fēixiáng to circle in the air / to soar

假如我有一双翅膀的话, 我会在蓝天飞翔。

Jiǎrú wǒ yǒu yìshuāng chìbǎng dehuà, wǒ huì zài lántiān fēixiáng.

If I had wings, I would fly in the blue sky.

飞行员 飛行員

fēixíngyuán pilot / aviator

飞跃 飛躍

fēiyuè to leap

肥料

fēiliào fertilizer / manure

肥胖

fēipàng fat / obese

肥沃

fēiwò fertile

肥皂

fēizào soap

诽谤 誹謗

fěibàng to slander / to libel

废 廢

fèi to abolish / to abandon / to abrogate / to discard / to depose / to oust / crippled / abandoned / waste

肺

fèi lung

废除 廢除

fèichú to abolish / to abrogate / to repeal

那些旧法都被废除了。

Nèixiē jiù fǎ dōu bèi fèichú le.

Those old laws were all done away with.

沸沸扬扬 沸沸揚揚

fèifèiyángyáng bubbling and gurgling / hubbubbing / abuzz

废话 廢話

fěihuà nonsense / rubbish / superfluous words / You don't say! / No kidding! (gently sarcastic)

费劲 費勁

fèijìn to require effort / strenuous

废品 廢品

fèipǐn production rejects / seconds / scrap / discarded material

废寝忘食 廢寢忘食

fèiqǐnwàngshí to skip one's sleep and meals / to be completely wrapped up in one's work

沸腾 沸騰

fèiténg to boil / to boil over / to flare up / to be impassioned

废物 廢物

fèiwù rubbish / waste material / useless person

废墟 廢墟

fèixū ruins

分辨

fēnbiàn to distinguish / to differentiate / to resolve

分寸

fēncun propriety / appropriate behavior / proper speech or action / within the norms

分担 分擔

fēndān to share (a burden, a cost, a responsibility)

芬芳

fēnfāng perfume / fragrant

吩咐

fēnfu to tell / to instruct / to command

分割

fēngē to cut up / to break up

分工

fēngōng to divide up the work / division of labor

分红 分紅

fēnhóng dividend / to award a bonus

分化

fēnhuà to split apart / differentiation

分裂

fēnliè to split up / to divide / to break up / fission / schism

倘若分裂的话，我们则无所作为。

Tǎngruò fēnliè de huà, wǒmen zé wúsuǒ zuò wéi.

If we are divided, we will achieve nothing.

分泌

fēnmì to secrete / secretion

分明

fēnmíng clear / distinct / evidently / clearly

分歧

fēnqí divergent / difference (of opinion, position) / disagreement / bifurcation

氛围 氛圍

fēnwéi ambience / atmosphere

分赃 分贓

fēnzāng to share the booty / to divide ill-gotten gains

分支

fēnzhī branch (of company, river etc) / to branch / to diverge / to ramify / to subdivide

坟 墳

fén grave / tomb / embankment / mound / ancient book

坟墓 墳墓

fénmù grave / tomb

焚烧 焚燒

fénshāo to burn / to set on fire

粉

fěn powder / cosmetic face powder / food prepared from starch / noodles or pasta made from any kind of flour / to turn to powder / to whitewash / white / pink / fan (abbr. for 粉絲 | 粉丝[fén3 sī]) / to be a fan of

粉丝 粉絲

fěnsī bean vermicelli / mung bean starch noodles / cellophane noodles / fan / enthusiast for sb or sth (loanword from "fans")

粉碎

fěnsuì to crush / to smash / to shatter

粪 糞

fèn manure / dung

粪便 糞便

fènbàn excrement / feces / night soil

份额 份額

fèné share / portion

奋力 奮力

fènlì to do everything one can / to spare no effort / to strive

分量

fèuliàng portion size

fēnliàng component

fēnliang quantity / weight / measure / weight (importance, prestige, authority etc) / (of written material) density

愤怒 憤怒

fènnù angry / indignant / wrath / ire

分外

fènwài exceptionally / not one's responsibility or job

奋勇 奮勇

fènyǒng dauntless / to summon up courage and determination / using extreme force of will

风暴 風暴

fēngbào storm / violent commotion / fig. crisis (e.g. revolution, uprising, financial crisis etc)

风波 風波

fēngbō disturbance / crisis / disputes / restlessness

风采 風采

fēngcǎi svelte / elegant manner / graceful bearing

风餐露宿 風餐露宿

fēngcānlùsù lit. to eat in the open air and sleep outdoors (idiom) / fig. to rough it

封顶 封頂

fēngdǐng to put a roof (on a building) / to cap the roof (finishing a building project) / fig. to put a ceiling (on spending, prize, ambition etc) / to top off / fig. to reach the highest point (of growth, profit, interest rates) / to stop growing (of plant bud or branch)

风范 風範

fēngfàn air / manner / model / paragon / demeanor

风风雨雨 風風雨雨

fēngfēngyǔyǔ trials and tribulations / ups and downs

丰富多彩 豐富多彩

fēngfùduōcǎi richly colorful

风和日丽 風和日麗

fēnghérili moderate wind, beautiful sun (idiom) / fine sunny weather, esp. in springtime

丰厚 豐厚

fēnghòu generous / ample

峰回路转 峰回路轉

fēnghuílùzhuǎn the mountain road twists around each new peak (idiom) / twisting and turning / fig. an opportunity has come unexpectedly / things have taken a new turn

峰会 峰會

fēnghuì summit meeting

封建

fēngjiàn system of enfeoffment / feudalism / feudal / feudalistic

风浪 風浪

fēnglàng wind and waves / rough waters / hardship

风力 風力

fēnglì wind force / wind power

风流 風流

fēngliú distinguished and accomplished / outstanding / talented in letters and unconventional in lifestyle / romantic / dissolute / loose

丰满 豐滿

fēngmǎn ample / well developed / fully rounded

风貌 風貌

fēngmào style / manner / ethos

蜂蜜

fēngmì honey

封面

fēngmiàn cover (of a publication)

风气 風氣

fēngqì general mood / atmosphere / common practice

风情 風情

fēngqíng mien / bearing / grace / amorous feelings / flirtatious expressions / local conditions and customs / wind force, direction etc

风趣 風趣

fēngqù charm / humor / wit / humorous / witty

风沙 風沙

fēngshā sand blown by wind / sandstorm

风尚 風尚

fēngshàng current custom / current way of doing things

丰盛 豐盛

fēngshèng rich / sumptuous

风水 風水

fēngshuǐ feng shui / geomancy

丰硕 豐碩

fēngshuò plentiful / substantial / rich (in resources etc)

封锁 封鎖

fēngsuǒ to blockade / to seal off / to lock down

风味 風味

fēngwèi distinctive flavor / distinctive style

风雨 風雨

fēngyǔ wind and rain / the elements / trials and hardships

风云 風雲

fēngyún weather / unstable situation

风筝 風箏

fēngzheng kite (lit. "wind zither", traditionally explained as being named after kites fitted with bamboo whistles that produced musical sounds when flown)

疯子 瘋子

fēngzi madman / lunatic

逢

féng to meet by chance / to come across / to come along / to fall on (a particular day) / to fawn upon

缝合 縫合

féng hé to sew together / suture (in surgery) / to sew up (a wound)

讽刺 諷刺

fěngcǐ to satirize / to mock / irony / satire / sarcasm

缝 縫

fèng seam / crack / narrow slit

féng to sew / to stitch

凤凰 鳳凰

fèng huáng phoenix

奉献 奉獻

fèngxiàn to offer respectfully / to consecrate / to dedicate / to devote

除了鲜血、辛劳、泪水和汗水之外，我没有什么可奉献的。

Chúle xiānxuè, xīnláo, lèishuǐ hé hànshuǐ zhīwài, wǒ méiyǒu shénme kě fèngxiàn de.

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

佛

fó Buddha / Buddhism (abbr. for 佛陀[Fo2 tuo2])

佛教

fójiào Buddhism

佛教来自印度。

Fójiào láizì Yìndù.

Buddhism originated in India.

否决 否決

fǒujué to veto / to overrule

敷

fū to spread / to lay out / to apply (powder, ointment etc) / sufficient (to cover) / enough

孵化

fūhuà breeding / to incubate / innovation (esp. in commerce and marketing)

服

fú clothes / dress / garment / to serve (in the military, a prison sentence etc) / to obey / to be convinced (by an argument) / to convince / to admire / to acclimatize / to take (medicine) / mourning clothes / to wear mourning clothes

fù classifier for medicine: dose

浮

fú to float / superficial / floating / unstable / movable / provisional / temporary / transient / impetuous / hollow / inflated / to exceed / superfluous / excessive / surplus

扶持

fúchí to help / to assist

俘获 俘獲

fúhuò to capture (enemy property or personnel) / capture (physics: absorption of subatomic particle by an atom or nucleus)

浮力

fúli buoyancy

俘虏 俘虜

fúlǔ to take prisoner / a captive (usu. a prisoner of war)

福气 福氣

fúqì good fortune / a blessing

辐射 輻射

fúshè to radiate / radiation

服饰 服飾

fúshì apparel / clothing and personal adornment

服务器 服務器

fúwùqì server (computer)

浮现 浮現

fúxiàn to come to mind / to appear (on sb's face) / to emerge

服用

fúyòng to take (medicine)

浮躁

fúzào fickle and impatient / restless / giddy / scatterbrained

腐败 腐敗

fǔbài corruption / to corrupt / to rot / rotten

辅导 輔導

fǔdǎo to guide / to mentor / to counsel / to coach / to tutor

腐化

fǔhuà to rot / to decay / to become corrupt

腐烂 腐爛

fǔlàn to rot / to putrefy / corrupt

抚摸 撫摸

fǔmō to gently caress and stroke / to pet / to fondle

腐蚀 腐蝕

fǔshí corrosion / to corrode (degrade chemically) / to rot / corruption

俯首

fǔshǒu to bend one's head

腐朽

fǔxiǔ rotten / decayed / decadent / degenerate

抚恤 撫卹

fǔxù (of an organization that has a duty of care) to give financial support to relatives of sb who has died or suffered serious injury

抚养 撫養

fǔyǎng to foster / to bring up / to raise

抚养费 撫養費

fǔyǎngfèi child support payment (after a divorce)

斧子

fǔzi axe / hatchet

副

fù secondary / auxiliary / deputy / assistant / vice- / classifier for pairs, sets of things & facial expressions

负 負

fù to bear / to carry (on one's back) / to turn one's back on / to be defeated / negative (math. etc)

责任应该由你来负。

Zérèn yīnggāi yóu nǐ lái fù.

It is you that are to blame for it.

赴

fù to go / to visit (e.g. another country) / to attend (a banquet etc)

很多游客赴京都旅游。

Hěn duō yóukè fù Jīngdū lǚyóu.

Kyoto is visited by many tourists.

附

fù to add / to attach / to be close to / to be attached

腹部

fùbù abdomen / belly / flank

复查 復查

fùchá to check again / to re-examine

附带 附帶

fùdài supplementary / incidentally / in parentheses / by chance / in passing / additionally / secondary / subsidiary / to attach

复发 復發

fùfā to recur (of a disease) / to reappear / to relapse (into a former bad state)

付费 付費

fùfèi to pay / to cover the costs

覆盖 覆蓋

fùgài to cover

富含

fùhán to contain in great quantities / rich in

富豪

fùháo rich and powerful person

复合

fùhé (of people who were estranged) to be reconciled / to get back together / complex / compound / composite / hybrid / to compound / to combine

附和

fùhè to agree / to go along with / to echo (what sb says)

复活 復活

fùhuó to revive / to come back to life / resurrection

附加

fùjiā additional / annex

付款

fùkuǎn to pay a sum of money / payment

负面 負面

fùmiàn negative / the negative side

妇女 婦女

fùnǚ woman

妇女也是人。

Fùnǚ yě shì rén.

Women are people.

父女

fùnǚ father and daughter

富强 富強

fùqiáng rich and powerful

富人

fùrén rich person / the rich

附属 附屬

fùshǔ subsidiary / auxiliary / attached / affiliated / subordinate / subordinating

复苏

fùsū to recover (health, economic) / to resuscitate / anabiosis / to recover (health, economic) / to resuscitate / anabiosis

富翁

fùwēng rich person / millionaire / billionaire

腹泻 腹瀉

fùxiè diarrhea / to have the runs

复兴 復興

fùxīng to revive / to rejuvenate

富有

fùyǒu rich / wealthy / affluent / to be rich in / to be replete with

我哥哥很富有。

Wǒ gēge hěn fùyǒu.

My brother is rich.

负有 負有

fùyǒu to be responsible for

赋予 賦予

fùyǔ to assign / to entrust (a task) / to give / to bestow

富裕

fùyù prosperous / well-to-do / well-off

复原 復原

fùyuan to restore (sth) to (its) former condition / to recover from illness / recovery

父子

fùzǐ father and son

富足

fùzú rich / plentiful

副作用

fùzuòyòng side effect

G

改版

gǎibǎn to revise the current edition / revised edition

改编 改編

gǎibiān to adapt / to rearrange / to revise

改动 改動

gǎidòng to alter / to modify / to revise

改革开放 改革開放

gǎigékāifàng reform and opening up (Chinese policy introduced in 1978)

改良

gǎiliáng to improve (sth) / to reform (a system)

改名

gǎimíng to rename

改日

gǎirì another day / some other day

改为 改為

gǎiwéi to change into

改邪归正 改邪歸正

gǎixiéguīzhèng to mend one's ways (idiom) / to turn over a new leaf

改装 改裝

gǎizhuāng to change one's costume / to repackage / to remodel / to refit / to modify / to convert

钙 鈣

gàì calcium (chemistry)

概况 概況

gàikuàng general situation / summary

概论 概論

gàilùn outline / introduction / survey / general discussion

概率

gàilǜ probability (math.)

盖子 蓋子

gàizi cover / lid / shell

肝

gān liver (CL:葉|叶[ye4]) / to put in long hours, typically late into the night, playing (a video game) / involving a lot of repetition in order to progress / grindy

尴尬 尷尬

gāngà awkward / embarrassed

干戈

gāngē weapons of war / arms

干旱 乾旱

gānhàn drought / arid / dry

干涉

gānshè to interfere / to meddle / interference

甘心

gānxīn to be willing to / to resign oneself to

肝脏 肝臟

gānzàng liver

干燥 乾燥

gānzào (of weather, climate, soil etc) dry / arid / dry / dull / dry / boring / to dry out / to season / to cure

感

gǎn to feel / to move / to touch / to affect / feeling / emotion / sense of ~

杆

gǎn stick / pole / lever / classifier for long objects such as guns

gān pole / shaft

赶不上 趕不上

gǎnbùshàng can't keep up with / can't catch up with / cannot overtake

感触 感觸

gǎnchù one's thoughts and feelings / emotional stirring / moved / touched

感恩

gǎnēn to be grateful

赶赴 趕赴

gǎnfù to hurry / to rush

感激

gǎnjī to be grateful / to appreciate / thankful

感慨

gǎnkǎi to sigh with sorrow, regret etc / rueful / deeply moved

赶忙 趕忙

gǎnmáng to hurry / to hasten / to make haste

敢情

gǎnqíng actually / as it turns out / indeed / of course

感染

gǎnrǎn to infect / infection / to influence

感染力

gǎnrǎnli infectiousness (of a disease) / appeal / power / impact (of an image, marketing message, performance etc)

感人

gǎnrén touching / moving

赶上 趕上

gǎnshàng to keep up with / to catch up with / to overtake / to chance upon / in time for

要是我们早十分钟到的话，我们就能赶上飞机了。

Yàoshi wǒmen zǎo shí fēnzhōng dào dehuà, wǒmen jiù néng gǎnshàng fēijī le.

If we'd arrived ten minutes earlier, we would've made it onto the plane.

感叹 感嘆

gǎntàn to sigh (with feeling) / to lament

赶往 趕往

gǎnwǎng to hurry to (somewhere)

感性

gǎnxìng perception / perceptual / sensibility / sensitive / emotional / sentimental

敢于 敢於

gǎnyú to have the courage to do sth / to dare to / bold in

干部 幹部

gànbù cadre / official / officer / manager

干部均应由中央加以管理。

Gànbù jūn yīng yóu zhōngyāng jiāyǐ guǎnlǐ.

All cadres are managed by the Party Centre.

干事 幹事

gànshi administrator / executive secretary

缸

gāng jar / vat / classifier for loads of laundry

钢 鋼

gāng steel

刚好 剛好

gānghǎo just / exactly / to happen to be

纲领 綱領

gānglǐng program (i.e. plan of action) / guiding principle

纲要 綱要

gāngyào outline / essential points

刚毅 剛毅

gāngyì resolute / steadfast / stalwart

港

gǎng harbor / port / Hong Kong (abbr. for 香港[Xiang1 gang3]) / surname Gang

港口

gǎngkǒu port / harbor

港口内有许多船。

Gǎngkǒu nèi yǒu xǔ duō chuán.

There are many ships in the harbor.

岗位 崗位

gǎngwèi a post / a job

杠铃 槓鈴

gànglíng barbell

高昂

gāoáng to hold (one's head) high / expensive / high (spirits etc)

高傲

gāoào arrogant / haughty / proud

高层 高層

gāocéng high-rise / high level / high class

高超

gāochāo excellent / superlative

高档 高檔

gāodàng superior quality / high grade / top grade

高等

gāoděng high-level / higher (animals, education etc) / advanced (math etc)

高低

gāodī height / level / (music) pitch / relative superiority / propriety / discretion (usu. in the negative, e.g. 不知高低[bu4 zhīl gao1 dīl]) / no matter what / just / simply (will not ..., must ... etc) / at long last

高调 高調

gāodiào high-sounding speech / bombast / high-profile

高额 高額

gāoé high quota / large amount

高尔夫球 高爾夫球

gāoérfūqiú golf / golf ball

高峰

gāofēng peak / summit / height

高峰期

gāofēngqī peak period / rush hour

高贵 高貴

gāoguì grandeur / noble

高考

gāokǎo college entrance exam (especially as abbr. for 普通高等學校招生全國統一考試|普通高等学校招生全国统一考试[Pu3 tong1 Gao1 deng3 Xue2 xiao4 Zhao1 sheng1 Quan2 guo2 Tong3 yi1 Kao3 shi4]) / entrance exam for senior government service posts (abbr. for 公務人員高等考試|公务人员高等考试)

高科技

gāokējì high tech / high technology

高空

gāokōng high altitude

高龄 高齡

gāolíng elderly

高明

gāomíng brilliant / superior / wise

高山

gāoshān high mountain / alpine mountain

高手

gāoshǒu expert / past master / dab hand

高效

gāoxiào efficient / highly effective

高新技术 高新技術

gāoxīnjìshù high tech / high technology

高血压 高血壓

gāoxuèyā high blood pressure / hypertension

高压 高壓

gāoyā high pressure / high atmospheric pressure / high voltage / systolic blood pressure / high-handed / oppressive

高雅

gāoyǎ dainty / elegance / elegant

高涨 高漲

gāozhǎng to surge up / to rise / to run high

搞鬼

gǎoguǐ to make mischief / to play tricks

搞笑

gǎoxiào to get people to laugh / funny / hilarious

稿子

gǎozi draft of a document / script / manuscript / mental plan / precedent

告

gào to say / to tell / to announce / to report / to denounce / to file a lawsuit / to sue

你告她了吗?

Nǐ gào tā le ma?

Did you sue her?

告辞 告辭

gàocí to say goodbye / to take one's leave

告诫 告誡

gàojiè to warn / to admonish

告示

gàoshi announcement

告知

gàozhī to inform / to notify

告状 告狀

gàozhuàng to tell on sb / to complain (to a teacher, a superior etc) / to bring a lawsuit

割

gē to cut / to cut apart

搁 擱

gē to put / to place / to leave / to put aside / to shelve / to postpone / to add / to put in

gé to bear / to stand / to endure

戈壁

gēbì Gobi (desert)

胳膊

gēbo arm

歌唱

gēchàng to sing

歌词 歌詞

gēcí song lyric / lyrics

她把歌词写完了。

Tā bǎ gēcí xiě wánle.

She finished writing the lyrics.

歌剧 歌劇

gējù Western opera

搁浅 擱淺

gēqiǎn to run aground / to become stranded / to run into difficulties and come to a standstill / to stall

歌颂 歌頌

gēsòng to sing the praises of / to extol / to eulogize

歌舞

gēwǔ singing and dancing

歌星

gēxīng singing star / famous singer

歌咏 歌詠

gēyǒng to sing

搁置 擱置

gēzhì to put / to place / to set aside / to shelve / to put on hold

鸽子 鴿子

gēzi pigeon / dove / various birds of the family Columbidae

格

gé square / lattice / grid / frame / compartment / partition / slot (within a larger unit) / standard / norm / specification / character / disposition / moral quality / style / aesthetic tone / rhetorical form / stylistic pattern / (linguistics) grammatical case / to correct / to rectify / to arrive at / to reach / to obstruct / to hinder / to investigate exhaustively / classifier for compartments, slots or cells within a larger unit

我想和格特·嘉尼一起死。

Wǒ xiǎng hé gé tè·jiā ní yìqǐ sǐ.

I want to die with Getter Jaani.

格格不入

gégébùrù inharmonious / incompatible

隔阂 隔閡

géhé misunderstanding / estrangement / barrier

格局

géjú structure / pattern / layout

隔离 隔離

gélí to separate / to isolate

革命

gémìng to withdraw the mandate of heaven (and transition to a new dynasty) (original meaning) / revolution / revolutionary / to revolt (against sb or sth) / to revolutionize (sth) / (separable verb sometimes used in the pattern 革命 noun 的命)

科技领域爆发了一场革命。

Kējì lǐngyù bàofā le yìcháng gémìng.

A revolution has occurred in technology.

格式

géshì form / specification / format

革新

géxīn to innovate / innovation

个案 個案

gè'àn individual case / special case

各奔前程

gèbènqiánchéng each goes his own way (idiom) / each person has his own life to lead

各式各样 各式各樣

gèshìgèyàng all kinds and sorts / various

跟不上

gēnbùshàng not able to keep up with

根基

gēnji foundation

跟上

gēnshàng to catch up with / to keep pace with

根深蒂固

gēnshēndìgù deep-rooted (problem etc)

根源

gēnyuán origin / root (cause)

根治

gēnzhì to bring under permanent control / to effect a radical cure

跟踪 跟蹤

gēnzōng to follow sb's tracks / to tail / to shadow / tracking

耕地

gēngdì arable land / to plow land

更改

gēnggǎi to alter

更衣室

gēngyīshì change room / dressing room / locker room / toilet

耿直

gěngzhí honest / frank / candid

更是

gèngshì even more (so)

供

gōng to provide / to supply / to be for (the use or convenience of)

gòng to lay (sacrificial offerings) / offerings / to confess / confession / statement

公

gōng public / collectively owned / common / international (e.g. high seas, metric system, calendar) / make public / fair / just / Duke, highest of five orders of nobility 五等爵位[wu3 deng3 jue2 wei4] / honorable (gentlemen) / father-in-law / male (animal)

功

gōng meritorious deed or service / achievement / result / service / accomplishment / work (physics)

宫 宮

gōng palace / temple / castration (as corporal punishment) / first note in pentatonic scale / surname Gong

弓

gōng a bow (weapon) / to bend / to arch (one's back etc) / surname Gong

攻

gōng to attack / to accuse / to study / top

公安

gōngān Public Security / public safety / public security

公安局

gōngānjú public security bureau (government office similar in function to a police station)

供不应求 供不應求

gōngbùyingqiú supply does not meet demand

公车 公車

gōngchē bus / car belonging to an organization and used by its members (government car, police car, company car etc)

功臣

gōngchén meritorious official / person who renders exceptional service / hero / sth that plays a vital role

公道

gōngdao fair / equitable

gōngdào justice / fairness / public highway

功底

gōngdǐ training in the basic skills / knowledge of the fundamentals

工地

gōngdì construction site

宫殿 宮殿

gōngdiàn palace

攻读 攻讀

gōngdú to major (in a field) / to study a specialty to obtain a higher degree

公费 公費

gōngfèi at public expense

公共场所 公共場所

gōnggòngchǎngsuǒ public place

公关 公關

gōngguān public relations

攻关 攻關

gōngguān to storm a strategic pass / fig. to tackle a key problem

公函

gōnghán official letter

工会 工會

gōnghuì labor union / trade union

公鸡 公雞

gōngjī cock / rooster

攻击 攻擊

gōngjī to attack / to accuse / to charge / an attack (terrorist or military)

我们没有打算要攻击他。

Wǒmen méiyǒu dǎsuàn yào gōngjī tā.

We didn't intend to attack him.

公积金 公積金

gōngjījīn official reserves / accumulated fund

供给 供給

gōngjǐ to furnish / to provide / supply (as in supply and demand)

公开信 公開信

gōngkāixìn open letter

工科

gōngkē engineering as an academic subject

公款

gōngkuǎn public money

功劳 功勞

gōngláo contribution / meritorious service / credit

公立

gōnglì public (e.g. school, hospital)

功力

gōnglì merit / efficacy / competence / skill / power

功率

gōnglǜ power (rate of doing work, measured in watts)

公墓

gōngmù public cemetery

供暖

gōngnuǎn to supply heating (in a building) / heating

公仆 公僕

gōngpú public servant

公顷 公頃

gōngqǐng hectare

供求

gōngqiú supply and demand (economics)

公然

gōngrán openly / publicly / undisguised

工商

gōngshāng industry and commerce

工商界

gōngshāngjiè industry / the world of business

公事

gōngshì work-related matters / documents

公示

gōngshì to make known to the public (for information or to seek comments) / public notification

宫廷 宮廷

gōngtíng court (of king or emperor)

恭维 恭維

gōngwei to compliment / to praise

公务 公務

gōngwù official business

恭喜

gōngxǐ to congratulate / congratulations!

功效

gōngxiào efficacy

工序

gōngxù working procedure / process

公益

gōngyì public good / public welfare / public interest

公用

gōngyòng public / for public use

公寓

gōngyù apartment building / block of flats (may be a public housing block or a condominium etc) (CL:套[tao4])

公约 公約

gōngyuē convention (i.e. international agreement)

工整

gōngzhěng fine work / carefully and neatly done

公证 公證

gōngzhèng notarization / notarized / acknowledgement

公职 公職

gōngzhí civil service / public office / government job

公众 公眾

gōngzhòng public

这些记录不对公众开放。

Zhèxiē jìlù bú duì gōngzhòng kāifàng.

Those records are not accessible to the public.

公主

gōngzhǔ princess

公主之前在哪里？

Gōngzhǔ zhīqián zài nǎlǐ?

Where was the princess?

工作量

gōngzuòliàng workload / volume of work

拱

gǒng to cup one's hands in salute / to surround / to arch / to dig earth with the snout / arched

巩固 鞏固

gǒnggù to consolidate / to strengthen / firm / solid / stable

供奉

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

共鸣 共鳴

gòngmíng to resonate / resonance / sympathetic response

共识 共識

gòngshí common understanding / consensus

共同体 共同體

gòngtóngtǐ community

贡献 貢獻

gòngxiàn to contribute / to dedicate / to devote / contribution

我将会努力作贡献的！

Wǒ jiāng huì nǔlì zuò gòngxiàn de!

I will work hard to contribute!

共性

gòngxìng overall character

勾

gōu to attract / to arouse / to tick / to strike out / to delineate / to collude / surname Gou

钩 鉤

gōu to hook / to sew / to crochet / hook / check mark or tick / window catch

勾画 勾畫

gōuhuà to sketch out / to delineate

勾结 勾結

gōujié to collude with / to collaborate with / to gang up with

钩子 鉤子

gōuzi hook

购 購

gòu to buy / to purchase

构建 構建

gòujiàn to construct (sth abstract)

够呛 夠嗆

gòuqiàng unbearable / terrible / enough / unlikely

构思 構思

gòusī to design / to plot / to plan out / to compose / to draw a mental sketch / conception / plan / idea / composition

构想 構想

gòuxiǎng to conceive / concept

孤单 孤單

gūdān lone / lonely / loneliness

孤独 孤獨

gūdú lonely / solitary

孤儿 孤兒

gūér orphan

辜负 辜負

gūfù to fail to live up to (sb's expectations, trust or kindness) / to let down

姑姑

gūgu paternal aunt

她长得像她姑姑。

Tā zhǎng de xiàng tā gūgu.

She resembles her aunt.

孤立

gūlì to isolate / isolated / unrelated / irrelevant

孤零零

gūlínglíng lone / isolated and without help / all alone / solitary

孤陋寡闻 孤陋寡聞

gūlòuguǎwén ignorant and inexperienced / ill-informed and narrow-minded

沽名钓誉 沽名釣譽

gūmíngdiàoyù to angle for fame (idiom) / to fish for compliments

估算

gūsuàn assessment / evaluation

股

gǔ thigh / part of a whole / portion of a sum / stock / share / strand of a thread / low-level administrative unit, translated as "section" or "department" etc, ranked below 科[ke1] / classifier for long winding things like ropes, rivers etc / classifier for smoke, smells etc: thread, puff, whiff / classifier for bands of people, gangs etc / classifier for sudden forceful actions

房里有股烟味。

Fáng lǐ yǒu gǔ yān wèi.

The room smelled of tobacco.

古典

gǔdiǎn classical

股东 股東

gǔdōng shareholder / stockholder

古董

gǔdǒng curio / antique

鼓动 鼓動

gǔdòng to urge (an activity that may be beneficial, harmful or neutral) / to encourage / to agitate / to instigate / to incite / to beat / to flap (wings, a fan etc)

股份

gǔfèn a share (in a company) / stock

骨干 骨幹

gǔgàn diaphysis (long segment of a bone) / fig. backbone

古怪

gǔguài strange / weird / eccentric / bizarre

古迹 古蹟

gǔjì place of historic interest / historical site

古今中外

gǔjīnzhōngwài at all times and in all places (idiom)

股民

gǔmín stock investor / share trader

股票

gǔpiào share certificate / stock (finance)

他把钱投资于股票。

Tā bǎ qián tóuzī yú gǔpiào.

He invested his money in stocks.

古朴 古樸

gǔpǔ simple and unadorned (of art, architecture etc)

骨气 骨氣

gǔqì unyielding character / courageous spirit / integrity / moral backbone

古人

gǔrén people of ancient times / the ancients / extinct human species such as Homo erectus or Homo neanderthalensis / deceased person

股市

gǔshì stock market

鼓舞

gǔwǔ to inspire / to encourage / to hearten / to boost (morale)

骨折

gǔzhé to suffer a fracture / to break / fracture

故

gù happening / instance / reason / cause / intentional / former / old / friend / therefore / hence / to die, dead

我思故我在。

Wǒ sī gù wǒ zài.

I think, therefore I am.

雇

gù to employ / to hire / to rent

顾 顧

gù to look after / to take into consideration / to attend to / surname Gu

顾不得 顧不得

gùbude unable to change sth / unable to deal with

顾不上 顧不上

gùbushàng cannot attend to or manage

顾及 顧及

gùjí to take into consideration / to attend to

顾虑 顧慮

gùlǜ misgivings / apprehensions / to worry about / to be concerned about

顾全大局 顧全大局

gùquándàjú to take the big picture into consideration (idiom) / to work for the benefits of all

固然

gùrán admittedly (it's true that...)

雇佣

gùyōng to employ / to hire / to employ / to hire

雇员 雇員

gùyuan employee

故障

gùzhàng malfunction / breakdown / defect / shortcoming / fault / failure / impediment / error / bug (in software)

固执 固執

gùzhì obstinate / stubborn / to fixate on / to cling to

雇主

gùzhǔ employer

刮

guā to scrape / to blow / to shave / to plunder / to extort / to blow (of the wind)

瓜分

guāfēn to partition / to divide up

刮风 颶風

guāfēng to be windy

瓜子

guāzǐ melon seed / seeds of pumpkin, watermelon or sunflower etc, roasted and flavored, consumed as a snack

寡妇 寡婦

guǎfu widow

挂钩 掛鉤

guàgōu to couple / to link / to hook together / (preceded by 與/与[yu3] + {entity}) to establish contact (with {entity}) / (Tw) to collude (with {entity}) / to link (marketing efforts with production etc) / to peg (welfare payments to inflation etc) / to tie (remuneration to performance etc) / hook (on which to hang sth) / latch hook / coupling

挂号 掛號

guàhào to register (at a hospital etc) / to send by registered mail

挂念 掛念

guàniàn to feel anxious about / to have (sth) weighing on one's mind

挂失 掛失

guàshī to report the loss of something

乖

guāi obedient, well-behaved / clever / shrewd / alert / perverse / contrary to reason / irregular / abnormal

乖巧

guāiqiǎo clever (child) / smart / lovable / cute

拐

guǎi to turn (a corner etc) / to kidnap / to swindle / to misappropriate / seven (used as a substitute for 七[qī])

拐弯 拐彎

guǎiwān to go round a curve / to turn a corner / fig. a new direction

拐杖

guǎizhàng crutches / crutch / walking stick

怪不得

guàibude no wonder! / so that's why!

怪物

guàiwu monster / freak / eccentric person

怪异 怪異

guàiyì monstrous / strange / strange phenomenon

关爱 關愛

guānài to show concern and care for

官兵

guānbīng officers and soldiers / officers and men / government troops

棺材

guāncai coffin

观测 觀測

guāncè to observe / to survey / observation (scientific etc)

关掉 關掉

guāndiào to switch off / to shut off

观感 觀感

guāngǎn one's impressions / observations

观光 觀光

guānguāng to tour / sightseeing / tourism

关节 關節

guānjié joint (physiology) / key point / critical phase

官吏

guānli bureaucrat / official

关联 關聯

guānlián to be related / to be connected / relationship / connection

官僚

guānliáo bureaucrat / bureaucracy / bureaucratic

官僚主义 官僚主義

guānliáo zhǔyì bureaucracy

观摩 觀摩

guānmó to observe and emulate / to study (esp. following sb's example)

观赏 觀賞

guānshǎng to look at sth with pleasure / to watch (sth marvelous) / ornamental

关税 關稅

guānshuì customs duty / tariff

官司

guānsi lawsuit

关头 關頭

guāntóu juncture / moment

观望 觀望

guānwàng to wait and see / to watch from the sidelines / to look around / to survey

官员 官員

guānyuán official (in an organization or government) / administrator

关照 關照

guānzhào to take care / to keep an eye on / to look after / to tell / to remind

管道

guǎndào tubing / pipeline / channel / means

管家

guǎnjiā butler / steward / manager / administrator / housekeeper / to manage a household

管教

guǎnjiào to discipline / to teach / to guarantee

管理费 管理費

guǎnlǐfèi management fee

管辖 管轄

guǎnxiá to administer / to have jurisdiction (over)

管用

guǎnyòng efficacious / useful

管子

guǎnzi tube / pipe / drinking straw

guǎnzǐ Guanzi or Guan Zhong 管仲 (-645 BC), famous politician of Qi 齊國|齐国 of Spring and Autumn period / Guanzi, classical book containing writings of Guan Zhong and his school

惯 慣

guàn accustomed to / used to / indulge / to spoil (a child)

灌

guàn to irrigate / to pour / to install (software) / to record (music)

罐

guàn can / jar / pot

贯彻 貫徹

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

贯穿 貫穿

guànchuān to run through / a connecting thread from beginning to end / to link

灌溉

guàngài to irrigate

惯例 慣例

guànlì convention / usual practice

灌输 灌輸

guànshū to imbue with / to inculcate / to instill into / to teach / to impart / to channel water to another place

贯通 貫通

guàntōng to link up / to thread together

罐头 罐頭

guàntou tin / can

惯性 慣性

guànxìng inertia / force of habit / tendency to do things in the accustomed way / habitual

光彩

guāngcǎi luster / splendor / radiance / brilliance

光碟

guāngdié optical disc / compact disc / CD / CD-ROM

光顾 光顧

guānggù to visit (as a customer)

光滑

guānghuá glossy / sleek / smooth

光环 光環

guānghuán ring of light / halo / (fig.) glory / splendor

光辉 光輝

guānghuī radiance / glory / brilliant / magnificent

光缆 光纜

guānglǎn optical cable

光芒

guāngmáng rays of light / brilliant rays / radiance

光明磊落

guāngmínglěiluò open and candid (idiom) / straightforward and upright

光泽 光澤

guāngzé luster / gloss

广阔 廣闊

guǎngkuò wide / vast

广义 廣義

guǎngyì broad sense / general sense

龟 龜

guī tortoise / turtle / cuckold

瑰宝 瑰寶

guībǎo a treasure / a rare and valuable thing

规格 規格

guīgé standard / norm / specification

归根到底 歸根到底

guīgēndàodǐ after all / in the final analysis / ultimately

归还 歸還

guīhuán to return sth / to revert

归结 歸結

guījié to sum up / to conclude / to put in a nutshell / conclusion / end (of a story etc)

规矩 規矩

guīju lit. compass and set square / fig. established standard / rule / customs / practices / fig. upright and honest / well-behaved

你最好规矩点儿。

Nǐ zuìhǎo guīju diǎnr.

You'd better behave yourself [a bit better].

归来 歸來

guīlái to return / to come back

归纳 歸納

guīnà to sum up / to summarize / to conclude from facts / induction (method of deduction in logic)

闺女 閨女

guīnǚ maiden / unmarried woman / daughter

归属 歸屬

guīshǔ to belong to / to be affiliated to / to fall under the jurisdiction of / a place where one feels that one belongs / one's final destination (where one need look no further)

归宿 歸宿

guīsù place to return to / home / final destination / ending

轨道 軌道

guǐdào track (for trains etc) / orbit (of a satellite) / a person's established path in life / desired trajectory (of a business or other endeavor) / track / orbital

你在正确的轨道上。

Nǐ zài zhèngquè de **guǐdào shàng**.

You're on the right track.

轨迹 軌跡

guǐjì locus / orbit / trajectory / track

跪

guì to kneel

贵宾 貴賓

guìbīn honored guest / distinguished guest / VIP

桂花

guīhuā osmanthus flowers / Osmanthus fragrans

柜台 櫃檯

guìtái sales counter / front desk / bar / (of financial trading, medicines etc) OTC (over-the-counter)

我会在机场柜台拿机票。

Wǒ huì zài jīchǎng guìtái ná jīpiào.

I'll pick my ticket up at the airport counter.

贵重 貴重

guìzhòng precious

贵族 貴族

guìzú lord / nobility / nobleman / noblewoman / aristocrat / aristocracy

滚动 滾動

gǔndòng to roll / in a loop / to scroll (computing) / to progressively expand (economics) / to rumble (of thunder)

棍

gùn stick / rod / truncheon / scoundrel / villain

棍子

gùnzi stick / rod

国宝 國寶

guóbǎo national treasure

国产 國產

guóchǎn domestically produced

国防 國防

guófáng national defense

国歌 國歌

guógē national anthem

国画 國畫

guóhuà traditional Chinese painting

国徽 國徽

guóhuī national emblem / national coat of arms / the national emblem of the PRC (a red circle containing the five stars of the PRC flag over Tiananmen 天安門|天安门[Tian1 an1 men2])

国会 國會

guóhuì Parliament (UK) / Congress (US) / Diet (Japan) / Legislative Yuan (Taiwan)

国旗 國旗

guóqí flag (of a country)

国情 國情

guóqíng the characteristics and circumstances particular to a country / current state of a country

国土 國土

guótǔ country's territory / national land

国王 國王

guówáng king

国王光着呢！

Guówáng guāng zhe ne!

The king is naked!

国学 國學

guóxué Chinese national culture / studies of ancient Chinese civilization / the Imperial College (history)

国有 國有

guóyǒu nationalized / public / government owned / state-owned

裹

guǒ to wrap around / bundle / parcel / package / to press into service / to pressgang / to make off with (sth)

果断 果斷

guǒduàn firm / decisive

果酱 果醬

guǒjiàng jam

果树 果樹

guǒshù fruit tree

果园 果園

guǒyuán orchard

果真

guǒzhēn really / as expected / sure enough / if indeed... / if it's really...

过半 過半

guòbàn over fifty percent / more than half

过不去 過不去

guòbùqù to make life difficult for / to embarrass / unable to make it through

过错 過錯

guòcuò mistake / fault / responsibility (for a fault)

过道 過道

guòdào passageway / corridor / aisle

过渡 過渡

guòdù to cross over (by ferry) / transition / interim / caretaker (administration)

过关 過關

guòguān to cross a barrier / to get through (an ordeal) / to pass (a test) / to reach (a standard)

过后 過後

guòhòu after the event

过奖 過獎

guòjiǎng to overpraise / to flatter

过节 過節

guòjié to celebrate a festival / after the celebrations (i.e. once the festival is over)

过境 過境

guòjìng to pass through a country's territory / transit

过滤 過濾

guòlǜ to filter

过期 過期

guòqī to be overdue / to exceed the time limit / to expire (as in expiration date)

过日子 過日子

guòrìzi to live one's life / to pass one's days / to get along

过剩 過剩

guòshèng to be excessive / to be more than is required

过失 過失

guòshī error / fault / negligence / delinquency

过时 過時

guòshí old-fashioned / out of date / to be later than the time stipulated or agreed upon

过头 過頭

guòtóu to overdo it / to overstep the limit / excessively / above one's head / overhead

过往 過往

guòwǎng to come and go / to associate with / to have dealings with / the past / former times

过意不去 過意不去

guòyìbùqù to feel very apologetic

过瘾 過癮

guòyǐn to satisfy a craving / to get a kick out of sth / gratifying / immensely enjoyable / satisfying / fulfilling

过硬 過硬

guòyìng to have perfect mastery of sth / to be up to the mark

过早 過早

guòzǎo premature / untimely / to have breakfast / breakfast

H

海岸

hǎi'àn coastal / seacoast

海拔

hǎibá height above sea level / elevation

这个镇海拔1500米。

Zhège zhèn hǎibá yìqiānwǔbǎi mǐ.

The town is situated 1,500 meters above sea level.

海报 海報

hǎibào poster / playbill / notice

海滨 海濱

hǎibīn shore / seaside

海盗 海盜

hǎidào pirate

海底

hǎidǐ seabed / seafloor / bottom of the ocean

海军 海軍

hǎijūn navy

我加入了海军。

Wǒ jiārùle hǎijūn.

I went into the navy.

海浪

hǎilàng sea wave

海量

hǎiliàng magnanimity / great capacity for alcohol / enormous quantity / massive volume

海绵 海綿

hǎimián sea sponge / dried sea sponge / sponge (made from polyester or cellulose etc) / foam rubber

海面

hǎimiàn the surface of the sea / ocean surface

海内外 海內外

hǎinèiwài domestic and international / at home and abroad

海滩 海灘

hǎitān beach

海外

hǎiwài overseas / abroad

日本和好几个海外国家做贸易。

Rìběn hé hǎo jǐ ge hǎiwài guójiā zuò mào yì.

Japan trades with several foreign countries.

海湾 海灣

hǎiwān bay / gulf / Gulf

海峡 海峽

hǎixiá strait / channel

海啸 海嘯

hǎixiào tsunami

海洋

hǎiyáng ocean

太平洋是世界上最大的海洋。

Tàipíngyáng shì shìjiè shàng zuì dà de hǎiyáng.

The Pacific is the largest ocean in the world.

海域

hǎiyù sea area / territorial waters / maritime space

海运 海運

hǎiyùn shipping by sea

海藻

hǎizǎo seaweed / marine alga / kelp

害虫 害蟲

hàichóng injurious insect / pest

骇人听闻 駭人聽聞

hàiréntīngwén shocking / horrifying / atrocious / terrible

害臊

hàisào to be bashful / to feel ashamed

害羞

hàixiū shy / embarrassed / bashful

以前，他很害羞。

Yǐqián, tā hěn hàixiū.

He used to be very shy.

酣畅 酣暢

hānchàng unrestrained / cheerful lack of inhibition, esp. for drinking or sleeping / to drink with abandon

酣睡

hānshuì to sleep soundly / to fall into a deep sleep

涵盖 涵蓋

hángài to cover / to comprise / to include

含糊

hánhú ambiguous / vague / careless / perfunctory

函授

hánshòu to teach by correspondence

含蓄

hánxù to contain / to hold / reserved / restrained / full of hidden meaning / implicit / veiled (criticism)

涵义 涵義

hányì content / meaning / connotation / implication

罕见 罕見

hǎnjiàn rare / rarely seen

旱

hàn drought

焊

hàn to weld / to braze / to solder

汗水

hànshuǐ sweat / perspiration

除了鲜血、辛劳、泪水和汗水之外，我没有什么可奉献的。

Chúle xiānxuè, xīnláo, lèishuǐ hé hànshuǐ zhīwài, wǒ méiyǒu shénme kě fèngxiàn de.

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

捍卫 捍衛

hànwèi to defend / to uphold / to safeguard

旱灾 旱災

hànzāi drought

航海

hángǎi to sail the seas / maritime navigation / voyage

行家

hángjiā connoisseur / expert / veteran

行列

hángliè formation / array / ranks (as in "join the ranks of...")

行情

hángqíng market price / quotation of market price / the current market situation

航天

hángtiān space flight

航天员 航天員

hángtiānyuán astronaut

航行

hángxíng to sail / to fly / to navigate

航运 航運

hángyùn shipping / transport

毫不

háobù hardly / not in the least / not at all

毫不犹豫 毫不猶豫

háobùyóuyù without the slightest hesitation

豪华 豪華

háohuá luxurious

毫无 毫無

háowú not in the least / to completely lack

这毫无意义。

Zhè háowú yìyì.

That's quite meaningless.

好比

hǎobǐ to be just like / can be compared to

好歹

hǎodǎi good and bad / most unfortunate occurrence / in any case / whatever

好感

hǎogǎn good opinion / favorable impression

好坏 好壞

hǎohuài good or bad / good and bad / standard / quality / very bad

好家伙

hǎojiāhuo my God! / oh boy! / man!

好评 好評

hǎopíng favorable criticism / positive evaluation

好容易

hǎoróngyì with great difficulty / to have a hard time (convincing sb, relinquishing sth etc) / so easy

好说 好說

hǎoshuō easy to deal with / not a problem / you flatter me

好似

hǎosì to seem / to be like

好笑

hǎoxiào laughable / funny / ridiculous

好心

hǎoxīn kindness / good intentions

好心人

hǎoxīnrén kindhearted person / good Samaritan

好意

hǎoyì good intention / kindness

好在

hǎozài luckily / fortunately

好转 好轉

hǎozhuǎn to improve / to take a turn for the better / improvement

耗

hào to waste / to spend / to consume / to squander / news / to delay / to dilly-dally

号称 號稱

hàochēng to be known as / to be nicknamed / to be purportedly / to claim (often exaggeratedly or falsely)

耗费 耗費

hàofèi to waste / to spend / to consume / to squander

浩劫

hàojié calamity / catastrophe / apocalypse

好客

hàokè hospitality / to treat guests well / to enjoy having guests / hospitable / friendly

好奇心

hàoxīn interest in sth / curiosity / inquisitive

耗时 耗時

hàoshí time-consuming / to take a period of (x amount of time)

好学 好學

hàoxué eager to study / studious / erudite

hǎoxué easy to learn

呵护 呵護

hēhù to bless / to cherish / to take good care of / to conserve

核

hé pit / stone / nucleus / nuclear / to examine / to check / to verify

和蔼 和藹

héǎi kindly / nice / amiable

何必

hébì there is no need / why should

合唱

héchàng chorus / to chorus

何处 何處

héchù whence / where

核电站 核電站

hédiànzhàn nuclear power plant

核对 核對

héduì to check / to verify / to audit / to examine

合乎

héhū to accord with / to conform to

荷花

héhuā lotus

合伙 合夥

héhuǒ to act jointly / to form a partnership

合计 合計

héjì to add up the total / to figure what sth amounts to / to consider

我要合计一下学生们所得的总分数。

Wǒ yào héjì yíxià xuéshengmen suǒde de zǒng fēnshù.

I'm going to total up the points gained by the students.

和解

héjiě to settle (a dispute out of court) / to reconcile / settlement / conciliation / to become reconciled

何苦

hekǔ why bother? / is it worth the trouble?

何况 何況

hékuàng let alone / to say nothing of / besides / what's more

河流

héliú river

那条河流很长。

Nà tiáo héliú hěn cháng.

That river is long.

禾苗

hémiáo seedling (of rice or other grain)

和睦

hé mù peaceful relations / harmonious

核能

hé néng nuclear energy

河畔

hé pàn riverside / river plain

和平共处 和平共處

hépinggòngchǔ peaceful coexistence of nations, societies etc

和气 和氣

héqì friendly / polite / amiable

合情合理

héqíng hélǐ reasonable / fair

和尚

héshang Buddhist monk

何时 何時

héshí when

核实 核實

héshí to verify / to check

核桃

hétáo walnut

核武器

héwǔqì nuclear weapon

和谐 和諧

héxié harmonious / harmony / to censor

核心

héxīn core / nucleus

家庭是社会的核心。

Jiāting shì shèhuì de héxīn.

The family is the fundamental unit of society.

合影

héyǐng group photo / to take a group photo

合约 合約

héyuē contract / agreement

合资 合資

hézī joint venture

合作社

hézuòshè cooperative / workers' or agricultural producers' cooperative etc

喝彩

hècǎi to acclaim / to cheer

贺电 賀電

hèdiàn congratulatory telegram

鹤立鸡群 鶴立雞群

hèlìjīqún a crane in a flock of chicken (idiom) / way above the common / manifestly superior

赫然

hèrán with astonishment / with a shock / awe-inspiringly / impressively / furiously (angry)

贺信 賀信

hèxìn congratulatory letter or message

嘿

hēi hey

黑白

hēibái black and white / right and wrong / monochrome

黑客

hēikè (loanword) hacker

黑马 黑馬

hēimǎ dark horse / fig. unexpected winner

黑手

hēishǒu malign agent who manipulates from behind the scenes / hidden hand / mechanic / blue-collar worker / manual laborer

黑心

hēixīn ruthless and lacking in conscience / vicious mind full of hatred and jealousy / black core (flaw in pottery)

黑夜

hēiyè night

痕迹 痕跡

hénjì vestige / mark / trace

狠

hěn ruthless / fierce / ferocious / determined / resolute / to harden (one's heart)

恨不得

hènbude wishing one could do sth / to hate to be unable / itching to do sth

哼

hēng to groan / to snort / to hum / to croon / humph!

hng interjection expressing dissatisfaction or suspicion

她哼着四四拍的歌。

Tā hēngzhe sì sì pāi de gē.

She hummed a song in four-four time.

横 橫

héng horizontal / across / crosswise / horizontal stroke (in Chinese characters) / to place (sth) flat (on a surface) / to cross (a river, etc) / in a jumble / chaotic / harsh and unreasonable / violent

hèng harsh and unreasonable / unexpected

衡量

héngliáng to weigh / to examine / to consider

横七竖八 橫七豎八

héngqīshùbā in disorder / at sixes and sevens (idiom)

横向 橫向

héngxiàng horizontal / orthogonal / perpendicular / lateral / crosswise

哄

hōng roar of laughter (onom.) / hubbub / to roar (as a crowd)

hǒng to deceive / to coax / to amuse (a child)

hòng tumult / uproar / commotion / disturbance

轰 轟

hōng explosion / bang / boom / rumble / to attack / to shoo away / to expel

轰动 轟動

hōngdòng to cause a sensation / to create a stir in (a place) / commotion / controversy

烘干 烘乾

hōnggān to dry over a stove

哄堂大笑

hōngtángdàxiào the whole room roaring with laughter (idiom)

烘托

hōngtuō background (of a painting) / backdrop / a foil (to set off something to advantage) / to offset (something to advantage)

轰炸 轟炸

hōngzhà to bomb / to bombard

宏大

hóngdà great / grand

红灯 紅燈

hóngdēng red light

宏观 宏觀

hóngguān macro- / macroscopic / holistic

红火 紅火

hónghuǒ prosperous

洪亮

hóngliàng loud and clear / resonant

红扑扑 紅撲撲

hóngpūpū red / rosy / flushed

红润 紅潤

hóngrùn ruddy / rosy / florid

红薯 紅薯

hóngshǔ sweet potato

洪水

hóngshuǐ deluge / flood

宏伟 宏偉

hóngwěi grand / imposing / magnificent

红眼 紅眼

hóngyǎn to become infuriated / to see red / envious / jealous / covetous / pink eye (conjunctivitis) / red-eye (flight) (photography) red eye

弘扬 弘揚

hóngyáng to enhance / to promote / to enrich

喉咙 喉嚨

hóulóng the throat

吼

hǒu to roar / to howl / to shriek / roar or howl of an animal / bellow of rage

后备 後備

hòubèi reserve / backup

后备箱 後備箱

hòubèixiāng trunk / boot (of a car)

后代 後代

hòudài descendant / progeny / posterity / later ages / later generations

厚道

hòudào kind and honest / generous / sincere

厚度

hòudù thickness

后盾 後盾

hòudùn support / backing

后顾之忧 後顧之憂

hòugùzhīyōu fears of trouble in the rear (idiom) / family worries (obstructing freedom of action) / worries about the future consequences / often in negative expressions, meaning "no worries about anything"

后期 後期

hòuqī late stage / later period

后勤 後勤

hòuqín logistics

后人 後人

hòurén later generation

后台 後台

hòutái backstage area / behind-the-scenes supporter / back-end / background

后退 後退

hòutui to recoil / to draw back / to fall back / to retreat

后续 後續

hòuxù follow-up / to remarry

候选人 候選人

hòuxuǎnrén candidate

他是市长的候选人之一。

Tā shì shìzhǎng de hòuxuǎnrén zhīyī.

He is one of the candidates running for mayor.

后遗症 後遺症

hòuyízhèng sequelae / residual effects / repercussions / aftermath

后裔 後裔

hòuyì descendant

后者 後者

hòuzhě the latter

呼风唤雨 呼風喚雨

hūfēnghuànyǔ to call the wind and summon the rain (idiom) / to exercise magical powers / fig. to stir up troubles

忽高忽低

hūgāohūdī alternately soaring and plunging

呼唤 呼喚

hūhuàn to call out (a name etc) / to shout

呼救

hūjiù to call for help

忽略

hūlüè to neglect / to overlook / to ignore

呼声 呼聲

hūshēng a shout / fig. opinion or demand, esp. expressed by a group

呼应 呼應

hūyìng to conform (with) / to echo / to correlate well / agreement

忽悠

hū you to rock / to sway / to flicker (e.g. of lights reflected on water) / to flutter (e.g. of a flag) / to trick sb into doing sth / to dupe / to con

呼吁 呼籲

hūyù to call on (sb to do sth) / to appeal (to) / an appeal

壶 壺

hú pot / classifier for bottled liquid

糊

hú to paste / to glue / blurry / unclear / muddled / scorched / burnt / paste / mush / thick gruel

hū to smear / to daub / to cover (a surface with sth sticky or paste-like)

hù paste / cream

餬

hú congee / to feed oneself

胡闹 胡鬧

húnào to act willfully and make a scene / to make trouble

湖泊

húpō lake

森林外有一个美丽的湖泊。

Sēnlín wài yǒu yí gè měilì de húpō.

A beautiful lake lay just beyond the forest.

胡说 胡說

húshuō to talk nonsense / drivel

胡思乱想 胡思亂想

húsiluànxiǎng to indulge in flights of fancy / to let one's imagination run wild

糊涂 糊塗

hútu muddled / silly / confused

护 護

hù to protect

互补 互補

hùbǔ complementary / to complement each other

互动 互動

hùdòng to interact / interactive

互访 互訪

hùfǎng exchange visits

护理 護理

hùlǐ to nurse / to care for

户外 戶外

hùwài outdoor

互信

hùxìn mutual trust

互助

hùzhù to help each other

花瓣

huābàn petal

花费 花費

huāfèi expense / cost / to spend (time or money) / expenditure

花卉

huāhuì flowers and plants

花瓶

huāpíng flower vase / female employee considered to be just a pretty face (attractive but not very competent)

对不起，我把你的花瓶弄破了。

Duìbùqǐ, wǒ bǎ nǐ de huāpíng nòngpò le.

Sorry, I broke your vase.

花生

huāshēng peanut

花纹 花紋

huāwén decorative design

花样 花樣

huāyàng pattern / way of doing sth / trick / ruse / fancy-style (as in 花样滑冰|花样滑冰[hua1 yang4 hua2 bing1] figure skating)

哗变 嘩變

huábìàn mutiny / rebellion

滑冰

huábīng to skate / skating

滑稽

huáji comical / funny / amusing / huaji, a form of comedy performance popular in Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang

华丽 華麗

huáli gorgeous

华侨 華僑

huáqiáo overseas Chinese / Chinese emigrant who still retains Chinese nationality

哗然 嘩然

huárán in uproar / commotion / causing a storm of protest / tumultuous

划算

huásuàn to calculate / to weigh (pros and cons) / to view as profitable / worthwhile / value for money / cost-effective

这个很划算。

Zhège hěn huásuàn.

This is a bargain.

滑梯

huátī sliding board / a slide

滑雪

huáxuě to ski / skiing

华裔 華裔

huáyì ethnic Chinese / non-Chinese citizen of Chinese ancestry

画册 畫冊

huàcè picture album

化肥

huàféi chemical fertilizer

话费 話費

huàfèi call charge

化解

huàjiě to dissolve / to resolve (contradictions) / to dispel (doubts) / to iron out (difficulties) / to defuse (conflicts) / to neutralize (fears)

画龙点睛 畫龍點睛

huàlóngdiǎnjīng to paint a dragon and dot in the eyes (idiom) / fig. to add the vital finishing touch / the crucial point that brings the subject to life / a few words to clinch the point

画蛇添足 畫蛇添足

huàshétiānzú lit. draw legs on a snake (idiom) / fig. to ruin the effect by adding sth superfluous / to overdo it

化身

huàshēn incarnation / reincarnation / embodiment (of abstract idea) / personification

划时代 劃時代

huàshídài epoch-marking

话筒 話筒

huàtǒng microphone / receiver / handset / megaphone / mouthpiece / spokesperson

化纤 化纖

huàxiān man-made fiber (abbr. for 化學纖維|化学纤维[hua4 xue2 xian1 wei2])

化险为夷 化險為夷

huàxiǎnwéiyí to turn peril into safety (idiom) / to avert disaster

化验 化驗

huàyàn chemical examination / to do a lab test

话语 話語

huàyǔ words / speech / utterance / discourse

画展 畫展

huàzhǎn art exhibition

化妆 化妝

huàzhuāng to put on makeup

怀抱 懷抱

huáibào to hug / to cherish / within the bosom (of the family) / to embrace (also fig. an ideal, aspiration etc)

怀旧 懷舊

huáijiù to feel nostalgic / nostalgia

怀里 懷裡

huáilǐ embrace / bosom

槐树 槐樹

huáishù locust tree (Sophora japonica)

怀孕 懷孕

huáiyùn pregnant / to have conceived / gestation / pregnancy

坏事 壞事

huàishì bad thing / misdeed / to ruin things

欢呼 歡呼

huānhū to cheer for / to acclaim

欢聚 歡聚

huānjù to get together socially / to celebrate / party / celebration

欢快 歡快

huānkuài cheerful and lighthearted / lively

欢声笑语 歡聲笑語

huānshēngxiàoyǔ cheers and laughter

还款 還款

huánkuǎn repayment / to pay back money

环球 環球

huánqiú around the world / worldwide

环绕 環繞

huánrào to surround / to circle / to revolve around

还原 還原

huányuán to restore to the original state / to reconstruct (an event) / reduction (chemistry)

缓 緩

huǎn slow / unhurried / sluggish / gradual / not tense / relaxed / to postpone / to defer / to stall / to stave off / to revive / to recuperate

缓和 緩和

huǎnhé to ease (tension) / to alleviate / to moderate / to allay / to make more mild

缓缓 緩緩

huǎnhuǎn slowly / unhurriedly / little by little

缓慢 緩慢

huǎnmàn slow / unhurried / sluggish

患

huàn to suffer (from illness) / to contract (a disease) / misfortune / trouble / danger / worry

患病

huànbìng to fall ill

换成 換成

huànchéng to exchange (sth) for (sth else) / to replace with / to convert into

我把我的自行车换成了吉他。

Wǒ bǎ wǒ de zìxíngchē huànchéngle jítā.

I swapped my bike for a guitar.

焕发 煥發

huànfā to shine / to glow / to irradiate / to flash

幻觉 幻覺

huànjué illusion / hallucination / figment of one's imagination

唤起 喚起

huànqǐ to waken (to action) / to rouse (the masses) / to evoke (attention, recollection etc)

换取 換取

huànqǔ to obtain (sth) in exchange / to exchange (sth) for (sth else)

换位 換位

huànwèi to swap places / conversion / to rotate (tires)

幻想

huànxǐǎng to fantasize / to imagine / an illusion / a fantasy

换言之 換言之

huànyánzhī in other words

幻影

huànyǐng phantom / mirage

患有

huànyǒu to contract (an illness) / to be afflicted with / to suffer from

患者

huànzǎi patient / sufferer

荒

huāng desolate / shortage / scarce / out of practice / absurd / uncultivated / to neglect

荒诞 荒誕

huāngdàn beyond belief / incredible / preposterous / fantastic

荒凉 荒涼

huāngliáng desolate

慌乱 慌亂

huāngluàn frenetic / hurried

荒谬 荒謬

huāngmiù absurd / ridiculous

慌张 慌張

huāngzhāng flustered / agitated

皇帝

huángdì emperor

皇宫 皇宮

huánggōng imperial palace

皇后

huánghòu empress / imperial consort

黄昏 黃昏

huánghūn dusk / evening / nightfall

皇上

huángshang the emperor / Your majesty the emperor / His imperial majesty

皇室

huángshì royal family / imperial household / member of the royal family

谎话 謊話

huǎnghuà lie

恍然大悟

huǎngrándàwù to suddenly realize / to suddenly see the light

谎言 謊言

huǎngyán lie

晃

huàng to sway / to shake / to wander about

huǎng to dazzle / to flash past

晃荡 晃蕩

huàngdang to rock / to sway / to shake

挥 揮

huī to wave / to brandish / to command / to conduct / to scatter / to disperse

灰

huī ash / dust / lime / gray / discouraged / dejected

他会让你吃灰的。

Tā huì ràng nǐ chī huī de.

He will make you eat dirt.

灰尘 灰塵

huīchén dust

辉煌 輝煌

huīhuáng splendid / glorious

灰心

huīxīn to lose heart / to be discouraged

回归 回歸

huíguī to return to / to retreat / regression (statistics)

回扣

huíkòu brokerage / a commission paid to a middleman / euphemism for a bribe / a kickback

回馈 回饋

huíkui to repay a favor / to give back / feedback

回落

huíluò to fall back / to return to low level after a rise (in water level, price etc)

回升

huíshēng to rise again after a fall / to pick up / rally (stock market etc)

回首

huíshǒu to turn around / to look back / to recall the past

回味

huíwèi to call to mind and ponder over / aftertaste

回想

huíxiǎng to recall / to recollect / to think back

回忆录 回憶錄

huíyìlù memoir

回应 回應

huíyìng to respond / response

毁

huǐ to destroy / to ruin / to defame / to slander / to destroy by fire / to defame / to slander

他的形象全毁了。

Tā de xíngxiàng quán huǐle.

His image is completely ruined.

悔恨

huǐhèn remorse / repentance

毁坏 毀壞

huǐhuài to damage / to devastate / to vandalize / damage / destruction

毁灭 毀滅

huǐmiè to perish / to ruin / to destroy

会场 會場

huìchǎng meeting place / place where people gather

汇合 匯合

huìhé confluence / to converge / to join / to fuse / fusion

绘画 繪畫

huìhuà to draw / to paint

汇集

huìjí to collect / to compile / to converge / to collect / to compile / to converge

会见 會見

huìjiàn to meet with (sb who is paying a visit)

汇聚 匯聚

huìjù convergence / to come together

贿赂 賄賂

huìlù to bribe / a bribe

会面 會面

huìmiàn to meet with / meeting

绘声绘色 繪聲繪色

huìshēnghuìsè vivid and colorful (idiom) / true to life / lively and realistic

会晤 會晤

huìwù to meet (formally) / formal meeting

会意 會意

huìyì combined ideogram (one of the Six Methods 六書|六书 [liu4 shu1] of forming Chinese characters) / Chinese character that combines the meanings of existing elements / also known as joint ideogram or associative compound / to comprehend without being told explicitly / to cotton on / knowing (smile, glance etc)

会长 會長

huìzhǎng president of a club, committee etc

会诊 會診

huìzhěn consultation (medical) / to meet for diagnosis / consultation of different specialists

昏

hūn muddle-headed / twilight / to faint / to lose consciousness

昏迷

hūnmí to lose consciousness / to be in a coma / stupor / coma / stunned / disoriented

婚纱 婚紗

hūnshā wedding dress

婚姻

hūnyīn marriage / matrimony

有些人害怕婚姻。

Yǒuxiē rén hàipà hūnyīn.

Marriage frightens some people.

魂

hún soul / spirit / immortal soul (that can be detached from the body)

浑身 渾身

húnshēn all over / from head to foot

混

hùn to mix / to mingle / muddled / to drift along / to muddle along / to pass for / to get along with sb / thoughtless / reckless

hún muddy / turbid (variant of 渾|浑[hun2]) / brainless / foolish (variant of 渾|浑[hun2])

油和水不能混在一起。

Yóu hé shuǐ bùnéng hùn zài yìqǐ.

Oil does not mix with water.

混合

hùnhé to mix / to blend / hybrid / composite

混乱 混亂

hùnlùn confused / chaotic / disorderly

混凝土

hùnníngtǔ concrete (building material)

混淆

hùnxiao to obscure / to confuse / to mix up / to blur / to mislead

混浊 混濁

hùnzhuó turbid / muddy / dirty

豁

huō opening / stake all / sacrifice / crack / slit

huò open / clear / liberal-minded / generous / to exempt / to remit

huá to play Chinese finger-guessing game

豁出去

huōchuqu to throw caution to the wind / to press one's luck / to go for broke

活该 活該

huógāi serve sb right / deservedly / ought / should

活期

huóqī current (account) / checking (account) / demand (deposit etc)

活跃 活躍

huóyuè active / lively / excited / to enliven / to brighten up

火锅 火鍋

huǒguō hotpot / a blocked shot / a block

火候

huǒhou heat control / mastery / crucial moment

火花

huǒhuā spark / sparkle

火箭

huǒjiàn rocket

火炬

huǒjù torch

火辣辣

huǒlālā scorching hot / (of a burn or other injury) painful / burning / agitated / heated / intense / fiery / sharp-tongued / (of a woman's figure) smoking hot

火热 火熱

huǒrè fiery / burning / fervent / ardent / passionate

火山

huǒshān volcano

伙食

huǒshí food / meals

火速

huǒsù at top speed / at a tremendous lick

火焰

huǒyàn blaze / flame

火药 火藥

huǒyào gunpowder

货币 貨幣

huòbi currency / monetary / money

货车 貨車

huòchē truck / van / freight wagon

豁达 豁達

huòdá optimistic / sanguine / generous / magnanimous / open-minded

或多或少

huòduōhuòshǎo more or less

祸害 禍害

huòhài disaster / harm / scourge / bad person / to damage / to harm / to wreck

霍乱 霍亂

huòluàn cholera

获胜 獲勝

huòshèng to win

货物 貨物

huòwù goods / commodity / merchandise

获悉 獲悉

huòxī to learn of sth / to find out / to get news

货运 貨運

huòyùn freight transport / cargo / transported goods

J

积 積

jī to amass / to accumulate / to store up / product (the result of multiplication) / constipation / indigestion

基本功

jīběngōng basic skills / fundamentals

机舱 機艙

jīcāng cabin of a plane

基层 基層

jīcéng basic level / grassroots unit / basement layer

积淀 積澱

jīdiàn deposits accumulated over long periods / fig. valuable experience, accumulated wisdom

机动 機動

jīdòng locomotive / motorized / power-driven / adaptable / flexible (use, treatment, timing etc)

机动车 機動車

jīdòngchē motor vehicle

基督教

jīdūjiào Christianity

饥饿 飢餓

jīè hunger / starvation / famine

激发 激發

jīfā to arouse / to stimulate / to excite

肌肤 肌膚

jīfū skin / flesh / fig. close physical relationship

机关 機關

jīguān mechanism / gear / machine-operated / office / agency / organ / organization / establishment / institution / body / stratagem / scheme / intrigue / plot / trick

激光

jīguāng laser

激化

jīhuà to intensify

激活

jīhuó to activate

激励 激勵

jīlì to encourage / to urge / motivation / incentive

机灵 機靈

jīlíng alert / quick-witted / lively

几率 幾率

jīlǜ probability / odds

机密 機密

jīmì secret / classified / classified information / secret

激起

jīqǐ to arouse / to evoke / to cause / to stir up

激情

jīqíng passion / fervor / enthusiasm / strong emotion

激素

jīsù hormone

讥笑 譏笑

jīxiào to sneer

机械 機械

jīxiè machine / machinery / mechanical / cunning / scheming

畸形

jīxíng deformed / malformed / lopsided / unbalanced

积蓄 積蓄

jīxù to save / to put aside / savings

基因

jīyīn gene (loanword)

基于 基於

jīyú because of / on the basis of / in view of / on account of

机智 機智

jīzhì quick-witted / resourceful

基准 基準

jīzhǔn datum / standard / criterion / benchmark

即

jì namely / that is / i.e. / prompt / at once / at present / even if / prompted (by the occasion) / to approach / to come into contact / to assume (office) / to draw near

政治即生活。

Zhèngzhì jì shēnghuó.

Politics are the life.

及

jí and / to reach / up to / in time for

集

jí to gather / to collect / collected works / classifier for sections of a TV series etc: episode

我只看过第一集。

Wǒ zhǐ kànguò dìyī jí.

I've only seen the first episode.

即便

jībìàn even if / even though / right away / immediately

级别 級別

jíbíe rank / level / grade

疾病

jíbìng disease / sickness / ailment

数千人受此疾病所害。

Shù qiān rén shòu cǐ jíbìng suǒ hài.

Several thousand people became victims of this disease.

嫉妒

jídù to be jealous of / to envy

极度 極度

jídù extremely

极端 極端

jíduān extreme

集会 集會

jíhuì to gather / assembly / meeting

集结 集結

jíjié to assemble / to concentrate / to mass / to build up / to marshal

急救

jíjiù to give emergency treatment / first aid

急剧 急劇

jíjù rapid / sudden

即可

jíkě equivalent to 就可以 / can then (do sth) / can immediately (do sth) / and that will suffice

吉利

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

极力 極力

jílì to make a supreme effort / at all costs

急迫

jípò urgent / pressing / imperative

吉普

jípǔ Jeep (car brand)

及其

jíqí (conjunction linking two nouns) and its ... / and their ... / and his ... / and her ...

极少数 極少數

jíshǎoshù extremely few / a small minority

棘手

jíshǒu thorny (problem) / intractable

吉他

jítā guitar

我把我的自行车换成了吉他。

Wǒ bǎ wǒ de zìxíngchē huànchéngle jítā.

I swapped my bike for a guitar.

极为 極為

jíwéi extremely / exceedingly

电脑可以做极为复杂的工作。

Diànnǎo kěyǐ zuò jíwéi fùzá de gōngzuò.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work.

极限 極限

jíxiàn limit / extreme boundary

吉祥

jíxiáng lucky / auspicious / propitious

吉祥物

jíxiángwù mascot

急性

jíxìng acute

急需

jíxū to urgently need / urgent need

你急需钱的话我可以借一些给你。

Nǐ jíxū qián de huà wǒ kěyǐ jiè yìxiē gěi nǐ.

If you urgently need money I can you lend you some.

集邮 集郵

jíyóu stamp collecting / philately

急于 急於

jíyú eager to / in a hurry to

及早

jízǎo at the earliest possible time / as soon as possible

急诊 急診

jízhěn to give or receive urgent medical treatment / emergency treatment (at a hospital emergency department or from a doctor on a house call)

急转弯 急轉彎

jízhuǎnwān to make a sudden turn

集装箱 集裝箱

jízhuāngxiāng container (for shipping)

集资 集資

jízī to raise money / to accumulate funds

脊梁

jǐliáng backbone / spine

jǐliang back (of a human or other vertebrate)

挤压 擠壓

jīyā to squeeze / to compress / to crowd out / to put pressure on

给予 給予

jǐyǔ to give / to accord / to render

每个人都值得被给予第二次机会。

Méi ge rén dōu zhí de bèi jǐyǔ dì'èr cì jīhuì.

Everyone deserves a second chance.

剂 劑

jì a compound made by mixing ingredients (esp. a medicinal or chemical product) / small piece of dough cut from a rolled log, used for making mantou (steamed buns) or dumplings / classifier for a dose of medicine

忌

jì to be jealous of / fear / dread / scruple / to avoid or abstain from / to quit / to give up sth

祭

jì to offer a sacrifice to (gods or ancestors) / to recite an incantation to activate a magic weapon / to wield (sth magic) / ceremony / (bound form) (celebratory) festival

zhài surname Zhai

继 繼

jì to continue / to follow after / to go on with / to succeed / to inherit / then / afterwards

计 計

jì to calculate / to compute / to count / to regard as important / to plan / ruse / meter / gauge / surname Ji

计策 計策

jìcè stratagem

祭奠

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

继而 繼而

jì'ér then / afterwards

继父 繼父

jìfù stepfather

记号 記號

jìhao mark / symbol / notation / seal

忌讳 忌諱

jìhuì taboo / to avoid as taboo / to abstain from

计较 計較

jìjiào to bother about / to haggle / to bicker / to argue / plan / stratagem

寂静 寂靜

jìjìng quiet

忌口

jìkǒu abstain from certain food (as when ill) / avoid certain foods / be on a diet

纪录片 紀錄片

jìlùpiàn newsreel / documentary (film or TV program)

寂寞

jìmò lonely / lonesome / quiet / silent

继母 繼母

jìmǔ stepmother

纪念碑 紀念碑

jìniànbēi monument

纪念馆 紀念館

jìniànguǎn memorial museum / memorial hall

纪念日 紀念日

jìniànrì day of commemoration / memorial day

纪实 紀實

jìshí record of actual events / documentary (factual rather than fictional)

计时 計時

jìshí to measure time / to time / to reckon by time

祭祀

jìsì to offer sacrifices to the gods or ancestors

寄托 寄託

jìtuō to entrust (to sb) / to place (one's hope, energy etc) in / a thing in which one invests (one's hope, energy etc)

迹象 跡象

jìxiàng sign / indication / mark / indicator

技艺 技藝

jìyì skill / art

记忆犹新 記憶猶新

jìyìyóuxīn to remain fresh in one's memory (idiom)

嘉宾 嘉賓

jiābīn esteemed guest / honored guest / guest (on a show)

家电 家電

jiādiàn household electric appliance

家伙

jiāhuo household dish, implement or furniture / domestic animal / guy / chap / weapon

家家户户 家家戶戶

jiājiāhùhù each and every family (idiom) / every household

家教

jiājiào family education / upbringing / to bring sb up / private tutor

佳节 佳節

jiājié festive day / holiday

加紧 加緊

jiājǐn to intensify / to speed up / to step up

家境

jiājìng family financial situation / family circumstances

加剧 加劇

jiājù to intensify

加盟

jiāméng to join an alliance / (of an athlete) to join a sports team / (of an entrepreneur) to join a franchise / (of an actor) to join the cast of a movie / (of a recording artist) to sign with a label

嘉年华 嘉年華

jiāniánhuá carnival

家禽

jiāqín poultry / domestic fowl

加深

jiāshēn to deepen

家用

jiāyòng home-use / domestic / family expenses / housekeeping money

家喻户晓 家喻戶曉

jiāyùhùxiǎo understood by everyone (idiom) / well known / a household name

家园 家園

jiāyuán home / homeland

家政

jiāzhèng housekeeping

加重

jiāzhòng to make heavier / to emphasize / to become more serious / to aggravate (a bad situation) / to increase (a burden, punishment etc)

家族

jiāzú family / clan

假定

jiǎdìng to assume / to suppose / supposed / so-called / assumption / hypothesis

假冒

jiǎmào to impersonate / to pose as (someone else) / to counterfeit / to palm off (a fake as a genuine)

假设 假設

jiǎshè to suppose / to presume / to assume / supposing that ... / if / hypothesis / conjecture

假设李先生从来没来过这里的话，那他怎么可能是凶手呢？

Jiǎshè Lǐ xiānsheng cóngláiméi láiguozhèlǐ dehuà, nà tā zěnmekěnéng shì xiōngshǒu ne?

Supposing Mr Li had never been here, then how could he be the killer?

假使

jiǎshǐ if / in case / suppose / given ...

假使你遇到这种问题的话，你怎么办？

Jiǎshǐ nǐ yùdào zhèzhǒng wèntí dehuà, nǐ zěnmebàn?

What if you encounter this kind of problem - then what will you do?

假装 假裝

jiǎzhuāng to feign / to pretend

嫁

jià to marry / to marry off a daughter / to shift (blame etc)

驾 駕

jià to harness / to draw (a cart etc) / to drive / to pilot / to sail / to ride / your good self / prefixed word denoting respect (polite 敬辭|敬辞[jing4 ci2]) / surname Jia

驾车 駕車

jiàchē to drive a vehicle

假日

jiàrì a holiday / a day off

法定假日加班有三倍的工资。

Fǎdìng jiàrì jiābān yǒu sānbèi de gōngzī.

According to law, holiday overtime pay must be three times higher.

架势 架勢

jiàshi attitude / position (on an issue etc)

价位 價位

jiàwèi price level

驾驭 駕馭

jiàyù to urge on (of horse) / to drive / to steer / to handle / to manage / to master / to dominate

价值观 價值觀

jiàzhíguān value system / personal or cultural values

嫁妆 嫁妝

jiàzhuang dowry

架子

jiàzi shelf / frame / stand / framework / airs / arrogance

兼

jiān double / twice / simultaneous / holding two or more (official) posts at the same time

这个诗人兼学者死了。

Zhège shīrén jiān xuézhě sǐle.

The poet and scholar is dead.

尖

jiān pointed / tapering / sharp / shrill / piercing / (of one's hearing, sight etc) sharp / acute / keen / to make (one's voice) shrill / sharp point / tip / the best of sth / the cream of the crop

你眼睛好尖啊。

Nǐ yǎnjīng hǎo jiān a.

You have very piercing eyes.

煎

jiān to pan fry / to sauté

我去用锅煎一个蛋。

Wǒ qù yòng guō jiān yí gè dàn.

I am going to fry an egg in a pan.

肩膀

jiānbǎng shoulder

监测 監測

jiāncè to monitor

监察 監察

jiānchá to supervise / to control

坚持不懈 堅持不懈

jiānchíbùxiè to persevere unremittingly / to keep going until the end

监督 監督

jiāndū to supervise / to oversee / to inspect

尖端

jiānduān sharp pointed end / the tip / the cusp / tip-top / most advanced and sophisticated / highest peak / the best

肩负 肩負

jiānfù to shoulder (a burden) / to bear / to suffer (a disadvantage)

兼顾 兼顧

jiāngù to handle two or more responsibilities at the same time / to balance (career and family, or work and studies etc)

监管 監管

jiānguǎn to oversee / to take charge of / to supervise / to administer / supervisory / supervision

监护 監護

jiānhù to act as a guardian

监控 監控

jiānkòng to monitor

艰苦奋斗 艱苦奮鬥

jiānkǔfèndòu to struggle arduously

歼灭 殲滅

jiānmiè to wipe out / to crush / to annihilate

兼任

jiānrèn to hold a concurrent post / part-time / (in academia) adjunct

坚韧 堅韌

jiānrèn tough and durable / tenacious

人造的纺织品通常比天然的纺织品还要坚韧。

Rénzào de fǎngzhīpǐn tōngcháng bǐ tiānrán de fǎngzhīpǐn

hái yào jiānrèn.

Man-made fabrics are often more durable than natural ones

兼容

jiānróng compatible

尖锐 尖銳

jiānrui sharp / intense / penetrating / pointed / acute (illness)

坚实 堅實

jiānshí firm and substantial / solid

监视 監視

jiānshì to monitor / to keep a close watch over / surveillance

坚守 堅守

jiānshǒu to hold fast to / to stick to

艰险 艱險

jiānxiǎn difficult and dangerous / hardships and perils

艰辛 艱辛

jiānxīn hardships / arduous / difficult

坚信 堅信

jiānxìn to believe firmly / without any doubt

坚硬 堅硬

jiānyìng hard / solid

监狱 監獄

jiānyù prison

一个犯人从监狱里逃出来了。

Yí gè fàn rén cóng jiānyù lǐ táo chū lái le.

A criminal escaped from prison.

奸诈 奸詐

jiānzhà treachery / devious / a rogue

兼职 兼職

jiānzhí to hold concurrent posts / concurrent job / moonlighting

拣 揀

jiǎn to choose / to pick / to sort out / to pick up

捡 撿

jiǎn to pick up / to collect / to gather

检察 檢察

jiǎnchá to inspect / to prosecute / to investigate

简称 簡稱

jiǎnchēng to be abbreviated to / abbreviation / short form

简短 簡短

jiǎnduǎn brief (statement, summary etc) / briefly / brevity

简化 簡化

jiǎnhuà to simplify

简洁 簡潔

jiǎnjié concise / succinct / pithy

简介 簡介

jiǎnjiè summary / brief introduction

简陋 簡陋

jiǎnlòu simple and crude

减免 減免

jiǎnmiǎn to reduce or waive (taxes, punishment, rent, tuition etc)

减弱 減弱

jiǎnrùo to weaken / to diminish

减速 減速

jiǎnsù to reduce speed / to slow down

检讨 檢討

jiǎntǎo to examine or inspect / self-criticism / review

简体字 簡體字

jiǎntǐzì simplified Chinese character, as opposed to traditional Chinese character 繁體字|繁体字[fan2 ti3 zi4]

减压 減壓

jiǎnyǎ to reduce pressure / to relax

简要 簡要

jiǎnyào concise / brief

简易 簡易

jiǎnyì simple and easy / simplistic / simplicity

剑 劍

jiàn double-edged sword / classifier for blows of a sword

我要一把剑!

Wǒ yào yì bǎ jiàn!

I want a sword!

溅 濺

jiàn to splash

箭

jiàn arrow

贱 賤

jiàn inexpensive / lowly / despicable / (humble) my

鉴别 鑑別

jiànbíé to differentiate / to distinguish

间谍 間諜

jiàndié spy

鉴定 鑑定

jiàndìng to examine sth to determine its authenticity, quality, value etc / to appraise / to evaluate / to authenticate

间断 間斷

jiànduàn disconnected / interrupted / suspended / a gap / a break

间隔 間隔

jiàngé gap / interval / compartment / to divide / to separate / to leave a gap of (two weeks, three meters etc)

建交

jiànjiāo to establish diplomatic relations

见解 見解

jiànjiě opinion / view / understanding

健美

jiànměi healthy and beautiful / to do fitness exercises

见钱眼开 見錢眼開

jiànqiányǎnkāi to open one's eyes wide at the sight of profit (idiom) / thinking of nothing but personal gain / money-grubbing

见仁见智 見仁見智

jiànrénjiànzhì opinions differ (idiom)

鉴赏 鑑賞

jiànshǎng to appreciate (as a connoisseur)

见识 見識

jiànshi to gain first-hand knowledge of sth / to experience for oneself / knowledge / experience / insight

建树 建樹

jiànshù to make a contribution / to establish / to found / contribution

见外 見外

jiànwài to treat sb with the formal courtesy accorded to a host or a guest

间隙 間隙

jiànxi interval / gap / clearance

见效 見效

jiànxiào to produce the intended effect / to achieve the desired result

见义勇为 見義勇為

jiànyìyǒngwéi (usu. of a passer-by who comes across a critical situation) to step in and help / to take brave or selfless action

鉴于 鑒於

jiànyú in view of / seeing that / considering / whereas

见证 見證

jiànzhèng to be witness to / witness / evidence

建筑师 建築師

jiànzhùshī architect

建筑物 建築物

jiànzhùwù building / structure / edifice

健壮 健壯

jiànzhuàng robust / healthy / sturdy

僵

jiāng rigid / deadlock / stiff (corpse)

姜

jiāng ginger / surname Jiang

僵化

jiānghuà to become rigid

僵局

jiāngjú impasse / deadlock

将军 將軍

jiāngjūn general / high-ranking military officer / to check or checkmate / fig. to embarrass / to challenge / to put sb on the spot / (common place name)

奖杯 獎杯

jiǎngbēi trophy cup

讲解 講解

jiǎngjiě to explain

讲课 講課

jiǎngkè to give a lecture / to teach a class

奖牌 獎牌

jiǎngpái medal (awarded as a prize)

奖品 獎品

jiǎngpǐn award / prize

讲述 講述

jiǎngshù to talk about / to narrate / to give an account

奖项 獎項

jiǎngxiàng award / prize

讲学 講學

jiǎngxué to lecture (on branch of learning)

酱 醬

jiàng thick paste of fermented soybean / marinated in soy paste / paste / jam

降临 降臨

jiànglín to descend / to arrive / to come

酱油 醬油

jiàngyóu soy sauce

浇 澆

jiāo to pour liquid / to irrigate (using waterwheel) / to water / to cast (molten metal) / to mold

焦

jiāo burnt / scorched / charred / worried / anxious / coke / joule (abbr. for 焦耳[jiao1 er3]) / surname Jiao

骄傲 驕傲

jiāoào pride / arrogance / conceited / proud of sth

交叉

jiāochā to cross / to intersect / to overlap

焦点 焦點

jiāodiǎn focal point / focus

交锋 交鋒

jiāofēng to cross swords / to have a confrontation (with sb)

交付

jiāofù to hand over / to deliver

娇惯 嬌慣

jiāoguàn to pamper / to coddle / to spoil

交集

jiāoji to occur simultaneously / to intermingle / common ground / points of commonality / overlap / connection / interaction / dealings / (set theory) intersection

焦急

jiāojí anxiety / anxious

交接

jiāojiē to come into contact / to meet / to hand over to / to take over from / to associate with / to have friendly relations with / to have sexual intercourse

交界

jiāojiè common boundary / common border

焦距

jiāojiù focal length / focal distance

焦虑 焦慮

jiāolǜ anxious / worried / apprehensive

交纳 交納

jiāonà to pay (taxes or dues)

胶囊 膠囊

jiāonáng capsule

胶片 膠片

jiāopiàn film

娇气 嬌氣

jiāoqì delicate / squeamish / finicky

交情

jiāoqing friendship / friendly relations

交涉

jiāoshè to negotiate (with) / to have dealings (with)

礁石

jiāoshí reef

交谈 交談

jiāotán to discuss / to converse / chat / discussion

交替

jiāotì to replace / alternately / in turn

交头接耳 交頭接耳

jiāotóujiēěr to whisper to one another's ear

郊外

jiāowài outskirts

交响乐 交響樂

jiāoxiǎngyuè symphony

郊游 郊遊

jiāoyóu to go for an outing / to go on an excursion

焦躁

jiāozào fretful / impatient

嚼

jiáo to chew

搅 攪

jiǎo to disturb / to annoy / to mix / to stir

绞 絞

jiǎo to twist (strands into a thread) / to entangle / to wring / to hang (by the neck) / to turn / to wind / classifier for skeins of yarn

缴 繳

jiǎo to hand in / to hand over / to pay / to capture (weapons) / to seize

搅拌 攪拌

jiǎobàn to stir / to agitate

缴费 繳費

jiǎofèi to pay a fee

狡猾

jiǎohuá crafty / cunning / sly

角落

jiǎoluò corner (of a room, courtyard etc) / remote spot / nook

缴纳 繳納

jiǎonà to pay (taxes etc)

脚印 腳印

jiǎoyìn footprint

矫正 矯正

jiǎozhèng to correct / to rectify (e.g. a physical defect such as hearing or vision) / to cure / rectification / correction / to straighten

叫板

jiàobǎn to signal the musicians (in Chinese opera, by prolonging a spoken word before attacking a song) / to challenge

轿车 轎車

jiàoche enclosed carriage for carrying passengers / sedan

叫好

jiào hǎo to applaud / to cheer

较劲 較勁

jiào jìn to match one's strength with / to compete / more competitive / to set oneself against sb / disobliging / to make a special effort

教科书 教科書

jiàokēshū textbook

较量 較量

jiàoliàng to pit oneself against sb / to compete with sb / contest / battle / to haggle / to quibble

教堂

jiàotáng church / chapel

教条 教條

jiàotiáo doctrine / dogma / creed / dogmatic

教养 教養

jiàoyǎng to educate / to bring up / to nurture / upbringing / breeding / culture

教育部

jiàoyùbù Ministry of Education

揭

jiē to take the lid off / to expose / to unmask / surname Jie

皆

jiē all / each and every / in all cases

一切事物皆是相对的。
Yíqiè shìwù jiē shì xiāngduì de.
Everything is relative.

接班

jiēbān to take over (from those working the previous shift) / to take over (in a leadership role etc) / to succeed sb

接班人

jiēbānrén successor

阶层 階層

jiēcéng social class

接二连三 接二連三

jiēèrliánsān one after another / in quick succession

揭发 揭發

jiēfā to expose / to bring to light / to disclose / revelation

接轨 接軌

jiēguǐ railtrack connection / to integrate into sth / to dock / to connect / to be in step with / to bring into line with / to align

阶级 階級

jiējí class

接济 接濟

jiējì to give material assistance to

接见 接見

jiējiàn to receive sb / to grant an interview

接力

jiēlì relay

揭露

jiēlù to expose / to unmask / to ferret out / to disclose / disclosure

接纳 接納

jiēnà to admit or welcome (into a group) / to accept (sb or sth)

揭示

jiēshì to reveal / to elucidate / to set forth / to articulate / to announce publicly / to promulgate

接收

jiēshōu reception (of transmitted signal) / to receive / to accept / to admit / to take over (e.g. a factory) / to expropriate

接手

jiēshǒu to take over (duties etc) / catcher (baseball etc)

接送

jiēsòng to pick up and drop off / to ferry back and forth

阶梯 階梯

jiētī flight of steps / stepping stone / way to reach the goal of

接替

jiēti to replace / to take over (a position or post)

接听 接聽

jiēting to answer the phone

接通

jiētōng to connect / to put through

街头 街頭

jiētóu street

揭晓 揭曉

jiēxiǎo to announce publicly / to publish / to make known / to disclose

劫

jié to rob / to plunder / to seize by force / to coerce / calamity

截

jié to cut off (a length) / to stop / to intercept / section / chunk / length

结冰 結冰

jiébīng to freeze

劫持

jiéchí to kidnap / to hijack / to abduct / to hold under duress

杰出 傑出

jiéchū outstanding / distinguished / remarkable / prominent / illustrious

节假日 節假日

jiéjiàri public holiday

节俭 節儉

jiéjiǎn frugal / economical

竭尽全力 竭盡全力

jiéjìnquánlì to spare no effort / to do one's utmost

结晶 結晶

jiéjīng to crystallize / crystallization / crystal / crystalline / the fruit (of labor etc)

洁净 潔淨

jiējìng clean / to cleanse

结局 結局

jiéjú conclusion / ending / outcome

竭力

jiélì to do one's utmost

节能 節能

jiénéng to conserve energy / to minimize energy consumption

节气 節氣

jiéqì solar term

截然不同

jiéránbùtóng entirely different / different as black and white

结识 結識

jiéshí to get to know sb / to meet sb for the first time

节水 節水

jiéshuǐ to save water

结尾 結尾

jiéwěi ending / coda / to wind up

节衣缩食 節衣縮食

jiéyīsuōshí to save on food and clothing (idiom) / to live frugally

截止

jiézhǐ to end / to close / cut-off

截至

jiézhì up to (a time) / by (a time)

节奏 節奏

jiézòu rhythm / tempo / musical pulse / cadence / beat

解

jiě to divide / to break up / to split / to separate / to dissolve / to solve / to melt / to remove / to untie / to loosen / to open / to emancipate / to explain / to understand / to know / a solution / a dissection

xiè acrobatic display (esp. on horseback) (old) / surname Xie

jiè to transport under guard

人生中有许多不可解的事物。
Rénshēng zhōng yǒu xǔduō bùkě jiě de shìwù.
There are many mysteries in life.

解答

jiědá to solve (a problem) / to resolve (a difficulty) / to provide an answer / solution / resolution / answer

解读 解讀

jiědú to decipher / to decode / to interpret

解雇 解僱

jiěgù to fire / to sack / to dismiss / to terminate employment

解救

jiějiù to rescue / to help out of difficulties / to save the situation

解剖

jiěpōu to dissect (an animal) / to analyze / anatomy

解散

jiěsàn to dissolve / to disband

解说 解說

jiěshuō to explain (verbally) / to give a running commentary

解体 解體

jiětǐ to break up into components / to disintegrate / to collapse / to crumble

解脱 解脫

jiětuō to untie / to free / to absolve of / to get free of / to extirpate oneself / to free oneself of worldly worries

解围 解圍

jiěwéi to lift a siege / to help sb out of trouble or embarrassment

解析

jiěxī to analyze / to resolve / analysis / analytic

界

jiè boundary / border / realm

戒备 戒備

jièbèi to take precautions / to guard against (emergency)

界定

jièdìng definition / to delimit

借鉴 借鑒

jièjiàn to draw on (others' experience) / to learn from (how others do things) / lesson to be learned (by observing others)

借口

jièkǒu to use as an excuse / excuse / pretext

介入

jièrù to intervene / to get involved

届时 屆時

jièshí when the time comes / at the scheduled time

借条 借條

jiètiáo receipt for a loan / IOU

界线 界線

jièxiàn limits / bounds / dividing line

界限

jièxiàn boundary

戒烟 戒煙

jièyān to give up smoking

我去年就戒烟了。

Wǒ qùnián jiù jièyān le.

I quit smoking last year.

介意

jièyì to care about / to take offense / to mind

借用

jièyòng to borrow sth for another use / to borrow an idea for one's own use

介于 介於

jièyú between / intermediate / to lie between

戒指

jièzhi ring

借助

jièzhù to draw support from / with the help of

筋

jīn muscle / tendon / veins visible under the skin / sth resembling tendons or veins (e.g. fiber in a vegetable)

禁不住

jīnbuzhù can't help it / can't bear it

金额 金額

jīné sum of money / amount of money

津津有味

jīnjīnyǒuwèi with keen interest (idiom) / with great pleasure / with gusto / eagerly

金钱 金錢

jīnqián money / currency

金融

jīnróng banking / finance / financial

金属 金屬

jīnshǔ metal

铁是一种金属。

Tiě shì yìzhǒng jīnshǔ.

Iron is a metal.

津贴 津貼

jīntiē allowance

金字塔

jīnzǐtǎ pyramid (building or structure)

金子

jīnzi gold

jīnzǐ Kaneko (Japanese surname)

尽

jǐn to the greatest extent / (when used before a noun of location) furthest or extreme / to be within the limits of / to give priority to

jìn to use up / to exhaust / to end / to finish / to the utmost / exhausted / finished / to the limit (of sth) / all / entirely

我们尽我们所能。

Wǒmen jǐn wǒmen suǒ néng.

We do the best we can.

仅次于 僅次於

jǐncíyú second only to ... / ranking behind only ...

紧凑 緊湊

jǐncòu compact / terse / tight (schedule)

紧接着 緊接著

jǐnjiēzhe immediately afterwards / shortly after that

紧迫 緊迫

jǐnpò pressing / urgent

锦旗 錦旗

jǐnqí silk banner (as an award or gift)

紧缺 緊缺

jǐnquē in short supply / scarce

谨慎 謹慎

jǐnshèn cautious / prudent

紧缩 緊縮

jǐnsuō to reduce / to curtail / to cut back / to tighten / austerity / tightening / crunch

尽早 儘早

jǐnzǎo as early as possible

我会尽早还给你这笔钱。

Wǒ huì jǐnzǎo huán gěi nǐ zhè bǐ qián.

I'll return the money to you as soon as possible.

进场 進場

jìrchǎng to enter the venue / to enter the arena / to approach the airfield / to get into the market

进程 進程

jìrchéng course of events / process / process (a running instance of a program)

进出 進出

jìrchū to enter and exit / to go in and out / inflow and outflow (of goods, vehicles, funds etc)

进出口 進出口

jìrchūkǒu importation and exportation / import-export / access point / opening that serves as an entrance or exit

进度 進度

jìndù rate of progress

进而 進而

jìnéer and then / and thereby / and in turn

进攻 進攻

jìngōng to attack / to assault / to go on the offensive / attack / assault / offense (sports)

他们进攻了敌人。

Tāmen jìngōngle dírén.

They attacked the enemy.

禁忌

jìnjì taboo / contraindication (medicine) / to abstain from

近年来 近年來

jìnniánlái for the past few years

浸泡

jìnpào to steep / to soak / to immerse

尽情 盡情

jìngqíng as much as one likes

禁区 禁區

jìngqū restricted area / forbidden zone / off-limits area

近日

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

晋升 晉升

jìnshēng to promote to a higher position

近视 近視

jìnshì myopic / nearsighted / shortsighted

劲头 勁頭

jìntóu enthusiasm / zeal / vigor / strength

尽头 盡頭

jìntóu end / extremity / limit

进修 進修

jìnxīu to undertake advanced studies / to take a refresher course

惊 驚

jīng to startle / to be frightened / to be scared / alarm

我吃了一惊。

Wǒ chīle yì jīng.

I was surprised.

精

jīng essence / extract / vitality / energy / semen / sperm / mythical goblin spirit / highly perfected / elite / the pick of sth / proficient (refined ability) / extremely (fine) / selected rice (archaic)

经 經

jīng classics / sacred book / scripture / to pass through / to undergo / to bear / to endure / warp (textile) / longitude / menstruation / channel (TCM) / surname Jing

那个年轻人住在一座老房子里。

Nàge nián jīng rén zhù zài yí zuò lǎo fángzi lǐ.

The young man lives in an old house.

茎 莖

jīng stalk / stem

惊诧 驚詫

jīngchà to be surprised / to be amazed / to be stunned

精打细算 精打細算

jīngdǎxìsuàn meticulous planning and careful accounting (idiom)

经度 經度

jīngdù longitude

精华 精華

jīnghuá best feature / most important part of an object / quintessence / essence / soul

惊慌 驚慌

jīnghuāng to panic / to be alarmed

惊慌失措 驚慌失措

jīnghuāngshīcuò to lose one's head out of fear (idiom)

荆棘 荊棘

jīngjí thistles and thorns / brambles / thorny undergrowth

精简 精簡

jīngjiǎn to simplify / to reduce

兢兢业业 兢兢業業

jīngjīngyèyè conscientious / assiduous

经久不息 經久不息

jīngjiǔbùxī prolonged (applause, cheering etc)

精练 精練

jīngliàn to scour / to degum (silk)

经贸 經貿

jīngmào economy and trade (abbr. for 經濟貿易 | 经济贸易 [jīng1 ji4 mao4 yi4])

精美

jīngměi exquisite / elegant / fine

精妙

jīngmiào exquisite / fine and delicate (usu. of works of art)

精明

jīngmíng astute / shrewd / smart

精疲力竭

jīngpílìjié spirit weary, strength exhausted (idiom) / spent / drained / washed out

精品

jīngpǐn quality goods / premium product / fine work (of art)

惊奇 驚奇

jīngqí to be amazed / to be surprised / to wonder

精确 精確

jīngquè accurate / precise

惊人 驚人

jīngrén astonishing

经商 經商

jīngshāng to trade / to carry out commercial activities / in business

精神病

jīngshénbìng mental disorder / psychosis

经受 經受

jīngshòu to undergo (hardship) / to endure / to withstand

精髓

jīngsuǐ marrow / pith / quintessence / essence

惊叹 驚嘆

jīngtàn to exclaim in admiration / a gasp of surprise

惊天动地 驚天動地

jīngtiāndòngdì world-shaking

精通

jīngtōng to be proficient in / to master (a subject)

惊喜 驚喜

jīngxǐ nice surprise / to be pleasantly surprised

精细 精細

jīngxì fine / meticulous / careful

惊险 驚險

jīngxiǎn perilous / touch-and-go / nerve-racking / suspenseful

精心

jīngxīn with utmost care / fine / meticulous / detailed

惊心动魄 驚心動魄

jīngxīndòngpò heart-stopping / hair-raising / breathtaking

惊醒 驚醒

jīngxǐng to rouse / to be woken by sth / to wake with a start / to sleep lightly

惊讶 驚訝

jīngyà amazed / astonished / to surprise / amazing / astonishment / awe

精益求精

jīngyìqiújīng to constantly seek to improve / to keep perfecting

精英

jīngyīng cream / elite / essence / quintessence

晶莹 晶瑩

jīngyíng sparkling and translucent

精致 精緻

jīngzhì delicate / fine / exquisite / refined

井

jǐng a well / neat / orderly / Jing, one of the 28 constellations of Chinese astronomy / surname Jing

景

jǐng scenery / circumstance / situation / scene (of a play) / sunlight / surname Jing

颈部 頸部

jǐngbù neck

警车 警車

jǐngchē police car

小偷一看到警车就跑走了。

Xiǎotóu yí kàndào jǐngchē jiù pǎo zǒule.

The thief ran off as soon as he saw the police car.

景点 景點

jǐngdiǎn tourist attraction / scenic spot

在京都，有很多的景点值得一看。

Zài Jīngdū, yǒu hěn duō de jǐngdiǎn zhíde yí kàn.

There are a lot of sights in Kyoto.

景观 景觀

jǐngguān landscape

警官

jǐngguān constable / police officer

景区 景區

jǐngqū scenic area

警惕

jǐngtì to be on the alert / vigilant / alert / on guard / to warn

警钟 警鐘

jǐngzhōng alarm bell

净 淨

jìng clean / completely / only / net (income, exports etc) / painted face male role

敬

jìng respectful / to respect / to offer politely

竟

jìng unexpectedly / actually / to go so far as to / indeed

敬爱 敬愛

jìngài to respect and love / to hold in high esteem

境地

jìngdì circumstances

敬而远之 敬而遠之

jìngéryuǎnzhi to show respect from a distance (idiom) / to remain at a respectful distance

竟敢

jìnggǎn to have the impertinence / to have the cheek to

净化 淨化

jìnghuà to purify

废水从工厂净化后加以利用。

Fèishuǐ cóng gōngchǎng jìnghuà hòu jiāyǐ lìyòng.

Waste water is used after being purified by the treatment plant.

竞技 競技

jìngjì competition of skill (e.g. sports) / athletics tournament

境界

jìngjiè boundary / state / realm

敬酒

jìngjiǔ to toast / to propose a toast

敬礼 敬禮

jìnglǐ to salute / salute

境内 境內

jìngnèi within the borders / internal (to a country, province, city etc) / domestic

敬佩

jìngpèi to esteem / to admire

敬请 敬請

jìngqǐng please (do sth) (deferential form)

境外

jìngwài outside (a country's) borders

竞相 競相

jìngxiāng competitive / eagerly / to vie

竞选 競選

jìngxuǎn to take part in an election / to run for office

敬业 敬業

jìngyè dedicated to one's work

敬意

jìngyì respect / esteem / high regard

境遇

jìngyù circumstance

静止 靜止

jìngzhǐ still / immobile / static / stationary

敬重

jìngzhòng to respect deeply / to revere / to esteem

窘迫

jiǒngpò poverty-stricken / very poor / hard-pressed / in a predicament / embarrassed

揪

jiū to seize / to clutch / to grab firmly and pull

纠缠 糾纏

jiūchán to be in a tangle / to nag

纠纷 糾紛

jiūfēn dispute

纠正 糾正

jiūzhèng to correct / to make right

酒精

jiǔjīng ethanol / ethyl alcohol

酒楼 酒樓

jiǔlóu restaurant

酒水

jiǔshuǐ alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (e.g. on a menu)

久违 久違

jiǔwéi for a long time / a long time since we last met

久仰

jiǔyǎng honorific: I've long looked forward to meeting you. / It's an honor to meet you at last.

就餐

jiùcān to dine / to have one's meal

就地

jiùdì locally / on the spot

就读 就讀

jiùdú to go to school

救护车 救護車

jiùhùchē ambulance

救济 救濟

jiùjì emergency relief / to help the needy with cash or goods

就近

jiùjìn nearby / in a close neighborhood

舅舅

jiùjiu mother's brother / maternal uncle (informal)

救命

jiùmìng to save sb's life / Help! / Save me!

就任

jiùrèn to take office / to assume a post

就是说 就是說

jiùshìshuō in other words / that is

就算

jiùsuàn even if

他就算多忙也会来的。

Tā jiùsuàn duō máng yě huì lái de.

Even if he is busy, he will come.

就医 就醫

jiùyī to receive medical treatment

救援

jiùyuán to save / to support / to help / to assist

就诊 就診

jiùzhěn to see a doctor / to seek medical advice

就职 就職

jiùzhí to take office / to assume a post

救治

jiùzhì to provide critical care (to a patient or a diseased plant)

救助

jiùzhù to help sb in trouble / aid / assistance

就座

jiùzuò to take a seat

居高临下 居高臨下

jūgāolínxià lit. to be in a high location, overlooking the scene below (idiom) / fig. to occupy a commanding position / to assume a haughty attitude

鞠躬

jūgōng to bow / to bend down

拘留

jūliú to detain (as a prisoner) / to keep sb in custody

居民楼 居民樓

jūmínlóu apartment building / residential tower

拘束

jūshù to restrict / to restrain / constrained / awkward / ill at ease / uncomfortable / reticent

局部

júbù part / local

菊花

júhuā chrysanthemum / chrysanthemum flower / anus

局势 局勢

júshì situation / state (of affairs)

局限

júxiàn to limit / to confine / to restrict sth within set boundaries

橘子

júzi tangerine

举报 舉報

jǔbào to report (malefactors to the police) / to denounce

举措 舉措

jǔcuò move / act / measure

举例 舉例

jǔlì to give an example

沮丧 沮喪

jǔsàng dispirited / dejected / dismayed

举世闻名 舉世聞名

jǔshìwénmíng world-famous (idiom)

举世无双 舉世無雙

jǔshìwúshuāng unrivaled (idiom) / world number one / unique / unequaled

举世瞩目 舉世矚目

jǔshìzhǔmù to receive worldwide attention

举一反三 舉一反三

jǔyīfǎnsān to raise one and infer three / to deduce many things from one case (idiom)

举止 舉止

jǔzhǐ bearing / manner / mien

举重 舉重

jǔzhòng to lift weights / weight-lifting (sports)

除了举重以外，我今天又跑了一会儿步。

Chúle jǔzhòng yǐwài, wǒ jīntiān yòu pǎole yíhuìr bù.

Apart from lifting weights, I also went running for a while today.

剧 劇

jù theatrical work (play, opera, TV series etc) / dramatic (change, increase etc) / acute / severe

据 據

jù according to / to act in accordance with / to depend on / to seize / to occupy

距

jù to be at a distance of ... from / to be apart from / distance / spur (on the leg of certain birds: gamecock, pheasant etc)

锯 鋸

jù a saw (CL:把[bā3]) / to saw

据此 據此

jùcǐ accordingly / in view of the above

巨额 巨額

jùé a huge sum / an enormous amount (of money)

聚集

jùjí to assemble / to gather

聚精会神 聚精會神

jùjīnghuìshén to concentrate one's attention (idiom)

剧烈 劇烈

jùliè violent / acute / severe / fierce

剧目 劇目

jùmù theatrical piece (play or opera) / repertoire / list of plays or operas

剧情 劇情

jùqíng story line / plot / drama (genre)

巨人

jùrén giant

巨头 巨頭

jùtóu tycoon / magnate / big player (including company, country, school etc) / big shot

剧团 劇團

jùtuán theatrical troupe

据悉 據悉

jùxī according to reports / it is reported (that)

巨星

jùxīng giant star / superstar (of opera, basketball etc)

巨型

jùxíng giant / enormous

剧院 劇院

jùyuàn theater

剧组 劇組

jùzǔ cast and crew / performers and production team

捐

juān to relinquish / to abandon / to contribute / to donate / tax / levy

我一得到一大笔钱就捐一部分给慈善机构。

Wǒ yì dédào yí dàbǐ qián jiù juān yíbùfēn gěi císhàn jīgòu.

Whenever I get a large sum of money, I donate some of it to charity.

捐款

juānkuǎn to donate money / to contribute funds / donation / contribution (of money)

捐献 捐獻

juānxiàn to donate / to contribute

捐赠 捐贈

juānzèng to contribute (as a gift) / to donate / benefaction

捐助

juānzhù to donate / to offer (aid) / contribution / donation

卷入 捲入

juǎnrù to be drawn into / to be involved in

卷子

juànzǐ test paper / examination paper

juǎnzǐ steamed roll / spring roll

绝 絕

jué to cut short / extinct / to disappear / to vanish / absolutely / by no means

觉 覺

jué to feel

jiào sleep

我想睡点觉。

Wǒ xiǎng shuì diǎn jué.

I'd like to get some sleep.

诀别 訣別

juébié to bid farewell / to part (usually with little hope of meeting again)

决策 決策

juécè strategic decision / decision-making / policy decision / to determine policy

我想成为决策的人。

Wǒ xiǎng chéngwéi juécè de rén.

I want to be the one who decides.

绝大多数 絕大多數

jué dàduōshù the vast majority

绝技 絕技

juéjì consummate skill / supreme feat / tour-de-force / stunt

倔强 倔強

juéjiàng stubborn / obstinate / unbending

崛起

juéqǐ to rise abruptly (to a towering position) / to tower over / to spring up / to emerge suddenly / the emergence (e.g. of a power)

诀窍 訣竅

juéqiào secret / trick / knack / key

爵士

juéshì knight / Sir / jazz

觉悟 覺悟

juéwù to come to understand / to realize / consciousness / awareness / Buddhist enlightenment (Sanskrit: cittotpāda)

觉醒 覺醒

juéxǐng to awaken / to come to realize / awakened to the truth / the truth dawns upon one / scales fall from the eyes / to become aware

决议 決議

juéyì a resolution / to pass a resolution

绝缘 絕緣

juéyuán to have no contact with / to be cut off from / to insulate

绝招 絕招

juézhāo unique skill / unexpected tricky move (as a last resort) / masterstroke / finishing blow

角逐

juézhú to tussle / to contend / to contest

倔

juè gruff / surly

军队 軍隊

jūnduì armed forces / troops

日本的军队在当时很强。

Rìběn de jūnduì zài dāngshí hěn qiáng.

Japan's army was very powerful.

军官 軍官

jūnguān officer (military)

均衡

jūnhéng equal / balanced / harmony / equilibrium

军舰 軍艦

jūnjiàn warship / military naval vessel

军事 軍事

jūnshì military affairs / (attributive) military

均匀 均勻

jūnyún even / well-distributed / homogeneous / well-proportioned (figure, body etc)

君子

jūnzǐ nobleman / person of noble character

俊

jùn smart / eminent / handsome / talented

zùn (dialectal pronunciation of 俊[jun4]) / cool / neat

竣工

jùngōng to complete a project

骏马 駿馬

jùnmǎ fine horse / steed

俊俏

jùnqiào attractive and intelligent / charming / elegant

K

卡车 卡車

kǎchē truck

卡片

kǎpiàn card

卡通

kǎtōng cartoon (loanword)

开办 開辦

kāibàn to open / to start (a business etc) / to set up

开采 開採

kāicǎi to extract (ore or other resource from a mine) / to exploit / to mine

开场 開場

kāichǎng to begin / to open / to start / beginning of an event

开场白 開場白

kāichǎngbái prologue of play / opening remarks / preamble (of speeches, articles etc)

开除 開除

kāichú to expel (a member of an organization) / to fire (an employee)

开创 開創

kāichuàng to initiate / to start / to found

开动 開動

kāidòng to start / to set in motion / to move / to march / to dig in (eating) / to tuck in (eating)

开发区 開發區

kāifāqū development zone

开发商 開發商

kāifāshāng developer (of real estate, a commercial product etc)

开工 開工

kāigōng to begin work (of a factory or engineering operation) / to start a construction job

开关 開關

kāiguān power switch / gas valve / to open the city (or frontier) gate / to open and close / to switch on and off

开垦 開墾

kāikěn to clear a wild area for cultivation / to put under the plow

开口 開口

kāikǒu to open one's mouth / to start to talk

开阔 開闊

kāikuò wide / open (spaces) / to open up

开朗 開朗

kāilǎng spacious and well-lit / open and clear / optimistic / cheerful / carefree

开辟 開闢

kāipì to open up / to create / to establish

开启 開啟

kāiqǐ to start / to begin / to initiate (an era, process, journey etc) / to enable (a feature) / to start operating automatically / to self-initiate / to open (sth that has been sealed)

开枪 開槍

kāiqiāng to open fire / to shoot a gun

开设 開設

kāishè to offer (goods or services) / to open (for business etc)

开天辟地 開天闢地

kāitiānpìdì to split heaven and earth apart (refers to the Pangu 盤古|盘古[Pan2 gu3] creation myth) (idiom) / unprecedented / first of its kind

开通 開通

kāitōng to open (a new road or railway line) / to set up (a hotline) / to launch (a service) / to subscribe to (a members-only service)

kāitōng open-minded

开头 開頭

kāitóu beginning / to start

开拓 開拓

kāituò to break new ground (for agriculture) / to open up (a new seam) / to develop (border regions) / fig. to open up (new horizons)

开销 開銷

kāixiāo to pay (expenses) / expenses / to dismiss (an employee)

开夜车 開夜車

kāiyèchē to burn the midnight oil / to work late into the night

开张 開張

kāizhāng to open a business / first transaction of a business day

开支 開支

kāizhī expenditures / expenses (CL:筆|笔[bǐ3],項|项[xiàng4]) / to spend money / to pay wages

我用计算器算出我的开支总额。

Wǒ yòng jìsuànjì suàn chū wǒ de kāizhī zǒng'ér.

I totalled up my expenses with a calculator.

凯歌 凱歌

kǎigē triumphal hymn / victory song / paean

楷模

kǎimó model / example

堪称 堪稱

kānchēng can be rated as / can be said to be

刊登

kāndēng to carry a story / to publish (in a newspaper or magazine)

看管

kānguǎn to look after

看护 看護

kānhù to nurse / to look after / to watch over / hospital nurse

勘探

kāntàn to explore / to survey / to prospect (for oil etc) / prospecting

刊物

kānwù publication

砍

kǎn to chop / to cut down / to throw sth at sb

很多树被砍倒。

Hěn duō shù bèi kǎn dào.

A lot of trees were cut down.

侃大山

kǎndàshān to chatter idly / to gossip / to boast or brag

看得出

kàndechū can see / can tell

看得见 看得見

kàndějiàn to be able to see / can see

看得起

kàndeqǐ to show respect for / to think highly of

看好

kànhǎo to regard as having good prospects

kānhǎo to keep an eye on

看热闹 看熱鬧

kànrènao to enjoy watching a bustling scene / to go where the crowds are

看似

kànsì to look as if / to seem

看台

kàntái terrace / spectator's grandstand / viewing platform

看样子 看樣子

kànyàngzi it seems / it looks as if

看中

kànzhòng to have a preference for / to fancy / to choose after consideration / to settle on

看重

kànzhòng to regard as important / to value

看作

kànzhuò to look upon as / to regard as

康复 康復

kāngfù to recuperate / to recover (health) / to convalesce

慷慨

kāngkǎi vehement / fervent / generous / magnanimous

扛

káng to carry on one's shoulder / to take on (a burden, duty etc)

gāng to raise aloft with both hands / to carry sth together

抗衡

kànghéng to compete with / to vie with / to counter

抗拒

kàngjù to resist / to defy / to oppose

抗生素

kàngshēngsù antibiotic

抗议 抗議

kàngyì to protest / protest

抗争 抗爭

kàngzhēng to resist / to make a stand and fight (against)

烤

kǎo to roast / to grill / to broil / to bake / to toast (bread) / to warm oneself by a fire

考场 考場

kǎochǎng exam room

考量

kǎoliáng to consider / to give serious consideration to sth / consideration

考题 考題

kǎotí exam question

靠拢 靠攏

kàolóng to draw close to

磕

kē to tap / to knock (against sth hard) / (esp.) to knock (mud from boots, ash from a pipe etc) / to be into (a character relationship, dynamic, or trope)

科幻

kēhuàn science fiction

苛刻

kēkè harsh / severe / demanding

科目

kēmù academic subject / field of study

科普

kēpǔ popularization of science (abbr. for 科學普及|科学普及 [ke1 xue2 pu3 ji2]) / popular science / to explain in layperson's terms

科研

kēyán research

壳 殼

ké shell (of an egg, nut, crab etc) / case / casing / housing (of a machine or device)

qiào shell

咳嗽

késou to cough

可悲

kěbēi lamentable

可不是

kěbúshì exactly! / indeed / that's for sure

可乘之机 可乘之機

kěchéngzhījī an opportunity that someone (usually a villain or adversary) can exploit

可耻 可恥

kěchǐ shameful / disgraceful / ignominious

可歌可泣

kěgēkěqì lit. you can sing or you can cry (idiom) / fig. deeply moving / happy and sad / inspiring and tragic

可观 可觀

kěguān worth seeing / considerable / impressive / significant

可贵 可貴

kěguì to be treasured / praiseworthy

可口

kěkǒu tasty / to taste good

可谓 可謂

kěwèi it could even be said

可恶 可惡

kěwù repulsive / vile / hateful / abominable

可想而知

kěxiǎngérzhī (it) goes without saying / can well be imagined

可笑

kěxiào funny / ridiculous

可信

kěxìn trustworthy

可行

kěxíng feasible

可疑

kěyí suspicious / dubious

客车 客車

kèchē coach / bus / passenger train

客房

kèfáng guest room / room (in a hotel)

客机 客機

kèjī passenger plane

刻苦

kèkǔ hardworking / assiduous

客流

kèliú passenger flow / customer flow

克隆

kèlóng (loanword) to clone / a clone / to make an identical copy of (a website etc)

刻意

kèyì intentionally / deliberately / purposely / painstakingly / meticulously

客运 客運

kèyùn passenger transportation / intercity bus

克制

kèzhì to restrain / to control / restraint / self-control

刻舟求剑 刻舟求劍

kèzhōuqiújiàn lit. a notch on the side of a boat to locate a sword dropped overboard (idiom) / fig. an action made pointless by changed circumstances

啃

kěn to gnaw / to nibble / to bite

肯

kěn to agree / to consent / to be willing to

恳求 懇求

kěnqiú to beg / to beseech / to entreat / entreaty

坑

kēng pit / hollow / depression / pit / shaft / tunnel / to bury alive / to cheat / to scam / to screw over

空荡荡 空蕩蕩

kōngdàngdàng empty / deserted

空军 空軍

kōngjūn air force / to fail to catch anything (on a fishing trip) / to get skunked

我加入了空军。

Wǒ jiārùle kōngjūn.

I went into the air force.

空难 空難

kōngnàn air crash / aviation accident or incident

空前

kōngqián unprecedented

空想

kōngxiǎng daydream / fantasy / to fantasize

空虚 空虛

kōngxū hollow / emptiness / meaningless

恐怖

kǒngbù terrible / frightful / frightening / terror / terrorist

这个房子的地下室太恐怖了，我不敢下去。

Zhège fángzi de dìxiàshì tài kǒngbùle, wǒ bùgǎn xiàqù.

The basement in this house is too scary, I don't dare go down.

恐吓 恐嚇

kǒnghè to threaten / to menace

恐慌

kǒnghuāng panic / panicky / panic-stricken

恐惧 恐懼

kǒngjù to be frightened / fear / dread

恐龙 恐龍

kǒnglóng dinosaur (CL:頭|头[tou2], 隻|只[zhi1]) / (slang) ugly person

空白

kòngbái blank space

空地

kòngdì vacant land / open space

kōngdì air-to-surface (missile)

控告

kònggào to accuse / to charge / to indict

空隙

kòngxì crack / gap between two objects / gap in time between two events

抠 摳

kōu to dig / to pick / to scratch (with a finger or sth pointed) / to carve / to cut / to study meticulously / stingy / miserly / to lift up (esp. the hem of a robe)

口碑

kǒubēi public praise / public reputation / commonly held opinions / current idiom

口才

kǒucái eloquence

口吃

kǒuchī to stammer / to stutter

口感

kǒugǎn mouthfeel / texture (of food)

口径 口徑

kǒujìng bore / caliber / diameter / aperture / stance (on an issue) / version (of events) / account / narrative / line

口令

kǒulìng oral command / a word of command (used in drilling troops or gymnasts) / password (used by sentry)

口气 口氣

kǒuqì tone of voice / the way one speaks / manner of expression / tone

口腔

kǒuqiāng oral cavity

口哨

kǒushào whistle

口试 口試

kǒushì oral examination / oral test

口水

kǒushuǐ saliva

口头 口頭

kǒutóu oral / verbal

口味

kǒuwèi a person's preferences / tastes (in food) / flavor

口香糖

kǒuxiāngtáng chewing gum

口音

kǒuyīn voice / accent

kǒuyīn oral speech sounds

她说话是带着浓重的美国口音。

Tā shuōhuà shì dàizhe nóngzhòng de Měiguó kǒuyīn.

She spoke with a thick American accent.

口罩

kǒuzhào mask (surgical etc)

口子

kǒuzi hole / opening / cut / gap / gash / my husband or wife / classifier for people (used for indicating the number of people in a family etc) / precedent

扣

kòu to fasten / to button / button / buckle / knot / to arrest / to confiscate / to deduct (money) / discount / to knock / to smash, spike or dunk (a ball) / to cover (with a bowl etc) / to tag a label on sb / (loanword) code / button

扣除

kòuchú to deduct

扣留

kòuliú to detain sb / to hold sb against their will / to withhold (property, documents, funds etc)

扣人心弦

kòurénxīnxián to excite / to thrill / exciting / thrilling / cliff-hanging

扣押

kòuyā to detain / to hold in custody / to distrain / to seize property

窟窿

kūlong hole / pocket / cavity / loophole / debt

哭泣

kūqì to weep

哭笑不得

kūxiàobùdé lit. not to know whether to laugh or cry (idiom) / both funny and extremely embarrassing / between laughter and tears

枯燥

kūzào dry and dull / uninteresting / tedious

苦力

kǔlì bitter work / hard toil / coolie, unskilled Chinese laborer in colonial times

苦练 苦練

kǔliàn to train hard / to practice diligently / hard work / blood, sweat, and tears

苦难 苦難

kǔnàn suffering

苦恼 苦惱

kǔnǎo vexed / distressed

苦笑

kǔxiào to force a smile / a bitter laugh

苦心

kǔxīn painstaking effort / to take a lot of trouble / laborious at pains

酷

kù ruthless / strong (e.g. of wine) / cool / hip

酷似

kùsì to strikingly resemble

夸 誇

kuā to boast / to exaggerate / to praise

夸大 誇大

kuādà to exaggerate

夸奖 誇獎

kuājiǎng to praise / to applaud / to compliment

夸夸其谈 誇誇其談

kuākuāqítán to talk big / to sound off / to be full of hot air

夸耀 誇耀

kuāyào to brag about / to flaunt

夸张 誇張

kuāzhāng to exaggerate / overstated / exaggerated / hyperbole / excessive / ridiculous / outrageous

垮

kuǎ to collapse (lit. or fig.)

挎

kuà to carry (esp. slung over the arm, shoulder or side)

跨

kuà to step across / to stride over / to straddle / to span

企者不立，跨者不行。

Qǐzhě bú lì, kuàzhě bùxíng.

The one who tip-toes does not stand; the one who strides widely does not walk.

跨国 跨國

kuàguó transnational / multinational

跨越

kuàyuè to step across / step over

快车 快車

kuàichē express (train, bus etc)

快捷

kuàijié quick / fast / nimble / agile / shortcut

宽敞 寬敞

kuānchāng spacious / wide

宽泛 寬泛

kuānfàn wide-ranging

宽厚 寬厚

kuānhòu tolerant / generous / magnanimous / thick and broad (build) / thick and deep (voice)

宽阔 寬闊

kuāнкуò expansive / wide / width / thickness

宽容 寬容

kuānróng lenient / tolerant / indulgent / charitable / to forgive

宽恕 寬恕

kuānshù to forgive / forgiveness

宽松 寬鬆

kuānsōng spacious / roomy / uncrowded / loose and comfortable / relaxed / free of worry / well-off / affluent

款式

kuǎnshì pattern / style / design

kuǎnshi elegant / elegance / good taste

款项 款項

kuǎnxiàng funds / a sum of money (for a particular purpose) (CL:筆|笔[bǐ3]) / item of a clause (in a legal document)

筐

kuāng basket

狂欢 狂歡

kuánghuān party / carousal / hilarity / merriment / whoopee / to carouse

狂欢节 狂歡節

kuánghuānjié carnival

狂热 狂熱

kuángè zealotry / fanatical / feverish

框

kuàng frame (e.g. door frame) / casing / fig. framework / template / to circle (i.e. draw a circle around sth) / to frame / to restrict

矿 礦

kuàng mineral deposit / ore deposit / ore / a mine

矿藏 礦藏

kuàngcáng mineral resources

框架

kuàngjià frame / framework

旷课 曠課

kuàngkè to play truant / to cut classes

况且 況且

kuàngqiě moreover / besides / in addition / furthermore

亏本 虧本

kuībēn to make a loss

亏损 虧損

kuīsǔn deficit / loss

昆虫 昆蟲

kūnchóng insect

捆

kǔn a bunch / to tie together / bundle

困惑

kùnhuò bewildered / perplexed / confused / difficult problem / perplexity

困境

kùnjìng predicament / plight

扩 擴

kuò to enlarge

阔 闊

kuò rich / wide / broad

阔绰 闊綽

kuòchuò extravagant / liberal with money

括弧

kuòhú parentheses / brackets

扩建 擴建

kuòjiàn to extend (a building, an airport runway etc)

扩散 擴散

kuòsàn to spread / to proliferate / to diffuse

扩张 擴張

kuòzhāng expansion / dilation / to expand (e.g. one's power or influence) / to broaden

城市扩张会对环境造成破坏。

Chéngshì kuòzhāng huì duì huánjìng zàochéng pòhuài.

Urban sprawl is environmentally damaging.

L

拉动 拉動

lādòng to pull / to stimulate (economic activity) / to motivate (people to do sth)

啦啦队 啦啦隊

lālādùi cheerleading squad

拉拢 拉攏

lālǒng to rope in / fig. to involve sb / to entice

拉锁 拉鎖

lāsǔo zipper

喇叭

lǎba horn (automobile etc) / loudspeaker / brass wind instrument / trumpet / suona 鎖呐|锁呐[suo3 na4]

蜡 蠟

là candle / wax

辣椒

làjiāo hot pepper / chili

腊月 臘月

làyuè twelfth lunar month

蜡烛 蠟燭

làzhú candle

啦

la sentence-final particle, contraction of 了啊, indicating exclamation / particle placed after each item in a list of examples

lā sound of singing, cheering etc / (phonetic) / to chat

没时间了啦!

Méi shíjiān le la!

There's no time for this!

来宾 來賓

láibīn guest / visitor

来电 來電

láidiàn incoming telephone call (or telegram) / to phone in / to send in a telegram / to have an instant attraction to sb / (of electricity, after an outage) to come back

来访 來訪

láifǎng to pay a visit

来回 來回

lái huí to make a round trip / return journey / back and forth / to and fro / repeatedly

来历 來歷

lái lì history / antecedents / origin

来临 來臨

láilín to approach / to come closer

来龙去脉 來龍去脈

láilóngqù mài the rise and fall of the terrain (idiom) / the whole sequence of events / causes and effects

来年 來年

lái nián next year / the coming year

来往 來往

lái wǎng to come and go / to have dealings with / to be in relation with

来源于 來源於

láiyuányú to originate in

赖 賴

lài to depend on / to hang on in a place / bad / to renege (on promise) / to disclaim / to rat (on debts) / rascally / to blame / to put the blame on / surname Lai / (coll.) LINE messaging app

拦 攔

lán to block sb's path / to obstruct / to flag down (a taxi)

栏 欄

lán fence / railing / hurdle / column or box (of text or other data)

栏杆 欄杆

lángān railing / banister

蓝领 藍領

lánlǐng blue-collar / blue-collar worker

栏目 欄目

lánmù regular column or segment (in a publication or broadcast program) / program (TV or radio)

蓝天 藍天

lántiān blue sky

假如我有一双翅膀的话，我会在蓝天飞翔。

Jiǎrú wǒ yǒu yìshuāng chìbǎng dehuà, wǒ huì zài **lántiān** fēixiáng.

If I had wings, I would fly in the blue sky.

蓝图 藍圖

lántú blueprint

懒 懶

lǎn lazy

揽 攬

lǎn to monopolize / to seize / to take into one's arms / to embrace / to fasten (with a rope etc) / to take on (responsibility etc) / to canvass

缆车 纜車

lǎnchē cable car

懒得 懶得

lǎnde to not feel like (doing sth) / to be disinclined to

懒惰 懶惰

lǎnduò idle / lazy

滥用 濫用

lànyòng to misuse / to abuse

狼

láng wolf

狼吓到了我。

Láng xià dào le wǒ.

Wolves scare me.

狼狈 狼狽

lángbèi in a difficult situation / to cut a sorry figure / scoundrel! (derog.)

朗诵 朗誦

lǎngsòng to read aloud with expression / to recite / to declaim

浪

làng wave / breaker / unrestrained / dissipated / to stroll / to ramble

捞 撈

lāo to fish up / to dredge up

牢

láo pen / fold (for livestock) / prison / jail / firm / secure / fast

唠叨 嘮叨

láo dao to prattle / to chatter away / to nag / garrulous / nagging

劳动力 勞動力

láodòngli labor force / manpower

牢固

láogù firm / secure

牢记 牢記

láo jì to keep in mind / to remember

牢牢

láo láo firmly / safely

劳累 勞累

láo lèi tired / exhausted / worn out / to toil

劳务 勞務

láo wù service (work done for money) / services (as in "goods and services")

老大

lǎo dà old age / very / eldest child in a family / leader of a group / boss / captain of a boat / leader of a criminal gang

老汉 老漢

lǎo hàn old man / I (an old man referring to himself)

老化

lǎo huà (of a person, population or material) to age / to become outdated

姥姥

lǎo lao mother's mother / maternal grandmother

老人家

lǎo rén jia polite term for old woman or man

老实说 老實說

lǎo shí shuō honestly speaking / to be frank, ...

老乡 老鄉

lǎo xiāng fellow townsman / fellow villager / sb from the same hometown

姥爷 姥爺

lǎo ye mother's father / maternal grandfather

老远 老遠

lǎo yuǎn very far away

老字号 老字號

lǎo zì hào shop, firm, or brand of merchandise with a long-established reputation

涝 澇

lào flooded

乐意 樂意

lè yì to be willing to do sth / to be ready to do sth / to be happy to do sth / content / satisfied

乐园 樂園

lè yuán paradise

勒

lēi to strap tightly / to bind

lè bridle / halter / headstall / to rein in / to compel / to force / to carve / to engrave / to command / to lead (an army etc) / lux (abbr. for 勒克斯[le4 ke4 si])

雷同

léitóng mirroring others / identical

累积 累積

lěiji to accumulate

累计 累計

lěiji to calculate the running total / cumulative / the total / in total

类别 類別

lèibié classification / category

棱角 稜角

léngjiǎo edge and corner / protrusion / sharpness (of a protrusion) / craggy / ridge corner

冷淡

lěngdàn cold / indifferent

冷冻 冷凍

lěngdòng to freeze (food etc) / freezing

冷酷

lěngkù unfeeling / callous

冷酷无情 冷酷無情

lěngkùwúqíng cold-hearted / unfeeling / callous

冷落

lěngluò desolate / unfrequented / to treat sb coldly / to snub / to cold shoulder

冷门 冷門

lěngmén a neglected branch (of arts, science, sports etc) / fig. a complete unknown who wins a competition

冷漠

lěngmò cold and detached towards sb / lack of regard / indifference / neglect

冷气 冷氣

lěngqì cold air / air conditioning

冷水

lěngshuǐ cold water / unboiled water / fig. not yet ready (of plans)

冷笑

lěngxiào to sneer / to laugh grimly / grin of dissatisfaction (bitterness, helplessness, indignation etc) / bitter, grim, sarcastic or angry smile

冷战 冷戰

lěngzhàn cold war / strained relationship / to be barely on speaking terms / Cold War

lěngzhan shiver / shudder

愣

lèng to look distracted / to stare blankly / distracted / blank / unexpectedly / rash / rashly

黎明

líming dawn / daybreak

离奇 離奇

líqí odd / bizarre

离职 離職

lízhi to leave one's job temporarily (e.g. for study) / to leave one's job / to resign

理

lǐ texture / grain (of wood) / inner essence / intrinsic order / reason / logic / truth / science / natural science (esp. physics) / to manage / to pay attention to / to run (affairs) / to handle / to put in order / to tidy up

理财 理財

lǐcái to manage wealth / to manage finances / money management

理睬

lǐcǎi to heed / to pay attention to

里程碑

lǐchéngbēi milestone

礼服 禮服

lǐfú ceremonial robe / formal attire (dinner suit, evening gown etc)

理会 理會

lǐhuì to understand / to pay attention to / to take notice of

理科

lǐkē the sciences (as opposed to the humanities 文科[wén2 kē1])

理念

lǐniàn idea / concept / philosophy / theory

礼品 禮品

lǐpǐn gift / present

理事

lǐshì member of council / to take care of matters

理所当然 理所當然

lǐsuǒdāngrán as it should be by rights (idiom) / proper and to be expected as a matter of course / inevitable and right

礼堂 禮堂

lǐtáng assembly hall / auditorium

理性

lǐxìng reason / rationality / rational

礼仪 禮儀

lǐyí etiquette / ceremony

理直气壮 理直氣壯

lǐzhíqìzhuàng in the right and self-confident (idiom) / bold and confident with justice on one's side / to have the courage of one's convictions / just and forceful

理智

lǐzhì reason / intellect / rationality / rational

利

lì sharp / favorable / advantage / benefit / profit / interest / to do good to / to benefit / surname Li

我住在安塔利亚。

Wǒ zhù zài ān tā lì yà.

I live in Antalya.

粒

lì grain / granule / pellet / particle / classifier for small round objects (peas, bullets, peanuts, pills, grains etc) / classifier for larger round objects (watermelon etc)

力不从心 力不從心

lìbùcóngxīn to lack the ability to do what one would wish

历程 歷程

lìchéng course / process

力度

lìdù strength / vigor / efforts / dynamics

立方

lìfāng cube (math.)

立方米

lìfāngmǐ cubic meter (m³)

立功

lìgōng to render meritorious service (one the three imperishables 三不朽[san1 bu4 xiu3]) / to make worthy contributions / to distinguish oneself

利害

lìhài pros and cons / advantages and disadvantages / gains and losses

立交桥 立交橋

lìjiāoqiáo overpass / flyover

历届 歷屆

lìjiè all previous (meetings, sessions etc)

历经 歷經

lìjīng to experience / to go through

历来 歷來

lìlái always / throughout (a period of time) / all-time

利率

lìlǜ interest rate

力求

lìqiú to make every effort to / striving to do one's best

历时 歷時

lìshí to last / to take (time) / period / diachronic

力所能及

lìsuǒnéngjí as far as one's capabilities extend (idiom) / to the best of one's ability / within one's powers

利索

lìsuo nimble

立体 立體

lìtǐ three-dimensional / solid / stereoscopic

力争 力爭

lìzhēng to work hard for / to do all one can / to contend strongly

励志 勵志

lìzhì to pursue a goal with determination / inspirational / motivational

立足

lìzú to stand / to have a footing / to be established / to base oneself on

联邦 聯邦

liánbāng federal / federation / commonwealth / federal union / federal state / union

连滚带爬 連滾帶爬

liángǔndàipá stumbling and crawling / scrambling / frantically trying to escape

联欢 聯歡

liánhuān to have a get-together / celebration / party

廉价 廉價

liánjià cheaply-priced / low-cost

廉洁 廉潔

liánjié incorruptible / unbribeable / honest

联盟 聯盟

liánméng alliance / union / coalition

连绵 連綿

liánmián continuous / unbroken / uninterrupted / extending forever into the distance (of mountain range, river etc)

连任 連任

liánrèn to continue in (a political) office / to serve for another term of office

联赛 聯賽

liánsài league / league tournament

联手 聯手

liánshǒu lit. to join hands / to act together

连锁 連鎖

liánsuǒ to interlock / to be linked / chain (store etc)

连锁店 連鎖店

liánsuǒdiàn chain store

联网 聯網

liánwǎng to connect (or be connected) to a network / to network

怜惜 憐惜

liánxī to take pity on / to feel tenderness toward

连夜 連夜

liányè that very night / through the night / for several nights in a row

廉政

liánzhèng to govern with integrity / clean and honest government

廉正

liánzhèng upright and honest / integrity

莲子 蓮子

liánzǐ lotus seed

帘子 簾子

liánzi curtain

脸颊 臉頰

liǎnjiá cheek

炼 煉

liàn to refine / to smelt

恋恋不舍 戀戀不捨

liànliànbùshě reluctant to part

良

liáng good / very / very much

凉爽 涼爽

liángshuǎng cool and refreshing

凉鞋 涼鞋

liángxié sandal

良心

liángxīn conscience

良性

liángxìng positive (in its effect) / leading to good consequences / virtuous / benign (tumor etc)

两侧 兩側

liǎngcè two sides / both sides

两口子 兩口子

liǎngkǒuzi husband and wife

两栖 兩棲

liǎngqī amphibious / dual-talented / able to work in two different lines

两手 兩手

liǎngshǒu one's two hands / two prongs (of a strategy) / both aspects, eventualities etc / skills / expertise

亮点 亮點

liàngdiǎn highlight / bright spot

谅解 諒解

liàngjiě to understand / to make allowances for / understanding

亮丽 亮麗

liànglì bright and beautiful

亮相

liàngxiàng to strike a pose (Chinese opera) / to make a public appearance / to come out in public (revealing one's true personality, opinions etc) / (of a product) to appear on the market or at a trade show etc

聊

liáo to chat / temporarily / for a while / somewhat / slightly / to depend upon

潦草

liáocǎo slipshod / careless / slovenly / scrawly / illegible

疗法 療法

liáofǎ therapy / treatment

辽阔 遼闊

liáokuò vast / extensive

寥寥无几 寥寥無幾

liáoliáowújǐ very few

疗效 療效

liáoxiào healing efficacy / healing effect

了结 了結

liǎojié to settle / to finish / to conclude / to wind up

了却 了卻

liǎoque to resolve / to settle

料

liào material / stuff / grain / feed / to expect / to anticipate / to guess

料到

liàodào to foresee / to anticipate

料理

liàoli to arrange / to handle / to cook / cuisine / art of cooking

咧嘴

liězuǐ to draw back the corners of one's mouth (as when smiling, grimacing, or snarling)

裂

liè to split / to crack / to break open / to rend

裂缝 裂縫

lièfèng crack / crevice

裂痕

lièhén crack / gap / split

列举 列舉

lièjǔ a list / to list / to enumerate

猎犬 獵犬

lièquǎn hound / hunting dog

猎人 獵人

lièrén hunter

劣势 劣勢

lièshì inferior / disadvantaged

烈士

lièshì martyr

劣质 劣質

lièzhì shoddy / of poor quality

拎

līn to lift up / to carry in one's hand

临 臨

lín to face / to overlook / to arrive / to be (just) about to / just before

淋

lín to sprinkle / to drip / to pour / to drench

lìn to filter / to strain / to drain / gonorrhea / strangury

临床 臨床

línchuáng clinical

邻国 鄰國

línghuó neighboring country

临街 臨街

línjiē facing the street

临近 臨近

línjìn to approach / to draw near / to be close to (in space or time)

灵 靈

líng quick / alert / efficacious / effective / to come true / spirit / departed soul / coffin

凌晨

língchén very early in the morning / in the wee hours

灵感 靈感

línggǎn creative inspiration

零花钱 零花錢

línghuāqián pocket money / allowance

灵魂 靈魂

línghún soul / spirit

我是个自由的灵魂。

Wǒ shì gè zìyóu de líng hún.

I have a free spirit.

灵活 靈活

líng huó flexible / nimble / agile

灵机一动 靈機一動

língjīyīdòng a bright idea suddenly occurs (idiom) / to hit upon an inspiration / to be struck by a brainwave

零件

língjiàn part / component

灵敏 靈敏

língmǐn smart / clever / sensitive / keen / quick / sharp

零钱 零錢

língqián change (of money) / small change / pocket money

劳驾，把这十块钱换成零钱。

Láo jià, bǎ zhè shí kuài qián huàn chéng líng qián.

Could you change this ten dollar bill, please?

灵巧 靈巧

língqiǎo deft / nimble / ingenious

零售

língshòu to retail / to sell individually or in small quantities

灵通 靈通

língtōng fast and abundant (news) / clever / effective

领队 領隊

língduì to lead a group / leader of a group / captain (of sports squad)

领会 領會

líng huì to understand / to comprehend / to grasp

领军 領軍

língjūn to lead troupes / to lead / leading

领略 領略

lǐnglüè to have a taste of / to realize / to appreciate

领取 領取

lǐngqǔ to receive / to draw / to get

领事 領事

lǐngshì consul

领事馆 領事館

lǐngshìguǎn consulate

领土 領土

lǐngtǔ territory

领悟 領悟

lǐngwù to understand / to comprehend

领袖 領袖

lǐngxiù leader

他们把他奉为领袖。

Tāmen bǎ tā fèng wéi lǐngxiù.

They looked up to him as their leader.

领养 領養

lǐngyǎng to adopt (a child, pet etc)

领域 領域

lǐngyù domain / sphere / field / territory / area

你熟悉这个领域吗？

Nǐ shúxī zhège lǐngyù ma?

Is that an area you are familiar with?

另

lìng other / another / separate / separately

我另有计划。

Wǒ lìng yǒu jì huà.

I made other plans.

溜

liū to slip away / to escape in stealth / to skate

liù swift current / rapids / (of speech, actions etc) skilled / proficient / (of movements) quick / speedy / rain runoff from a roof / roof gutter / classifier for rows, lines etc / surroundings / neighborhood / to practice / to plaster / to fill in the cracks (with cement, lime plaster etc)

溜达 溜達

liūda to stroll / to go for a walk

流畅 流暢

liúchàng flowing (of speech, writing) / fluent / smooth and easy

流程

liúchéng course / stream / sequence of processes / work flow in manufacturing

流感

liúgǎn flu / influenza

浏览 瀏覽

liú lǎn to skim over / to browse

浏览器 瀏覽器

liú lǎn qì browser (software)

流浪

liúlàng to drift about / to wander / to roam / nomadic / homeless / unsettled (e.g. population) / vagrant

流泪 流淚

liúlèi to shed tears

留恋 留戀

liúliàn reluctant to leave / to hate to have to go / to recall fondly

流量

liúliàng flow rate / throughput of passengers / volume of traffic / discharge / data traffic / network traffic / website traffic / mobile data

流露

liúlù to reveal (indirectly, implicitly) / to show (interest, contempt etc) by means of one's actions, tone of voice etc

流氓

liúmáng rogue / hoodlum / gangster / immoral behavior

留念

liúniàn to keep as a souvenir / to recall fondly

流入

liúrù to flow into / inflow

留神

liúshén to take care / to be careful

流失

liúshī to wash away / to be eroded / (of talented staff, followers of a religious faith, investment funds etc) to go elsewhere / to fail to be retained

流水

liúshuǐ running water / turnover

流淌

liútǎng to flow

流向

liúxiàng direction of a current / direction of flow / to flow toward

留心

liúxīn to be careful / to pay attention to

流血

liúxuè to bleed / to shed blood

留言

liúyán to leave a message / to leave one's comments / message

留意

liúyì to be mindful / to pay attention to / to take note of

流域

liúyù river basin / valley / drainage area

流转 流轉

liúzhuǎn to be on the move / to roam or wander / to circulate (of goods or capital)

柳树 柳樹

liǔshù willow

遛

liù to stroll / to walk (an animal)

聋 聾

lóng deaf

聋人 聾人

lónggrén deaf person / hearing-impaired person

隆重

lóngzhòng grand / prosperous / ceremonious / solemn

龙舟 龍舟

lóngzhōu dragon boat / imperial boat

笼子 籠子

lóngzi cage / basket / container

lǒngzi large box / trunk / chest

垄断 壟斷

lǒngduàn to monopolize

笼统 籠統

lǒngtǒng general / broad / sweeping / lacking in detail / vague

笼罩 籠罩

lǒngzhào to envelop / to shroud

楼道 樓道

lóudào corridor / passageway (in storied building)

楼房 樓房

lóufáng a building of two or more stories

搂 摟

lǒu to hug / to embrace / to hold in one's arms

lōu to draw towards oneself / to gather / to gather up (one's gown, sleeves etc) / to grab (money) / to extort

露面

lòumiàn to show one's face / to appear (in public)

芦花 蘆花

lúhuā reed catkin / reed flower

炉灶 爐灶

lúzhào stove

炉子 爐子

lúzi stove / oven / furnace

鲁莽 魯莽

lǔmǎng hot-headed / impulsive / reckless

卤味 滷味

lǔwèi food prepared by stewing in soy sauce and spices

露

lù dew / syrup / nectar / outdoors (not under cover) / to show / to reveal / to betray / to expose / surname Lu

lòu to show / to reveal / to betray / to expose

鹿

lù deer

路程

lùchéng route / path traveled / distance traveled / course (of development)

路灯 路燈

lùdēng street lamp / street light

路段

lùduàn stretch of road / section of a highway or railway

路过 路過

lùguò to pass by / to pass through

陆军 陸軍

lùjūn army / ground forces

他加入了陆军。

Tā jiārùle lùjūn.

He entered the army.

路况 路況

lùkuàng road condition(s) (e.g. surface, traffic flow etc)

路面

lùmiàn road surface

路人

lùrén passer-by / stranger

露天

lùtiān outdoors / al fresco / in the open

路途

lùtú road / path

录像 錄像

lùxiàng to videotape / to videorecord / video recording

录音机 錄音機

lùyīnjī recording machine / tape recorder

录制 錄製

lùzhì to record (video or audio)

路子

lùzi method / way / approach

孪生 孿生

luánshēng twin

卵

luǎn egg / ovum / spawn / testicles / penis / fucking

乱七八糟 亂七八糟

luànqībāzāo chaotic / in disorder / muddled

抡 掄

lūn to swing (one's arms, a heavy object) / to wave (a sword, one's fists) / to fling (money)

lún to select

轮换 輪換

lúnhuàn to rotate / to take turns

轮廓 輪廓

lúnkuò outline / silhouette

伦理 倫理

lúnǐ ethics

轮流 輪流

lúnlíú to alternate / to take turns

轮胎 輪胎

lúntāi tire / pneumatic tire

论述 論述

lùnshù treatise / discourse / exposition

论坛 論壇

lùntán forum (for discussion)

论证 論證

lùnzhèng to prove a point / to expound on / to demonstrate or prove (through argument) / proof

罗 羅

luó gauze / to collect / to gather / to catch / to sift / surname Luo

萝卜 蘿蔔

luóbo radish (*Raphanus sativus*), esp. daikon

螺丝 螺絲

luósī screw

裸

luǒ naked

裸露

luǒlù naked / bare / uncovered / exposed

落差

luòchā drop in elevation / gap (in wages, expectations etc) / disparity

落地

luòdì to fall to the ground / to be set on the ground / to reach to the ground / to be born / to land / to be implemented / to be put into practice

落户 落戶

luòhù to settle / to set up home

落下

luòxià to fall / to drop / to land (of projectile)

络绎不绝 絡繹不絕

luòyìbùjué continuously / in an endless stream

屡 屢

lǚ time and again / repeatedly / frequently

缕 縷

lǚ strand / thread / detailed / in detail / classifier for wisps (of smoke, mist or vapor), strands, locks (of hair)

铝 鋁

lǚ aluminum (chemistry)

旅程

lǚchéng journey / trip

屡次 屢次

lǚcì repeatedly / time and again

旅店

lǚdiàn inn / small hotel

旅途

lǚtú journey / trip

履行

lǚxíng to fulfill (one's obligations) / to carry out (a task) / to implement (an agreement) / to perform

率

lǜ ratio / rate / proportion

shuài to lead / to command / rash / hasty / frank / straightforward / generally / usually

加拿大的犯罪率下降了。

Jiānádà de fànzùlǜ xiàjiàngle.

Canada's crime rate is decreasing.

绿灯 綠燈

lǜdēng green light (traffic signal) / permission to proceed

绿地 綠地

lǜdì green area (e.g. urban park or garden)

绿化 綠化

lǚhuà to make green with plants / to reforest / Islamization

略

lüè brief / sketchy / outline / summary / to omit / (bound form before a single-character verb) a bit / somewhat / slightly / plan / strategy / to capture (territory)

掠夺 掠奪

lüèduó to plunder / to rob

略微

lüèwēi a little bit / slightly

M

麻

má hemp (variant of 麻[ma2]) / generic name for hemp, flax etc / hemp or flax fiber for textile materials / sesame / rough or coarse / pocked / pitted / to have pins and needles or tingling / to feel numb / surname Ma

麻痹 麻痺

mábì paralysis / palsy / numbness / to benumb / to lull / negligent / apathetic

麻将 麻將

májiàng mahjong

麻辣

málà hot and numbing

麻木

mámù numb / insensitive / apathetic

麻醉

mázuì anesthesia / to anesthetize / (fig.) to corrupt (sb's mind) / to enervate / to numb the mind (to escape from harsh reality)

码 碼

mǎ agate / standard weight used with a balance scale / number / code / size / yard (unit of length) / kilometers per hour (informal misuse of "yard" to mean kph in speed references) / to pile up / to stack / classifier for matters, items, situations etc (esp. when indicating whether they are the same or different, as in 不是一碼事|不是一码事[**bu4 shi4 yil ma3 shi4**] "not the same thing") / (finance) unit of 25 basis points (i.e. a 0.25% change in interest rate)

马车 馬車

mǎchē cart / chariot / carriage / buggy

马后炮 馬後炮

mǎhòupào moving the cannon after moving the horse away / a useless action or comment / sth done after it's too late

马虎 馬虎

mǎhu careless / sloppy / negligent / skimpy

马力 馬力

mǎlì horsepower

马桶 馬桶

mǎtǒng chamber pot / wooden pan used as toilet / toilet bowl

马戏 馬戲

mǎxì circus

嘛

ma modal particle indicating that sth is obvious / particle indicating a pause for emphasis

má (coll.) what?

你快点嘛!

Nǐ kuàidiǎn ma!

Can you hurry up?

埋

mái to bury

埋藏

máicáng to bury / to hide by burying / hidden

埋伏

máifú to ambush / to lie in wait for / to lie low / ambush

埋没 埋沒

máimò to engulf / to bury / to overlook / to stifle / to neglect / to fall into oblivion

买不起 買不起

mǎibuǐ cannot afford / can't afford buying

迈 邁

mài to step / to stride / old / elderly / mile (esp. in expressions of vehicle speed)

脉搏 脈搏

màibó pulse (both medical and figurative)

迈进 邁進

màijìn to step in / to stride forward / to forge ahead

脉络 脈絡

màiluò arteries and veins / network of blood vessels / vascular system (of a plant or animal) / fabric (i.e. underlying structure, as in "social fabric") / overall context

卖弄 賣弄

màinong to show off / to make a display of

瞒 瞞

mán to conceal from / to keep (sb) in the dark

蛮 蠻

mán barbarian / bullying / very / quite / rough / reckless

馒头 饅頭

mántou steamed bun

埋怨

mányuàn to complain / to grumble (about) / to reproach / to blame

满怀 滿懷

mǎnhuái to have one's heart filled with / full on / heavy with young

漫

màn free / unrestrained / to inundate

慢车 慢車

mànchē local bus or train / slow train with many stops

慢慢来 慢慢來

mànmànlái take your time / take it easy

慢性

mànxìng slow and patient / chronic (disease) / slow to take effect (e.g. a slow poison)

蔓延

mǎnyán to extend / to spread

漫游 漫遊

mànyóu to travel around / to roam / roaming

忙活

mánghuó to be really busy / pressing business

忙碌

mánglù busy / bustling

忙乱 忙亂

mángluàn rushed and muddled

盲目

mángmù (of one's actions) blind / unthinking

茫然

máng rán blankly / vacantly / at a loss

盲人

máng rén blind person

茅台 茅臺

máotái maotai liquor 茅臺酒|茅台酒[mao2 tai2 jiu3] / Maotai town in Renhuai county, Guizhou

矛头 矛頭

máotóu spearhead / barb / an attack or criticism

冒充

mào chōng to feign / to pretend to be / to pass oneself off as

冒犯

màofàn to offend

冒昧

màomèi bold / presumptuous / to take the liberty of

茂密

màomì dense (of plant growth) / lush

茂盛

màoshèng lush

冒险 冒險

màoxiǎn to take risks / to take chances / foray / adventure

枚

méi classifier for small objects: coins, badges, rings, carved seals, chess pieces, eggs, fingerprints etc (more formal than 個|个[ge4]) / classifier for bombs, missiles, satellites etc / classifier for flat items (from Japanese 枚 "mai") / stick used as a gag to prevent soldiers from talking while sneaking up on the enemy / surname Mei

玫瑰

méiguī rugosa rose (shrub) (Rosa rugosa) (CL:棵[kel]) / rose flower (CL:朵[duo3])

梅花

méihuā plum blossom / clubs ♣ (a suit in card games) / wintersweet

没劲 沒勁

méijìn to have no strength / to feel weak / exhausted / feeling listless / boring / of no interest

眉开眼笑 眉開眼笑

méikāiyǎnxiào brows raised in delight, eyes laughing (idiom) / beaming with joy / all smiles

煤矿 煤礦

méikuàng coal mine / coal seam

眉毛

méimáo eyebrow

没说的 沒說的

méishuōde nothing to pick on / really good / nothing to discuss / settled matter / no problem

煤炭

méitàn coal

没完没了 沒完沒了

méiwánméiliǎo without end / incessantly / on and on

没意思 沒意思

méiyìsi boring / of no interest

没辙 沒轍

méizhé at one's wit's end / unable to find a way out

每当 每當

měidāng whenever / every time

美德

měidé virtue / USA and Germany

每逢

měiféng every time / on each occasion / whenever

美观 美觀

měiguān pleasing to the eye / beautiful / artistic

美化

měihuà to make more beautiful / to decorate / embellishment

美景

měijǐng beautiful scenery

美满 美滿

měimǎn happy / blissful

美妙

měimiào beautiful / wonderful / splendid

美人

měirén beautiful woman / belle

美容

měiróng to improve one's appearance (using cosmetics or cosmetic surgery) / to make oneself more attractive / to beautify

美味

měiwèi delicious / delicious food / delicacy

美中不足

měizhōngbùzú everything is fine except for one small defect (idiom) / the fly in the ointment

美滋滋

měizīzi very happy / elated

魅力

mèilì charm / fascination / glamor / charisma

门当户对 門當戶對

méndānghùduì the families are well-matched in terms of social status (idiom) / (of a prospective marriage partner) an appropriate match

门槛 門檻

ménkǎn doorstep / sill / threshold / fig. knack or trick (esp. scheme to get sth cheaper)

门铃 門鈴

ménlíng doorbell

门路 門路

ménlù way of doing sth / the right social connection

闷 悶

mèn bored / depressed / melancholy / sealed / airtight / tightly closed

mēn stuffy / shut indoors / to smother / to cover tightly

蒙

méng sincere / honest / genuine / drizzle / mist / blind / dim-sighted / to cover / ignorant / to suffer (misfortune) / to receive (a favor) / to cheat / surname Meng

mēng to deceive / to cheat / to hoodwink / to make a wild guess / unconscious / dazed / stunned

měng Mongol ethnic group

她被蒙上了眼睛。

Tā bèi méng shàng le yǎnjīng.

She was blindfolded.

萌发 萌發

méngfā to sprout / to shoot / to bud

朦胧 朦朧

ménglóng (of moonlight) dim / murky / indistinct

萌芽

méngyá to germinate / to sprout / to bud / sprout / bud / (also used figuratively)

盟友

méngyǒu ally

猛

měng ferocious / fierce / violent / brave / suddenly / abrupt / awesome

风吹得很猛。

Fēng chuī de hěn měng.

It is blowing very hard.

猛烈

měngliè fierce / violent / vigorous / intense

猛然

měngrán suddenly / abruptly

梦幻 夢幻

mènghuàn dream / illusion / reverie

谜 謎

mí riddle

弥补 彌補

míbǔ to complement / to make up for a deficiency

谜底 謎底

mídǐ answer to a riddle

迷惑不解

míhuòbùjiě to feel puzzled

迷惑

míhuo to puzzle / to confuse / to baffle

迷恋 迷戀

míliàn to be infatuated with / to be enchanted by / to be passionate about

迷路

mílù to lose the way / lost / labyrinth / labyrinthus vestibularis (of the inner ear)

弥漫 彌漫

mímàn to pervade / to fill the air / diffuse / everywhere present / about to inundate (water) / permeated by (smoke) / filled with (dust) / to saturate (the air with fog, smoke etc)

迷失

míshī to get lost / to lose one's bearings

谜团 謎團

mítuán riddle / enigma / unpredictable situation / elusive matters

谜语 謎語

míyǔ riddle / conundrum

蜜

mì honey

密不可分

mìbùkěfēn inextricably linked (idiom) / inseparable

密度

mìdù density / concentration

秘方 祕方

mìfāng secret recipe

密封

mìfēng to seal up

蜜蜂

mífēng bee / honeybee

密集

mìjī concentrated / crowded together / intensive / compressed

秘诀 秘訣

mìjué secret know-how / key (to longevity) / secret (of happiness) / recipe (for success)

蜜月

mìyuè honeymoon

棉

mián generic term for cotton or kapok / cotton / padded or quilted with cotton

棉花

miánhua cotton

免

miǎn to excuse sb / to exempt / to remove or dismiss from office / to avoid / to avert / to escape / to be prohibited

免不了

miǎnbùliǎo unavoidable / can't be avoided

免除

miǎnchú to prevent / to avoid / to excuse / to exempt / to relieve / to remit

免得

miǎnde so as not to / so as to avoid

缅怀 緬懷

miǎnhuái to commemorate / to recall fondly / to think of the past

勉强 勉強

miǎnqiǎng to do with difficulty / to force sb to do sth / reluctant / barely enough

免疫

miǎnyì immunity (to disease)

免职 免職

miǎnzhí to relieve sb of his post / to sack / to demote / dismissal / sacking

面部

miàn bù face (body part)

面对面 面對面

miànduìmiàn face to face

面粉 麵粉

miànfěn flour

面红耳赤 面紅耳赤

miàn hóng ěr chì flushed with anger (or excitement)

面面俱到

miànmiàn jù dào take care of everything / handle everything

面目全非

miànmù quán fēi nothing remains the same (idiom) / change beyond recognition

面向

miànxiàng to face / to turn towards / geared towards / catering for / -oriented / aspect / facet

苗

miáo sprout / surname Miao / Miao ethnic group

描绘 描繪

miáohuì to describe / to depict / to portray

苗条 苗條

miáotiao slim / slender / graceful

苗头 苗頭

miáotou first signs / development (of a situation)

瞄准 瞄準

miáozhǔn to take aim at / to target

渺小

miǎoxiǎo minute / tiny / negligible / insignificant

妙

miào clever / wonderful

庙 廟

miào temple / ancestral shrine / temple fair / great imperial hall / imperial

我们也去了庙里。

Wǒmen yě qùle miào lǐ.

We also went to the temple.

庙会 廟會

miàohuì temple fair

灭 滅

miè to extinguish or put out / to go out (of a fire etc) / to exterminate or wipe out / to drown

火已经灭了。

Huǒ yǐjīng mièle.

The fire has gone out.

灭绝 滅絕

mièjué to become extinct / to die out / to lose (sth abstract) completely / to exterminate

灭亡 滅亡

mièwáng to be destroyed / to become extinct / to perish / to die out / to destroy / to exterminate

民办 民辦

mínbàn run by the local people / privately operated

民歌

míngē folk song

民工

míngōng migrant worker (who moved from a rural area of China to a city to find work) / temporary worker enlisted on a public project

民警

mínjǐng civil police / PRC police

民俗

mínsú popular custom

民意

mínyì public opinion / popular will / public will

民用

mínyòng civilian use

民众 民眾

mínzhòng the populace / the masses / the common people

民主

mínzhǔ democracy / democratic

什么是民主？

Shénme shì mínzhǔ?

What's democracy?

敏捷

mǐnjié nimble / quick / shrewd

敏锐 敏銳

mǐnrùi keen / sharp / acute

名额 名額

míngé quota / number of places / place (in an institution, a group etc)

名副其实 名副其實

míngfùqíshí not just in name only, but also in reality (idiom) / aptly named / worthy of the name

名贵 名貴

míngguì famous and valuable / rare / precious

铭记 銘記

míngjì to engrave in one's memory

明朗

mínglǎng bright / clear / obvious / forthright / open-minded / bright and cheerful

名利

mínglì fame and profit

明媚

míngmèi bright and beautiful

名气 名氣

míngqì reputation / fame

明日

míngri tomorrow

名声 名聲

míngshēng reputation

名胜 名勝

míngshèng a place famous for its scenery or historical relics / scenic spot

名言

míngyán saying / famous remark

名义 名義

míngyì name / titular / nominal / in name / ostensible purpose

名誉 名譽

míngyù fame / reputation / honor / honorary / emeritus (of retired professor)

明智

míngzhì sensible / wise / judicious / sagacious

名著

míngzhù masterpiece

命

mìng life / fate / order or command / to assign a name, title etc

他救了我的命。

Tā jiùle wǒ de mìng.

He saved my life.

命名

mìngmíng to give a name to / to dub / to christen / to designate / named after / naming

父亲以他姑姑的名字为我命名。

Fùqīn yǐ tā gūgu de míngzì wèi wǒ mìngmíng.

Father named me after his aunt.

命题 命題

mìngtí proposition (logic, math.) / to assign an essay topic

摸索

mōsuǒ to feel about / to grope about / to fumble / to do things slowly

磨

mó to rub / to grind / to polish / to sharpen / to wear down / to die out / to waste time / to pester / to insist

mò grindstone / to grind / to turn round

膜

mó membrane / film

蘑菇

mógū mushroom / to pester / to dawdle

魔鬼

móguǐ devil

磨合

móhé to break in / to wear in

磨难 磨難

mónàn a torment / a trial / tribulation / a cross (to bear) / well-tried

模拟 模擬

mónǐ imitation / to simulate / to imitate / analog (device, as opposed to digital)

魔术 魔術

móshù magic

磨损 磨損

mósuǎn to suffer wear and tear / to deteriorate through use / to wear out

抹

mǒ to smear / to wipe / to erase / classifier for wisps of cloud, light-beams etc

mā to wipe

mò to plaster / to go around / to skirt

墨

mò ink stick / China ink / corporal punishment consisting of tattooing characters on the victim's forehead / surname Mo

默读 默讀

mòdú to read in silence

莫非

mòfēi can it be possible that / could it be

莫过于 莫過於

mòguòyú nothing can surpass

没落 沒落

mòluò to decline / to wane

莫名其妙

mòmíngqímào baffling / bizarre / without rhyme or reason / inexplicable

默默无闻 默默無聞

mòmòwúwén unknown / unrenowned

默契

mòqì tacit understanding / unwritten agreement / rapport / in sync / well coordinated

漠然

mòrán indifferent / apathetic / cold

末日

mòrì last day / end / final days / doomsday / Judgment Day (in Christian eschatology)

陌生

mòshēng strange / unfamiliar

没收 沒收

mòshōu to confiscate / to seize

墨水

mòshuǐ ink

谋害 謀害

móuhài to conspire to murder / to plot against sb's life

谋求 謀求

móuqiú to seek / to strive for

谋生 謀生

móushēng to seek one's livelihood / to work to support oneself / to earn a living

亩 畝

mǔ classifier for fields / unit of area equal to one fifteenth of a hectare

母

mǔ mother / elderly female relative / origin / source / female

我打算随母姓。

Wǒ dǎsuàn suí mǔ xìng.

I'm planning to take my mother's maiden name.

牡丹

mǔdan tree peony (Paeonia suffruticosa)

母鸡 母雞

mǔjī hen / don't know (humorous slang mimicking Cantonese 唔知, Jyutping: m4 zil)

母女

mǔnǚ mother and daughter / mother-daughter

母子

mǔzǐ mother and child / parent and subsidiary (companies) / principal and interest

墓

mù grave / tomb / mausoleum

幕

mù curtain or screen / canopy or tent / headquarters of a general / act (of a play)

木板

mùbǎn slab / board / plank

墓碑

mùbēi gravestone / tombstone

目不转睛 目不轉睛

mùbùzhuǎnjīng unable to take one's eyes off (idiom) / to gaze steadily / to stare

木材

mùcái wood

现在正缺良好的建筑木材。

Xiànzài zhèng quē liáng'hǎo de jiànzhù mùcái.

There is a shortage of good building wood.

牧场 牧場

mùchǎng pasture / grazing land / ranch

目瞪口呆

mùdèngkǒudāi dumbstruck / stupefied / stunned

墓地

mùdì cemetery / graveyard

目的地

mùdìdì destination (location)

目睹

mùdǔ to witness / to see at first hand / to see with one's own eyes

幕后 幕後

mùhòu behind the scenes

木匠

mùjiàng carpenter

募捐

mùjuān to solicit contributions / to collect donations

目录 目錄

mùlù catalog / table of contents / directory (on computer hard drive) / list / contents

牧民

mùmín herdsman

木偶

mùǒu puppet

穆斯林

mùsīlín Muslim

沐浴露

mùyùlù shower gel

目中无人 目中無人

mùzhōngwúrénn to consider everyone else beneath one (idiom) / so arrogant that no-one else matters / condescending / to go about with one's nose in the air

N

拿手

náshǒu expert in / good at

拿走

názǒu to take away

请把这个拿走。

Qǐng bǎ zhège ná zǒu.

Please take this away.

哪知道

nǎzhīdào who would have thought that ...?

呐喊 吶喊

nàhǎn shout / rallying cry / cheering / to shout

纳入 納入

nàrù to bring into / to channel into / to integrate into / to incorporate

纳税 納稅

nàshuì to pay taxes

纳税人 納稅人

nàshuìrén taxpayer

乃

nǎi to be / thus / so / therefore / then / only / thereupon

奶粉

nǎifěn powdered milk

奶牛

nǎiniú milk cow / dairy cow

乃至

nǎizhì and even / to go so far as to

耐

nài to bear / to endure / to withstand

耐人寻味 耐人尋味

nàirénxúnwèi thought-provoking / to provide food for thought

耐性

nàixìng patience

难处 難處

nánchǔ trouble / difficulty / problem

难得一见 難得一見

nándéyījiàn rarely seen

难点 難點

nándiǎn difficulty

南瓜

nánguā pumpkin

难怪 難怪

nánguài no wonder (that...) / not surprising (that)

难关 難關

nánguān difficulty / crisis

难堪 難堪

nánkān hard to take / embarrassed

难说 難說

nánshuō hard to tell (i.e. hard to judge or hard to predict) / cannot bring oneself to say it

难忘 難忘

nánwàng unforgettable

难为情 難為情

nánwéiqíng embarrassed

难以置信 難以置信

nányǐzhìxìn hard to believe / incredible

挠 撓

náo to scratch / to thwart / to yield

脑海 腦海

nǎohǎi the mind / the brain

脑筋 腦筋

nǎojīn brains / mind / head / way of thinking

恼羞成怒 惱羞成怒

nǎoxiūchéngnù to become enraged over a perceived humiliation

闹事 鬧事

nàoshì to cause trouble / to create a disturbance

内存 内存

nèicún internal storage / computer memory / random access memory (RAM)

内地 内地

nèidì inland / interior / hinterland / mainland China (PRC excluding Hong Kong and Macau, but including islands such as Hainan) / Japan (used in Taiwan during Japanese colonization)

内阁 內閣

nèigé cabinet

内涵 內涵

nèihán meaningful content / implication / connotation / inner qualities (of a person)

内行 內行

nèiháng expert / adept / experienced / an expert / a professional

内幕 內幕

nèimù inside story / non-public information / behind the scenes / internal

内外 內外

nèiwài inside and outside / domestic and foreign / approximately / about

内向 內向

nèixiàng reserved (personality) / introverted / domestic-oriented

内需 內需

nèixū domestic demand

内衣 內衣

nèiyī undergarment / underwear

嫩

nèn young and tender / tender / lightly cooked / light / inexperienced / unskilled

能否

néngfǒu whether one can / whether it is possible

您能否寄给我一份申请表?

Nín néngfǒu jì gěi wǒ yí fèn shēn qǐng biǎo?

Could you send me an application form?

能耗

néng hào energy consumption

能耐

néng nài ability / capability

能人

néng rén capable person / Homo habilis, extinct species of upright East African hominid

能源

néng yuán energy sources / energy

泥

ní mud / clay / paste / pulp

nì restrained

别走进泥地。

Bié zǒu jìn ní de.

Don't step in the mud.

尼龙 尼龍

ní lóng nylon

泥潭

ní tán quagmire

泥土

ní tǔ earth / soil / mud / clay

拟

nǐ doubtful / suspicious / to emulate / to imitate / to plan to / to draft (a plan) / to imitate / to assess / to compare / pseudo-

拟定 擬定

nǐ dìng to draw up / to draft / to formulate

逆

nì contrary / opposite / backwards / to go against / to oppose / to betray / to rebel

匿名

nì míng anonymous

黏

nián sticky / glutinous / to adhere / to stick on / to glue

年画 年畫

nián huà New Year (Spring Festival) picture

年迈 年邁

nián mài old / aged

年限

nián xiàn age limit / fixed number of years

年薪

nián xīn annual salary

年夜饭 年夜飯

nián yè fàn reunion dinner on Lunar New Year's Eve (Chinese New Year tradition)

年终 年終

nián zhōng end of the year

念念不忘

niàn niàn bù wàng to keep in mind constantly (idiom)

念书 念書

niàn shū to read / to study / to attend school

念头 念頭

niàn¹ thought / idea / intention

娘

niáng mother / young lady / effeminate

酿造 釀造

niàng zào to brew / to make (wine, vinegar, soybean paste etc) by fermentation

鸟巢 鳥巢

niǎocháo bird's nest / nickname for Beijing 2008 Olympic stadium

尿

niào to urinate / urine

suǐ urine

捏

niē to hold between the thumb and fingers / to pinch / to mold (using the fingers) / to hold (lit. in one's hand and fig.) / to join together / to fabricate (a story, a report, etc)

凝固

nínɡɡù to freeze / to solidify / to congeal / fig. with rapt attention

凝聚

nínɡjù to condense / to coagulate / coacervation (i.e. form tiny droplets) / aggregation / coherent

拧 擰

nǐng mistake / to twist

nínɡ to pinch / wring

nìnɡ stubborn

宁可 寧可

nìnɡkě preferably / one would prefer to...(or not to...) / would rather / be better to / the lesser of two evils

宁愿 寧願

nìnɡyuàn would rather ... (than ...)

扭

niǔ to turn / to twist / to wring / to sprain / to swing one's hips

纽带 紐帶

niǔdài tie / link / bond

纽扣 鈕扣

niǔkòu button

扭曲

niǔqū to twist / to warp / to distort

扭头 扭頭

niǔtóu to turn one's head / to turn around

扭转 扭轉

niǔzhuǎn to reverse / to turn around (an undesirable situation) / torsion

农场 農場

nóngchǎng farm

浓厚 濃厚

nónghòu dense / thick (fog, clouds etc) / to have a strong interest in / deep / fully saturated (color)

农历 農曆

nónglì the traditional Chinese calendar / the lunar calendar

农民工 農民工

nóngmínɡōng migrant worker (who moved from a rural area of China to a city to find work)

浓缩 濃縮

nónɡsuō to concentrate / to condense / to enrich / espresso coffee (abbr. for 意式濃縮咖啡|意式浓缩咖啡[Yì shì nong2 suo1 kal feil])

浓郁 濃郁

nónɡyù rich / strong / heavy (fragrance) / dense / full-bodied / intense

浓重 濃重

nónɡzhòng dense / thick / strong / rich (colors) / heavy (aroma) / deep (friendship) / profound (effect)

她说话是带着浓重的美国口音。

Tā shuōhuà shì dàizhe **nónɡzhòng** de **Měiguó kǒuyīn**.
She spoke with a thick American accent.

农作物 農作物

nónɡzuòwù crops

弄虚作假 弄虛作假

nòngxūzuòjiǎ to practice fraud (idiom) / by trickery

奴隶 奴隸

núli slave

他是个奴隶。

Tā shì gè núli.

He is a slave.

暖烘烘

nuǎnhōnghōng nice and warm / cozy / heartwarming

挪

nuó to shift / to move

诺言 諾言

nuòyán promise

女婿

nǚxu daughter's husband / son-in-law

虐待

nuèdài to mistreat / to maltreat / to abuse / mistreatment / maltreatment

○

哦

ó oh (interjection indicating doubt or surprise)

ò oh (interjection indicating that one has just learned sth)

é to chant

o sentence-final particle that conveys informality, warmth, friendliness or intimacy / may also indicate that one is stating a fact that the other person is not aware of

哦，这是什么？

Ó, zhè shì shénme?

Oh, what is this?

殴打 毆打

ōudǎ to beat up / to come to blows / battery (law)

呕吐 嘔吐

ǒutù to vomit

P

趴

pā to lie on one's stomach / to lean forward, resting one's upper body (on a desktop etc) / percent (from Japanese "pā", short for "pāsento")

拍板

pāibǎn wooden clappers (percussion instrument) / to beat time with clappers (for a singer) / board or gavel / to slap the board to signal a sale / to bring down the gavel / to make a decision / to have the final say

拍卖 拍賣

pāimài to auction / auction sale / to sell at a reduced price

拍戏 拍戲

pāixì to shoot a movie

排斥

páichì to reject / to exclude / to eliminate / to remove / to repel

排放

páifàng to arrange in order / to emit / to discharge (exhaust gas, waste water etc) / to ovulate / to discharge semen

排行榜

páihángbǎng the charts (of best-sellers) / table of ranking

徘徊

páihuái to pace back and forth / to dither / to hesitate / to fluctuate

排练 排練

páiliàn to rehearse / rehearsal

牌照

páizhào license / vehicle license / car registration / license plate

派别 派別

pàibié group / sect / clique / faction / school

派出

pàichū to send / to dispatch

派遣

pàiqiǎn to send (on a mission) / to dispatch

攀

pān to climb (by pulling oneself up) / to implicate / to claim connections of higher status

攀升

pānshēng to clamber up / to rise

盘算 盤算

pánsuàn to plot / to scheme / to calculate

判

pàn to differentiate / to distinguish / clearly (different) / to judge / to decide / to grade / to sentence

盼

pàn to hope for / to long for / to expect

判处 判處

pànchǔ to sentence / to condemn

判定

pàndìng to judge / to decide / judgment / determination

判决 判決

pànjué judgment (by a court of law) / to pass judgment on / to sentence

叛逆

pànnì to rebel / to revolt / a rebel

盼望

pànwàng to hope for / to look forward to

庞大 龐大

pángdà huge / enormous / tremendous

旁观 旁觀

pángguān spectator / non-participant

抛 拋

pāo to throw / to toss / to fling / to cast / to abandon

抛开 拋開

pāokāi to throw out / to get rid of

抛弃 拋棄

pāoqì to abandon / to discard / to renounce / to dump (sb)

刨

páo to dig / to excavate / to exclude / not to count / to deduct / to subtract

bào carpenter's plane / to plane (woodwork) / to shave off / to peel (with a potato peeler etc)

跑车 跑車

pǎochē racing bicycle / racing car / sports car / to drive a vehicle (such as a truck or taxi) for a living / (of a conductor or attendant) to work on a train / (of a cable-car) to slip away (in an accident)

跑道

pǎodào athletic track / track / runway (i.e. airstrip)

跑龙套 跑龍套

pǎolóngtào to play a small role

泡

pào bubble / foam / blister / to soak / to steep / to infuse / to dawdle / to loiter / to pick up (a girl) / to get off with (a sexual partner) / classifier for occurrences of an action / classifier for number of infusions

pāo puffed / swollen / spongy / small lake (esp. in place names) / classifier for urine or feces

她给我泡了茶。

Tā gěi wǒ pào le chá.

She made tea for me.

炮

pào cannon / firecracker

páo to prepare herbal medicine by roasting or parching (in a pan)

bǎo to sauté / to fry / to dry by heating

泡沫

pàomò foam / bubble / bubble

胚胎

pēitāi embryo

陪伴

péibàn to accompany

赔钱 賠錢

péiqián to lose money / to suffer a financial loss / to pay for damages

陪同

péitóng to accompany

陪葬

péizàng to be buried with or next to dead person (of deceased's partner, or of funerary objects)

佩服

pèifú to admire

配件

pèijiàn component / part / fitting / accessory / replacement part

配偶

pèiǒu spouse

配送

pèisòng to put together an order and deliver it (i.e. 配貨|配货 [pei4 huo4] and 送貨|送货[song4 huo4]) / to deliver (goods)

配音

pèiyīn dubbing (filmmaking)

配置

pèizhì to deploy / to allocate / configuration / allocation

喷泉 噴泉

pēnquán fountain

抨击 抨擊

pēngjī to attack (verbally or in writing)

烹调 烹調

pēngtiáo to cook

蓬勃

péngbó vigorous / flourishing / full of vitality

鹏程万里 鵬程萬里

péngchéngwànlǐ the fabled roc flies ten thousand miles (idiom) / one's future prospects are brilliant

膨胀 膨脹

péngzhàng to expand / to inflate / to swell

捧

pěng to hold or offer with both hands / to sing the praises of / classifier for what can be held in both hands

捧场 捧場

pěngchǎng to show one's support for a performer or theatrical troupe etc by attending their show / to attend an event to cheer on the participants / to patronize a restaurant or store / to sing the praises of

碰钉子 碰釘子

pèngdīngzi to meet with a rebuff

碰巧

pèngqiǎo by chance / by coincidence / to happen to

碰上

pèngshàng to run into / to come upon / to meet

我以前经常碰上她。

Wǒ yǐqián jīngcháng pèngshàng tā.

I used to bump into her all the time.

碰撞

pèngzhuàng to collide / collision

劈

pī to hack / to chop / to split open / to strike

pǐ to split in two / to divide

批发 批發

pīfā wholesale / bulk trade / distribution

披露

pīlù to reveal / to publish / to make public / to announce

批判

pīpàn to criticize / critique

脾

pí spleen

疲惫 疲憊

píbèi beaten / exhausted / tired

疲惫不堪 疲憊不堪

píbèibùkān exhausted / fatigued to the extreme

皮带 皮帶

pídài strap / leather belt

疲倦

píjuàn to tire / tired

疲劳 疲勞

píláo fatigue / wearily / weariness / weary

皮球

píqiú ball (made of rubber, leather etc)

匹配

pǐpèi to mate or marry / to match / matching / compatible

僻静 僻靜

pìjìng lonely / secluded

媲美

pìměi to match / is comparable with

譬如

pìrú for example / for instance / such as

譬如说 譬如說

pìrúshuō for example

偏

piān to lean / to slant / oblique / prejudiced / to deviate from average / to stray from the intended line / stubbornly / contrary to expectations

偏差

piānchā bias / deviation

偏方

piānfāng folk remedy / home remedy

篇幅

piānfú length (of a piece of writing) / space occupied on a printed page

偏见 偏見

piānjiàn prejudice / bias

偏僻

piānpì remote / desolate / far from the city

偏偏

piānjiān (indicating that sth turns out just the opposite of what one would wish) unfortunately / as it happened / (indicating that sth is the opposite of what would be normal or reasonable) stubbornly / contrarily / against reason / (indicating that sb or a group is singled out) precisely / only / of all people

偏向

piānxiàng partial towards sth / to prefer / to incline / erroneous tendencies (Leftist or Revisionist deviation)

偏远 偏遠

piānyuǎn remote / far from civilization

片子

piānzi film / movie / film reel / phonograph record / X-ray image

piànzi thin flake / small piece

片段

piànduàn fragment (of speech etc) / extract (from book etc) / episode (of story etc)

骗人 騙人

piànrén to cheat sb / a scam

漂

piāo to float / to drift

piǎo to bleach

飘 飄

piāo to float (in the air) / to flutter / to waft / complacent / frivolous / weak / shaky / wobbly

票房

piàofáng box office

撇

piě to throw / to cast / left-slanting downward brush stroke (calligraphy)

piē to cast away / to fling aside

拼搏

pīnbó to struggle / to wrestle

拼命

pīnmìng to do one's utmost / with all one's might / at all costs / (to work or fight) as if one's life depends on it

贫富 貧富

pínfù poor and rich

贫困 貧困

pínkùn impoverished / poverty

频率 頻率

pínlǜ frequency

频频 頻頻

pínpín repeatedly / again and again / continuously / constantly

贫穷 貧窮

pínqióng poor / impoverished

品德

píndé moral character

品牌

pǐnpái brand / brand name

品位

pǐnwèi rank / grade / quality / taste

品行

pǐnxíng behavior / moral conduct

聘

pìn to employ / to appoint / to betroth / (of a woman) to get married / to be married off / to visit another state as an envoy on a diplomatic mission

聘请 聘請

pìnqǐng to engage / to hire (a lawyer etc)

聘任

pìn rèn to appoint (to a position) / appointed

聘用

pìnyòng to employ / to hire

乒乓球

pīngpāngqiú table tennis / ping-pong / table tennis ball

评 評

píng to discuss / to comment / to criticize / to judge / to choose (by public appraisal)

平常心

píngchángxīn levelheadedness / calmness / equanimity

平淡

píngdàn flat / dull / ordinary / nothing special

评定 評定

píngdìng to evaluate / to make one's judgment

平凡

píngfán commonplace / ordinary / mediocre

平方米

píngfāngmǐ square meter

平和

píng hé gentle / mild / moderate / placid

平衡

pínghéng balance / equilibrium

我认为要保持平衡。

Wǒ rènwéi yào bǎochí pínghéng.

I think there's a balance to be had.

平价 平價

píngjià reasonably priced / inexpensive / to keep prices down / parity

凭借 憑借

píngjiè to rely on / to depend on / by means of / thanks to / sth that one relies on

瓶颈 瓶頸

píngjǐng neck of a bottle / bottleneck / problem that impedes progress

评论员 評論員

pínglùnyuán commentator

平面

píngmiàn plane / flat surface / flat / two-dimensional

平民

píngmín ordinary people / commoner (contrasted with the privileged) / civilian (contrasted with the military)

屏幕

píngmù screen (TV, computer or movie)

评判 評判

píngpàn to judge (a competition) / to appraise

平日

píngrì ordinary day / everyday / ordinarily / usually

评审 評審

píngshěn to appraise / to evaluate / to judge

萍水相逢

píngshuǐxiāngféng strangers coming together by chance (idiom)

平台 平臺

píngtái platform / terrace / flat-roofed building

评委 評委

píngwěi evaluation committee / judging panel / judging panel member / adjudicator (abbr. for 評選委員會委員 | 評選委員會委員 [píng2 xuan3 wei3 yuan2 hui4 wei3 yuan2])

平息

píngxī to subside / to die down / to quell / to smooth over (a dispute etc) / to suppress (a rebellion etc)

评选 評選

píngxuǎn to select on the basis of a vote or consensus

凭着 憑著

píngzhe relying on / on the basis of

凭证 憑證

píngzhèng proof / certificate / receipt / voucher

坡

pō slope / sloping / slanted

颇 頗

pō rather / quite / considerably / oblique / inclined / slanting / surname Po

泼冷水 潑冷水

pōlěngshuǐ to pour cold water on / to dampen sb's enthusiasm

破案

pòàn to solve a criminal case

迫不及待

pòbùjídài unable to hold oneself back / eager to do sth without delay

破除

pòchú to eliminate / to do away with / to get rid of

迫害

pòhài to persecute

破解

pòjiě to break (a bond, constraint etc) / to explain / to unravel / to decipher / to decode / to crack (software)

破旧 破舊

pòjiù shabby

魄力

pòlì courage / daring / boldness / resolution / drive

破裂

pòliè to burst / to rupture / to break down

破灭 破滅

pòmiè to be shattered / to be annihilated (of hope, illusions etc)

迫使

pòshǐ to force / to compel

破碎

pòsuì to smash to pieces / to shatter

扑 撲

pū to throw oneself at / to pounce on / to devote one's energies / to flap / to flutter / to dab / to pat / to bend over

铺 鋪

pū to spread / to display / to set up / holder for door-knocker
pù store / plank bed / place to sleep / shop / store / relay station

扑克 撲克

pūkè poker (game) (loanword) / playing cards

铺路 鋪路

pūlù to pave (with paving stones) / to lay a road / to lay the groundwork (for sth) / to give a present to sb to ensure success

扑面而来 撲面而來

pūmiànér lái lit. sth hits one in the face / directly in one's face / sth assaults the senses / blatant (advertising) / eye-catching / assaults the nostrils

菩萨 菩薩

púsà bodhisattva

谱 譜

pǔ chart / list / table / register / score (music) / spectrum (physics) / to set to music

朴实 樸實

pǔshí plain / simple / guileless / down-to-earth / sincere and honest

朴素 樸素

pǔsù plain and simple / unadorned / simple living / not frivolous

普通人

pǔtōngrén ordinary person / private citizen / people / the person in the street

瀑布

pùbù waterfall

Q

沏

qī to brew (tea)

漆

qī paint / lacquer / to paint (furniture, walls etc)

欺负 欺負

qīfu to bully

凄凉

qīliáng mournful / miserable / desolate (place)

期盼

qīpàn to expect / to await

欺骗 欺騙

qīpiàn to deceive / to cheat

欺诈 欺詐

qīzhà to cheat

七嘴八舌

qīzuǐbāshé lively discussion with everybody talking at once

棋

qí chess / chess-like game / a game of chess / chess piece

祈祷 祈禱

qídǎo to pray / to say a prayer

吃饭以前，我们先祈祷。

Chīfàn yǐqián, wǒmen xiān qídǎo.

Before eating, we pray.

其后 其後

qíhòu next / later / after that

奇花异草 奇花異草

qíhuāyìcǎo rare or exotic flowers and plants

奇迹 奇蹟

qíjì miracle / wonder / marvel

其间 其間

qíjiān in between / within that interval / in the meantime

奇妙

qímào wonderful / marvelous / intriguing / mysterious / strange

旗袍

qípáo cheongsam, a traditional Chinese dress for women, originally a long robe worn by Manchu women, later modernized in 20th-century Shanghai into a close-fitting dress with a high collar and side slits

歧视 歧視

qíshì to discriminate against / discrimination

奇特

qítè peculiar / unusual / queer

齐心协力 齊心協力

qíxīnxiélì to work with a common purpose (idiom) / to make concerted efforts / to pull together / to work as one

旗帜 旗幟

qízhì ensign / flag

棋子

qízǐ chess piece / a pawn (used by others for their own purposes)

起步

qǐbù to set out / to set in motion / the start (of some activity)

起草

qǐcǎo to make a draft / to draw up (plans)

起程

qǐchéng to set out / to leave

起初

qǐchū originally / at first / at the outset

启迪 啟迪

qǐdí to edify / enlightenment

起点 起點

qǐdiǎn starting point

起伏

qǐfú to move up and down / to undulate / ups and downs

乞丐

qǐgài beggar

起劲 起勁

qǐjìn energetic / vigorous / enthusiastic

启蒙

qǐméng to instruct the young / to instruct the young / to initiate / to awake sb from ignorance / to free sb from prejudice or superstition / primer / enlightened / the Enlightenment / Western learning from the late Qing dynasty

起跑线 起跑線

qǐpǎoxiàn the starting line (of a race) / scratch line (in a relay race)

乞求

qǐqiú to beg

启示 啟示

qǐshì to reveal / to enlighten / enlightenment / revelation / illumination / moral (of a story etc) / lesson

起诉 起訴

qǐsù to sue / to bring a lawsuit against / to prosecute

乞讨 乞討

qǐtǎo to beg / to go begging

企图 企圖

qǐtú to attempt / to try / attempt

岂有此理 豈有此理

qǐyǒucǐlǐ how can this be so? (idiom) / preposterous / ridiculous / absurd

起源

qǐyuán origin / to originate / to come from

器材

qìcái equipment / material

气氛 氣氛

qìfēn atmosphere / mood

气愤 氣憤

qìfèn indignant / furious

气管 氣管

qìguǎn windpipe / trachea / respiratory tract / air duct / gas pipe

契机 契機

qìjī opportunity / turning point

迄今

qìjīn so far / to date / until now

迄今为止 迄今為止

qìjīnwéizhǐ so far / up to now / still (not)

气馁 氣餒

qìněi to be discouraged

气派 氣派

qìpài impressive / stylish / magnificent / imposing manner / dignified air

气泡 氣泡

qìpào bubble / blister (in metal) / sparkling / carbonated

气魄 氣魄

qìpò spirit / boldness / positive outlook / imposing attitude

气势 氣勢

qìshì imposing manner / loftiness / grandeur / energetic looks / vigor

气味 氣味

qìwèi odor / scent

气息 氣息

qìxī breath / smell / odor / flavor

器械

qìxiè apparatus / instrument / equipment / weapon

契约 契約

qìyuē agreement / contract

气质 氣質

qìzhì personality traits / temperament / disposition / aura / air / feel / vibe / refinement / sophistication / class

掐

qiā to pick (flowers) / to pinch / to nip / to pinch off / to clutch / to fight

卡子

qiǎzi clip / hair fastener / checkpoint

恰当 恰當

qiàdàng appropriate / suitable

恰到好处 恰到好處

qiàdàohǎochù it's just perfect / it's just right

恰好

qiàhǎo as it turns out / by lucky coincidence / (of number, time, size etc) just right

恰恰

qiàqià exactly / just / precisely / cha-cha / cha-cha-cha (dance)

恰恰相反

qiàqiàxiāngfǎn just the opposite

恰巧

qiàqiǎo by chance / as chance would have it

恰如其分

qiàrúqífēn appropriate / apt / just right

洽谈 洽談

qiàtán to discuss

牵 牽

qiān to lead along / to pull (an animal on a tether) / to involve / to draw in

迁 遷

qiān to move / to shift / to change (a position or location etc) / to promote

越来越多的人迁往市区。

Yuèláiyuè duō de rén qiān wǎng shìqū.

More and more people are moving to urban areas.

铅 鉛

qiān lead (chemistry)

铅笔 鉛筆

qiānbǐ pencil

他是不是用铅笔写的？

Tā shìbúshì yòng qiānbǐ xiě de?

Did he write it with a pencil? ⇒ Was it with a pencil that he wrote it?

千变万化 千變萬化

qiānbìànwànhuà countless changes / constant permutation

牵扯 牽扯

qiānchě to involve / to implicate / to be interrelated

千方百计 千方百計

qiānfāngbǎiji lit. thousand ways, a hundred plans (idiom) / by every possible means

牵挂 牽掛

qiānguà to worry about / to be concerned about

千家万户 千家萬戶

qiānjiāwànghù every family (idiom)

迁就 遷就

qiānjiù to yield to / to adapt to / to accommodate oneself to (sth)

千军万马 千軍萬馬

qiānjūnwàn mǎ magnificent army with thousands of men and horses (idiom) / impressive display of manpower / all the King's horses and all the King's men

千钧一发 千鈞一髮

qiānjūnyīfā a thousand pounds hangs by a thread (idiom) / (at the) critical / perilous (moment)

牵涉 牽涉

qiānshè to involve / implicated

签署 簽署

qiānshǔ to sign (an agreement)

牵头 牽頭

qiāntóu to lead (an animal by the head) / to take the lead / to coordinate (a combined operation) / to mediate / a go-between (e.g. marriage broker)

谦虚 謙虛

qiānxū modest / self-effacing / to make modest remarks

谦逊 謙遜

qiānxùn humble / modest / unpretentious / modesty

迁移 遷移

qiānyí to migrate / to move

牵制 牽制

qiānzhi to control / to curb / to restrict / to impede / to pin down (enemy troops)

前辈 前輩

qiánbèi senior / older generation / precursor

前不久

qiánbùjiǔ not long ago / not long before

钱财 錢財

qiáncái wealth / money

虔诚 虔誠

qiánchéng pious / devout / sincere

前方

qiánfāng ahead / the front

前赴后继 前赴後繼

qiánfùhòujì to advance dauntlessly in wave upon wave (idiom)

前来 前來

qiánlái to come (formal) / before / previously

他七年前来日本。

Tā qī nián qiánlái Rìběn.

He came to Japan seven years ago.

潜力 潛力

qiánlì potential / latent capacity

潜能 潛能

qiánnéng potential / hidden capability

前期

qiánqī preceding period / early stage

前任

qiánrèn predecessor / ex- / former / ex (spouse etc)

潜水 潛水

qiánshuǐ to dive / to go under water / to lurk

前所未有

qiánsuǒwèiyǒu unprecedented

前台 前臺

qiántái stage / proscenium / foreground in politics etc (sometimes derog.) / front desk / reception desk / front-end / foreground

你应该拿到前台去吧。

Nǐ yīnggāi ná dào qiántái qù ba.

You should take it to the front desk.

潜艇 潛艇

qiántǐng a submarine

前无古人 前無古人

qiánwúgǔrén unprecedented / unheard of

前夕

qiánxī eve / the day before

前线 前線

qiánxiàn front line / military front / workface / cutting edge

前沿

qiányán forward position / frontier / cutting-edge / forefront

前仰后合 前仰後合

qiányǎnghòuhé to sway to and fro / to rock back and forth

潜移默化 潛移默化

qiányímòhuà imperceptible influence / to influence secretly

潜在 潛在

qiánzài hidden / potential / latent

前者

qiánzhě the former (i.e. the one mentioned first)

钳子 鉗子

qiánzi pliers / pincers / tongs / forceps / vise / clamp / claw (of a crab etc) / earring

谴责 譴責

qiǎnzé to denounce / to condemn / to criticize / condemnation / criticism

欠缺

qiànquē to be deficient in / lapse / deficiency

欠条 欠條

qiàntiáo IOU / certificate of indebtedness

歉意

qiànyì apology / regret

呛 噎

qiāng to choke (because of swallowing the wrong way)

qiàng to irritate the nose / to choke (of smoke, smell etc) / pungent / (Tw) to shout at sb / to scold / to speak out against sb

腔

qiāng cavity / speech / talk / tune / accent (in one's speech) / classifier for carcasses of slaughtered livestock

枪毙 槍斃

qiāngbì to execute by firing squad / to shoot dead / fig. to discard / to get rid of

强盗 強盜

qiángdào to rob (with force) / bandit / robber

强化 強化

qiánghuà to strengthen / to intensify

强加 強加

qiángjiā to impose / to force upon

强劲 強勁

qiángjìng strong / powerful / robust

强势 強勢

qiángshì strong / powerful / emphatic / intensive

强项 強項

qiángxiàng key strength / strong suit / specialty

强行 強行

qiángxíng to do sth by force

强硬 強硬

qiángyìng tough / unyielding / hard-line

强占 強佔

qiángzhàn to occupy by force

强制 強制

qiángzhì to force / to compel / to coerce / forced / compulsory

强壮 強壯

qiángzhuàng strong / sturdy / robust

抢夺 搶奪

qiǎngduó to plunder / to pillage / to forcibly take

抢劫 搶劫

qiǎngjié to rob / looting

抢眼 搶眼

qiǎngyǎn eye-catching

敲边鼓 敲邊鼓

qiāobiāngǔ to back sb up / to support sb in an argument / (lit. to beat nearby drum)

敲诈 敲詐

qiāozhà to rip off / to extort (money) / extortion / blackmail

瞧不起

qiáobùqǐ to look down upon / to hold in contempt

桥梁 橋梁

qiáoliáng bridge (lit. and fig.)

乔装 喬裝

qiáozhuāng to pretend / to feign / to disguise oneself

巧合

qiǎohé coincidence / coincidental / to coincide

巧妙

qiǎomiào ingenious / clever / ingenuity / artifice

撬

qiào to lift / to pry open / to lever open

翘 翹

qiào to stick up / to rise on one end / to tilt

qiáo outstanding / to raise

窍门 竅門

qiàomén a trick / an ingenious method / know-how / the knack (of doing sth)

切除

qiēchú to excise / to cut out (a tumor)

切断 切斷

qiēduàn to cut off / to sever

切割

qiēgē to cut

茄子

qiézi eggplant (Solanum melongena L.) / aubergine / brinjal / Guinea squash / phonetic "cheese" (when being photographed) / equivalent of "say cheese"

且

qiě and / moreover / yet / for the time being / to be about to / both (... and...)

这是快速且有效的交流方式。

Zhè shì kuàisù qiě yǒuxiào de jiāoliú fāngshì.

This is a fast and effective way of communication.

窃取 竊取

qièqǔ to steal (usu. private information, intellectual property etc)

切身

qièshēn direct / concerning oneself / personal

切实 切實

qièshí feasible / realistic / practical / earnestly / conscientiously

侵犯

qīnfàn to infringe on / to encroach on / to violate / to assault

侵害

qīnhài to encroach on / to infringe on

亲和力 親和力

qīnhéli warmth / approachability / accessibility / user friendliness / affinity

亲近 親近

qīnjìn (of people or relationships) close / intimate / to draw close to / to engage with / to become familiar with (nature, places, ideas, art etc)

侵略

qīnlüè to invade / invasion

钦佩 欽佩

qīnpèi to admire / to look up to / to respect sb greatly

亲朋好友 親朋好友

qīnpénghǎoyǒu friends and family / kith and kin

亲戚 親戚

qīnqī a relative (i.e. family relation)

亲情 親情

qīnqíng affection / family love / love, esp. within a married couple or between parents and children

侵权 侵權

qīnquán to infringe the rights of / to violate / infringement

亲热 親熱

qīnrè affectionate / intimate / warmhearted / to show affection for / to get intimate with sb

亲身 親身

qīnshēn personally / oneself / first-hand

亲生 親生

qīnshēng one's own (child) (i.e. one's child by birth) / biological (parents) / birth (parents)

亲手 親手

qīnshǒu with one's own hands / personally

亲属 親屬

qīnshǔ kin / kindred / relatives

亲眼 親眼

qīnyǎn with one's own eyes / personally

亲友 親友

qīnyǒu friends and relatives

侵占 侵佔

qīnzhàn to invade and occupy (territory)

勤工俭学 勤工儉學

qíngōngjiǎnxué to work part-time while studying / work-study program

勤快

qínkuài diligent / hardworking

勤劳 勤勞

qínláo hardworking / industrious / diligent

寝室 寢室

qīnshì bedroom / dormitory

清

qīng clear / clean / quiet / still / pure / uncorrupted / clear / distinct / to clear / to settle (accounts) / Qing (Wade-Giles: Ch'ing) dynasty of China (1644–1911) / surname Qing

我还搞不清。

Wǒ hái gǎo bù qīng.

I'm still confused.

清除

qīngchú to clear away / to eliminate / to get rid of

青春期

qīngchūnqī puberty / adolescence

清脆

qīngcuì sharp and clear / crisp / melodious / ringing / tinkling / silvery (of sound) / fragile / frail

清单 清單

qīngdān list of items

清淡

qīngdàn light (of food, not greasy or strongly flavored) / insipid / slack (sales)

轻而易举 輕而易舉

qīngéryìjǔ easy / with no difficulty

倾家荡产 傾家蕩產

qīngjiādàngchǎn to lose a family fortune (idiom)

清洁 清潔

qīngjié clean / to clean

清洁工 清潔工

qīngjiégōng cleaner / janitor / garbage collector

清静 清靜

qīngjìng quiet / peaceful and quiet

清凉 清涼

qīngliáng cool / refreshing / skimpy / revealing

轻蔑 輕蔑

qīngmiè scornful / disdainful / contemptuous / pejorative / disdain / contempt

清明

qīngmíng clear and bright / sober and calm / (of a government or administration) well ordered / Qingming or Pure Brightness, 5th of the 24 solar terms 二十四節氣|二十四节气[er4 shi2 si4 jie2 qi5] 5th-19th April / Pure Brightness Festival or Tomb Sweeping Day (in early April)

清明节 清明節

qīngmíngjié Qingming or Pure Brightness Festival or Tomb Sweeping Day, celebration for the dead (in early April)

倾诉 傾訴

qīngsù to say everything (that is on one's mind)

倾听 傾聽

qīngtīng to listen attentively

青蛙

qīngwā frog (CL:隻|只[zhi1]) / (slang) ugly guy

轻微 輕微

qīngwēi slight / light / trivial / to a small extent

清晰

qīngxī clear / distinct

清洗

qīngxǐ to wash / to rinse / to clean / to purge / to get rid of (corrupt individuals etc)

倾向 傾向

qīngxiàng trend / tendency / orientation

我会更倾向于第二句话。

Wǒ huì gèng qīngxiàng yú dì'èr jù huà.

I would prefer the second sentence.

倾销 傾銷

qīngxiāo to dump (goods, products)

倾斜 傾斜

qīngxié to incline / to lean / to slant / to slope / to tilt

清新

qīngxīn fresh and clean

轻型 輕型

qīngxíng light (machinery, aircraft etc)

清真寺

qīngzhēnsì mosque

情

qíng feelings / emotion / sentiment / passion / situation / condition

情报 情報

qíngbào information / intelligence

情不自禁

qíngbùzìjīn cannot refrain from / cannot help / cannot but

情调 情調

qíngdiào ambience / mood / flavor

情怀 情懷

qínghuái feelings / mood

情结 情結

qíngjié complex (psychology)

情侣 情侶

qínglǚ sweethearts / lovers

情人

qíng rén lover / sweetheart

除了丈夫以外，她还有一个情人。

Chúle zhàngfu yǐwài, tā hái yǒu yí gè qíng rén.

As well as her husband, she also has a lover.

情绪 情緒

qíngxù mood / state of mind / moodiness

你应该学习控制自己的情绪。

Nǐ yīnggāi xuéxí kòngzhì zìjǐ de qíngxù.

You should learn to restrain yourself.

情谊 情誼

qíngyì friendship / camaraderie

情愿 情願

qíngyuàn willingness / would rather (agree to X than Y)

请柬 請柬

qǐngjiǎn invitation card / written invitation

请帖 請帖

qǐngtiē invitation card / written invitation

庆典 慶典

qìngdiǎn celebration

庆贺 慶賀

qìnghè to congratulate / to celebrate

庆幸 慶幸

qìngxìng to rejoice / to be glad

丘陵

qiūlíng hills

囚犯

qiúfàn prisoner / convict

求婚

qiúhūn to propose marriage

求救

qiújiù to seek help (when in distress or having difficulties)

球拍

qiúpāi racket / (table tennis) paddle / (cricket) bat

球星

qiúxīng sports star (ball sport)

求学 求學

qiúxué to pursue one's studies / to attend school / to seek knowledge

求医 求醫

qiúyī to seek medical treatment / to see a doctor

球员 球員

qiúyuán player / team member

求证 求證

qiúzhèng to seek proof / to seek confirmation

求职 求職

qiúzhí to seek employment

求助

qiúzhù to request help / to appeal (for help)

驱动 驅動

qūdòng to drive / to propel / drive (vehicle wheel) / drive mechanism (tape or disk) / device driver (computing software)

区分 區分

qūfēn to differentiate / to draw a distinction / to divide into categories

屈服

qūfú to surrender / to succumb / to yield / to defeat / to prevail over

曲线 曲線

qūxiàn curve / curved line / indirect / in a roundabout way

趋于 趨於

qūyú to tend towards

曲折

qūzhé winding / complicated

驱逐 驅逐

qūzhú to expel / to deport / banishment

渠道

qúdào irrigation ditch / channel / avenue

娶

qǔ to take a wife / to marry (a woman)

曲

qǔ tune / song

qū bent / crooked / wrong / fermentation starter / leaven (molds, yeasts or bacteria used in fermenting soy products or brewing etc) / surname Qu

取代

qǔdài to replace / to supersede / to supplant / substitution

取缔 取締

qǔdì to suppress / to crack down on / to prohibit

取而代之

qǔérdàizhī to replace / to supersede / to take its (or her etc) place

取经 取經

qǔjīng to journey to India on a quest for the Buddhist scriptures / to learn by studying another's experience

取决于 取決於

qǔjuéyú to hinge on / to be decided by / to depend on

取款

qǔkuǎn to withdraw money from a bank

取款机 取款機

qǔkuǎnjī ATM

取暖

qǔnuǎn to warm oneself (by a fire, heater etc)

取胜 取勝

qǔshèng to score a victory / to prevail over one's opponents

取笑

qǔxiào to tease / to make fun of

去除

qùchú to remove / to dislodge

去处 去處

qùchù place / destination

去掉

qùdiào to get rid of / to exclude / to eliminate / to remove / to delete / to strip out / to extract

趣味

qùwèi fun / interest / delight / taste / liking / preference

去向

qùxiàng direction in which sb or sth has gone / whereabouts

圈套

quāntào trap / snare / trick

圈子

quānzi circle / ring / circle

拳

quán fist / boxing

权 權

quán authority / power / right / to weigh / expedient / temporary / surname Quan

全长 全長

quáncháng overall length / span

全程

quánchéng the whole distance / from beginning to end

全方位

quánfāngwèi all around / omnidirectional / complete / holistic / comprehensive

权衡 權衡

quánhéng to consider / to weigh (a matter) / to balance (pros and cons)

全局

quánjú overall situation

全力

quánlì with all one's strength / full strength / all-out (effort) / fully (support)

权力 權力

quánlì power / authority

我没有权力。

Wǒ méiyǒu quánlì.

I am devoid of power.

全力以赴

quánlìyǐfù to make an all-out effort

全能

quánnéng omnipotent / all-round / strong in every area

拳头 拳頭

quántou fist / (of a product, service, project etc) flagship / key / core

权威 權威

quánwēi authority / authoritative / power and prestige

全文

quánwén entire text / full text

全新

quánxīn all new / completely new

全心全意

quánxīnquányì heart and soul / wholeheartedly

权益 權益

quányì rights / interests / rights and benefits

券

quàn bond (esp. document split in two, with each party holding one half) / contract / deed (i.e. title deeds) / ticket / voucher / certificate

劝告 勸告

quàngào to advise / to urge / to exhort / exhortation / advice

劝说 勸說

quànshuō to persuade / persuasion / to advise

劝阻 勸阻

quànǔ to advise against / to dissuade

缺口

quēkǒu nick / jag / gap / shortfall

缺失

quēshī lack / deficiency / shortcoming / flaw / defect / to be deficient / to lack

缺席

quēxí to be absent

缺陷

quēxiàn defect / flaw

除此之外，我认为她的论点还些缺陷。

Chúcǐzhīwài, wǒ rènwéi tā de lùndiǎn hái xiē quēxiàn.

As well as that, I think her argument still has further flaws.

确切 確切

quèqiè definite / exact / precise

却是 卻是

quèshì nevertheless / actually / the fact is ...

确信 確信

quèxìn to be convinced / to be sure / to firmly believe / to be positive that / definite news

确凿 確鑿

quèzáo definite / conclusive / undeniable / authentic

确诊 確診

quèzhěn to make a definite diagnosis / confirmed (case of a specific disease)

R

燃放

ránfàng to light / to set off (firecrackers etc)

燃气 燃氣

ránqì fuel gas (coal gas, natural gas, methane etc)

燃油

rányóu fuel oil

嚷

rǎng to shout / to bellow / to make a big deal of sth / to make a fuss about sth

让步 讓步

ràngbù to concede / to give in / to yield / a concession / concessive

让座 讓座

ràngzuò to give up one's seat for sb

饶 饒

ráo rich / abundant / exuberant / to add for free / to throw in as bonus / to spare / to forgive / despite / although / surname Rao

饶恕 饒恕

ráoshù to forgive / to pardon / to spare

扰乱 擾亂

rǎoluàn to disturb / to perturb / to harass

绕行 繞行

ràoxíng to take a circular (or circuitous) route / to do a circuit / to orbit / to circumnavigate / to take a detour / to bypass

惹

rě to provoke / to irritate / to vex / to stir up / to anger / to attract (troubles) / to cause (problems)

热潮 熱潮

rècháo wave of enthusiasm / craze / upsurge

热带 熱帶

rèdài the tropics / tropical

热点 熱點

rèdiǎn hot spot / point of special interest

热气 熱氣

rèqì steam / heat

热气球 熱氣球

rèqìqiú hot air balloon

热水 熱水

rèshuǐ hot water

热水器 熱水器

rèshuǐqì water heater

热腾腾 熱騰騰

rèténgténg steaming hot / bustling / hectic / excited / stirred up / created only a short time before / freshly minted / hot off the press / also pr. [re4 teng1 teng1]

热线 熱線

rèxiàn hotline (communications link)

热衷 熱衷

rèzhōng to feel strongly about / to be fond of / obsession / deep commitment

仁慈

réncí benevolent / charitable / kind / kindly / kindness / merciful

人次

rénì person-times / visits / classifier for number of people participating

人道

réndào human sympathy / humanitarianism / humane / the "human way", one of the stages in the cycle of reincarnation (Buddhism) / sexual intercourse

人格

réngé personality / integrity / dignity

人工智能

réngōngzhìnéng artificial intelligence (AI)

人均

rénjūn per capita / averaged per person

人品

rénpǐn character / moral strength / integrity / looks / appearance / bearing

人气 人氣

rénqì popularity / presence of people / liveliness

人情

rénqíng human emotions / social relationship / friendship / favor / a good turn

人权 人權

rénquán human rights

人身

rénshēn person / personal / human body

人事

rénshì personnel / human resources / human affairs / ways of the world / sexuality / the facts of life

人手

rénshǒu manpower / staff / human hand

人体 人體

réntǐ human body

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.

人为 人為

rénwéi artificial / man-made / having human cause or origin / human attempt or effort

人文

rénwén humanities / culture / humanistic

人行道

rénxíngdào sidewalk

人性

rénxìng human nature / humanity / human / the totality of human attributes

人选 人選

rénxuǎn choice of person / candidate

人造

rénzào man-made / artificial / synthetic

人造的纺织品通常比天然的纺织品还要坚韧。

Rénzào de fǎngzhǐpǐn tōngcháng bǐ tiānrán de fǎngzhǐpǐn

hái yào jiǎnrèn.

Man-made fabrics are often more durable than natural ones

人质 人質

rénzhì hostage

忍饥挨饿 忍飢挨餓

rěnjíáiè starving / famished

忍耐

rěnnài to endure / to put up with / to exercise patience

忍心

rěnxīn to have the heart to do sth / to steel oneself to a task

认错 認錯

rèncuò to admit an error / to acknowledge one's mistake

任命

rènmìng to appoint / appointment

任期

rènrī term of office / tenure (entire period in office)

任人宰割

rènrénzǎigē to get trampled on (idiom) / to be taken advantage of

认同 認同

rèntóng to approve of / to endorse / to acknowledge / to recognize / to identify oneself with

韧性 韌性

rènxìng toughness

任意

rènyì any / arbitrary / at will / at random

认证 認證

rènzhèng to authenticate / to approve

认知 認知

rènzhi cognition / cognitive / understanding / perception / awareness / to be cognizant of / to recognize / to realize

任职 任職

rènzhi to hold a post / to take office

日程

rìchéng schedule / itinerary

日复一日 日復一日

rìfùyīrì day after day

日后 日後

rìhòu sometime / someday (in the future)

日前

rìqián the other day / a few days ago

日趋 日趨

rìqū day by day / with every passing day / gradually

日新月异 日新月異

rìxīnyuèyì daily renewal, monthly change (idiom) / every day sees new developments / rapid progress

日夜

riyè day and night / around the clock

日益

riyì day by day / more and more / increasingly / more and more with each passing day

日语 日語

riyǔ Japanese language

不要说日语。

Búyào shuō Rìyǔ.

Don't speak in Japanese.

融

róng to melt / to thaw / to blend / to merge / to be in harmony

容光焕发 容光煥發

róngguānghuànfā face glowing (idiom) / looking radiant / all smiles

融合

rónghé a mixture / an amalgam / fusion / welding together / to be in harmony with (nature) / to harmonize with / to fit in

融化

rónghuà to melt / to thaw / to dissolve / to blend into / to combine / to fuse

太阳一出来，雪就会融化。

Tàiyang yì chūlái, xuě jiù huì rónghuà.

The snow will melt when the sun comes out.

荣获 榮獲

rónghuò be honored with

溶解

róngjiě to dissolve

容量

róngliàng capacity / volume / quantitative (science)

容纳 容納

róngnà to hold / to contain / to accommodate / to tolerate (different opinions)

融洽

rónghuà harmonious / friendly relations / on good terms with one another

容忍

róngrěn to put up with / to tolerate

融入

róngrù to blend into / to integrate / to assimilate / to merge

荣幸 榮幸

róngrìng honored (to have the privilege of ...)

容许 容許

róngrǔ to permit / to allow

容颜 容顏

róngyán mien / complexion

荣誉 榮譽

róngyù honor / credit / glory / reputation / honorary

冗长 冗長

rǒngcháng long and tedious / redundant / superfluous / supernumerary / verbose (of writing)

揉

róu to knead / to massage / to rub

柔和

róuhé gentle / soft

柔软 柔軟

róuruǎn soft

如

rú as / as if / such as

生活并不总是如我们所愿。

Shēnghuó bìng bù zǒngshì rú wǒmen suǒ yuàn.

Life doesn't always go the way we want it to.

如果说 如果說

rúguǒshuō if / if one were to say

儒家

rújiā Confucian school, founded by Confucius 孔子[Kong3 zi3] (551-479 BC) and Mencius 孟子[Meng4 zi3] (c. 372-c. 289 BC)

如实 如實

rúshí as things really are / realistic

儒学 儒學

rúxué Confucianism

如一

rúyī consistent / the same / unvarying

如意

rúyì as one wants / according to one's wishes / ruyi scepter, a symbol of power and good fortune

如愿以偿 如願以償

rúyuànyǐcháng to have one's wish fulfilled

乳制品 乳製品

rǔzhìpǐn dairy products

入

rù to enter / to go into / to join / to become a member of / to conform to (as in 入時|入时[ru4 shi2]) / (on product packaging, after {number n} + {classifier}) containing (n pieces) (from Japanese 入 "iri")

船被安全地领入港口。

Chuán bèi ānquán de líng rù gǎngkǒu.

The boat was piloted safely into harbor.

入场 入場

rùchǎng to enter the venue for a meeting / to enter into an examination / to enter a stadium, arena etc

入场券 入場券

rùchǎngquàn admission ticket / (fig.) qualification to enter a higher-level competition or field

入境

rùjìng to enter a country

入侵

rùqīn to invade

入手

rùshǒu to begin (with ...) (typically used in a structure such as 從|从[cóng2] + {noun} + 入手[rù4 shou3]: "to begin with {noun}; to take {noun} as one's starting point") / to receive / to obtain / to buy

入选 入選

rùxuǎn to be included among those selected for

入学 入學

rùxué to enter a school or college / to go to school for the first time as a child

软弱 軟弱

ruǎnrào weak / feeble / flabby

软实力 軟實力

ruǎnshílì soft power (in international relations)

瑞雪

ruìxuě timely snow

润 潤

rùn moist / glossy / sleek / to moisten / to lubricate / to embellish / to enhance / profit / remuneration / (slang) (loanword from "run") to emigrate (in order to flee adverse conditions)

若

ruò to seem / like / as / if

我若能来就会来。
Wǒ ruò néng lái jiù huì lái.
I will come if I can.

弱点 弱點

ruòdiǎn weak point / failing

若干

ruògān a certain number or amount / how many? / how much?

弱勢 弱勢

ruòshì vulnerable / weak

S

撒

sā to let go / to cast / to let loose / to discharge / to give expression to / to pee

sǎ to scatter / to sprinkle / to spill

撒谎 撒謊

sǎhuǎng to tell lies

塞

sāi to plug / to stop up / to stuff in / a stopper / a cork

sè to block / to obstruct

sài strategic stronghold

谁和何塞是同学?

Shéi hé hé sāi shì tóngxué?

Hesai and who, are classmates?

赛 賽

sài to compete / competition / match / to surpass / better than / superior to / to excel

赛场 賽場

sàichǎng racetrack / field (for athletics competition)

赛车 賽車

sàichē auto race / cycle race / race car

赛跑 賽跑

sàipǎo race (running) / to race (running)

三番五次

sānfānwǔcì over and over again (idiom)

三角

sānjiǎo triangle / trigonometry (abbr. for 三角學|三角学[san1 jiao3 xue2])

三明治

sānmíngzhì sandwich

我要吃三明治。

Wǒ yào chī sānmíngzhì.

I'm going to eat a sandwich / I want to eat a sandwich.

三维 三維

sānwéi three-dimensional / 3D

散布 散佈

sànbù to disseminate

散发 散發

sànfā to distribute / to emit / to give off

桑拿

sāngnǎ sauna

嗓子

sǎngzi throat / voice

丧生 喪生

sàngshēng to die / to lose one's life

丧失 喪失

sàngshī to lose / to forfeit

骚乱 騷亂

sāoluàn disturbance / riot / to create a disturbance

骚扰 騷擾

sāorǎo to disturb / to cause a commotion / to harass

扫除 掃除

sǎochú to clean / to clean up / to eliminate / to wipe out

扫描 掃描

sǎomiáo to scan

扫墓 掃墓

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

扫兴 掃興

sǎoxìng to spoil things / to dampen spirits / to feel deflated / to be dispirited

嫂子

sǎozi older brother's wife / sister-in-law

僧人

sēngrén monk

纱 紗

shā cotton yarn / muslin

刹车 剎車

shāchē to brake (when driving) / to stop / to switch off / to check (bad habits) / a brake

杀害 殺害

shāhài to murder

沙龙 沙龍

shālóng salon (loanword)

杀手 殺手

shāshǒu killer / murderer / hit man / formidable player

沙滩 沙灘

shātān beach / sandy shore

砂糖

shātáng granulated sugar

鲨鱼 鯊魚

shāyú shark

傻瓜

shǎguā idiot / fool

筛 篩

shāi a sieve / to sieve / to sift / to filter / to eliminate through selection / to warm a pot of rice wine (over a fire or in hot water) / to pour (wine or tea) / to strike (a gong)

筛选 篩選

shāixuǎn to filter

晒太阳 曬太陽

shàitàiyáng to be in the sun (getting warm or sunbathing etc) / to put sth in the sun (e.g. to dry it)

删 刪

shān to delete

删除 刪除

shānchú to delete / to cancel

山川

shānchuān mountains and rivers / landscape

山顶 山頂

shāndǐng hilltop

煽动 煽動

shāndòng to incite / to instigate

山峰

shānfēng peak

山冈 山岡

shāngāng mound / small hill

山谷

shāngǔ valley / ravine

山岭 山嶺

shānlǐng mountain ridge

山路

shānlù mountain road

山坡

shānpō hillside

山寨

shānzài fortified hill village / mountain stronghold (esp. of bandits) / knockoff (goods) / counterfeit / imitation

闪烁 閃爍

shǎnshuò to glisten / to glitter / to twinkle / to flicker / to be evasive / to equivocate

善

shàn good (virtuous) / benevolent / well-disposed / good at sth / to improve or perfect

擅长 擅長

shàncháng to be good at / to be expert in

膳食

shànshí meals / food

赡养 贍養

shànyǎng to support / to provide support for / to maintain

善意

shànyì goodwill / benevolence / kindness

擅自

shànzì without permission

伤残 傷殘

shāngcán disabled / maimed / crippled / damaged

商城

shāngchéng shopping center / department store

商贩 商販

shāngfàn trader / peddler

伤感 傷感

shānggǎn sad / emotional / sentimental / pathos

商贾 商賈

shāngǔ merchant

伤痕 傷痕

shānghén scar / bruise

伤口 傷口

shāngkǒu wound / cut

伤脑筋 傷腦筋

shāngnǎojīn to be a real headache / to find sth a real headache / to beat one's brains

伤势 傷勢

shāngshì condition of an injury

商讨 商討

shāngtǎo to discuss / to deliberate

伤亡 傷亡

shāngwáng casualties / injuries and deaths

伤员 傷員

shāngyuán wounded person

尚

shàng still / yet / to value / to esteem / surname Shang

他在工作中经验尚浅。

Tā zài gōngzuò zhōng jīngyàn shàng qiǎn.

He is still green at the job.

上报 上報

shàngbào to report to one's superiors / to appear in the news / to reply to a letter

上场 上場

shàngchǎng on stage / to go on stage / to take the field

上当 上當

shàngdàng taken in (by sb's deceit) / to be fooled / to be duped

上帝

shàngdì God

上方

shàngfāng place above (it) / upper part (of it)

上岗 上崗

shànggǎng to take up one's post / to go on duty / to take up a job

上火

shànghuǒ to get angry / to suffer from excessive internal heat (TCM)

上空

shàngkōng the skies above a certain place / (aviation) airspace / topless

上流

shàngliú upper class

上期

shàngqī previous period (week, month or quarter etc)

上任

shàngrèn to take office / previous (incumbent) / predecessor

上市

shàngshì to hit the market (of a new product) / to float (a company on the stock market)

上述

shàngshù aforementioned / above-mentioned

上司

shàngsi boss / superior

上诉 上訴

shàngsù to appeal (a judicial case) / appeal

上台

shàngtái to rise to power (in politics) / to go on stage (in the theater)

上调 上調

shàngtiáo to raise (prices) / to adjust upwards

上头 上頭

shàngtóu the top / the upper part / (its) surface / the authorities / those in charge / the higher-ups

shàngtóu to go to one's head / (of an idea, a song etc) to get into one's head / to capture one's attention / (of a girl on her wedding day) to start wearing one's hair in a bun (rather than a plait)

尚未

shàngwèi not yet / still not

未来尚未发生。

Wèilái shàngwèi fāshēng.

The future hasn't happened yet.

上限

shàngxiàn upper bound

上旬

shàngxún first third of a month

上演

shàngyǎn to screen (a movie) / to stage (a play) / a screening / a staging

上瘾 上癮

shàngyǐn to get into a habit / to become addicted

上映

shàngyìng to screen / to show (a movie)

上游

shàngyóu upper reaches (of a river) / upper level / upper echelon / upstream

捎

shāo to bring sth to sb / to deliver

稍候

shāohòu to wait a moment

稍后 稍後

shāohòu in a little while / shortly after

烧毁 燒燬

shāohuǐ to destroy (or be destroyed) by fire

烧烤 燒烤

shāokǎo barbecue / to roast

稍稍

shāoshāo somewhat / a little / slightly

勺

sháo spoon / ladle

少不了

shǎobuliǎo cannot do without / to be unavoidable / are bound to be many

少见 少見

shǎojiàn rare / seldom seen / it's a rare pleasure to see you

少量

shǎoliàng a smidgen / a little bit / a few

少有

shǎoyǒu rare / infrequent

少儿 少兒

shàorǎo child

少林寺

shàolín sì Shaolin Temple, Buddhist monastery famous for its kung fu monks

少女

shàonǚ girl / young lady

奢侈

shēchǐ luxurious / extravagant

奢望

shēwàng an extravagant hope / to have excessive expectations

舌头 舌頭

shétou tongue / enemy soldier captured for the purpose of extracting information

设 設

shè to set up / to put in place / given / suppose / if

设定 設定

shèdìng to set / to set up / to install / setting / preferences

设法 設法

shèfǎ to try / to make an attempt / to think of a way (to accomplish sth)

社会主义 社會主義

shèhuìzhǔyì socialism

涉及

shèjí to involve / to relate to / to concern / to touch upon

设计师 設計師

shèjìshī designer / architect

社交

shèjiāo interaction / social contact

社论 社論

shèlùn editorial (in a newspaper)

摄氏度 攝氏度

shèshìdù °C (degrees Celsius)

社团 社團

shètuán association / society / group / union / club / organization

涉嫌

shèxián to be a suspect (in a crime) / to be suspected of

谁知道 誰知道

shéizhīdào God knows... / Who would have imagined...?

深奥 深奧

shēnào profound / abstruse / recondite / profoundly

申办 申辦

shēnbàn to apply for / to bid for

申报 申報

shēnbào to report (to the authorities) / to declare (to customs)

身不由己

shēnbùyóujǐ (of one's circumstances) beyond one's control / unable to do anything about it / (of one's actions) not subject to conscious control (i.e. done in spite of oneself)

深化

shēnhuà to deepen / to intensify

身价 身價

shēnjià social status / price of a slave / price of a person (a sportsman etc) / worth / value (of stocks, valuables etc)

申领 申領

shēnlǐng to apply (for license, visa etc)

深切

shēnqiè deeply felt / heartfelt / sincere / honest

深情

shēnqíng deep emotion / deep feeling / deep love / affectionate / loving

身躯 身軀

shēnqū body

深入人心

shēnrùrénxīn to enter deeply into people's hearts / to have a real impact on the people (idiom)

深深

shēnshēn deep / profound

绅士 紳士

shēnshì gentleman

伸手

shēnshǒu to reach out with one's hand / to hold out a hand / to beg / to get involved / to meddle

深受

shēnshòu to receive in no small measure

深思

shēnsī to ponder / to consider

伸缩 伸縮

shēnsuō to lengthen and shorten / flexible / adjustable / retractable / extensible / telescoping (collapsible)

身心

shēnxīn body and mind / mental and physical

深信

shēnxìn to believe firmly

深夜

shēnyè very late at night

身影

shēnyǐng silhouette / figure

深远 深遠

shēnyuǎn far-reaching / profound and long-lasting

伸张 伸張

shēnzhāng to uphold (e.g. justice or virtue) / to promote

身子

shēnzi body / pregnancy / health

神气 神氣

shénqì expression / manner / vigorous / impressive / lofty / pretentious

神圣 神聖

shénshèng divine / hallow / holy / sacred

神态 神態

shéntài appearance / manner / bearing / deportment / look / expression / mien

神仙

shénxiān Daoist immortal / supernatural entity / fairy, elf, leprechaun etc / fig. lighthearted person

审 審

shěn to examine / to investigate / carefully / to try (in court)

审查 審查

shěncchá to examine / to investigate / to censor out / censorship

审定 審定

shěndìng to examine sth and make a decision / to screen / to evaluate / to approve

审核 審核

shěnhé to audit / to investigate thoroughly

审美 審美

shěnměi aesthetics / appreciating the arts / taste

审判 審判

shěnpàn a trial / to try sb

审批 審批

shěnpī to examine and approve / to endorse

审视 審視

shěnsì to look closely at / to examine

渗 滲

shèn to seep / to ooze / to horrify

肾 腎

shèn kidney

渗透 滲透

shèntòu to permeate / to seep into / to penetrate (in a population) / to infiltrate / osmosis

甚至于 甚至於

shènzhìyú so much (that) / even (to the extent that)

慎重

shènzhòng cautious / careful / prudent

声称 聲稱

shēngchēng to claim / to state / to proclaim / to assert

牲畜

shēngchù farm animal / livestock

生活费 生活費

shēnghuófèi cost of living / living expenses / alimony

生机 生機

shēngjī opportunity to live / hope of success / vigor / vitality

升级 升級

shēngjí to go up by one grade / to be promoted / to escalate (in intensity) / to upgrade

生理

shēnglǐ physiology

生命线 生命線

shēngmìngxiàn lifeline

生怕

shēngpà to fear / afraid / extremely nervous / for fear that / to avoid / so as not to

生平

shēngpíng life (a person's whole life) / in one's entire life

生前

shēngqián during one's life / while living

生死

shēngsǐ life or death

生态 生態

shēngtài ecology (the study of interactions between organisms and their environment) / ecological state (the condition or health of a natural environment) / ecosystem (a complex network, e.g. in tech, business or media, as in 數字生態|数字生态[shu4 zi4 sheng1 tai4] "digital ecosystem")

声望 聲望

shēngwàng reputation / prestige / public esteem

升温 升溫

shēngwēn to become hot / temperature rise / to intensify / to hot up / to escalate / to get a boost

生物

shēngwù organism / living creature / life form / biological / bio-

我教生物和法语。

Wǒ jiāo shēngwù hé Fǎyǔ.

I teach biology and French.

生效

shēngxiào (of a law, contract, agreement, ban etc) to come into force / to go into effect / to become operative

升学 升學

shēngxué to enter the next grade school

生涯

shēngyá career / life (way in which sb lives) / period of one's life

生硬

shēngyìng rigid / stiff / lacking naturalness or smoothness / awkward / forced

声誉 聲譽

shēngyù reputation / fame

生育

shēngyù to give birth to / to bear / fertility

升值

shēngzhí to rise in value / to appreciate

绳子 繩子

shéngzi cord / string / rope

省略

shěnglüè to leave out / an omission

省钱 省錢

shěngqián to save money

省事

shěngshì to simplify matters / to save trouble

xǐngshì perceptive / understanding / to handle administrative work

盛

shèng flourishing / vigorous / magnificent / extensively / surname Sheng

chéng to hold / to contain / to ladle / to pick up with a utensil

你有碗盛汤吗？

Nǐ yǒu wǎn shèng tāng ma?

Do you have a soup bowl?

胜出 勝出

shèngchū to come out on top / to win (in an election, contest etc) / success / victory

盛大

shèngdà grand / majestic / magnificent

圣诞节 聖誕節

shèngdànjié Christmas time / Christmas season / Christmas

盛会 盛會

shènghuì pageant / distinguished meeting

盛开 盛開

shèngkāi blooming / in full flower

盛气凌人 盛氣凌人

shèngqìlíng rén overbearing / arrogant bully

胜任 勝任

shèng rèn qualified / competent (professionally) / to be up to a task

圣贤 聖賢

shèng xián a sage / wise and holy man / virtuous ruler / Buddhist lama / wine

盛行

shèngxíng to be in vogue / to be popular / to be prevalent

剩余 剩餘

shèngyú to remain / to be left over / what remains / what's left

失传 失傳

shīchuán to die out / lost / extinct

湿度 濕度

shīdù humidity level

师范 師範

shīfàn teacher-training / pedagogical / normal (school, e.g. Beijing Normal University)

师父 師父

shīfu used for 師傅|师傅 (in Taiwan) / master / qualified worker

施工

shīgōng construction / to carry out construction or large-scale repairs

施加

shījiā to exert (effort or pressure)

失控

shīkòng to go out of control

失利

shīlì to lose / to suffer defeat

失恋 失戀

shīliàn to lose one's love / to break up (in a romantic relationship) / to feel jilted

失灵 失靈

shīlíng out of order (of machine) / not working properly / a failing (of a system)

失落

shīluò to lose (sth) / to drop (sth) / to feel a sense of loss / frustrated / disappointment / loss

失眠

shīmíán to suffer from insomnia

失明

shīmíng to lose one's eyesight / to become blind / blindness

湿润 濕潤

shīrùn moist

师生 師生

shīshēng teachers and students

尸体 屍體

shītǐ corpse / dead body

失效

shīxiào to fail / to lose effectiveness

施行

shīxíng to put in place / to put into practice / to take effect

施压 施壓

shīyā to pressure

失业率 失業率

shīyèlǜ unemployment rate

师长 師長

shīzhǎng military division level commander / teacher

师资 師資

shīzī qualified teacher

狮子 獅子

shīzi lion

shīzǐ Leo (star sign) / Shihtzu township in Pingtung County
屏東縣|屏東县[*Ping2 dong1 Xian4*], Taiwan

失踪 失蹤

shīzōng to be missing / to disappear / unaccounted for

识 識

shí to know / knowledge

zhì to record / to write a footnote

识别 識別

shíbié to distinguish / to discern / to identify / to recognize

时不时 時不時

shíbùshí from time to time

实地 實地

shídì on-site

时段 時段

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

时而 時而

shíér occasionally / from time to time

时隔 時隔

shígé separated in time (usu. followed by a quantity of time)

时好时坏 時好時壞

shíhǎoshíhuài sometimes good, sometimes bad

实话 實話

shíhuà truth

实话实说 實話實說

shíhuàshíshuō to tell the truth / to tell it as it is

时间表 時間表

shíjiānbǎo schedule / timetable

实践 實踐

shíjiàn practice / to put into practice / to live up to (a promise) / to carry out (a project)

这个工作需要实践。

Zhège gōngzuò xūyào shíjiàn.

This job calls for practice.

时节 時節

shíjié season / time

时空 時空

shíkōng time and place / world of a particular locale and era / space-time

实况 實況

shíkuàng live (e.g. broadcast or recording) / what is actually happening / scene / the real situation

时髦 時髦

shímáo in vogue / fashionable

时期 時期

shíqī period / phase

那是困难时期。

Nà shì kùnnan shíqī.

Those were difficult times.

时尚 時尚

shíshàng fashion / fad / fashionable

时时 時時

shíshí often / constantly

实事求是 實事求是

shíshìqíúshì lit. to seek truth from facts (idiom) / fig. to be practical and realistic

时速 時速

shísù speed per hour

食宿

shísù board and lodging / room and board

实体 實體

shíǐ entity / substance / thing that has a material existence (as opposed to a conceptual, virtual or online existence) / the real thing (as opposed to an image or model of it)

实物 實物

shíwù material object / concrete object / original object / in kind / object for practical use / definite thing / reality / matter (physics)

食用

shíyòng to eat / to consume / edible

食欲 食慾

shíyù appetite

实质 實質

shízhì substance / essence

时装 時裝

shízhuāng fashion / fashionable clothes

识字 識字

shízì to learn to read / able to read / literate

十字路口

shízìlùkǒu crossroads / intersection

使唤 使喚

shǐhuan to order sb around / to handle (a draught animal, tool, machine etc)

使命

shǐmìng mission / long-term task to which one devotes oneself / a calling

史无前例 史無前例

shǐwúqiánlì unprecedented in history

使者

shǐzhě emissary / envoy

势必 勢必

shìbì to be bound to / undoubtedly will

势不可当 勢不可當

shìbùkědāng impossible to resist (idiom) / an irresistible force

视察 視察

shìchá to inspect / an investigation

市场经济 市場經濟

shìchǎngjīngjì market economy

世代

shìdài for many generations / generation / era / age

适当 適當

shìdàng suitable / appropriate

试点 試點

shìdiǎn test point / to carry out trial / pilot scheme

适度 適度

shìdù moderately / appropriate

释放 釋放

shìfàng to release (a prisoner) / to set free / to release (energy, gas, resources) / to express (emotions, goodwill, intentions)

是非

shìfēi right and wrong / quarrel

世故

shìgu sophisticated / worldly-wise

shìgù the ways of the world

嗜好

shìhào hobby / indulgence / habit / addiction

事后 事後

shìhòu after the event / in hindsight / in retrospect

侍候

shìhòu to serve / to wait upon

事迹 事蹟

shìjì notable deeds / exploits

视角 視角

shìjiǎo angle from which one observes an object / perspective / viewpoint / frame of reference / camera angle / visual angle (the angle a viewed object subtends at the eye) / angle of view

世界级 世界級

shìjièjí world-class

视觉 視覺

shìjué sight / vision / visual

视力 視力

shìlì eyesight / visual acuity

适量 適量

shìliàng appropriate amount

市民

shìmín city resident / townspeople

士气 士氣

shìqì morale

适时 適時

shìshí timely / apt to the occasion / in due course

逝世

shìshì to pass away / to die

事态 事態

shìtài situation / existing state of affairs

试探 試探

shìtàn to sound out / to probe / to feel out / to try out

势头 勢頭

shìtóu power / momentum / tendency / impetus / situation / the look of things

示威

shìwēi to demonstrate (as a protest) / a demonstration / a military show of force

事务 事務

shìwù affairs / work / transaction (as in a computer database)

他知道很多外国事务。

Tā zhīdào hěn duō wàiguó shìwù.

He knows a lot about foreign affairs.

事务所 事務所

shìwùsuǒ business office / firm

世袭 世襲

shìxí succession / inheritance / hereditary

视线 視線

shìxiàn line of sight

事项 事項

shìxiàng matter / item

试行 試行

shìxíng to try out / to test

视野 視野

shìyě field of view / outlook / perspective

事宜

shìyí matters / arrangements

适宜 適宜

shìyí suitable / appropriate

示意

shìyì to hint / to indicate (an idea to sb)

试用 試用

shìyòng to try sth out / to be on probation

试用期 試用期

shìyòngqī trial period / probationary period

柿子

shìzi persimmon / tomato

收藏

shōucáng to collect (works of art, dolls, antiques etc) / to put away for safekeeping / (Internet) to bookmark / a collection

收复 收復

shōufù to recover (lost territory etc) / to recapture

收据 收據

shōujù receipt

收敛 收斂

shōuliǎn to dwindle / to vanish / to make vanish / to exercise restraint / to curb (one's mirth, arrogance etc) / to astringe / to converge

收留

shōuliú to offer shelter / to have sb in one's care

收买 收買

shōumǎi to purchase / to buy / to bribe / to buy off

收取

shōuqǔ to receive / to collect

收视率 收視率

shōushìlǜ ratings (of a TV show)

收缩 收縮

shōusuō to pull back / to shrink / to contract / systole

收养 收養

shōuyǎng to take in and care for (an elderly person, a dog etc) / to adopt (a child) / adoption

收支

shōuzhī cash flow / financial balance / income and expenditure

手臂

shǒubì arm (from shoulder to wrist) / (fig.) assistant / helper

手册 手冊

shǒucè manual / handbook

首创 首創

shǒuchuàng to originate / to pioneer / to invent

首次

shǒucì first / first time / for the first time

手动 手動

shǒudòng manual / manually operated / manual gear-change

首府

shǒufǔ capital city of an autonomous region

守候

shǒuhòu to wait for / to expect / to keep watch / to watch over / to nurse

守护 守護

shǒuhù to guard / to protect

手脚 手腳

shǒujiǎo hand and foot / movement of limbs / action / trick / step in a procedure (CL:道[dao4])

首脑 首腦

shǒunǎo head (of state) / summit (meeting) / leader

手帕

shǒupà handkerchief

首批

shǒupī first batch

手枪 手槍

shǒuqiāng pistol

手势 手勢

shǒushì gesture / sign / signal

首饰 首飾

shǒushì jewelry / head ornament

手术室 手術室

shǒushùshì operating room

手头 手頭

shǒutóu on hand / at hand / one's financial situation

手腕

shǒuwàn wrist / trickery / finesse / ability / skill

首席

shǒuxí chief (representative, correspondent etc)

首相

shǒuxiàng prime minister (of Japan or UK etc)

手续费 手續費

shǒuxùfèi service charge / processing fee / commission

首要

shǒuyào the most important / of chief importance

手艺 手藝

shǒuyì craftsmanship / workmanship / handicraft / trade

手掌

shǒuzhǎng palm

守株待兔

shǒuzhūdàitù lit. to guard a tree-stump, waiting for rabbits (idiom) / to wait idly for opportunities / to trust to chance rather than show initiative

受过 受過

shòuguò to take the blame (for sb else)

受害

shòuhài to suffer damage, injury etc / damaged / injured / killed / robbed

受害人

shòuhàirén victim

受贿 受賄

shòuhuì to accept a bribe

售价 售價

shòujià selling price

受惊 受驚

shòujīng startled

受苦

shòukǔ to suffer hardship

受理

shòulǐ to accept to hear a case / to handle (a service)

寿命 壽命

shòumìng life span / life expectancy / lifetime (of a machine)

受骗 受騙

shòupiàn to be cheated / to be taken in / to be hoodwinked

售票

shòupiào to sell tickets

授权 授權

shòuquán to authorize

受益

shòuyì to benefit from / profit

授予

shòuyǔ to award / to confer

梳

shū to comb / a comb

舒畅 舒暢

shūchàng happy / entirely free from worry

书橱 書櫥

shūchú bookcase

疏导 疏導

shūdǎo to dredge / to open up a path for / to remove obstructions / to clear the way / to enlighten / persuasion

书房 書房

shūfáng study (room) / studio

疏忽

shūhu to neglect / to overlook / negligence / carelessness

书籍 書籍

shūjí books / works

书记 書記

shūjī secretary (chief official of a branch of a socialist or communist party) / clerk / scribe

输家 輸家

shūjiā loser (as opposed to winner 赢家|贏家[yíng2 jiā])

梳理

shūlǐ to comb / fig. to sort out

书面 書面

shūmiàn in writing / written

枢纽 樞紐

shūniǔ hub (e.g. of traffic network) / hinge / pivot / fulcrum

抒情

shūqíng to express emotion / lyric

疏散

shūsàn to scatter / to disperse / to evacuate / scattered / sparse

shūsǎn idle / leisurely / laid-back

输送 輸送

shūsòng to transport / to convey / to deliver

疏通

shūtōng to unblock / to dredge / to clear the way / to get things flowing / to facilitate / to mediate / to lobby / to explicate (a text)

书写 書寫

shūxiě to write

输血 輸血

shūxuè to transfuse blood / to give aid and support

输液 輸液

shūyè intravenous infusion / to get put on an IV

梳子

shūzi comb

赎 贖

shú to redeem / to ransom

曙光

shǔguāng the first light of dawn / glimmer of hope after a dark period / a new beginning

薯片

shǔpiàn fried potato chips

暑期

shǔqī summer vacation time

薯条 薯條

shǔtiáo french fries / french fried potatoes / chips

属性 屬性

shǔxìng attribute / property

竖 豎

shù to erect / vertical / vertical stroke (in Chinese characters)

数额 數額

shùé amount / sum of money / fixed number

我们的投资数额有好几倍的差距。

Wǒmen de tóuzī shù'é yǒu hǎo jǐbèi de chājù.

The amount we invest differs by several times.* (If anyone can think how to phrase this nicely in English, please share it in the comments!)

束缚 束縛

shùfù to bind / to tie up / to fetter / to shackle

数据库 數據庫

shùjùkù database

树立 樹立

shùlì to set up / to establish

树木 樹木

shùmù tree

树梢 樹梢

shùshāo the tip of a tree / treetop

树荫 樹蔭

shùyīn shade of a tree

树枝 樹枝

shùzhī branch / twig

刷新

shuāxīn to renovate / to refurbish / to refresh (computer window) / to write a new page (in history) / to break (a record)

耍

shuǎ to play with / to wield / to act (cool etc) / to display (a skill, one's temper etc) / surname Shua

耍赖 耍賴

shuǎlài to act shamelessly / to refuse to acknowledge that one has lost the game, or made a promise etc / to act dumb / to act as if sth never happened

衰减 衰減

shuāijiǎn to weaken / to attenuate

摔跤

shuāijiāo to trip and fall / to wrestle / wrestling (sports)

衰竭

shuāijié organ failure / exhaustion / prostration (medicine)

衰老

shuāilǎo to age / to deteriorate with age / old and weak

衰弱

shuāiruò weak / feeble

衰退

shuāituì to decline / to fall / to drop / to falter / a decline / recession (in economics)

甩

shuǎi to throw / to fling / to swing / to leave behind / to throw off / to dump (sb)

拴

shuān to tie up

涮

shuàn to rinse / to swish (in water) / to trick / to fool sb / to cook by dipping finely sliced ingredients briefly in boiling water or soup (generally done at the dining table)

霜

shuāng frost / white powder or cream spread over a surface / frosting / cream

双胞胎 雙胞胎

shuāngbāotāi twin

双边 雙邊

shuāngbiān bilateral

双重 雙重

shuāngchóng double

双打 雙打

shuāngdǎ doubles (in sports)

双向 雙向

shuāngxiàng bidirectional / two-way / interactive

双赢 雙贏

shuāngyíng profitable to both sides / a win-win situation

爽

shuǎng bright / clear / crisp / open / frank / straightforward / to feel well / fine / pleasurable / invigorating / to deviate

爽快

shuǎngkuai refreshed / rejuvenated / frank and straightforward

水槽

shuǐcáo sink

水稻

shuǐdào rice / paddy

水管

shuǐguǎn water pipe

水壶 水壺

shuǐhú kettle / canteen / watering can

水货 水貨

shuǐhuò smuggled goods / unauthorized goods

水晶

shuǐjīng crystal

水利

shuǐlì water conservancy / irrigation works

水龙头 水龍頭

shuǐlóngtóu faucet / tap

水落石出

shuǐluòshíchū as the water recedes, the rocks appear (idiom) / the truth comes to light

水面

shuǐmiàn water surface

水泥

shuǐní cement

水手

shuǐshǒu sailor / seaman / mariner

水温 水溫

shuǐwēn water temperature

水域

shuǐyù waters / body of water

水源

shuǐyuán water source / water supply / headwaters of a river

水涨船高 水漲船高

shuǐzhǎngchuángāo the tide rises, the boat floats (idiom) / fig. to change with the overall trend / to develop according to the situation

水准 水準

shuǐzhǔn level (of achievement etc) / standard / level (surveying)

税 稅

shuì taxes / duties

听好了，不加税！

Tīng hǎole, bù jiā shuì!

Read my lips, no new taxes!

睡袋

shuìdài sleeping bag

税收 稅收

shuìshōu taxation

税务 稅務

shuìwù taxation services / state revenue service

顺 順

shùn to obey / to follow / to arrange / to make reasonable / along / favorable

他好像做甚么事也顺顺利利的。

Tā hǎoxiàng zuò shénme shì yě shùn shùn lì de.

Everything seems to go right with him.

顺便 順便

shùnbian conveniently / in passing / without much extra effort

顺差 順差

shùnychā surplus

顺畅 順暢

shùnychàng smooth and unhindered / fluent

顺从 順從

shùncóng obedient / to comply / to submit / to defer

瞬间 瞬間

shùnjiān in an instant / in a flash

顺理成章 順理成章

shùnlǐchéngzhāng logical / only to be expected / rational and clearly structured (of text)

顺路 順路

shùnlù by the way / while out doing sth else / conveniently

顺其自然 順其自然

shùnqízìrán to let nature take its course (idiom)

顺势 順勢

shùنشì to take advantage / to seize an opportunity / in passing / without taking extra trouble / conveniently

顺手 順手

shùنشǒu as an incidental action while doing sth else / while one is at it / in passing / smooth / easy / without difficulty

顺心 順心

shùnxīn happy / satisfactory

顺应 順應

shùnyìng to comply with / to conform to / to adapt to / to go along with / in tune with

顺着 順著

shùnzhe to follow / following / along

说白了 說白了

shuōbáile to speak frankly

说不上 說不上

shuōbushàng to be unable to say or tell / to not be worth mentioning

说道 說道

shuōdào to state / to say (the quoted words)

shuōdao to discuss / reason (behind sth)

“你说得太多了，”他说道。

“Nǐ shuō de tài duō le,” tā shuōdào.

"You talk too much," he said.

说到底 說到底

shuōdàodǐ in the final analysis / in the end

说干就干 說幹就幹

shuōgànjiùgàn to do what needs to be done, without delay

说谎 說謊

shuōhuǎng to lie / to tell an untruth

说老实话 說老實話

shuōlǎoshíhuà to be honest / to tell the truth / to be frank

说明书 說明書

shuōmíngshū manual / directions / synopsis (of a play or film) / specification (patent)

说情 說情

shuōqíng to intercede / to plead for sb else

说实话 說實話

shuōshíhuà to speak the truth / truth to tell / frankly

说闲话 說閒話

shuōxiánhuà to chat / to gossip

说真的 說真的

shuōzhēnde to tell the truth / honestly / in fact

硕果 碩果

shuòguǒ major achievement / great work / triumphant success

丝 絲

sī silk / thread-like thing / (cuisine) shreds or julienne strips / classifier: a trace (of smoke etc), a tiny bit etc

撕

sī to tear

丝绸 絲綢

sīchóu silk (cloth)

司法

sīfǎ judicial / justice

私房钱 私房錢

sīfángqián secret purse / secret stash of money

丝毫 絲毫

sīháo the slightest amount or degree / a bit

私家车 私家車

sījiāchē private car

司空见惯 司空見慣

sīkōngjiànguàn a common occurrence (idiom)

私立

sīlì privately-run / private (school, hospital etc) / to set up illegally

司令

sīlìng commanding officer

思路

sīlù line of thought / way of thinking

思念

sīniàn to think of / to long for / to miss

思前想后 思前想後

sīqiánxiǎnghòu to consider past cause and future effect (idiom) / to think over the past and future / to ponder over reasons and connection

私事

sīshì personal matters

我的私事和你没有关系！

Wǒ de sīshì hé nǐ méiyǒu guānxi!

My personal matters are none of your business!

思索

sīsuǒ to think deeply / to ponder

私下

sīxià in private

私营 私營

sīyíng privately-owned / private

私有

sīyǒu private / privately-owned

司长 司長

sīzhǎng bureau chief

私自

sīzì private / personal / secretly / without explicit approval

死亡

sǐwáng to die / death

他害怕死亡。

Tā hàipà sǐwáng.

He is afraid of death.

死心

sǐxīn to give up / to admit failure / to drop the matter / to reconcile oneself to loss / to have no more illusions about

死心塌地

sǐxīntādì to be hell-bent on / dead set on sth / unswerving

寺

sì Buddhist temple / mosque / government office (old)

我曾住在高圆寺。

Wǒ céng zhù zài gāo yuán sì.

I lived in Kouenji.

似曾相识 似曾相識

sìcéngxiāngshí déjà vu (the experience of seeing exactly the same situation a second time) / seemingly familiar / apparently already acquainted

四处 四處

sìchù all over the place / everywhere and all directions

四合院

sìhéyuàn courtyard house with a fully enclosed courtyard (type of Chinese residence)

伺机 伺機

sìjī to wait for an opportunity / to watch for one's chance

四季

sìjì four seasons, namely: spring 春[chun1], summer 夏[xia4], autumn 秋[qiū1] and winter 冬[dong1]

饲料 飼料

sìliào feed / fodder

四面八方

sìmiànānfāng all directions / all around

寺庙 寺廟

sìmiào temple / monastery / shrine

似是而非

sìshìérfēi apparently right but actually wrong / specious (idiom)

饲养 飼養

siyǎng to raise / to rear

松绑 鬆綁

sōngbǎng to untie / to ease restrictions

松弛 鬆弛

sōngchí to relax / relaxed / limp / lax

耸立 聳立

sǒnglì to stand tall / to tower aloft

送别 送別

sòngbié to see sb off / to bid farewell (to sb)

送礼 送禮

sònglǐ to give a present

送行

sòngxíng to see someone off / to throw someone a send-off party

艘

sōu classifier for ships

那艘船上有多少人？

Nà sōu chuán shàng yǒu duōshǎo rén?

How many people were aboard that ship?

搜查

sōuchá to search

搜集 蒐集

sōují to gather / to collect

搜救

sōujiù search and rescue

搜寻 搜尋

sōuxún to search / to look for

酥

sū flaky pastry / crunchy / limp / soft / silky

苏醒 甦醒

sūxǐng to come to / to awaken / to regain consciousness

俗

sú custom / convention / popular / common / coarse / vulgar / secular

俗话 俗話

súhuà common saying / proverb

俗话说 俗話說

súhuàshuō as the proverb says / as they say...

俗语 俗語

súyǔ common saying / proverb / colloquial speech

素

sù raw silk / white / plain, unadorned / vegetarian (food) / essence / nature / element / constituent / usually / always / ever

素不相识 素不相識

sùbùxiāngshí to be total strangers (idiom)

素材

sùcái source material (in literature and art)

诉苦 訴苦

sùkǔ to grumble / to complain / grievance

素描

sùmiáo sketch

素食

sùshí vegetarian food / to eat a vegetarian diet

诉说 訴說

sùshuō to recount / to tell of / to relate / (of a thing) to stand as testament to (some past history)

诉讼 訴訟

sùsòng lawsuit

素养 素養

sùyǎng accomplishment / attainment in self-cultivation

塑造

sùzào to model / to mold / to create (a character, a market, an image etc) / (literature) to portray (in words)

素质 素質

sùzhì inner quality / basic essence

这条路上的许多居民素质都很差。
Zhè tiáo lùshang de xǔduō jūmín sùzhì dōu hěn chà.
Most of the residents on this street are wrong 'uns.

蒜

suàn garlic

算计 算計

suànjì to reckon / to calculate / to plan / to expect / to scheme

算了

suànlè let it be / let it pass / forget about it

算了！我受够了。
Suànlè! Wǒ shòugòule.
Stop it! I've had enough.

算盘 算盤

suànpán abacus / plan / scheme

算是

suànshì considered to be / at last

这件事我算是都不了解。
Zhè jiàn shì wǒ suànshì dōu bù liǎojiě.
I know almost nothing about it.

算账 算賬

suànzhang to balance the books / to do the accounts / to settle an account / to get one's revenge

虽 雖

suī although / even though

虽说 雖說

suīshuō though / although

随处可见 隨處可見

suíchùkějiàn can be seen everywhere

随大溜 隨大溜

suídàliù to follow the crowd / going with the tide

随机 隨機

suíjī according to the situation / pragmatic / random

随即 隨即

suíjí immediately / presently / following which

随身 隨身

suíshēn to (carry) on one's person / to (take) with one

随时随地 隨時隨地

suíshísuídì anytime and anywhere

随心所欲 隨心所欲

suíxīnsuǒyù to follow one's heart's desires / to do as one pleases

隧道

suìdào tunnel

岁数 歲數

suìshu age (number of years old)

遂心

suìxīn to one's liking

损 損

sǔn to decrease / to diminish / to harm / to damage / to ridicule / to deride / mean / nasty / sarcastic

损坏 損壞

sǔnhuài to damage / to injure

损人利己 損人利己

sǔnrénlìjǐ harming others for one's personal benefit (idiom) / personal gain to the detriment of others

损伤 損傷

sǔnshāng to harm / to damage / to injure / impairment / loss / disability

缩 縮

suō to withdraw / to pull back / to contract / to shrink / to reduce / abbreviation

缩水 縮水

suōshuǐ to shrink (in the wash) / fig. to shrink (of profits etc)

缩影 縮影

suǒyǐng miniature version of sth / microcosm / epitome / to microfilm

锁定 鎖定

suǒdìng to lock (a door) / to close with a latch / to lock into place / a lock / a latch / to lock a computer file (to prevent it being overwritten) / to lock (denying access to a computer system or device or files, e.g. by password-protection) / to focus attention on / to target

索赔 索賠

suǒpéi to ask for compensation / to claim damages / claim for damages

索取

suǒqǔ to ask / to demand

所属 所屬

suǒshǔ one's affiliation (i.e. the organization one is affiliated with) / subordinate (i.e. those subordinate to oneself) / belonging to / affiliated / under one's command

所谓 所謂

suǒwèi what is meant by the expression ... / what is referred to as ... / so-called

这种所谓的翻译非常不好。

Zhèzhǒng suǒwèi de fānyì fēicháng bù hǎo.

This so-called "translation" is terrible.

索性

suǒxìng you might as well (do it) / simply / just

所作所为 所作所為

suǒzuòsuǒwéi one's conduct and deeds

T

塌

tā to collapse / to droop / to settle down

他人

tārén another person / sb else / other people

踏实 踏實

tāshi firmly-based / steady / steadfast / to have peace of mind / free from anxiety

塔

tǎ pagoda (abbr. for 塔婆[ta3 po2], a loanword from Sanskrit stūpa) / tower / pylon (CL:座[zuo4]) / (pastry) tart

那是一座塔。

Nà shì yí zuò tǎ.

That's a tower.

踏

tà to tread / to stamp / to step on / to press a pedal / to investigate on the spot

踏上

tàshàng to set foot on / to step on or into

胎

tāi fetus / classifier for litters (of puppies etc) / padding (in clothing or bedding) / womb carrying a fetus / origin / source / tire

胎儿 胎兒

tāiér unborn child / fetus / embryo

台灯 檯燈

táidēng desk lamp / table lamp

台球

táiqiú billiards

太极 太極

tàijí the Absolute or Supreme Ultimate, the source of all things according to some interpretations of Chinese mythology

太极拳 太極拳

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

太平

tàipíng peace and security

太阳能 太陽能

tàiyángnéng solar energy

这是一篇有关于太阳能的文章。

Zhè shì yí piān yǒu guānyú tàiyángnéng de wénzhāng.

This is an article about solar power.

摊 攤

tān to spread out / vendor's stand

瘫 癱

tān paralyzed

贪 貪

tān to have a voracious desire for / to covet / greedy / corrupt

瘫痪 癱瘓

tānhuàn to suffer paralysis / to be paralyzed / to break down / to come to a standstill

贪婪 貪婪

tānlán avaricious / greedy / rapacious / insatiable / avid

贪污 貪污

tānwū to be corrupt / corruption / to embezzle

坛

tán altar / platform / rostrum / (sporting, literary etc) circles / world / earthen jar

痰

tán phlegm / spittle

谈不上 談不上

tánbushàng to be out of the question

谈到 談到

tándào to refer to / to speak about / to talk about

谈论 談論

tánlùn to discuss / to talk about

谈起 談起

tánqǐ to mention / to speak of / to talk about

弹性 彈性

tánxìng flexibility / elasticity

坦白

tǎnbái honest / forthcoming / to confess

坦诚 坦誠

tǎnchéng candid / frank / plain dealing

坦克

tǎnkè tank (military vehicle) / (slang) overweight woman

坦然

tǎnrán calm / undisturbed

坦率

tǎnshuài frank / candid / straightforward

毯子

tǎnzi blanket

探

tàn to explore / to search out / to scout / to visit / to stretch forward

炭

tàn wood charcoal / coal

碳

tàn carbon (chemistry)

探测 探測

tàncè to probe / to survey

叹气 嘆氣

tànqì to sigh / to heave a sigh

探亲 探親

tànqīn to go home to visit one's family

探求

tànqiú to seek / to pursue / to investigate

探索

tànsuǒ to explore / to probe

探讨 探討

tàntǎo to investigate / to probe

探望

tànwàng to visit / to call on sb / to look around

探险 探險

tànxǎn to explore / to go on an expedition / adventure

汤圆 湯圓

tāngyuán boiled or deep-fried balls of glutinous rice flour, usually eaten during Lantern Festival

堂

táng hall / large room for a specific purpose / relationship between cousins etc on the paternal side of a family / of the same clan / classifier for classes, lectures etc / classifier for sets of furniture

我去年上了一堂艺术课。

Wǒ qùnián shàng le yì táng yìshù kè.

I took an art class last year.

糖果

tángguǒ candy

我要吃糖果。

Wǒ yào chī tángguǒ.

I want to eat sweets.

糖尿病

tángniàobìng diabetes / diabetes mellitus

淌

tǎng to drip / to trickle / to shed (tears)

倘若

tǎngruò if / supposing / in case

倘若分裂的话，我们则无所作为。

Tǎngruò fēnliè dehuà, wǒmen zé wúsuǒzuòwéi.

If we are divided, we will achieve nothing.

烫 燙

tàng to scald / to burn (by scalding) / to blanch (cooking) / to heat (sth) up in hot water / to perm / to iron / scalding hot

趟

tàng classifier for times, round trips or rows / a time / a trip

tāng to wade / to trample / to turn the soil

掏

tāo to fish out (from pocket) / to scoop

掏钱 掏錢

tāoqián to pay / to spend money / to fork out

滔滔不绝 滔滔不絕

tāotāobùjué to produce a torrent of words / to talk on and on

淘

táo to wash (rice, sand etc in water to remove impurities) / to dredge / to scoop out (sediment or waste) / to hunt for and buy (bargains or second-hand goods) / naughty / mischievous

逃避

táobì to escape / to evade / to avoid / to shirk

陶瓷

táocí pottery and porcelain / ceramics

淘气 淘氣

táoqì naughty / mischievous

逃生

táoshēng to flee for one's life

淘汰

táotài to wash out / to cull / to weed out / to eliminate / to die out / to phase out

逃亡

táowáng to flee / to go into exile

陶冶

táoyě lit. to fire pots and smelt metal / fig. to educate

陶醉

táozuì to be infatuated with / to be drunk with / to be enchanted with / to revel in

讨 討

tǎo to invite / to provoke / to demand or ask for / to send armed forces to suppress / to denounce or condemn / to marry (a woman) / to discuss or study

讨好 討好

tǎohǎo to get the desired outcome / to win favor by fawning on sb / to curry favor with / a fruitful outcome to reward one's labor

讨价还价 討價還價

tǎojiàhuánjià to haggle over price / to bargain

讨人喜欢 討人喜歡

tǎorénxǐhuan to attract people's affection / charming / delightful

特

tè special / unique / distinguished / especially / unusual / very

我讲因特语。

Wǒ jiǎng yīn tè yǔ.

I speak Interlingua.

特产 特產

tèchǎn special local product / specialty

特长 特長

tècháng personal strength / one's special ability or strong points

特大

tèdà exceptionally big

特地

tèdì specially / for a special purpose

特快

tèkuài express (train, delivery etc)

特例

tèlì special case / isolated example

特权 特權

tèquán prerogative / privilege / privileged

特邀

tèyāo special invitation

特意

tèyì specially / intentionally

特制 特製

tèzhì specially made / custom-made

特质 特質

tèzhì characteristic / special quality

腾 騰

téng to gallop / to prance / to soar / to hover / to make room / to clear out / to vacate / (verb suffix indicating repeated action)

疼痛

téngtòng pain / to be painful / to be sore / to hurt / to be in pain

藤椅

téngyǐ rattan chair

踢

tī to kick / to play (e.g. soccer) / butch (in a lesbian relationship)

门被踢开了。

Mén bèi tī kāile.

The door was kicked open.

剔除

tīchú to reject / to discard / to get rid of

梯子

tīzi ladder / stepladder / VPN or other tool used to circumvent internet censorship

提拔

tíbá to promote to a higher job / to select for promotion

提交

tíjiāo to submit (a report etc) / to refer (a problem) to sb

提炼 提煉

tíliàn to extract (ore, minerals etc) / to refine / to purify / to process

提名

tímíng to nominate

提升

tíshēng to promote (to a higher-ranking position) / to lift / to hoist / to elevate / to raise / to improve

努力提升英文能力。

Nǔlì tíshēng Yīngwén nénglì.

Try to polish up your English.

提速

tísù to increase the specified cruising speed / to pick up speed / to speed up

提心吊胆 提心吊膽

tíxīndiàodǎn nervous / fearful / on edge

提议 提議

tíyì to propose / to suggest / proposal / suggestion

提早

tízǎo ahead of schedule / sooner than planned / to bring forward (to an earlier time)

体谅 體諒

tīliàng to empathize / to allow (for sth) / to show understanding / to appreciate

体面 體面

tǐmiàn dignity / prestige / face / honorable / creditable / presentable / respectable

体能 體能

tǐnéng physical capability / stamina

体贴 體貼

tǐtiē considerate (of other people's needs)

体温 體溫

tǐwēn temperature

体系 體系

tǐxì system / setup

体制 體制

tǐzhì system / organization

体质 體質

tǐzhì constitution / underlying physical condition / physical makeup / (of an organization, society etc) structural soundness

剃

tì to shave

替换 替換

tìhuàn to exchange / to replace / to substitute for / to switch

替身

tìshēn stand-in / substitute / body double / stunt double

添

tiān to add / to increase / to replenish

天长地久 天長地久

tiānchángdìjiǔ enduring while the world lasts (idiom) / eternal

天地

tiāndì heaven and earth / world / scope / field of activity

天鹅 天鵝

tiāné swan

天分

tiānfèn natural gift / talent

天赋 天賦

tiānfù gift / innate skill

添加

tiānjiā to add / to increase

天经地义 天經地義

tiānjīngdìyì lit. heaven's law and earth's principle (idiom) / fig. right and proper / right and unalterable / a matter of course

天平

tiānpíng scales (to weigh things)

天桥 天橋

tiānqiáo overhead walkway / pedestrian bridge / Tianqiao district of Jinan city 濟南市|济南市[Ji3 nan2 shi4], Shandong / Tianqiao district in Beijing, formerly a center of folk culture

天然

tiānrán natural

人造的纺织品通常比天然的纺织品还要坚韧。

Rénzào de **fǎngzhīpǐn** **tóngcháng** bǐ **tiānrán** de **fǎngzhīpǐn**
hái yào jiānrèn.

Man-made fabrics are often more durable than natural ones

天生

tiānshēng nature / disposition / innate / natural

天使

tiānshǐ angel

天堂

tiāntáng paradise / heaven

天下

tiānxià land under heaven / the whole world / the whole of China / realm / rule

天线 天線

tiānxiàn antenna / aerial / connection to higher authorities / channel to influential people

天性

tiānxìng nature / innate tendency

天主教

tiānzhǔjiào Catholicism

田

tián field / farm / surname Tian

这位是安田先生。

Zhèwèi shì ān tián xiānsheng.

This is Mr Yasuda.

填补 填補

tiánbǔ to fill a gap / to fill in a blank (on a form) / to overcome a deficiency

填充

tiánchōng to fill up / to stuff / to fill in a blank space

田径 田徑

tiánjìng track and field (athletics)

甜美

tiánměi sweet / pleasant / happy

甜蜜

tiánmì sweet / happy

甜头 甜頭

tiántou sweet taste (of power, success etc) / benefit

填写 填寫

tiánxiě to fill in a form / to write data in a box (on a questionnaire or web form)

舔

tiǎn to lick / to lap

挑剔

tiāoti picky / fussy

调侃 調侃

tiáokǎn to ridicule / to tease / to mock / idle talk / chitchat

调控 調控

tiáokòng to regulate / to control

条款 條款

tiáokuǎn clause (of contract or law)

条例 條例

tiáoli regulations / rules / code of conduct / ordinances / statutes

调料 調料

tiáoliào condiment / seasoning / flavoring

调试 調試

tiáoshì to debug / to adjust components during testing / debugging

条约 條約

tiáoyuē treaty / pact

挑起

tiǎoqǐ to provoke / to stir up / to incite

挑衅 挑釁

tiǎoxìn to provoke / provocation

跳槽

tiàocáo to leave one's job to take up a position elsewhere

跳动 跳動

tiàodòng to throb / to pulse / to bounce / to jiggle / to jump about

跳伞 跳傘

tiàosǎn to parachute / to bail out / parachute jumping

跳水

tiàoshuǐ to dive (into water) / diving / to commit suicide by jumping into water / (of stock prices etc) to fall dramatically

跳跃 跳躍

tiàoyuè to jump / to leap / to bound / to skip

贴近 貼近

tiējìn to press close to / to snuggle close / intimate

贴切 貼切

tiēqiè close-fitting / closest (translation)

帖子

tiēzi card / invitation / message / post

听从 聽從

tīngcóng to listen and obey / to comply with / to heed / to hearken

听话 聽話

tīnghuà to do what one is told / obedient

听取 聽取

tīngqǔ to hear (news) / to listen to

停泊

tíngbó to anchor / anchorage / mooring (of a ship)

停车位 停車位

tíngchēwèi parking space / parking spot

停电 停電

tíngdiàn to have a power failure / power cut

停顿 停頓

tíngdùn to halt / to break off / pause (in speech)

停放

tíngfàng to park (a car etc) / to moor (a boat etc) / to leave sth (in a place)

停业 停業

tíngyè to cease trading (temporarily or permanently) / to close down

通报 通報

tōngbào to inform / to notify / to announce / circular / bulletin / journal

通畅 通暢

tōngchàng unobstructed / clear / coherent / fluent

通车 通車

tōngchē to open to traffic (e.g. new bridge, rail line etc) / to have a transportation service / to commute

通道

tōngdào channel / thoroughfare / passage

通风 通風

tōngfēng airy / ventilation / to ventilate / to disclose information

通告

tōnggào to announce / to give notice / announcement

通红 通紅

tōnghóng very red / red through and through / to blush (deep red)

通话 通話

tōnghuà to hold a conversation / to talk over the telephone / phone call

通缉 通緝

tōngjī to order the arrest of sb as criminal / to list as wanted

通顺 通順

tōngshùn smooth / clear and coherent

通俗

tōngsú common / everyday / average

通通

tōngtōng all / entire / complete

通往

tōngwǎng to lead to

通宵

tōngxiāo all night / throughout the night

通行

tōngxíng to go through / to pass through / to be in general use

通行证 通行證

tōngxíngzhèng a pass (authority to enter) / a laissez-passer or safe conduct

通讯 通訊

tōngxùn communications / news story / dispatch

同

tóng like / same / similar / together / alike / with

他和我同岁。

Tā hé wǒ tóng suì.

We're the same age.

铜 銅

tóng copper (chemistry)

铜和银都是金属。

Tóng hé yín dōu shì jīnshǔ.

Copper and silver are both metals.

同伴

tóngbàn companion / comrade / fellow

同胞

tóngbāo born of the same parents / sibling / fellow citizen / compatriot

同步

tóngbù synchronous / to synchronize / to keep step with

同等

tóngděng equal to / having the same social class or status

同感

tónggǎn same feeling / similar impression / common feeling

同行

tóngháng person of the same profession / of the same trade, occupation or industry

tóngxíng to journey together

同伙

tónghuǒ colleague / co-conspirator / accomplice

同类 同類

tónglèi similar / same type / alike

同盟

tóngméng alliance

同年

tóngnián in the same year / to be the same age

她跟我同年。

Tā gēn wǒ tóngnián.

She and I are of an age.

铜牌 銅牌

tóngpái bronze medal / bronze plaque bearing a business name or logo etc

同期

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

同人

tóngrén people from the same workplace or profession / co-worker / colleague / fan creator or enthusiast involved in derivative works (e.g. fan fiction, fan art)

同一

tóngyī identical / the same

我们上同一所学校。

Wǒmen shàng tóngyī suǒ xuéxiào.

We go to the same school.

同志

tóngzhì comrade / homosexual

同舟共济 同舟共濟

tóngzhōugòngjì cross a river in the same boat (idiom) / fig. having common interests / obliged to collaborate towards common goals

捅

tōng to poke / to jab / to give (sb) a nudge / to prod / to disclose / to reveal

桶

tǒng bucket / can / barrel (of oil etc)

筒

tǒng tube / cylinder / to encase in sth cylindrical (such as hands in sleeves etc)

统筹 統籌

tǒngchóu an overall plan / to plan an entire project as a whole

统统 統統

tǒngtǒng totally

统治 統治

tǒngzhì to rule (a country) / to govern / rule / regime

国王统治了这个国家。

Guówáng tǒngzhìle zhège guójiā.

The king governed the country.

痛心

tòngxīn grieved / pained

偷看

tōukàn to peep / to peek / to steal a glance

偷窥 偷窺

tōukuī to peep / to peek / to act as voyeur

偷懒 偷懶

tōulǎn to goof off / to be lazy

投奔

tóubèn to seek shelter / to seek asylum

头部 頭部

tóubù head

头顶 頭頂

tóudǐng top of the head

投稿

tóugǎo to submit articles for publication / to contribute (writing)

头号 頭號

tóuhào first rate / top rank / number one

投机 投機

tóujī congenial / agreeable / to speculate / to profiteer

投票

tóupiào to vote / to cast a vote

我们要投票。

Wǒmen yào tóupiào.

We want to vote.

投射

tóushè to throw (a projectile) / to cast (light)

投身

tóushēn to throw oneself into sth

头疼 頭疼

tóuténg headache

头条 頭條

tóutiáo lead story (on the news) / Toutiao, personalized content recommendation app (abbr. for 今日頭條|今日头条 [Jīn rì tóu tiáo])

头头是道 頭頭是道

tóutóushidào clear and logical

头衔 頭銜

tóuxián title / rank / appellation

投降

tóuxiáng to surrender

头晕 頭暈

tóuyūn dizzy

透彻 透徹

tòuchè penetrating / thorough / incisive

透过 透過

tòuguò to pass through / to penetrate / by means of / via

透露

tòulù to leak out / to divulge / to reveal

他透露了我的秘密。

Tā tòulù le wǒ de mìmì.

He disclosed my secret.

透气 透氣

tòuqì to flow freely (of air) / to ventilate / to breathe (of fabric etc) / to take a breath of fresh air / to divulge

透支

tòuzhī to overdraw / to take out an overdraft / an overdraft / to overspend (i.e. expenditure in excess of revenue) / to draw one's wage in advance / to exhaust (one's enthusiasm, energy etc) / to damage a natural resource through overuse

凸

tū to stick out / protruding / convex / male (connector etc)

秃 禿

tū bald (lacking hair or feathers) / barren / bare / denuded / blunt (lacking a point) / unsatisfactory / lacking something

突发 突發

tūfā to occur suddenly

突击 突擊

tūjī sudden and violent attack / assault / fig. rushed job / concentrated effort to finish a job quickly

突破口

tūpòkǒu breach / gap / breakthrough point

突如其来 突如其來

tūrúqílái to arise abruptly / to arrive suddenly / happening suddenly

凸显 凸顯

tūxiǎn to stand out clearly / to make prominent

涂

tú to apply (paint etc) / to smear / to daub / to blot out / to scribble / to scrawl / mud / street / surname Tu

图表 圖表

túbǎo chart / diagram

徒步

túbù to be on foot

徒弟

túdì apprentice / disciple

途径 途徑

tújìng way / means / channel

必须有外交解决的途径。

Bìxū yǒu wàijiāo jiějué de tújìng.

There must be a way to arrive at a diplomatic solution.

屠杀 屠殺

túshā to massacre / to slaughter

图书 圖書

túshū books (in a library or bookstore)

图像 圖像

túxiàng image / picture / graphic

图形 圖形

túxíng picture / figure / diagram / graph / depiction / graphical

图纸 圖紙

túzhǐ blueprint / drawing / design plans / graph paper

土匪

tǔfēi bandit

土壤

tǔrǎng soil

这是非常好的土壤。

Zhè shì fēicháng hǎo de tǔrǎng.

This is very good soil.

土生土长 土生土長

tǔshēngtǔzhǎng (of people) born and raised in the locality / (of art forms, political parties, enterprises, products etc) developed locally from the outset / wholly indigenous

团队 團隊

tuánduì team

团伙 團伙

tuánhuǒ gang / gang member / accomplice / crony

团聚 團聚

tuánjù to reunite / to have a reunion

团员 團員

tuányuán member / group member

团圆 團圓

tuányuán to have a reunion

推测 推測

tuīcè speculation / to conjecture / to surmise / to speculate

推出

tuīchū to push out / to release / to launch / to publish / to recommend

推辞 推辭

tuīcí to decline (an appointment, invitation etc)

推断 推斷

tuīduàn to infer / to deduce / to predict / to extrapolate

推翻

tuīfān to overthrow

推荐 推薦

tuījiàn to recommend

你推荐什么？

Nǐ tuījiàn shénme?

What do you recommend?

推理

tuīlǐ reasoning / inference / to infer / to deduce

推敲

tuīqiāo to think over

推算

tuīsuàn to calculate / to reckon / to extrapolate (in calculation)

推卸

tuīxiè to avoid (esp. responsibility) / to shift (the blame) / to pass the buck

推选 推選

tuīxuǎn to elect / to choose

推移

tuīyí to elapse / to pass / to develop / to evolve / to shift / to slide / to move smoothly and continuously along a surface

颓废 頹廢

tuífèi decadent / dispirited / depressed / dejected

退回

tuīhuí to return (an item) / to send back / to go back

退票

tuīpiào to bounce (a check) / to return a ticket / ticket refund

退却 退卻

tuìquè to retreat / to shrink back

退让 退讓

tuìràng to move aside / to get out of the way / to back down / to concede

退缩 退縮

tuìsuō to shrink back / to cower

退休金

tuìxiūjīn retirement pension / pension payments received after retirement

退学 退學

tuìxué to quit school

退役

tuìyì (of military personnel or athletes) to retire / to be decommissioned

吞

tūn to swallow / to take

屯

tún to station (soldiers) / to store up / village

托

tuō to hold up in one's hand / to support with one's palm / sth serving as a support: a prop, a rest (e.g. arm rest) / a shill / to ask / to beg / to entrust (variant of 託|托[tuo1]) / torr (unit of pressure) / to trust / to entrust / to be entrusted with / to act as trustee

托比亚斯再次出现。

Tuō Bǐyà Sī zàicì chūxiàn.

Tobias appeared again.

拖

tuō to drag / to tow / to trail / to hang down / to mop (the floor) / to delay / to drag on

托付

tuōfù to entrust

脱节 脫節

tuōjié to come apart

脱口而出 脫口而出

tuōkǒuchū to blurt out / to let slip (an indiscreet remark)

拖累

tuōlěi to encumber / to be a burden on / to implicate

脱落 脫落

tuōluò to drop off / to fall off / (of hair, teeth etc) to fall out / to omit (a character when writing)

拖欠

tuōqiàn in arrears / behind in payments / to default on one's debts

脱身 脫身

tuōshēn to get away / to escape (from obligations) / to free oneself / to disengage

拖鞋

tuōxié slippers / sandals / flip-flops

拖延

tuōyán to delay / to put off / to procrastinate

脱颖而出 脫穎而出

tuōyǐngéchū to reveal one's talent (idiom) / to rise above others / to distinguish oneself

驮 馱

tuó to carry on one's back

duò load carried by a pack animal

妥

tuǒ suitable / adequate / ready / settled

妥当 妥當

tuǒdang appropriate / proper / ready

妥善

tuǒshàn appropriate / proper

妥协 妥協

tuǒxié to compromise / to reach terms / a compromise

拓宽 拓寬

tuòkuān to broaden

唾液

tuòyè saliva

拓展

tuòzhǎn to expand / to extend / to broaden (client base, outlook, territory etc) / to scale up / to increase system capacity

W

挖

wā to dig / to excavate / to scoop out

他挖了一个洞。

Tā wāle yí gè dòng.

He dug a hole.

挖掘

wājué to excavate / (lit and fig.) to unearth / to dig into

挖苦

wākǔ to speak sarcastically / to make cutting remarks

娃娃

wáwa baby / small child / doll

瓦

wǎ roof tile

哇

wa replaces 啊[a5] when following the vowel "u" or "ao"

wā Wow! / sound of a child's crying / sound of vomiting

歪

wāi askew / at a crooked angle / devious / noxious / to lie on one's side

wǎi to sprain (one's ankle) (Tw)

歪曲

wāiqū to distort / to misrepresent

外币 外幣

wàibì foreign currency

外表

wàibiǎo external / outside / outward appearance

外部

wàibù the outside / (attributive) external / exterior / surface

外出

wàichū to go out / to go away (on a trip etc)

外公

wàigōng mother's father / maternal grandfather

外观 外觀

wàiguān outward appearance

外行

wàiháng layman / amateur

外号 外號

wàihào nickname

外籍

wàiji foreign (i.e. of foreign nationality)

外科

wàikē surgery (branch of medicine)

外来 外來

wàilái external / foreign / outside

外貌

wàimào profile / appearance

外贸 外貿

wàimào foreign trade

外婆

wàipó mother's mother / maternal grandmother

外企

wàiqǐ foreign enterprise / company established in mainland China with direct investment from foreign entities or from investors in Taiwan, Macao or Hong Kong

外头 外頭

wàitou outside / outdoors

外星人

wàixīng rén space alien / extraterrestrial

外形

wàixíng figure / shape / external form / contour

外衣

wàiyī outer clothing / semblance / appearance

外援

wàiyuán foreign aid / external aid / foreign player / player recruited from overseas

外资 外資

wàizī foreign investment / foreign capital

弯曲 彎曲

wānqū to bend / to curve around / curved / crooked / to wind / to warp

丸

wán ball / pellet / pill

完备 完備

wánbèi faultless / complete / perfect / to leave nothing to be desired

完毕 完畢

wánbì to finish / to end / to complete

完蛋

wándàn to be done for

顽固 頑固

wángù stubborn / obstinate

完好

wánhǎo intact / in good condition

顽皮 頑皮

wánpí naughty

顽强 頑強

wánqiáng tenacious / hard to defeat

玩耍

wánshuǎ to play (as children do) / to amuse oneself

挽

wǎn to pull / to draw (a cart or a bow) / to roll up / to coil / to carry on the arm / to lament the dead / to pull against / to recover / to draw (a cart) / to lament the dead

挽回

wǎnhuái to retrieve / to redeem

晚间 晚間

wǎnjiān evening / night

挽救

wǎnjiù to save / to remedy / to rescue

晚年

wǎnnián one's later years

晚期

wǎnqī later period / end stage / terminal

惋惜

wǎnxī to regret / to feel that it is a great pity / to feel sorry for sb

万分 萬分

wànfēn very much / extremely / one ten thousandth part

万古长青 萬古長青

wàngǔchángqīng enduring through the ages / ever-flourishing

万能 萬能

wànnéng omnipotent / all-purpose / universal

万万 萬萬

wànwàn hundred million / (fig.) enormous quantity / absolutely / certainly (usually followed by a negative expression)

万无一失 萬無一失

wànwúyīshī surefire / absolutely safe (idiom)

汪洋

wāngyáng vast body of water

王国 王國

wángguó kingdom / realm

王后

wánghòu queen

王牌

wángpái trump card / ace / star player / top performer / best asset / secret weapon

亡羊补牢 亡羊補牢

wángyángbǔláo lit. to mend the pen after sheep are lost (idiom) / fig. to act belatedly / better late than never / to lock the stable door after the horse has bolted

王子

wángzǐ prince / son of a king

网吧 網吧

wǎngbā Internet café

往常

wǎngcháng usual / customary

网点 網點

wǎngdiǎn branch / service outlet (of a bank, retail store etc) / halftone dot / network node

往返

wǎngfǎn to go back and forth / to go to and fro / to do a round trip

往后 往後

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

往来 往來

wǎnglái dealings / contacts / to go back and forth

网民 網民

wǎngmín netizen / Internet user / online community member

往年

wǎngnián in former years / in previous years

往日

wǎngrì former days / the past

往事

wǎngshì past events / former happenings

网页 網頁

wǎngyè web page

旺

wàng prosperous / flourishing / blooming / roaring

望

wàng full moon / to hope / to expect / to visit / to gaze (into the distance) / to look towards / towards

我望着海好几个小时。

Wǒ wàngzhe hǎi hǎo jǐ ge xiǎoshí.

I gazed at the sea for hours.

忘不了

wàngbulǎo cannot forget

忘掉

wàngdiào to forget

旺季

wàngjì busy season / peak period

望见 望見

wàngjiàn to spy / to spot

旺盛

wàngshèng vigorous / exuberant

妄想

wàngxiǎng to attempt vainly / a vain attempt / delusion

望远镜 望遠鏡

wàngyuǎnjìng telescope (CL:部[bu4]) / binoculars (CL:副[fu4])

微波炉 微波爐

wēibōlú microwave oven

微不足道

wēibùzúdào negligible / insignificant

威风 威風

wēifēng awe-inspiring bearing / authority / power / imposing / impressive / majestic

微观 微觀

wēiguān micro- / subatomic

危机 危機

wēijī crisis

阿尔及利亚正处于政治危机中。

Ā'ěrlìyà zhèng chǔyú zhèngzhì wēijī zhōng.

Algeria is in the midst of a political crisis.

危及

wēijí to endanger / to jeopardize / a danger (to life, national security etc)

危急

wēijí critical / desperate (situation)

威力

wēilì might / formidable power

微妙

wēimiào subtle

微弱

wēiruò weak / faint / feeble

威慑 威懾

wēishè to deter

威胁 威脅

wēixié to threaten / to menace

他威胁要公开。

Tā wēixié yào gōngkāi.

He threatened to make it public.

威信

wēixìn prestige / reputation / trust / credit with the people

微型

wēixíng miniature / micro- / tiny

唯

wéi only / alone / -ism (in Chinese, a prefix, often combined with a suffix such as 主義|主义[zhu3 yi4] or 論|论[lun4], e.g. 唯理論|唯理论[wei2 li3 lun4], rationalism)

wěi yes

违背 違背

wéibèi to go against / to be contrary to / to violate

唯独 唯獨

wéidú only / just (i.e. it is only that...) / all except / unique

围墙 圍牆

wéiqiáng perimeter wall / fence

为人 為人

wéirén to conduct oneself / behavior / conduct / personal character

wèirén for sb / for others' interest

维生素 維生素

wéishēngsù vitamin

违约 違約

wéiyuē to break a promise / to violate an agreement / to default (on a loan or contract)

违章 違章

wéizhāng to break the rules / to violate regulations

纬度 緯度

wěidù latitude

尾气 尾氣

wěiqì exhaust / emissions

委屈

wěiqu wronged / aggrieved / to inconvenience / to put (sb) at a disadvantage / to do sb wrong / sense of being wronged

尾声 尾聲

wěishēng coda / epilogue / end

萎缩 萎縮

wěisuō to wither / to dry up (of a plant) / to atrophy (of muscle, social custom etc)

委婉

wěiwǎn tactful / euphemistic / suave / soft

委员 委員

wěiyuán committee member

委员会 委員會

wěiyuánhui committee / commission

他是委员会主席。

Tā shì wěiyuánhui zhǔxí.

He's the chairman of the committee.

伪造 偽造

wěizào to forge / to fake / to counterfeit

伪装 偽裝

wěizhuāng to pretend to be (asleep etc) / to disguise oneself as / pretense / disguise / to camouflage / camouflage

未

wèi not yet / did not / have not / not / 8th earthly branch: 1-3 p.m., 6th solar month (7th July-6th August), year of the Sheep / ancient Chinese compass point: 210°

这个问题仍然未解决。

Zhège wèntí réngrán wèi jiějué.

The problem remains unsolved.

未成年人

wèichéngniánrén minor (i.e. person under 18)

你不能把酒卖给未成年人。

Nǐ bùnéng bǎjiǔ mài gěi wèichéngniánrén.

You can't sell alcohol to under-age people.

为此 為此

wèicǐ for this reason / with regards to this / in this respect / in order to do this / to this end

为何 為何

wèihé why

味精

wèijīng monosodium glutamate (MSG)

未经 未經

wèijīng not having undergone / without (having gone through a certain process)

畏惧 畏懼

wèijù to fear / to dread / foreboding

胃口

wèikǒu appetite / liking

慰劳 慰勞

wèiláo to show appreciation (by kind words, small gifts etc) / to comfort

未免

wèimiǎn unavoidably / can't help / really / rather

卫视 衛視

wèishì satellite TV (abbr. for 衛星電視|卫星电视[wei4 xing1 dian4 shi4])

畏缩 畏縮

wèisuō to cower / to flinch / to quail / to recoil

喂养 餵養

wèiyǎng to feed (a child, domestic animal etc) / to keep / to raise (an animal)

未知数 未知數

wèizhīshù unknown number / an unknown / an uncertainty

位子

wèizi place / seat

温度计 溫度計

wēndùjì thermometer / thermograph

温泉 溫泉

wēnquán hot spring

温柔 溫柔

wēnróu gentle and soft / tender / sweet (commonly used to describe a girl or woman)

温室 溫室

wēnshì greenhouse

温习 溫習

wēnxí to review (a lesson etc)

温馨 溫馨

wēnxīn comfort / soft and fragrant / warm

瘟疫

wēnyì plague / pestilence

文

wén language / culture / writing / formal / literary / gentle / classifier for coins / Kangxi radical 67 / surname Wen

他懂意大利文吗？

Tā dǒng Yìdàlì wén ma?

Does he know Italian?

文具

wénjù stationery / item of stationery (pen, pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener etc)

文科

wénkē liberal arts / humanities

文盲

wénmáng illiterate

闻名 聞名

wénmíng well-known / famous / renowned / eminent

文凭 文憑

wénpíng diploma

文人

wénrén cultivated individual / scholar / literati

文物

wénwù cultural relic / historical relic

文献 文獻

wénxiàn reference material (used in scholarly study)

文雅

wényǎ elegant / refined

文娱 文娛

wényú cultural recreation / entertainment

蚊帐 蚊帳

wénzhàng mosquito net

蚊子

wénzi mosquito

吻

wěn kiss / to kiss / mouth

我可以吻你吗？

Wǒ kěyǐ wěn nǐ ma?

May I kiss you?

稳固 穩固

wěngù stable / steady / firm / to stabilize

吻合

wěnhé to be a good fit / to be identical with / to adjust oneself to / to fit in

稳健 穩健

wěnjiàn firm / stable and steady

紊乱 紊亂

wěnlùn disorder / chaos

稳妥 穩妥

wěntuǒ dependable

稳重 穩重

wěnzòng steady / earnest / staid

问卷 問卷

wènjuàn questionnaire

问世 問世

wènshì to be published / to come out

窝 窩

wō nest / pit or hollow on the human body / lair / den / place / to harbor or shelter / to hold in check / to bend / classifier for litters and broods

卧 臥

wò to lie / to crouch

卧铺 臥鋪

wòpù a bed (on a train) / a couchette

屋顶 屋頂

wūding roof

污秽 污穢

wūhuì dirty / filthy / dirt / filth

巫婆

wūpó witch / sorceress / female shaman

呜咽 嗚咽

wūyè to sob / to whimper

乌云 烏雲

wūyún black cloud

无比 無比

wúbǐ incomparable / matchless

无边 無邊

wúbiān without boundary / not bordered

无不 無不

wúbù none lacking / none missing / everything is there / everyone without exception

无偿 無償

wúcháng free / no charge / at no cost

无敌 無敵

wúdí unequalled / without rival / a paragon

无恶不作 無惡不作

wúèbùzuò not to shrink from any crime (idiom) / to commit any imaginable misdeed

无非 無非

wúfēi only / nothing else

无辜 無辜

wúgū blameless / innocent / the innocent

无故 無故

wúgù without cause or reason

无关 無關

wúguān unrelated / having nothing to do (with sth else)

无关紧要 無關緊要

wúguānjǐnyào indifferent / insignificant

无话可说 無話可說

wúhuàkěshuō to have nothing to say (idiom)

无济于事 無濟於事

wújìyúshì to no avail / of no use

无家可归 無家可歸

wújiākěguī homeless

无精打采 無精打采

wújīngdǎcǎi dispirited and downcast (idiom) / listless / in low spirits / washed out

无可奉告 無可奉告

wúkěfènggào no comment

无可奈何 無可奈何

wúkěnnàihé have no way out / have no alternative / abbr. to 無奈|无奈[wu2 nai4]

无理 無理

wúlǐ irrational / unreasonable

无力 無力

wúlì powerless / lacking strength

无论如何 無論如何

wúlùnruhe whatever the case / in any event / no matter what / by all possible means

无能 無能

wúnéng incompetence / inability / incapable / powerless

无能为力 無能為力

wúnéngwéilì powerless to do anything about it

无情 無情

wúqíng pitiless / ruthless / merciless / heartless

无情无义 無情無義

wúqíngwúyì completely lacking any feeling or sense of justice (idiom) / cold and ruthless

无穷 無窮

wúqióng endless / boundless / inexhaustible

无私 無私

wúsī selfless / unselfish / disinterested / altruistic

无所事事 無所事事

wúsuǒshìshì to have nothing to do / to idle one's time away (idiom)

无所作为 無所作為

wúsuǒzuòwéi attempting nothing and accomplishing nothing (idiom) / without any initiative or drive / feckless

倘若分裂的话，我们则无所作为。

Tǎngruò fēnliè dehuà, wǒmen zé wúsuǒzuòwéi.

If we are divided, we will achieve nothing.

无条件 無條件

wútiáojiàn unconditional

无微不至 無微不至

wúwēibùzhì in every possible way (idiom) / meticulous

无线 無線

wúxiàn wireless

无线电 無線電

wúxiàndiàn radio / wireless (i.e. the technology used in radio telecommunication) / a radio

无效 無效

wúxiào not valid / ineffective / in vain

无形 無形

wúxíng incorporeal / virtual / formless / invisible (assets) / intangible

无形中 無形中

wúxíngzhōng imperceptibly / virtually

无须 無須

wúxū need not / not obliged to / not necessarily

无意 無意

wúyì inadvertent / accidental / to have no intention of (doing sth)

无忧无虑 無憂無慮

wúyōuwúlǜ carefree / without worries

无缘 無緣

wúyuán to have no opportunity / no way (of doing sth) / no chance / no connection / not placed (in a competition) / no chance of love, no place to be together etc

无知 無知

wúzhī ignorant / ignorance

无足轻重 無足輕重

wúzúqīngzhòng insignificant

捂

wǔ to enclose / to cover with the hand (one's eyes, nose or ears) / to cover up (an affair) / contrary / to contradict

舞蹈

wǔdǎo dance (performance art) / dancing

五花八门 五花八門

wǔhuābāmén myriad / all kinds of / all sorts of

武力

wǔlì military force

侮辱

wǔrǔ to insult / to humiliate / dishonor

舞厅 舞廳

wǔtīng dance hall / ballroom

五星级 五星級

wǔxīngjī five-star (hotel)

武装 武裝

wǔzhuāng arms / equipment / to arm / military / armed (forces)

他们用枪武装自己。

Tāmen yòng qiāng wǔzhuāng zìjǐ.

They armed themselves with guns.

勿

wù do not

误 誤

wù mistake / error / to miss / to harm / to delay / to neglect / mistakenly

雾 霧

wù fog / mist

务必 務必

wùbì must / to need to / to be sure to

误差 誤差

wùchā difference / error / inaccuracy

误导 誤導

wùdǎo to mislead / to misguide / misleading

物流

wùliú distribution (business) / logistics

物品

wùpǐn articles / goods

误区 誤區

wùqū mistaken ideas / misconceptions / the error of one's ways

务实 務實

wùshí to deal with concrete matters / pragmatic

物体 物體

wùtǐ object / body / substance

物证 物證

wùzhèng material evidence

物资 物資

wùzī goods / supplies

X

稀

xī sparse / scattered / rare / uncommon / diluted / thin / watery / sth liquid or of thin consistency (as in 綠豆稀|绿豆稀 [lǜ : 4 dòu4 xī] "sweet mung bean soup") / totally / extremely (used with negative attributes, as in 稀糟[xī zao1] "utterly ruined")

锡 錫

xī tin (chemistry) / to bestow / to confer / to grant

西班牙语 西班牙語

xībānyáyǔ Spanish language

我教西班牙语。

Wǒ jiāo Xībānyáyǔ.

I teach Spanish.

吸毒

xīdú to take drugs

膝盖 膝蓋

xīgài knee / to kneel down (in admiration)

稀罕

xīhan rare / uncommon / rare thing / rarity / to value as a rarity / to cherish

熄火

xīhuǒ to go out / to put out (fire) / to die down / to stall

吸纳 吸納

xīnà to take in / to absorb / to admit / to accept

稀奇

xīqí rare / strange

吸取

xīqǔ to absorb / to draw (a lesson, insight etc) / to assimilate

昔日

xīrì former days / in the past

稀少

xīshǎo sparse / rare

牺牲 犧牲

xīshēng to sacrifice one's life / to sacrifice (sth valued) / beast slaughtered as a sacrifice

熙熙攘攘

xīxīrǎngrǎng bustling with activity

息息相关 息息相關

xīxīxiāngguān closely bound up (idiom) / intimately related

嬉笑

xīxiào to be laughing and playing / to giggle

席

xí woven mat / seat / banquet / place in a democratic assembly / classifier for banquets, conversations etc / woven mat (variant of 席[xi2]) / surname Xi

媳妇 媳婦

xífū wife / young married woman

xífù daughter-in-law / wife of a younger brother or relative of the younger generation

袭击 襲擊

xíjī attack (esp. surprise attack) / raid / to attack

习俗 習俗

xísú custom / tradition / local tradition / convention

席位

xíwèi a seat (in a theater, stadium etc) / parliamentary or congressional seat

喜出望外

xǐchūwàngwài to be pleased beyond one's expectations (idiom) / overjoyed at the turn of events

洗涤剂 洗滌劑

xǐdíjì cleaning agent / detergent

喜好

xǐhào to like / fond of / to prefer / to love / one's tastes / preference

喜酒

xǐjiǔ wedding feast / liquor drunk at a wedding feast

洗礼 洗禮

xǐlǐ baptism

喜怒哀乐 喜怒哀樂

xǐnùāilè happiness, anger, sorrow, and joy (idiom) / emotions

喜庆 喜慶

xǐqìng jubilation / festive

喜事

xǐshì happy occasion / wedding

喜糖

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

喜洋洋

xǐyángyáng radiant with joy

洗衣粉

xǐyīfěn laundry detergent / washing powder

喜悦 喜悅

xǐyuè happy / joyous

细胞 細胞

xìbāo cell (biology)

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.

细菌 細菌

xìjūn bacterium / germ

细腻 細膩

xìni smooth / satiny / delicate / (of a performance, depiction, craftsmanship etc) finely detailed / subtle / exquisite / meticulous

戏曲 戲曲

xìqǔ Chinese opera

细微 細微

xìwēi tiny / minute / fine / subtle / sensitive (instruments)

细心 細心

xìxīn meticulous / careful / attentive

瞎

xiā blind / groundlessly / foolishly / to no purpose

这老人瞎了一只眼。

Zhè lǎorén xiāle yìzhī yǎn.

The old man is blind in one eye.

虾 蝦

xiā shrimp / prawn

狭隘 狹隘

xiá'ài narrow / cramped / (of a way of thinking, a definition etc) narrow / limited

峡谷 峽谷

xiágǔ canyon / gill / ravine

狭小 狹小

xiáxiǎo narrow

侠义 俠義

xiáyì chivalrous / chivalry / knight-errantry

狭窄 狹窄

xiázhǎi narrow

下场 下場

xiàchǎng to leave (the stage, an exam room, the playing field etc) / to take part in some activity / to take an examination (in the imperial examination system)

xiàchang the end / to conclude

下跌

xiàdiē to fall / to tumble

下岗 下崗

xiàgǎng to come off duty / be to laid off

下海

xiàhǎi to go out to sea / to enter the sea (to swim etc) / to take the plunge (e.g. leave a secure job, or enter prostitution etc)

吓唬 嚇唬

xiàhu to scare / to frighten

下级 下級

xiàjí low ranking / low level / underclass / subordinate

下决心 下決心

xiàjuéxīn to determine / to resolve

下令

xiàlìng to give an order / to issue an order

夏令营 夏令營

xiàlìngyíng summer camp

下落

xiàluò whereabouts / to drop / to fall

下期

xiàqī next period (week, month or quarter etc)

下棋

xiàqí to play chess

吓人 嚇人

xiàrén to scare / scary / frightening

下山

xiàshān to go down a hill / to set

下手

xiàshǒu to start / to put one's hand to / to set about / the seat to the right of the main guest

下属 下屬

xiàshǔ subordinate / underling

下台 下臺

xiàtái to go off the stage / to fall from position of prestige / to step down (from office etc) / to disentangle oneself / to get off the hook

下调 下調

xiàtiáo to adjust downwards / to lower (prices, wages etc)

xiàdiào to demote / to pass down to a lower unit

下乡 下鄉

xiàxiāng to go to the countryside

下旬

xiàxún last third of the month

下一代

xiàyīdài the next generation

下意识 下意識

xiàyìshí subconscious mind

下游

xiàyóu lower reaches (of a river) / lower level / lower echelon / downstream

下坠 下墜

xiàzhuì to fall / to drop / to droop / to experience tenesmus

掀

xiān to lift (a lid) / to rock / to convulse

先锋 先鋒

xiānfēng vanguard / pioneer / avant-garde

仙鹤 仙鶴

xiānhè red-crowned crane (Grus japonensis)

鲜活 鮮活

xiānhuó vivid / lively / live or fresh

先例

xiānlì precedent

鲜美 鮮美

xiānměi fresh and delicious / tasty

仙女

xiānnǚ fairy

掀起

xiānqǐ to lift / to raise (a lid etc) / to surge / to stir up (waves etc) / to trigger / set off (a wave of popularity, a controversy etc)

先天

xiāntiān embryonic period (contrasted with 後天|后天[hou4 tian1]) / inborn / innate / natural

纤维 纖維

xiānwéi fiber

鲜血 鮮血

xiānxuè blood

除了鲜血、辛劳、泪水和汗水之外，我没有什么可奉献的。

Chúle xiānxuè, xīnláo, lèishuǐ hé hànshuǐ zhīwài, wǒ méiyǒu shénme kě fèngxiàn de.

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

嫌

xián to dislike / suspicion / resentment / enmity

弦

xián bow string / string of musical instrument / watchspring / chord (segment of curve) / hypotenuse

衔接 銜接

xiánjiē to link up / to connect / to join

嫌弃 嫌棄

xiánqì to regard with disdain / to shun

嫌疑

xiányí suspicion / to have suspicions

险 險

xiǎn danger / dangerous / rugged

显出 顯出

xiǎnchū to express / to exhibit

显而易见 顯而易見

xiǎnérìyìjiàn clearly and easy to see (idiom) / obviously / clearly / it goes without saying

显赫 顯赫

xiǎnhè illustrious / celebrated

显示器 顯示器

xiǎnshìqì display device / monitor

显现 顯現

xiǎnxiàn appearance / to appear

显眼 顯眼

xiǎnyǎn conspicuous / eye-catching / glamorous

腺

xiàn gland

限

xiàn to limit / to restrict / limit / bound

陷

xiàn pitfall / trap / to get stuck / to sink / to cave in / to frame (false charge) / to capture (a city in battle) / to fall (to the enemy) / defect

现成 現成

xiànchéng ready-made / readily available

限定

xiàndìng to restrict to / to limit

限度

xiàndù limit

宪法 憲法

xiànfǎ constitution (of a country)

平等是由宪法保障的。

Píngděng shì yóu xiànfǎ bǎozhàng de.

Equality is guaranteed by the Constitution.

陷阱

xiànjǐng pitfall / snare / trap

线路 線路

xiànlù line / circuit / wire / road / track / route

羡慕 羨慕

xiànmù to envy / to admire

现任 現任

xiànrèn to occupy a post currently / current (president etc) / incumbent / current boyfriend (girlfriend, spouse)

陷入

xiànrù to sink into / to get caught up in / to land in (a predicament)

线条 線條

xiàntiáo line (in drawing, calligraphy etc) / the lines or contours of a three-dimensional object (hairstyle, clothing, car etc)

现行 現行

xiànxíng to be in effect / in force / current

献血 獻血

xiànxuè to donate blood

限于 限於

xiànyú to be limited to / to be confined to

镶 鑲

xiāng to inlay / to embed / ridge / border

相伴

xiāngbàn to accompany sb / to accompany each other

相比之下

xiāngbǐzhīxià by comparison

相差

xiāngchà to differ

相传 相傳

xiāngchuán to pass on / to hand down / tradition has it that ... / according to legend

相当于 相當於

xiāngdāngyú equivalent to

相对 相對

xiāngduì relatively / opposite / to resist / to oppose / relative / vis-a-vis / counterpart

时间是相对的。

Shíjiān shì xiāngduì de.

Time is relative.

相对而言 相對而言

xiāngduìéryán relatively speaking / comparatively speaking

相辅相成 相輔相成

xiāngfùxiāngchéng to complement one another

相继 相繼

xiāngjì in succession / following closely

相连 相連

xiānglián to link / to join / link / connection

香料

xiāngliào spice / flavoring / condiment / perfume

镶嵌 鑲嵌

xiāngqiàn to inlay / to embed / to set (e.g. a jewel in a ring) / tiling / tessellation

乡亲 鄉親

xiāngqīn person from one's hometown or home region / local people / folks

相识 相識

xiāngshí to get to know each other / acquaintance

香水

xiāngshuǐ perfume / cologne

相提并论 相提並論

xiāngtíbinglùn to discuss two disparate things together (idiom) / to mention on equal terms / to place on a par with / (often with negatives: impossible to mention X in the same breath as Y)

相通

xiāngtōng interlinked / connected / communicating / in communication / accommodating

香味

xiāngwèi fragrance / bouquet / sweet smell

乡下 鄉下

xiāngxià countryside / rural area

香烟

xiāngyān smoke from incense (burned as an offering to one's ancestors) / (fig.) continuation of family line / cigarette (CL:支 [zhī], 條 [tiáo], 根 [gēn], 包 [bāo], 盒 [hé]) / cigarette (CL:支 [zhī], 條 [tiáo], 根 [gēn], 包 [bāo], 盒 [hé]) (variant of 香煙 [xiāngyān])

相依为命 相依為命

xiāngyīwéimìng mutually dependent for life (idiom) / to rely upon one another for survival / interdependent

香油

xiāngyóu sesame oil / perfumed oil

相遇

xiāngyù to meet / to encounter / to come across

相约 相約

xiāngyuē to agree (on a meeting place, date etc) / to reach agreement / to make an appointment

祥和

xiánghé auspicious and peaceful

详尽 詳盡

xiángjìn thorough and detailed / exhaustive / the tedious details in full

享

xiǎng to enjoy / to benefit / to have the use of

想不到

xiǎngbùdào unexpected / hard to imagine / it had not occurred to me / who could have thought that

想方设法 想方設法

xiǎngfāngshèfǎ to think up every possible method (idiom) / to devise ways and means / to try this, that and the other

响亮 響亮

xiǎngliàng loud and clear / resounding

响起 響起

xiǎngqǐ to come forth / to ring out / to sound / to go off

响声 響聲

xiǎngshēng noise

响应 響應

xiǎngyìng to respond to / answer

享有

xiǎngyǒu to enjoy (rights, privileges etc)

橡胶 橡膠

xiàngjiāo rubber / caoutchouc

向来 向來

xiànglái always (previously)

项链 項鏈

xiàngliàn necklace

这个项链是我奶奶送给我的。

Zhège xiàngliàn shì wǒ nǎinai sònggěi wǒ de.

This necklace was given to me by my grandma.

橡皮

xiàngpí rubber / an eraser

向往 嚮往

xiàngwǎng to yearn for / to look forward to

像样 像樣

xiàngyàng presentable / decent / up to par

向着 向著

xiàngzhe towards / facing (sb or sth) / to side with / to favor

削

xiāo to peel with a knife / to pare / to cut (a ball at tennis etc)

xuē to pare / to reduce / to remove

消

xiāo to diminish / to subside / to consume / to reduce / to idle away (the time) / (after 不[bu4] or 只[zhi3] or 何[he2] etc) to need / to require / to take

销 銷

xiāo to melt (metal) / to cancel / to annul / to sell / to expend / to spend / pin / bolt / to fasten with a pin or bolt

消沉

xiāochén to sink into despondency / to diminish / to plummet

消耗

xiāohào to consume / to use up / to deplete / to expend / news / mail / message

销毁 銷毀

xiāohuǐ to destroy (by melting or burning) / to obliterate

销量 銷量

xiāoliàng sales volume

消灭 消滅

xiāomiè to put an end to / to annihilate / to cause to perish / to perish / annihilation (in quantum field theory)

消遣

xiāoqiǎn to while the time away / amusement / pastime / recreation / to make sport of

潇洒 瀟灑

xiāosǎ confident and at ease / free and easy

萧条 蕭條

xiāotiáo bleak / desolate / in a slump / sluggish / depressed

小丑

xiǎochǒu clown

晓得 曉得

xiǎode to know

小贩 小販

xiǎofàn peddler / hawker

小费 小費

xiǎofèi tip / gratuity

小看

xiǎokàn to look down on / to underestimate

小康

xiǎokāng moderately affluent / well-off / a period of peace and prosperity / Xiaokang, a Confucian near-ideal state of society, second only to Datong 大同[Da4 tong2]

小路

xiǎolù minor road / lane / pathway / trail

小麦 小麥

xiǎomài wheat

小品

xiǎopǐn short, simple literary or artistic creation / essay / skit

小气 小氣

xiǎoqì stingy / miserly / narrow-minded / petty

小区 小區

xiǎoqū housing estate / community / neighborhood / cell

小曲

xiǎoqǔ popular song / folk tune / ballad

小人

xiǎorén person of low social status (old) / I, me (used to refer humbly to oneself) / nasty person / vile character

小提琴

xiǎotíqín fiddle / violin

小溪

xiǎoxī brook / streamlet

小心翼翼

xiǎoxīnyìyì cautious / careful / prudent

小于 小於

xiǎoyú less than, <

小卒

xiǎozú foot soldier / minor figure / a nobody / pawn

孝敬

xiàojìng to show filial respect / to give presents (to one's elders or superiors) / to support one's aged parents

效力

xiàoli effectiveness / positive effect / to serve (in some capacity)

笑脸 笑臉

xiàoliǎn smiling face / smiley :) ☺

笑容

xiàoróng smile / smiling expression

他脸上带着灿烂的笑容。

Tā liǎnshàng dàizhe cànlàn de xiàoróng.

He had a beaming smile on his face.

笑声 笑聲

xiàoshēng laughter

孝顺 孝順

xiàoshùn filial / dutiful / devoted to one's parents (and grandparents etc) / to show filial piety towards (an older family member) / filial piety

肖像

xiàoxiàng portrait (painting, photo etc) / representation of a person / likeness

效益

xiàoyì benefit / effectiveness / efficiency

效应 效應

xiàoyìng effect (scientific phenomenon)

邪

xié demonic / iniquitous / nefarious / evil / unhealthy influences that cause disease (Chinese medicine) / strange / abnormal

挟持 挾持

xiéchí to seize (sb) by the arms / to hold under duress / to abduct

携带 攜帶

xiédài to carry (on one's person) / to support (old)

协定 協定

xiédìng agreement / accord / to reach an agreement

邪恶 邪惡

xiéè sinister / vicious / wicked / evil

协会 協會

xiéhuì an association / a society

协商 協商

xiéshāng to consult with / to talk things over / agreement

携手 攜手

xiéshǒu hand in hand / to join hands / to collaborate

协调 協調

xiétiáo to coordinate / to harmonize / to fit together / to match (colors etc) / harmonious / concerted

协同 協同

xiétóng to cooperate / in coordination with / coordinated / collaborate / collaboration / collaborative

协助 協助

xiézhù to provide assistance / to aid

协作 協作

xiézuò cooperation / coordination

写照 寫照

xiězhào portrayal

写字楼 寫字樓

xiězìlóu office building

写字台 寫字檯

xiězìtái writing desk

卸

xiè to unload / to remove / to detach / to get rid of

泄 洩

xiè to leak out / to discharge / (fig.) to divulge

泻 瀉

xiè to flow out swiftly / to flood / a torrent / diarrhea / laxative

泄漏 洩漏

xièlòu to leak / to divulge / to leak (information)

泄露

xièlù to leak (information) / to divulge

泄密 洩密

xièmì to leak secrets

泄气 洩氣

xièqì to leak (gas) / to be discouraged / to despair / pathetic / to vent one's anger / to be flat

心爱 心愛

xīnài beloved

心安理得

xīnānlǐdé to have a clear conscience / to have no qualms about sth

心病

xīnbìng anxiety / sore point / secret worry / mental disorder / heart disease (medicine)

心肠 心腸

xīncháng heart / intention / one's inclination / state of mind / to have the heart for sth / mood

新潮

xīncháo modern / fashionable

新陈代谢 新陳代謝

xīnchéndàixiè metabolism (biology) / the new replaces the old (idiom)

心得

xīndé what one has learned (through experience, reading etc) / knowledge / insight / understanding / tips

新房

xīnfáng brand new house / bridal chamber

心慌

xīnhuāng to be flustered / irregular heart-beat

心急如焚

xīnjírúfén burning with anxiety / extremely anxious or impatient

新款

xīnkuǎn new style / latest fashion / new model

心里话 心裡話

xīnlǐhuà true feelings / what is on one's mind / secret mind

心灵 心靈

xīnlíng bright / smart / quick-witted / heart / thoughts / spirit

心灵手巧 心靈手巧

xīnlíngshǒuqiǎo capable / clever / dexterous

心目

xīnmù mind

芯片

xīnpìàn computer chip / microchip

新奇

xīnqí novel / new / exotic

辛勤

xīnqín hardworking / industrious

新人

xīnrén newcomer / new recruit / fresh talent / newlywed, esp. new bride / newlywed couple / bride and groom / later-period Homo sapiens

心声 心聲

xīnshēng heartfelt wish / inner voice / aspiration

新生

xīnshēng new / newborn / emerging / nascent / rebirth / regeneration / new life / new student

心事

xīnshì a load on one's mind / worry

新式

xīnshì new style / latest type

新手

xīnshǒu new hand / novice / raw recruit

薪水

xīnshuǐ salary / wage

你希望拿多少薪水?

Nǐ xīwàng ná duōshǎo xīnshuǐ?

What kind of salary do you expect to get?

心思

xīnsi mind / thoughts / inclination / mood

心酸

xīnsuān to feel sad

辛酸

xīnsuān pungent (taste) / bitter / fig. sad / miserable

欣慰

xīnwèi to be gratified

欣喜

xīnxǐ happy

心想事成

xīnxiǎngshìchéng to have one's wishes come true / wish you the best!

欣欣向荣 欣欣向榮

xīnxīnxiàngróng flourishing / thriving

新兴 新興

xīnxīng (of markets, industries, infectious diseases etc) rising / emerging / in the ascendant

心胸

xīnxiōng heart / mind / ambition / aspiration

心血

xīnxuè heart's blood / expenditure (for some project) / meticulous care

心意

xīnyì intention / regard / kindly feelings

新颖 新穎

xīnyǐng lit. new bud / fig. new and original

心愿 心願

xīnyuàn cherished desire / dream / craving / wish / aspiration

心脏 心臟

xīnzàng heart

心脏病 心臟病

xīnzàngbìng heart disease

信贷 信貸

xìndài credit / borrowed money

信件

xìnjiàn letter (sent by mail)

信赖 信賴

xìnlài to trust / to have confidence in / to have faith in / to rely on

信仰

xìnyǎng to believe in (a religion) / firm belief / conviction

信用

xìnyòng trustworthiness / credit / to trust and appoint

信誉 信譽

xìnyù prestige / distinction / reputation / trust

腥

xīng fishy (smell)

兴奋剂 興奮劑

xīngfènjì stimulant / doping (in athletics)

兴建 興建

xīngjiàn to build / to construct

兴起 興起

xīngqǐ to rise / to spring up / to burgeon / to be aroused / to come into vogue

兴旺 興旺

xīngwàng prosperous / thriving / to prosper / to flourish

猩猩

xīngxīng orangutan / dialect speaker whose speech is corrupted by Standard Mandarin

星座

xīngzuò constellation / astrological sign

形

xíng to appear / to look / form / shape

行程

xíngchéng journey / travel route / itinerary / distance of travel / course (of history) / stroke (of a piston) / (computing) process

刑法

xíngfǎ criminal law

行使

xíngshǐ to exercise (a right etc)

形形色色

xíngxíngsèsè all kinds of / all sorts of / every (different) kind of

形影不离 形影不離

xíngyǐngbùlǐ inseparable (as form and shadow)

行政

xíngzhèng administration / administrative / executive

行走

xíngzǒu to walk

醒来 醒來

xǐnglái to waken

醒目

xǐngmù eye-grabbing (headline) / striking (illustration)

醒悟

xǐngwù to come to oneself / to come to realize / to come to see the truth / to wake up to reality

幸存 倖存

xìngcún to survive (a disaster)

兴高采烈 興高采烈

xìnggāocǎilìe happy and excited (idiom) / in high spirits / in great delight

幸好

xìnghǎo fortunately

性价比 性價比

xìngjiàbǐ cost-performance ratio

幸亏 幸虧

xìngkuī fortunately / luckily

幸免 倖免

xìngmiǎn to avoid (an unpleasant fate)

性命

xìngmìng life

胜利是用许多人的性命换来的。

Shènglì shì yòng xǔduō rén de xìngmìng huàn lái de.

The victory was won at the cost of many lives.

性情

xìngqíng nature / temperament

姓氏

xìngshì family name

兴致 興致

xìngzhì mood / spirits / interest

凶

xiōng terrible / fearful / vicious / fierce / ominous / inauspicious / famine

凶残

xiōngcán savage / cruel / fierce / savage

凶恶 兇惡

xiōngè fierce / vicious

凶狠

xiōnghěn cruel / vicious / fierce and malicious / vengeful

凶猛 兇猛

xiōngměng fierce / violent / ferocious

凶手 兇手

xiōngshǒu murderer / assassin

假设李先生从来没来过这里的话，那他怎么可能是凶手呢？

Jiǎshè Lǐ xiānsheng cóngláiméi láiguò zhèlǐ dehuà, nà tā zěnmē kěnéng shì xiōngshǒu ne?

Supposing Mr Li had never been here, then how could he be the killer?

胸膛

xiōngtáng chest

汹涌 洶湧

xiōngyǒng to surge up violently (of ocean, river, lake etc) / turbulent

胸有成竹

xiōngyǒuchéngzhú to have a well-thought-out plan in mind

雄厚

xiónghòu substantial / robust / ample / abundant

修补 修補

xiūbǔ to mend

修长 修長

xiūcháng slender / lanky / tall and thin

修车 修車

xiūchē to repair a bike (car etc)

修订 修訂

xiūdìng to revise

休克

xiūkè (loanword) shock / to go into shock

羞愧

xiūkuì ashamed

修路

xiūlù to repair a road

休眠

xiūmián dormant / dormant / to hibernate

休想

xiūxiǎng don't think (that) / don't imagine (that)

休养 休養

xiūyǎng to recuperate / to recover / to convalesce

修正

xiūzhèng to revise / to amend / to rectify

绣 繡

xiù to embroider / embroidery

锈 鏽

xiù to rust

嗅觉 嗅覺

xiùjué sense of smell

秀丽 秀麗

xiùlì pretty / beautiful

秀美

xiùměi elegant / graceful

袖手旁观 袖手旁觀

xiùshǒupángguān to watch with folded arms (idiom) / to look on without lifting a finger

袖珍

xiùzhēn pocket-sized / pocket (book etc)

虚 虛

xū emptiness / void / abstract theory or guiding principles / empty or unoccupied / diffident or timid / false / humble or modest / weak / virtual / in vain

需

xū to require / to need / to want / necessity / need

报告说明，天然资源管理需从根本加以改善。

Bàogào shuōmíng, tiānrán zīyuán guǎnlǐ xū cóng gēnběn jiǎyǐ gǎishàn.

The report says that natural resource management needs to be improved from the root.

须

xū must / to have to / to wait / beard / mustache / feeler (of an insect etc) / tassel

我们须做该做的事。

Wǒmen xū zuò gāi zuò de shì.

We need to do what's necessary.

虚构 虛構

xūgòu to make up / fabrication / fictional / imaginary

虚幻 虛幻

xūhuàn imaginary / illusory

虚假 虛假

xūjiǎ false / phony / sham

虚拟 虛擬

xūnǐ to imagine / to make up / fictitious / theoretical / hypothetical / to emulate / virtual

虚弱 虛弱

xūruò weak / in poor health

虚伪 虛偽

xūwěi false / hypocritical / artificial / sham

徐徐

xúxú slowly / gently

许 許

xǔ to allow / to permit / to promise / to praise / somewhat / perhaps / surname Xu

许可证 許可證

xǔkězhèng license / authorization / permit

序

xù order / sequence / introductory / initial / preface

续 續

xù to continue / to replenish

絮叨

xùdao long-winded / garrulous / to talk endlessly without getting to the point

酗酒

xùjiǔ heavy drinking / to get drunk / to drink to excess

序幕

xùmù prologue

旭日

xùrì the rising sun

叙述 敘述

xùshù to relate (a story or information) / to tell or talk about / to recount / narration / telling / narrative / account

宣称 宣稱

xuānchēng to assert / to claim

宣读 宣讀

xuāndú to read out loud to an audience / a prepared speech (e.g. to a party conference)

宣告

xuāngào to declare / to proclaim

喧哗 喧嘩

xuānhuá hubbub / clamor / to make a racket

喧闹 喧鬧

xuānào to make a noise / noisy

宣誓

xuānshì to swear an oath (of office) / to make a vow

宣泄 宣洩

xuānxiè to drain (by leading off water) / to unburden oneself / to divulge / to leak a secret

宣言

xuānyán declaration / manifesto

宣扬 宣揚

xuānyáng to publicize / to advertise / to spread far and wide

悬 懸

xuán to hang or suspend / to worry / public announcement / unresolved / baseless / without foundation

玄

xuán black / mysterious

悬挂 懸掛

xuánguà to suspend / to hang / suspension

玄机 玄機

xuánjī profound theory (in Daoism and Buddhism) / mysterious principles

旋律

xuánlǜ melody

悬念 懸念

xuánniàn suspense in a movie, play etc / concern for sb's welfare

悬殊 懸殊

xuánshū vastly different / poles apart

旋涡 旋渦

xuánwō spiral / whirlpool / eddy / vortex

悬崖 懸崖

xuányá precipice / overhanging cliff

旋转 旋轉

xuánzhuǎn to rotate / to revolve / to spin / to whirl

选拔 選拔

xuǎnbá to select the best

选举 選舉

xuǎnjǔ to elect / election

什么时候选举?

Shénme shíhou xuǎnjǔ?

When are the elections?

选民 選民

xuǎnmín voter / constituency / electorate

选项 選項

xuǎnxiàng option / alternative / choice / to choose a project

选用 選用

xuǎnyòng to choose for some purpose / to select and use

炫耀

xuànyào dazzling / to show off / to flaunt

削弱

xuēruò to weaken / to impair / to cripple

靴子

xuēzi boots

学会 學會

xuéhuì to learn / to master / institute / learned society / (scholarly) association

你学会了吗?

Nǐ xuéhuì le ma?

Have you learned it?

学历 學歷

xuéli educational background / academic qualifications

学士 學士

xuéshì bachelor's degree / person holding a university degree

学说 學說

xuéshuō theory / doctrine

他从来没有把他的学说写下来。

Tā cónglái méiyǒu bǎ tā de xuéshuō xiě xiàlai.

He never wrote down his theories.

学堂 學堂

xué táng college / school (old)

穴位

xuéwèi acupuncture point / location of a grave

学业 學業

xuéyè studies / schoolwork

学艺 學藝

xuéyì to learn a skill or art

学员 學員

xuéyuán student / member of an institution of learning / officer cadet

学子 學子

xuézǐ student / scholar

雪山

xuěshān snow-capped mountain

雪上加霜

xuěshàngjiāshuāng to make matters even worse / to add insult to injury

血管

xuèguǎn vein / artery

血脉 血脈

xuèmài blood vessels

血栓

xuèshuān blood clot / thrombus

血压 血壓

xuèyā blood pressure

血液

xuèyè blood / lifeblood

血缘 血緣

xuèyuán bloodline

熏

xūn to smoke / to fumigate / to assail the nostrils / to perfume / fragrance / warm / to educate / to smoke / to fumigate

熏陶 薰陶

xūntáo to seep in / to influence / to nurture / influence / training

勋章 勳章

xūnzhāng medal / decoration

寻 尋

xún to search / to look for / to seek

寻常 尋常

xúncáng usual / common / ordinary

循环 循環

xúnhuán to cycle / to circulate / circle / loop

巡逻 巡邏

xúnlúo to patrol

寻觅 尋覓

xúnmì to look for

循序渐进 循序漸進

xúnxùjiànjìn in sequence, step by step (idiom) / to make steady progress incrementally

训 訓

xùn to teach / to train / to admonish / instruction (from superiors) / teachings / rule

驯 馴

xùn to attain gradually / to tame

逊色 遜色

xùnsè inferior (often in the combination 毫無遜色|毫无逊色, not in the least inferior)

Y

押

yā to mortgage / to pawn / to detain in custody / to escort and protect / to sign

压倒 壓倒

yādǎo to overwhelm / to overpower / overwhelming

压迫 壓迫

yāpò to oppress / to repress / to constrict / oppression / stress (physics)

鸦雀无声 鴉雀無聲

yāquèwúshēng lit. crow and peacock make no sound / absolute silence (idiom) / not a single voice can be heard / absolute silence

压缩 壓縮

yāsuō to compress / compression

她把在大学的谈话压缩了。

Tā bǎ zài dàxué de tánhuà yāsuō le.

She cut short her talk at the university.

丫头 丫頭

yātou girl / servant girl / (used deprecatingly, but sometimes also as a term of endearment)

压抑 壓抑

yāyì to constrain or repress emotions / oppressive / stifling / depressing / repression

压制 壓制

yāzhì to suppress / to inhibit / to stifle

芽

yá bud / sprout

牙齿 牙齒

yáchǐ tooth / dental

牙膏

yágāo toothpaste

哑 啞

yǎ mute / dumb / incapable of speech / hoarse / husky / (of a bullet, bomb etc) dud

yā sound of cawing / sound of infant learning to talk

淹

yān to flood / to submerge / to drown / to irritate the skin (of liquids) / to delay

烟囱 煙囪

yāncōng chimney / smokestack / stovepipe

咽喉

yānhóu throat

烟花 煙花

yānhuā fireworks / prostitute (esp. in Yuan theater)

烟火 煙火

yānhuǒ smoke and fire / cooked food / beacon fire / descendants / posterity

yānhuǒ fireworks

延

yán to prolong / to extend / to delay / surname Yan

沿

yán along / to follow (a line, tradition etc) / to carry on / to trim (a border with braid, tape etc) / border / edge

沿岸

yánàn coastal area / littoral or riparian

言辞 言辭

yáncí words / expression / what one says

研发 研發

yánfā research and development / to develop

沿海

yánhǎi coastal

延缓 延緩

yánhuǎn to defer / to postpone / to put off / to retard / to slow sth down

严谨 嚴謹

yánjīn rigorous / strict / careful / well organized / meticulous

严禁 嚴禁

yánjìn to strictly prohibit

严峻 嚴峻

yánjùn grim / severe / rigorous

言论 言論

yánlùn expression of opinion / views / remarks / arguments

严密 嚴密

yánmì tight / strict / closely controlled / rigorous and thorough

炎热 炎熱

yánrè blistering hot / sizzling hot (weather)

岩石

yánshí rock

研讨 研討

yántǎo discussion

沿途

yántú along the sides of the road / by the wayside

阎王 閻王

yánwang Yama, the King of Hell / cruel and tyrannical person

延误 延誤

yánwù to postpone (with unfortunate consequences) / to take too long (to do sth) / to miss (a deadline or window of opportunity)

沿线 沿線

yánxiàn along the line (e.g. railway) / the region near the line

言行

yánxíng words and actions / what one says and what one does

沿着 沿著

yánzhe to go along / to follow

炎症

yánzhèng inflammation

演变 演變

yǎnbiàn to develop / to evolve

演播室

yǎnbōshì broadcasting studio

掩盖 掩蓋

yǎngài to conceal / to hide behind / to cover up

眼红 眼紅

yǎnhóng to covet / envious / jealous / green with envy / infuriated / furious

掩护 掩護

yǎnhù to screen / to shield / to cover / protection / cover

演技

yǎnjì acting / performing skills

眼界

yǎnjiè field of vision / scope / horizon

眼看

yǎnkàn soon / in a moment / to look on as sth happens

演练 演練

yǎnliàn to drill / to practice

眼色

yǎnsè signal made with one's eyes / meaningful glance

眼神

yǎnshén expression or emotion showing in one's eyes / meaningful glance / wink / eyesight (dialect)

他带着奇怪的眼神看着我。

Tā dàizhe qíguài de yǎnshén kànzhe wǒ.

He looked at me strangely.

衍生

yǎnshēng to give rise to / to derive / derivative / derivation

掩饰 掩飾

yǎnshì to cover up / to conceal / to mask / to gloss over

演示

yǎnshì to demonstrate / to show / presentation / demonstration

演说 演說

yǎnshuō speech / to deliver a speech

演习 演習

yǎnxí (military, firefighting etc) (verb and noun) drill / exercise / maneuver

演戏 演戲

yǎnxì to put on a play / to perform / fig. to pretend / to feign

眼下

yǎnxià now / at present / subocular

演绎 演繹

yǎnyì to unfold / to play out / to develop (a technique etc) / to enact / to deduce / to infer

演艺圈 演藝圈

yǎnyìquān show business

演奏

yǎnzòu to perform on a musical instrument

咽

yàn to swallow

yè to choke (in crying)

yān throat / pharynx / narrow pass

验 驗

yàn to examine / to test / to check

厌烦 厭煩

yànfán bored / fed up with sth / sick of sth

宴会 宴會

yànhuì banquet / feast / dinner party

焰火

yànhuǒ fireworks

厌倦 厭倦

yànjuàn to be weary of / to be fed up with / to be bored with

艳丽 艷麗

yànlì gorgeous / garish and beautiful

验收 驗收

yànshōu to inspect and accept / acceptance

验证 驗證

yànzhèng to inspect and verify / experimental verification / to validate (a theory) / to authenticate

燕子

yànzi swallow

秧歌

yāngge Yangge, a popular rural folk dance

扬 揚

yáng to raise / to hoist / the action of tossing or winnowing / scattering (in the wind) / to flutter / to propagate / surname Yang

洋

yáng ocean / vast / foreign / silver dollar or coin

杨树 楊樹

yángshù poplar tree / various trees of genus Populus

阳性 陽性

yángxìng positive / masculine

洋溢

yángyì brimming with / steeped in

仰

yǎng to face upward / to look up / to admire / to rely on /
surname Yang

氧

yǎng oxygen (chemistry)

痒

yǎng to itch / to tickle / to itch / to tickle

养活 養活

yǎnghuó to provide for / to keep (animals, a family etc) / to
raise animals / to feed and clothe / support / the necessities of
life / to give birth

养老 養老

yǎnglǎo to provide for the elderly (family members) / to enjoy
a life in retirement

养老金 養老金

yǎnglǎojīn pension

养老院 養老院

yǎnglǎoyuàn nursing home

氧气 氧氣

yǎngqì oxygen

养生 養生

yǎngshēng to maintain good health / to raise a child or
animal / curing (of concrete etc)

养殖 養殖

yǎngzhí to raise / to breed (animals etc)

样 樣

yàng manner / pattern / way / appearance / shape / classifier:
kind, type

样本 樣本

yàngběn sample / specimen

样品 樣品

yàngpǐn sample / specimen

邀

yāo to invite / to request / to intercept / to solicit / to seek

妖怪

yāoguài monster / devil

窑 窯

yáo kiln / oven / coal pit / cave dwelling / brothel

摇摆 搖擺

yáobǎi to sway / to wobble / to waver

摇滚 搖滾

yáogǔn rock 'n' roll (music) / to rock / to fall off

摇晃 搖晃

yáohuàng to rock / to shake / to sway

遥控 遙控

yáokòng to direct operations from a remote location / to
remotely control

摇篮 搖籃

yáolán cradle (for a baby) / cradle / birthplace (of a
civilization, movement etc)

谣言 謠言

yáoán rumor

摇摇欲坠 搖搖欲墜

yáoyáo yùzhuì tottering / on the verge of collapse

遥远 遙遠

yáoyuǎn distant / remote

要不

yàobù otherwise / or else / how about...? / either... (or...)

要不然

yàobùrán otherwise / or else / or

要不是

yàobùshì if it were not for / but for

药材 藥材

yàocái medicinal ingredient

要点 要點

yàodiǎn main point / essential

药方 藥方

yàofāng prescription

要害

yàohài vital part / key point / crucial

要好

yàohǎo to be on good terms / to be close friends / striving for
self-improvement

要紧 要緊

yàojīn important / urgent

要领 要領

yàolǐng main aspects / essentials / gist

要么 要麼

yàome or / either one or the other

要命

yàomìng to cause sb's death / extremely / terribly / (used in
complaining about sth) to be a nuisance

他把我气得要命，就给了他一记耳光。

Tā bǎ wǒ qì de yàomìng, jiù gěi le tā yí jì ěrguāng.

He made me so angry I slapped him across the face.

药品 藥品

yàopǐn medicaments / medicine / drug

要强 要強

yàoqiáng eager to excel / eager to get ahead in life / strong-
minded

钥匙 鑰匙

yàoshi key

我要找到我的钥匙。

Wǒ yào zhǎodào wǒ de yàoshi.

I need to find my keys.

要素

yàosù essential factor / key constituent

耀眼

yàoyǎn to dazzle / dazzling

椰子

yēzi a coconut palm / a coconut

野

yě field / plain / open space / limit / boundary / rude / feral

野餐

yěcān picnic / to have a picnic

野炊

yěchuī to cook a meal over a campfire (usu. for a group of people on an outing) / cookout

也就是说 也就是說

yějiùshìshuō in other words / that is to say / so / thus

野蛮 野蠻

yěmán barbarous / uncivilized

野生

yěshēng wild / undomesticated

野兽 野獸

yěshòu beast / wild animal

野外

yěwài countryside / areas outside the city

野心

yěxīn ambition / wild schemes / careerism

野营 野營

yěyíng to camp / field lodgings

业 業

yè line of business / industry / occupation / job / employment / school studies / enterprise / property / karma / deed / to engage in / already / surname Ye

夜班

yèbān night shift

业绩 業績

yèjì achievement / accomplishment / performance (of a business, employee etc) / results

液晶

yèjīng liquid crystal

夜市

yèshì night market

液体 液體

yètǐ liquid

夜晚

yèwǎn night

夜校

yèxiào evening school / night school

夜以继日 夜以繼日

yèyǐjìrì night and day (idiom) / continuous strenuous effort

夜总会 夜總會

yèzǒnghuì nightclub / nightspot

依

yī to depend on / to comply with or listen to sb / according to / in the light of

一把手

yībǎshǒu working hand / member of a work team / participant / the boss (short form of 第一把手[di4 y1 ba3 shou3])

一不小心

yībùxiǎoxīn to be a little bit careless / to have a moment of inattentiveness / accidentally

一刹那 一剎那

yīchànà a moment / an instant / in a flash

一长一短 一長一短

yīchángyīduǎn talking endlessly / long-winded

一成不变 一成不變

yīchéngbùbiàn immutable / impervious to change / set in stone

一筹莫展 一籌莫展

yīchóumòzhǎn to be unable to find a solution / to be at wits' end

依次

yīcì in order / in succession

一次性

yīcìxìng one-off (offer) / one-time / single-use / disposable (goods)

一大早

yīdàzǎo at dawn / at first light / first thing in the morning

一代

yīdài an era / an age / a generation

一道

yīdào together

一动不动 一動不動

yīdòngbùdòng motionless

一度

yīdù for a time / at one time / one time / once

一帆风顺 一帆風順

yīfānfēngshùn propitious wind throughout the journey (idiom) / plain sailing / to go smoothly / have a nice trip!

一概

yīgài all / without any exceptions / categorically

一概而论 一概而論

yīgàierlùn to lump different matters together (idiom)

一千二净 一乾二淨

yīgānèrjìng thoroughly (idiom) / completely / one and all / very clean

一鼓作气 一鼓作氣

yīgǔzuòqì in a spurt of energy

一贯 一貫

yíguàn consistent / constant / from start to finish / all along / persistent

一锅粥 一鍋粥

yīgūōzhōu a pot of porridge / a complete mess

一晃

yīhuǎng in an instant / in a flash

一回事

yīhuíshì one and the same (thing) / one thing (as distinct from another)

一技之长 一技之長

yìjìzhīcháng proficiency in a particular field (idiom) / skill in a specialized area (idiom)

一家人

yījiārén the whole family / members of the same family

一经 一經

yījīng as soon as / once (an action has been completed)

一举 一舉

yījǔ a move / an action / in one move / at a stroke / in one go

一举一动 一舉一動

yījǔyīdòng every movement / each and every move

一卡通

yīkǎtōng the name of various contactless smart cards, notably Yikatong (mainly for public transport in Beijing) and iPASS (mainly for public transport in Taiwan)

依赖 依賴

yīlài to depend on / to be dependent on

一揽子 一攬子

yīlǎnzi all-inclusive / indiscriminating

一连 一連

yīlián in a row / in succession / running

一连串 一連串

yīliánchuàn a succession of / a series of

一路上

yīlùshàng along the way / the whole way / the whole time

一毛不拔

yīmáoobùbá unwilling to spare a single hair (idiom) / extremely stingy

一面

yīmiàn one side / one aspect / simultaneously... (and...) / one's whole face

你一面生活一面学习。

Nǐ yīmiàn shēnghuó yīmiàn xuéxí.

You live and learn.

一模一样 一模一樣

yīmúyīyàng exactly alike / identical

一目了然

yīmùlǐǎorán obvious at a glance (idiom) / obvious at a glance (idiom)

一年到头 一年到頭

yīniándàotóu all year round

一旁

yīpáng aside / to the side of

一齐 一齊

yīqí at the same time / simultaneously

一如既往

yīrújìwǎng just as in the past / as before / continuing as always

一声不吭 一聲不吭

yīshēngbùkēng to not say a word

一时 一時

yīshí a period of time / a while / for a short while / temporary / momentary / at the same time

衣食住行

yīshízhùxíng clothing, food, housing and transportation (idiom) / people's basic needs

一事无成 一事無成

yīshìwúchéng to have achieved nothing / to be a total failure / to get nowhere

一手

yīshǒu a skill / mastery of a trade / by oneself / without outside help

一瞬间 一瞬間

yīshùnjiān split second

伊斯兰教 伊斯蘭教

yīsilánjiào Islam

一塌糊涂 一塌糊塗

yītāhútu muddled and completely collapsing (idiom) / in an awful condition / complete shambles / a total mess

一体 一體

yītǐ an integral whole / all concerned / everybody

一天到晚

yītiāndàowǎn all day long / the whole day

一同

yītóng together

一头 一頭

yītóu one head / a head full of sth / one end (of a stick) / one side / headlong / directly / rapidly / simultaneously

依托 依託

yītuō to rely on / to depend on / support

一味

yīwèi persistently / stubbornly / blindly

一无所有 一無所有

yīwúsuǒyǒu not having anything at all (idiom) / utterly lacking / without two sticks to rub together

除了你之外，我一无所有。

Chúle nǐ zhīwài, wǒ yīwúsuǒyǒu.

Apart from you, I have nothing.

一无所知 一無所知

yīwúsuǒzhī not knowing anything at all / completely ignorant

医务 醫務

yīwù medical affairs

一系列

yīxìliè a series of / a string of

一线 一線

yīxiàn front line

一心

yīxīn wholeheartedly / heart and soul

一心一意

yīxīnyīyì concentrating one's thoughts and efforts / single-minded / bent on / intently

一行

yíxíng party / delegation

一言不发 一言不發

yīyánbùfā to not say a word (idiom)

一言一行

yīyányíxíng every word and action (idiom)

一眼

yīyǎn a glance / a quick look / a glimpse

他看了一眼他的表。

Tā kànle yīyǎn tā de biǎo.

He glanced at his watch.

医药 醫藥

yīyào medical care and medicines / medicine (drug) / medical / pharmaceutical

一一

yīyī one by one / one after another

依依不舍 依依不捨

yīyībùshě reluctant to part (idiom) / broken-hearted at having to leave

一应俱全 一應俱全

yīyīngjùquán with everything needed available

一早

yīzǎo early in the morning / at dawn

一阵 一陣

yīzhèn a burst / a fit / a peal / a spell (period of time)

这一阵我很忙！

Zhè yīzhèn wǒ hěn máng!

I'm very busy these days.

姨

yí mother's sister / aunt

仪表 儀表

yíbiǎo appearance / bearing / meter (i.e. measuring instrument)

疑点 疑點

yídiǎn a doubtful point

遗憾 遺憾

yíhàn regret / to regret / to be sorry that

疑惑

yíhuò to doubt / to distrust / unconvincing / to puzzle over / misgivings / suspicions

移交

yíjiāo to transfer / to hand over

遗留 遺留

yíliú to leave behind / to hand down

疑虑 疑慮

yílù hesitation / misgivings / doubt

仪器 儀器

yíqì instrument / apparatus

遗弃 遺棄

yíqì to leave / to abandon

怡然自得

yíránzìdé happy and content (idiom)

仪式 儀式

yíshì ceremony

仪式完成了。

Yíshì wánchéngle.

The ritual was completed.

遗体 遺體

yítǐ remains (of a dead person)

遗忘 遺忘

yíwàng to forget / to cease to think about (sb or sth) anymore

遗物 遺物

yíwù personal effects (of the deceased) / artifacts / relics / (biological) remains

遗愿 遺願

yíyuàn final wishes of the departed

移植

yízhí to transplant

遗址 遺址

yízhǐ ruins / historic relics

遗嘱 遺囑

yízhǔ testament / will

以

yǐ to use / by means of / according to / in order to / because of / at (a certain date or place)

他以为什么都知道。

Tā yǐ wèishénme dōu zhīdào.

He thinks he knows everything.

倚

yǐ to lean on / to rely upon

矣

yǐ classical final particle, similar to modern 了[le5]

以免

yǐmiǎn in order to avoid / so as not to

以身作则 以身作則

yǐshēnzhuòzé to set an example (idiom) / to serve as a model

以致

yǐzhì with the result that

以至于 以至於

yǐzhìyú down to / up to / to the extent that...

亦

yì also

溢

yì to overflow / excessive

议 議

yì to comment on / to discuss / to suggest

译 譯

yì to translate / to interpret

异常 異常

yìcháng unusual / abnormal / extremely / exceptionally

今年的天气一直异常。

Jīnnián de tiānqì yìzhí yìcháng.

The weather has been unusual this year.

议程 議程

yìchéng agenda / agenda item

益处 益處

yìchu benefit

义工 義工

yìgōng volunteer worker / volunteer work

议会 議會

yìhuì parliament / legislative assembly

异口同声 異口同聲

yìkǔtóngshēng different mouths, same voice / to speak in unison (idiom)

易拉罐

yìlāguǎn pull-top can / easy-open can (with ring-pull)

屹立

yìlì to tower / to stand straight (of person's bearing)

毅力

yìlì perseverance / willpower

意料

yìliào to anticipate / to expect / expectations

意料之外

yìliàozhīwài contrary to expectation / unexpected

疫苗

yìmiáo vaccine

毅然

yìrán firmly / resolutely / without hesitation

艺人 藝人

yìrén entertainer / performing artist / artisan / craftsman

议题 議題

yìtí topic of discussion / topic / subject / issue (under discussion)

意图 意圖

yìtú intent / intention / to intend

意想不到

yìxiǎngbùdào unexpected / previously unimagined

异想天开 異想天開

yìxiǎngtiānkāi to imagine the wildest thing / to indulge in fantasy

意向

yìxiàng intention / purpose / intent / inclination / disposition

异性 異性

yìxìng the opposite sex / of the opposite sex / heterosexual / different in nature

异议 異議

yìyì objection / dissent

抑郁 抑鬱

yìyù depressed / despondent / gloomy

抑郁症 抑鬱症

yìyùzhèng clinical depression

议员 議員

yìyuán member (of a legislative body) / representative

意愿 意願

yìyuàn aspiration / wish (for) / desire

抑制

yìzhì to inhibit / to keep down / to suppress

因

yīn cause / reason / because

我讲因特语。

Wǒ jiǎng yīn tè yǔ.

I speak Interlingua.

阴暗 陰暗

yīnàn dim / dark / overcast / darkness / shadow / dismal / gloomy / somber / murky / shadowy (side)

音量

yīnliàng loudness / volume

阴谋 陰謀

yīnmóu to conspire / to plot / a conspiracy / a plot

殷勤

yīnqín politely / solicitously / eagerly attentive

因人而异 因人而異

yīnrénéryì varying from person to person (idiom) / different for each individual

因素

yīnsù element / factor

音响 音響

yīnxiǎng sound / acoustics / audio / hi-fi system / stereo sound system (abbr. for 組合音響|组合音响[zu3 he2 yin1 xiang3])

音像

yīnxiàng audio and video / audiovisual

阴性 陰性

yīnxìng negative / feminine

阴影 陰影

yīnyǐng shadow

银幕 銀幕

yínmù movie screen

瘾 癮

yǐn addiction / craving

隐蔽 隱蔽

yǐnbì to conceal / to hide / covert / under cover

隐藏 隱藏

yǐncáng to hide / to conceal / to mask / to shelter / to harbor (i.e. keep sth hidden) / to hide oneself / to lie low / to nestle / hidden / implicit / private / covert / recessed (lighting)

引发 引發

yīnfā to lead to / to trigger / to initiate / to cause / to evoke (emotions)

隐患 隱患

yǐnhuàn a danger concealed within sth / hidden damage / misfortune not visible from the surface

引经据典 引經據典

yǐnjīngjùdiǎn lit. to quote the classics / to quote chapter and verse (idiom)

引领 引領

yǐnlǐng to crane one's neck / to await eagerly / to lead / to show the way

隐瞒 隱瞞

yǐnmán to conceal / to hide (a taboo subject) / to cover up the truth

引擎

yǐnqíng engine (loanword)

隐情 隱情

yǐnqíng sth one wishes to keep secret / ulterior motive / a subject best avoided

引人入胜 引人入勝

yǐnrénrùshèng to enchant / fascinating

引人注目

yǐnrénzhùmù to attract attention / eye-catching / conspicuous

引入

yǐnrù to draw into / to pull into / to introduce

隐身 隱身

yǐnshēn to hide oneself / invisible (person or online status)

饮水 飲水

yǐnshuǐ to drink water / drinking water

yìnshuǐ to give water (to animals)

隐私 隱私

yǐnsī secrets / private business / privacy

隐形 隱形

yǐnxíng invisible

隐性 隱性

yǐnxìng hidden / crypto- / recessive (gene)

引用

yǐnyòng to quote / to cite / to recommend / to appoint / reference

饮用水 飲用水

yǐnyòngshuǐ drinking water / potable water

引诱 引誘

yǐnyòu to coerce (sb into doing sth bad) / to lure (into a trap) / to seduce

隐约 隱約

yǐnyuē vague / faint / indistinct

印

yìn to print / to mark / to engrave / a seal / a print / a stamp / a mark / a trace / image / surname Yin

印刷术 印刷術

yìnshuāshù printing / printing technology

印章

yìnzhāng seal / signet / chop / stamp

印证 印證

yìnzhèng to confirm / to corroborate / to verify / proof / evidence

鹰 鷹

yīng general term for a bird of prey (eagle, hawk or falcon etc)

最大的鹰的翅膀展开长达一米半。

Zuì dà de yīng de chìbǎng zhǎnkāi cháng dá yì mǐ bàn.

The largest eagles have a wingspan of one and a half meters.

英镑 英鎊

yīngbàng pound sterling

婴儿 嬰兒

yīngér infant / baby / lead (Pb)

英俊

yīngjùn handsome

英雄

yīngxióng hero

他不是英雄。

Tā bú shì yīngxióng.

He's not a hero.

应有尽有 應有盡有

yīngyǒujìnyǒu everything that should be here is here (idiom) / all one can think of is on hand / to have all one needs

迎

yíng to welcome / to meet / to forge ahead (esp. in the face of difficulties) / to meet face to face

荧光 熒光

yíngguāng fluorescence / fluorescent light

迎合

yínghé to cater to / to pander to

赢家 贏家

yíngjiā winner

营救 營救

yíngjiù to rescue

迎来 迎來

yínglái to welcome (a visitor or newcomer) / to usher in

盈利

yínglì profit / gain / to make profits

营造 營造

yíngzào to build (housing) / to construct / to make

影迷

yǐngmí film enthusiast / movie fan

影像

yǐngxiàng image

影星

yǐngxīng film star

映

yìng to become visible (esp. on a surface or in perception)

硬币 硬幣

yìngbì coin

一角硬币的价值是五分的双倍。

Yìjiǎo yìngbì de jiàzhí shì wǔfēn de shuāngbèi.

Ten cent coins are worth twice as much as five cent coins.

应酬 應酬

yìngchou to engage in social activities / to socialize / dinner party / banquet / social engagement

应对 應對

yìngduì to answer / to reply / to handle / to deal with / response

应付 應付

yìngfù to deal with / to cope

应急 應急

yìngjǐ to respond to an emergency / to meet a contingency / emergency

硬朗

yìnglǎng robust / healthy

硬盘 硬盤

yìngpán hard disk

应聘 應聘

yìngpìn to accept a job offer / to apply for an advertised position

应邀 應邀

yìngyāo at sb's invitation / on invitation

拥护 擁護

yōnghù to endorse / to support

拥挤 擁擠

yōngjǐ crowded / to throng / congestion

庸俗

yōngsú vulgar / tacky / tawdry

涌

yǒng to well up / to gush forth / to surge

chōng (used in place names)

永不

yǒngbù never / will never

永恒 永恆

yǒnghéng eternal / everlasting / fig. to pass into eternity (i.e. to die)

永久

yǒngjiǔ everlasting / perpetual / lasting / forever / permanent

涌入 湧入

yǒngrù to come pouring in / influx

勇往直前

yǒngwǎngzhíqián to advance bravely

涌现 湧現

yǒngxiàn to emerge in large numbers / to spring up / to emerge prominently

勇于 勇於

yǒngyú to dare to / to be brave enough to

踊跃 踴躍

yǒngyuè to leap / to jump / eager / enthusiastically

用餐

yòngcān to eat a meal

用处 用處

yòngchū usefulness

用得着 用得著

yòngdezháo to be able to use / useable / to have a use for / to be necessary to

用法

yòngfǎ usage

用功

yònggōng diligent / industrious (in one's studies) / to study hard / to make great effort

用力

yònglì to exert oneself physically

用品

yòngpǐn articles for use / products / goods

用人

yòng rén servant / to employ sb for a job / to manage people / to be in need of staff

用心

yòngxīn motive / intention / to be diligent or attentive / careful

用意

yòngyì intention / purpose

优 優

yōu excellent / superior

忧愁 憂愁

yōuchóu to be worried

优化 優化

yōuhuà to optimize / to lay off staff

悠久

yōujiǔ long (tradition, history etc)

忧虑 憂慮

yōulǜ to worry / anxiety (about)

悠闲 悠閑

yōuxián leisurely / leisurely / carefree / relaxed

优雅 優雅

yōuyǎ grace / graceful

优异 優異

yōuyì exceptional / outstandingly good

忧郁 憂鬱

yōuyù sullen / depressed / melancholy / dejected

优越 優越

yōuyuè superior / superiority

优质 優質

yōuzhì excellent quality

邮编 郵編

yóubiān postal code / zip code

游船 遊船

yóuchuán pleasure boat / cruise ship

由此看来 由此看來

yóucǐkànlái thereby / judging from this

由此可见 由此可見

yóucǐkějiàn from this, it can be seen that...

油画 油畫

yóuhuà oil painting

由来 由來

yóulái origin

游览 遊覽

yóulǎn to go sightseeing / to tour / to visit

游人 遊人

yóurén a tourist

犹如 猶如

yóurú similar to / like

游玩 遊玩

yóuwán to amuse oneself / to have fun / to go sightseeing / to take a stroll

尤为 尤為

yóuwéi especially

游戏机 遊戲機

yóuxìjī video game machine / video game console

游行 遊行

yóuxíng to march / to parade / to demonstrate / procession / march / demonstration / to travel around / to roam

犹豫不决 猶豫不決

yóuyùbùjué hesitancy / indecision / to waver

邮政 郵政

yóuzhèng postal service / postal

由衷

yóuzhōng heartfelt / sincere / unfeigned

有待

yǒudài not yet (done) / pending

有的放矢

yǒudìfàngshǐ lit. to have a target in mind when shooting one's arrows (idiom) / fig. to have a clear objective

有关 有關

yǒuguān to have sth to do with / to relate to / related to / to concern / concerning

你有关门吗？

Nǐ yǒuguān mén ma?

Did you lock the door?

有机 有機

yǒujī organic

有口无心 有口無心

yǒukǒuwúxīn to speak harshly but without any bad intent (idiom)

有两下子 有兩下子

yǒuliǎngxiàzi to have real skill / to know one's stuff

有没有 有沒有

yǒuméiyǒu Do (you, they etc) have ...? / Is there a ...? / Did (you, they etc) (verb, infinitive)? / Have (you, they etc) (verb, past participle)?

有没有带钱?

Yǒuméiyǒu dài qián?

Do you have money with you?

友情

yǒuqíng friendly feelings / friendship

友人

yǒurén friend

友善

yǒushàn friendly

有声有色 有聲有色

yǒushēngyǒusè having sound and color (idiom) / vivid / dazzling

有事

yǒushì to be occupied with sth / to have sth on one's mind / there is something the matter

有所

yǒusuǒ somewhat / to some extent

你的英语已有所改善。

Nǐ de Yīngyǔ yǐ yǒusuǒ gǎishàn.

You've improved your English.

有所不同

yǒusuǒbùtóng to differ to some extent (idiom)

有望

yǒuwàng hopeful / promising

有效期

yǒuxiàiqī period of validity / sell-by date

有幸

yǒuxìng fortunately

有序

yǒuxù regular / orderly / successive / in order

有意

yǒuyì to intend / intentionally / interested in

有益

yǒuyì useful / beneficial / profitable

有朝一日

yǒuzhāoyīrì one day / sometime in the future

有助于 有助於

yǒuzhùyú to contribute to / to promote

诱饵 誘餌

yòuěr bait

诱发 誘發

yòufā to induce / to cause / to elicit / to trigger

诱惑 誘惑

yòuhuò to entice / to lure / to induce / to attract

诱人 誘人

yòurén attractive / alluring / captivating

幼稚

yòuzhì young / childish / puerile

于

yú to go / to take / sentence-final interrogative particle / in / at / on / (indicating any indirect relation) to / toward / vis-à-vis / with regard to / for / from / out of / than / (used in the passive voice) by / surname Yu

他死于战争。

Tā sǐ yú zhànzhēng.

He was killed in the war.

余

yú I / me / extra / surplus / remaining / remainder after division / (following numerical value) or more / in excess of (some number) / residue (math.) / after / I / me / surname Yu

渔船 漁船

yúchuán fishing boat

愚蠢

yúchǔn silly / stupid

余地 餘地

yúdì margin / leeway

余额 餘額

yúé balance (of an account, bill etc) / surplus / remainder

愚公移山

yúgōngyíshān the old man moves mountains (idiom) / fig. where there's a will, there's a way

愉快

yúkuài cheerful / happy / pleasant / delighted

娱乐 娛樂

yúlè to entertain / to amuse / entertainment / recreation / amusement / hobby / fun / joy

舆论 輿論

yúlùn public opinion

渔民 漁民

yúmín fisherman / fisher folk

逾期

yúqī to be overdue / to fail to meet a deadline / to be behind in doing sth

与 與

yǔ and / together with (linking parallel nouns, verbs, or phrases) / with / from (marking the other participant in an interaction, comparison, or contrast, e.g. 與他握手|与他握手 [yǔ3 tā1 wò4 shǒu3] "shake hands with him", 與去年不同|与去年不同 [yǔ3 qu4 nián2 bù4 tóng2] "different from last year") / to give / to grant / to bestow

yù to take part in

我与他联系。

Wǒ yǔ tā liánxì.

I am in touch with him.

与此同时 與此同時

yǔcítóngshí at the same time / meanwhile

与否 與否

yǔfǒu whether or not (at the end of a phrase)

宇航员 宇航員

yǔhángyuán astronaut

与其 與其

yǔqí rather than... (used in expressions of the form 與其|与其 [yu3 qi2] + {verb1} + 不如[bu4 ru2] + {verb2} "rather than {verb1}, better to {verb2}")

你是想将我与其联系起来吗？

Nǐ shì xiǎng jiāng wǒ yǔqí liánxi qǐlai ma?

Did you mean to link me that?

语气 語氣

yǔqì tone / manner of speaking / mood

“我们成功了！”她带着快乐的语气说。

“Wǒmen chénggōngle! “Tā dài zhe kuàilè de yǔqì shuō.

"We've done it!" she said happily.

与日俱增 與日俱增

yǔrìjùzēng to increase steadily / to grow with each passing day

与时俱进 與時俱進

yǔshíjùjìn abreast of modern developments / to keep up with the times / progressive / timely

雨衣

yǔyī raincoat

予以

yǔyǐ to give / to impose / to apply

与众不同 與眾不同

yǔzhòngbùtóng to stand out from the crowd / distinctive / different from the rest

宇宙

yǔzhòu universe / cosmos / space

预定 預定

yùdìng to arrange in advance

预感 預感

yùgǎn to have a premonition / premonition

预告 預告

yùgào to forecast / to predict / advance notice

愈合 癒合

yùhé to heal

预见 預見

yùjiàn to foresee / to predict / to forecast / to envision / foresight / intuition / vision

愈来愈 愈來愈

yùláiyù more and more

预料 預料

yùliào to forecast / to anticipate / expectation

遇难 遇難

yùnnàn to perish / to be killed

预赛 預賽

yùsài preliminary competition / to hold preliminary heats

遇上

yùshàng to come across (sb) / to run into

浴室

yùshì bathroom / shower room (CL:間|间[jian1]) / bathhouse

预示 預示

yùshì to indicate / to foretell / to forebode / to betoken

预售 預售

yùshòu to sell in advance

预算 預算

yùsuàn budget

价格应该符合预算。

Jiàgé yīnggāi fúhé yùsuàn.

The price should fit my budget.

欲望 慾望

yùwàng desire / longing / appetite / craving

预先 預先

yùxiān beforehand / in advance

遇险 遇險

yùxiǎn to get into difficulties / to meet with danger

寓言

yùyán fable / allegory / parable

预言 預言

yùyán to predict / prophecy

愈演愈烈

yùyǎnyùliè ever more critical / problems get more and more intense

寓意

yùyì moral (of a story) / lesson to be learned / implication / message / import / metaphorical meaning

预约 預約

yùyuē booking / reservation / to book / to make an appointment

我想要预约在今天下午5点。

Wǒ xiǎngyào yùyuē zài jīntiān xiàwǔ wǔ diǎn.

I'd like to make an appointment for today at 5pm.

预兆 預兆

yùzhào omen / sign (of sth yet to occur) / prior indication / to foreshadow

冤

yuān injustice / grievance / wrong

冤枉

yuānwang to accuse wrongly / to treat unjustly / injustice / wronged / not worthwhile

渊源 淵源

yuānyuán origin / source / relationship

原

yuán former / original / primary / raw / level / cause / source / surname Yuan / Hara

我发现问题比我原以为的容易。

Wǒ fāxiàn wèntí bǐ wǒ yuán yǐwéi de róngyì.

I find the problem easier than I originally believed it to be.

园 園

yuán land used for growing plants / site used for public recreation / surname Yuan

原本

yuánběn originally / the original / original copy / original version

原材料

yuáncáiliào raw and semifinished materials

原创 原創

yuánchuàng to create (an original work) / original / original creation / original work

原地

yuándì the original place / the place where one currently is / place of origin / local (product)

园地 園地

yuándì garden area

缘分 緣分

yuánfèn fate or chance that brings people together / predestined affinity or relationship / destiny

原告

yuángào complainant / plaintiff

缘故 緣故

yuángù reason / cause

元老

yuánlǎo senior figure / doyen / founding member / veteran

原谅 原諒

yuánliàng to excuse / to forgive / to pardon

源泉

yuánquán fountainhead / well-spring / water source / fig. origin

元首

yuánshǒu head of state

元素

yuánsù element (key component of sth) / element / element (member of a set)

源头 源頭

yuántóu source / origin / fountainhead

元宵节 元宵節

yuánxiāojié Lantern Festival, the final event of the Spring Festival 春節|春节, on 15th of first month of the lunar calendar

原型

yuánxíng model / prototype / archetype

圆形 圓形

yuánxíng round / circular

源于 源於

yuányú has its origins in

源源不断 源源不斷

yuányuánbùduàn in an unending stream / continuous

原汁原味

yuánzhīyuánwèi original / authentic

圆珠笔 圓珠筆

yuánzhūbǐ ballpoint pen

援助

yuánzhù to help / to support / to aid / aid / assistance

原装 原裝

yuánzhuāng genuine / intact in original packaging (not locally assembled and packaged)

远程 遠程

yuǎnchéng remote / long distance / long range

远方 遠方

yuǎnfāng far away / a distant location

远见 遠見

yuǎnjiàn foresight / discernment / vision

远近闻名 遠近聞名

yuǎnjìnwénmíng to be known far and wide / to be well-known

远离 遠離

yuǎnlí to be far from / to keep away from

远远 遠遠

yuǎnyuǎn distant / by far

第二优秀是远远不够的。

Dì'èr yōuxiù shì yuǎnyuǎn búgòu de.

Second best is never enough.

怨恨

yuànhèn to resent / to harbor a grudge against / to loathe / resentment / rancor

怨气 怨氣

yuànqì grievance / resentment / complaint

院士

yuànshì member of a national academy

怨言

yuànyán complaint

曰

yuē to speak / to say

约定 約定

yuēdìng to agree on sth (after discussion) / to conclude a bargain / to arrange / to promise / to stipulate / to make an appointment / stipulated (time, amount, quality etc) / an arrangement / a deal / appointment / undertaking / commitment / understanding / engagement / stipulation

约定俗成 約定俗成

yuēdìngsúchéng established by popular usage (idiom) / common usage agreement / customary convention

月初

yuèchū start of month / early in the month

悦耳 悅耳

yuèěr sweet-sounding / beautiful (of sound)

越发 越發

yuèfā increasingly / more and more / ever more / all the more

岳父

yuèfù wife's father, father-in-law

越过 越過

yuèguò to cross over / to transcend / to cover distance / to overcome / to rise above

阅历 閱歷

yuèlì to experience / experience

岳母

yuèmǔ wife's mother, mother-in-law

月票

yuèpiào monthly ticket

乐器 樂器

yuèqì musical instrument

乐曲 樂曲

yuèqǔ musical composition

晕 暈

yūn confused / dizzy / giddy / to faint / to swoon / to lose consciousness / to pass out

yùn dizzy / halo / ring around moon or sun

晕倒 暈倒

yūndǎo to faint / to swoon / to black out / to become unconscious

陨石 隕石

yǔnshí meteorite / aerolite

允许 允許

yǔnxǔ to permit / to allow

请允许我去。

Qǐng yǔnxǔ wǒ qù.

Please allow me to go.

蕴藏 蘊藏

yùncáng to hold in store / to contain (untapped reserves etc)

晕车 暈車

yùnchē to be carsick

孕妇 孕婦

yùnfù pregnant woman

蕴涵 蘊涵

yùnhán to contain / to accumulate / to embrace / implicit condition / implication / entailment

运河 運河

yùnhé canal

酝酿 醞釀

yùnniàng to ferment / to be brewing / to mull over (an issue) / to hold exploratory discussions

运送 運送

yùnsòng to transport / to carry

韵味 韻味

yùnwèi implicit charm in rhyme or sound / hinted appeal / interest

运营 運營

yùnyíng to be in operation / to do business / to be in service / operation / service

孕育

yùnyù to be pregnant / to produce offspring / to nurture (a development, school of thought, artwork etc) / fig. replete with (culture etc)

运转 運轉

yùnzhuǎn to work / to operate / to revolve / to turn around

运作 運作

yùnzuo to operate / operations / workings / activities (usu. of an organization) / thread (computing)

Z

杂 雜

zá mixed / miscellaneous / various / to mix

砸

zá to smash / to pound / to fail / to muck up / to bungle

杂技 雜技

zájì acrobatics

杂交 雜交

zájiāo to hybridize / to crossbreed / promiscuity

杂乱无章 雜亂無章

záluàn wúzhāng disordered and in a mess (idiom) / all mixed up and chaotic

栽

zāi to plant / to grow / to insert / to erect (e.g. a bus stop sign) / to impose sth on sb / to stumble / to fall down

栽培

zāipéi to grow / to cultivate / to train / to educate / to patronize

宰

zǎi to slaughter / to butcher / to kill (animals etc) / to fleece / to rip off / to overcharge / to govern / to rule / (a title for certain government officials in ancient China)

再度

zàidù once more / once again / one more time

再生

zàishēng to be reborn / to regenerate / to be a second so-and-so (famous dead person) / recycling / regeneration

再说 再說

zàishuō to say again / to put off a discussion until later / moreover / what's more / besides

请再说一次。

Qǐng zàishuō yíci.

Please say it once more.

载体 載體

zàiti carrier (chemistry) / vector (epidemiology) / vehicle or medium

再现 再現

zàixiàn to recreate / to reconstruct (a historical relic)

在线 在線

zàixiàn online / connected to the Internet / (coll.) (of a person) mentally focused / engaged / (of skills, performance etc) sharp / on point / functioning at a high level

在意

zàiyì to care about / to mind

在职 在職

zàizhí to be employed / to be in post / on-the-job

攒 攢

zǎn to collect / to hoard / to accumulate / to save

cuán to bring together

暂 暫

zàn temporary

趑 躓

zàn to scurry

赞不绝口

zànbùjuékǒu to praise without cease (idiom) / praise sb to high heaven / to praise without cease (idiom) / praise sb to high heaven

赞美 讚美

zànměi to admire / to praise / to eulogize

赞叹 讚嘆

zàntàn to exclaim in admiration

赞叹不已 讚嘆不已

zàntànbùyǐ to be full of praise and admiration / to marvel endlessly / to be in awe

赞同 贊同

zàntóng to approve of / to agree with (an opinion, action etc) / to endorse

赞许 讚許

zànxǔ to praise / to laud

赞扬 讚揚

zànyáng to praise / to approve of / to show approval

葬

zàng to bury (the dead) / to inter

葬礼 葬禮

zànglǐ burial / funeral

遭到

zāodào to suffer / to meet with (sth unfortunate)

遭受

zāoshòu to suffer / to sustain (loss, misfortune)

遭殃

zāoyāng to suffer a calamity

遭遇

zāoyù to meet with / to encounter (esp. misfortune or hardship) / an experience (esp. adverse)

凿 鑿

záo chisel / to bore a hole / to chisel / to dig / certain / authentic / irrefutable

枣 棗

zǎo jujube / Chinese date (Zizyphus jujuba)

早年

zǎonián many years ago / in the past / in one's early years

早日

zǎorì soon / at an early date / the early days / the past

早晚

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

造福

zàofú to benefit (e.g. the people)

造假

zàojiǎ to counterfeit / to pass off a fake as genuine

造价 造價

zàojià construction cost

造就

zàojiù to bring up / to train / to contribute to / achievements (usually of young people)

噪声 噪聲

zàoshēng noise

噪音

zàoyīn rumble / noise / static (in a signal)

造纸术 造紙術

zàozhǐshù papermaking process

则 則

zé (conjunction used to express contrast with a previous clause) but / then / standard / norm / principle / to imitate / to follow / classifier for written items

我若能，则谁都能。

Wǒ ruò néng, zé shéi dōu néng.

If I can do it, anyone can.

责备 責備

zébèi to blame / to criticize / condemnation / reproach

责怪 責怪

zéguài to blame / to rebuke

贼 賊

zéi thief / robber / traitor / subversive / evil / wicked / sly / shift / devious / to harm / to injure / extremely / insanely / damn (common in NE China and Taiwan)

增进 增進

zēngjìn to promote / to enhance / to further / to advance (a cause etc)

增收

zēngshōu to increase revenue / to increase income by (x amount) / to levy (a surcharge, tax increase etc) / to have an increased student intake

增添

zēngtiān to add / to increase

增值

zēngzhí to appreciate (financially) / to increase in value / value-added (accountancy)

扎

zhā to prick / to run or stick (a needle etc) into / mug or jug used for serving beer (loanword from "jar") / to be stationed (at)

zā to tie / to bind / classifier for flowers, banknotes etc: bundle

扎根

zhāgēn to take root

扎实 扎實

zhāshi strong / solid / sturdy / firm / practical

渣子

zhāzi dregs / bits / dregs (of society)

闸

zhá sluice / lock (on waterway) / sluice / sluice gate / to dam up water / brake / electric switch

眨眼

zhǎyǎn to blink / to wink / in the twinkling of an eye

榨

zhà to press / to extract (juice) / to press / to extract (juice) / device for extracting juice, oils etc

炸

zhà to burst / to explode / to blow up / to bomb / to fly into a rage / to scamper off / to scatter

zhá to deep fry / to blanch (a vegetable)

炸弹 炸彈

zhàdàn bomb

敌人用炸弹把桥摧毁了。

Dírén yòng zhàdàn bǎ qiáo cuīhuǐ.

The enemy destroyed the bridge with a bomb.

诈骗 詐騙

zhàpiàn to defraud / to swindle / to blackmail

炸药 炸藥

zhàyào explosive / blasting agent / dynamite

窄

zhǎi narrow / narrow-minded / badly off

债 債

zhài debt

债务 債務

zhàiwù debt / liability / amount due / indebtedness

沾

zhān to moisten / to be infected by / to receive benefit or advantage through a contact / to touch / to moisten

粘

zhān to glue / to paste / to adhere / to stick to

占卜

zhānbǔ to divine

沾光

zhānguāng to bask in the light / fig. to benefit from association with sb or sth / reflected glory

瞻仰

zhānyǎng to revere / to admire

斩 斬

zhǎn to behead (as form of capital punishment) / to chop

盏 盞

zhǎn a small cup / classifier for lamps

斩草除根 斬草除根

zhǎncǎochúgēn to cut weeds and eliminate the roots (idiom) / to destroy root and branch / to eliminate completely

展出

zhǎnchū to put on display / to be on show / to exhibit

展览会 展覽會

zhǎnlǎnhuì exhibition / show

展望

zhǎnwàng outlook / prospect / to look ahead / to look forward to

崭新 嶄新

zhǎnxīn brand new

蘸

zhàn to dip in (ink, sauce etc)

战场 戰場

zhànchǎng battlefield

那里就像战场一样。

Nàlǐ jiù xiàng zhànchǎng yíyàng.

It's like a war zone there.

绽放 綻放

zhànfàng to blossom

占据 佔據

zhànjù to occupy / to hold

站立

zhànli to stand / standing / on one's feet

战略 戰略

zhànlüè strategy

战术 戰術

zhànshù tactics

站台 站臺

zhàntái platform (at a railway station) / (of an influential person) to publicly endorse or campaign for (a candidate) / (dated) website

占用 佔用

zhànyòng to occupy

战友 戰友

zhànyǒu comrade-in-arms / battle companion

章

zhāng chapter / section / clause / movement (of symphony) / seal / badge / regulation / order / surname Zhang

从第一章开始吧。

Cóng dìyī zhāng kāishǐ ba.

Let's begin with the first chapter.

张灯结彩 張燈結彩

zhāngdēngjiécǎi to be decorated with lanterns and colored banners (idiom)

张贴 張貼

zhāngtiē to post (a notice) / to advertise

张扬 張揚

zhāngyáng to display ostentatiously / to bring out into the open / to make public / to spread around / flamboyant / brash / Zhang Yang (1967-), PRC film director and screenwriter

长辈 長輩

zhǎngbèi one's elders / older generation

掌管

zhǎngguǎn in charge of / to control

掌声 掌聲

zhǎngshēng applause

长相 長相

zhǎngxiàng appearance / looks / profile / countenance

胀 脹

zhàng to swell / to distend / to expand / swollen / bloated

账 賬

zhàng account / bill / debt

障碍 障礙

zhàngài barrier / obstruction / hindrance / impediment / obstacle

账单 賬單

zhàngdān bill

账号 賬號

zhànghào account number / account / username

账户 賬戶

zhànghù account

帐篷 帳篷

zhàngpeng tent

帐子 帳子

zhàngzi mosquito net

招

zhāo to recruit / to provoke / to beckon / to incur / to infect / contagious / a move (chess) / a maneuver / device / trick / to confess

招标 招標

zhāobiāo to invite bids

招待

zhāodài to hold a reception / to offer hospitality / to entertain (guests) / to serve (customers)

招待会 招待會

zhāodàihuì a reception

招揽 招攬

zhāolǎn to attract (customers) / to drum up (trade)

招募

zhāomù to recruit / to enlist

招牌

zhāopai signboard / shop sign / reputation of a business

招聘

zhāopìn to invite applications for a job / to recruit

朝气蓬勃 朝氣蓬勃

zhāoqìpéngbó full of youthful energy (idiom) / vigorous / energetic / a bright spark

朝三暮四

zhāosānmùsì lit. say three in the morning but four in the evening (idiom) / to change sth that is already settled upon / indecisive / to blow hot and cold

招收

zhāoshōu to hire / to recruit

招数 招數

zhāoshù move (in chess, on stage, in martial arts) / gambit / trick / scheme / movement / same as 著数|着数[zhao1 shu4]

朝夕相处 朝夕相處

zhāoxīxiāngchǔ to spend all one's time together (idiom)

着迷 著迷

zháomí to be fascinated / to be captivated

沼泽 沼澤

zhǎozé marsh / swamp / wetlands / glade

罩

zhào to cover / to spread over / a cover / a shade / a hood / bamboo fish trap / bamboo chicken coop / (coll.) to protect / to have sb's back / (coll.) awesome / incredible / (coll.) (often as 罩得住[zhao4 de2 zhu4]) to have things under control / to be able to handle it

照办 照辦

zhàobàn to follow the rules / to do as instructed / to play by the book / to comply with a request

照常

zhàocháng as usual

召集

zhàojí to convene / to call together

照例

zhàolì as a rule / as usual / usually

照料

zhàoliào to tend / to take care of sb

照明

zhàomíng lighting / illumination / to light up / to illuminate

肇事

zhàoshì to cause an accident / to be responsible for an incident / to provoke a disturbance

兆头 兆頭

zhàotou omen / portent / sign

照样 照樣

zhàoyàng as before / as usual / in the same manner / still / nevertheless

照耀

zhàoyào to shine / to illuminate

遮

zhē to cover up (a shortcoming) / to screen off / to hide / to conceal

遮盖 遮蓋

zhēgài to hide / to cover (one's tracks)

折腾 折騰

zhēteng to toss from side to side (e.g. sleeplessly) / to repeat sth over and over again / to torment sb / to play crazy / to squander (time, money)

折叠 折疊

zhédié to fold / collapsible / folding (bicycle, antenna, bed etc)

折合

zhéhé to convert into / to amount to / to be equivalent to

折扣

zhékòu discount

如果折扣很划算，我们会买的。

Rúguǒ zhékòu hěn huásuàn, wǒmen huì mǎi de.

If the discount makes it worthwhile, we'll take it.

折磨

zhémó to torment / to torture

折射

zhéshè to refract / refraction / to reflect (in the figurative sense: to show the nature of)

哲学 哲學

zhéxué philosophy

哲学是什么？

Zhéxué shì shénme?

What is philosophy?

这就是说 這就是說

zhèjiùshìshuō in other words / that is to say

这样一来 這樣一來

zhèyàngyīlái thus / if this happens then

珍藏

zhēncáng a collection of rare and valuable items / to collect (such items)

侦察 偵察

zhēnchá to investigate a crime / to scout / to reconnoiter / reconnaissance / detection / a scout

针锋相对 針鋒相對

zhēnfēngxiāngduì to oppose each other with equal harshness (idiom) / tit for tat / measure for measure

真假

zhēnjiǎ genuine or fake / true or false

针灸 針灸

zhēnjiǔ acupuncture and moxibustion / to give or have acupuncture and moxibustion

真空

zhēnkōng vacuum / vacuum / to not wear underwear

真情

zhēnqíng real situation / the truth / true emotions / true feelings

珍视 珍視

zhēnshì to place great importance on / to treasure

真是的

zhēnshide Really! (interj. of annoyance or frustration)

真心

zhēnxīn wholeheartedness / sincerity

真挚 真摯

zhēnzhi sincere / sincerity

珍重

zhēnzhòng to treasure / to cherish / to value highly / take good care of yourself

诊所 診所

zhěnsuǒ clinic

枕头 枕頭

zhěntou pillow

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.

镇 鎮

zhèn to press down / to calm / to subdue / to suppress / to guard / garrison / small town / to cool or chill (food or drinks)

他刚来这镇上。

Tā gāng lái zhè zhèn shàng.

He's new in town.

震

zhèn to shake / to vibrate / to jolt / to quake / excited / shocked / one of the Eight Trigrams 八卦[bā gūa], symbolizing thunder / ䷳

镇定 鎮定

zhèndìng calm / unperturbed / cool

震动 震動

zhèndòng to shake / to vibrate / to strongly affect / shock / vibration

振奋 振奮

zhènfèn to stir oneself up / to raise one's spirits / to inspire

震撼

zhènhàn to shake / to shock / to stun / shocking / stunning / shock

阵容 陣容

zhènróng troop arrangement / battle formation / lineup (of a sports team etc)

振兴 振興

zhènxīng to revive / to revitalize / to invigorate / to re-energize

阵营 陣營

zhènyíng group of people / camp / faction / sides in a dispute

振作

zhènzuo to bestir oneself / to pull oneself together / to cheer up / to uplift / to stimulate

征

zhēng journey / trip / expedition / to go on long campaign / to attack / to invite / to recruit / to levy (taxes) / to draft (troops) / phenomenon / symptom / characteristic sign (used as proof) / evidence

睁 睜

zhēng to open (one's eyes)

睁大你的眼睛!

Zhēng dà nǐ de yǎnjīng!

Keep your eyes wide open!

蒸

zhēng to evaporate / to steam / torch made from hemp stalks or bamboo (old) / finely chopped firewood (old)

争吵 爭吵

zhēngchǎo to quarrel / dispute

争端 爭端

zhēngduān dispute / controversy / conflict

争夺 爭奪

zhēngduó to fight over / to contest / to vie over

争分夺秒 爭分奪秒

zhēngfēnduómǎo lit. fight minutes, snatch seconds (idiom) / a race against time / making every second count

争光 爭光

zhēngguāng to win an honor / to strive to win a prize

征集 徵集

zhēngjī to collect / to recruit

症结 癥結

zhēngjié hard lump in the abdomen (in Chinese medicine) / crux of an issue / main point in an argument / sticking point / deadlock in negotiations

争气 爭氣

zhēngqì to work hard for sth / to resolve on improvement / determined not to fall short

征收 徵收

zhēngshōu to levy (a tax) / to expropriate

争先恐后 爭先恐後

zhēngxiānkǒnghòu to compete to be first / to scramble to get ahead / to rush forward for fear of falling behind

挣扎 掙扎

zhēngzhá to struggle

争执 爭執

zhēngzhǐ to dispute / to disagree / to argue opinionatedly / to wrangle

整顿 整頓

zhěngdùn to tidy up / to reorganize / to consolidate / to rectify

整合

zhěnghé to conform / to integrate

整洁 整潔

zhěngjié neatly / tidy

拯救

zhěngjiù to save / to rescue

整数 整數

zhěngshù whole number / integer (math.) / round figure

整治

zhěngzhì to bring under control / to regulate / to restore to good condition / to fix (a person) / to prepare (a meal etc)

政策

zhèngcè policy

工作政策是个失败。

Gōngzuò zhèngcè shì gè shībài.

The employment policy is a failure.

政党 政黨

zhèngdǎng political party

这个组织跟任何政党没有联系。

Zhègè zǔzhī gēn rènhé zhèngdǎng méiyǒu liánxì.

The organization is not connected with any political parties.

正当 正當

zhèngdàng honest / reasonable / fair / sensible

zhèngdāng timely / just (when needed)

正面

zhèngmiàn front / obverse side / right side / positive / direct / open

她从正面加以引导。

Tā cóng zhèngmiàn jiǎyǐ yǐndǎo.

She leads by positive example.

正能量

zhèngnéngliàng positive energy / positivity

政权 政權

zhèngquán regime / political power

证人 證人

zhèngrén witness

正视 正視

zhèngshì to face squarely / to meet head on / to face up to

正直

zhèngzhí upright / upstanding / honest

郑重 鄭重

zhèngzhòng serious / solemn / earnest / conscientious

症状 症狀

zhèngzhuàng symptom (of an illness)

你有什么症状?

Nǐ yǒu shénme zhèngzhuàng?

What symptoms do you have?

正宗

zhèngzōng orthodox school / fig. traditional / old school / authentic / genuine

之

zhī (possessive particle, literary equivalent of 的[de5]) / him / her / it

孩子是宝中之宝。

Háizi shì bǎo zhōng zhī bǎo.

There is no treasure more precious than a child.

枝

zhī branch / classifier for sticks, rods, pencils etc

汁

zhī juice

织 織

zhī to weave / to knit

支撑 支撐

zhīchēng to prop up / to support / strut / brace

脂肪

zhīfáng fat (in the body, in a plant, or in food)

知己

zhījǐ to know oneself / to be intimate or close / intimate friend

知觉 知覺

zhījué perception / consciousness

之类 之類

zhīlèi and so on / and such

芝麻

zhīma sesame (seed)

知名

zhīmíng well-known / famous

支票

zhīpiào check (bank) / cheque

芝士

zhīshì cheese

知识分子 知識分子

zhīshífēnzǐ intellectual / intelligentsia

之所以

zhīsuǒyǐ (after a noun N and before a predicate P) the reason why N P / Example: 我之所以討厭他|我之所以讨厌他[wo3 zhī suo3 yǐ3 tao3 yan4 tā] "the reason why I dislike him (is ...)"

肢体 肢體

zhītǐ limb / limbs and trunk / body

支援

zhīyuán to provide assistance / to support / to back

支柱

zhīzhù mainstay / pillar / prop / backbone

知足

zhīzú content with one's situation / to know contentment (hence happiness)

直奔

zhíbèn to go straight to / to make a beeline for

直达 直達

zhídá to reach (a place) directly / to reach the destination without changing service or without stopping / direct / nonstop

执法 執法

zhífǎ to enforce a law / law enforcement

直观 直觀

zhíguān direct observation / directly perceived through the senses / intuitive / audiovisual

直径 直徑

zhíjìng diameter

直觉 直覺

zhíjué intuition

值钱 值錢

zhíqián valuable / costly / expensive

职权 職權

zhíquán authority / power over others

他有很多职权。

Tā yǒu hěnn duō zhíquán.

He has a lot of authority.

直升机 直升機

zhíshēngjī helicopter

直视 直視

zhíshì to look straight at

职业病 職業病

zhíyèbìng occupational disease

执意 執意

zhíyì to be determined to / to insist on

职员 職員

zhíyuán office worker / staff member

职责 職責

zhízé duty / responsibility / obligation

执照 執照

zhízhào license / permit

直至

zhízhì lasting until / up till (the present)

执着 執著

zhízhuó dedicated / devoted / persistent / to persist in / to cling to / attachment

止

zhǐ to stop / to prohibit / until / only

他止住了呼吸。

Tā zhǐ zhùle hūxī.

He held his breath.

止步

zhǐbù to halt / to stop / to go no farther

只得

zhǐdé to have no alternative but to / to be obliged to

最后，他们只得放弃了。

Zuìhòu, tāmen zhǐdé fàngqìle.

In the end, they had to give up.

指点 指點

zhǐdiǎn to point out / to indicate / to give directions / to show how (to do sth) / to censure / to pick at

指定

zhǐdìng to appoint / to assign / to indicate clearly and with certainty / designated

只顾 只顧

zhǐgù to focus solely on / to pay attention only to / to be preoccupied with

只管

zhǐguǎn solely engrossed in one thing / just (one thing, no need to worry about the rest) / simply / by all means / please feel free / do not hesitate (to ask for sth)

指教

zhǐjiào to offer advice, guidance, or feedback

止咳

zhǐké to suppress coughing

指令

zhǐlìng to order / to command / an order / a command / an instruction

指南

zhǐnán to guide / guidebook

指南针 指南針

zhǐnánzhēn compass

指手画脚 指手畫腳

zhǐshǒuhuàjiǎo to gesticulate while talking (idiom) / to explain by waving one's hands / to criticize or give orders summarily

指数 指數

zhǐshù index / exponent / exponential

指头 指頭

zhǐtóu finger / toe

指望

zhǐwàng to count on / to hope for / prospect / hope

指向

zhǐxiàng to point towards / aimed at / facing / the direction indicated

止血

zhǐxuè to staunch (bleeding) / hemostatic (drug)

指引

zhǐyǐn to guide / to show / to point (the way) / directions / guidance / guidelines

旨在

zhǐzài to have as its purpose / to be intended to / to aim to (do sth)

制

zhì system / to control / to regulate / to manufacture / to make

很多公司实行8小时工作制。

Hěn duō gōngsī shíxíng bā xiǎoshí gōngzuò zhì.

Lots of companies have implemented an eight-hour working day.

置

zhì to install / to place / to put / to buy

致

zhì fine / delicate / exquisite / to send / to transmit / to convey / to cause / to lead to / consequently

治病

zhìbìng to treat an illness

制裁

zhìcái to punish / punishment / sanctions (incl. economic)

致辞 致辭

zhìcí to express in words or writing / to make a speech (esp. short introduction, vote of thanks, afterword, funeral homily etc) / to address (an audience) / same as 致詞|致词

至此

zhìcǐ up until now / so far

质地 質地

zhìdì texture / background (texture) / grain / quality / character / disposition

制服

zhìfú to subdue / to check / to bring under control / what one is allowed to wear depending on social status / uniform (army, party, school etc) / livery (for company employees)

致富

zhìfù to become rich

至关重要 至關重要

zhìguānzhòngyào extremely important / vital / crucial / essential

滞后 滯後

zhìhòu to lag behind

智慧

zhìhuì wisdom / intelligence

致敬

zhìjìng to salute / to pay one's respects to / to pay tribute to / to pay homage to

致力于 致力於

zhìlìyú to devote oneself to / to work toward

滞留 滯留

zhìliú to remain in (a place) (due to circumstances that prevent one leaving) / to be stranded / (of sth that would typically dissipate, e.g. floodwater, pollutants) to remain / to linger

致命

zhìmìng fatal / mortal / deadly / to sacrifice one's life

制品 製品

zhìpǐn products / goods

质朴 質樸

zhìpǔ simple / plain / unadorned / unaffected / unsophisticated / rustic / earthy

志气 志氣

zhìqì ambition / resolve / backbone / drive / spirit

智商

zhìshāng IQ (intelligence quotient)

致使

zhìshǐ to cause / to result in

质问 質問

zhìwèn to question / to ask questions / to inquire / to bring to account / to interrogate

窒息

zhìxī to choke / to stifle / to suffocate

秩序

zhìxù order / orderliness (in society, in the classroom, on the roads etc)

治学 治學

zhìxué scholarship / high-level study / to do scholarly research / to pursue a high level of study

质疑 質疑

zhìyí to call into question / to challenge (the truth or validity of)

至于 至於

zhìyú as for / as to / to go so far as to

治愈 治癒

zhìyù to cure / to restore to health / uplifting / heartwarming

制止

zhìzhǐ to curb / to put a stop to / to stop / to check / to limit

忠诚 忠誠

zhōngchéng devoted / loyal / fidelity / loyalty

中等

zhōngděng medium

中国画 中國畫

zhōngguóhuà Chinese painting

中华 中華

zhōnghuá Zhonghua, historical and cultural term for China, often used to denote Chinese civilization and identity (as in 中華文化|中华文化[Zhong1 hua2 wen2 hua4] "Chinese culture")

终结 終結

zhōngjié end / conclusion / to come to an end / to terminate (sth)

终究 終究

zhōngjiū in the end / after all / eventually

中立

zhōnglì neutral / neutrality

中期

zhōngqī middle (of a period of time) / medium-term (plan, forecast etc)

终生 終生

zhōngshēng throughout one's life / lifetime / lifelong

忠实 忠實

zhōngshí faithful

钟头 鐘頭

zhōngtóu hour

我们花了一个半钟头才做完。

Wǒmen huāle yígebàn zhōngtóu cái zuò wán.

We spent an hour and a half getting it done.

中途

zhōngtú partway through / midway / along the way

中外

zhōngwài Sino-foreign / Chinese-foreign / home and abroad

忠心

zhōngxīn good faith / devotion / loyalty / dedication

衷心

zhōngxīn heartfelt / wholehearted / cordial

中型

zhōngxíng medium sized

中性

zhōngxìng neutral

中旬

zhōngxún middle third of a month

中庸

zhōngyōng golden mean (Confucianism) / (of person) mediocre / ordinary / the Doctrine of the Mean, one of the Four Books 四書|四书[Sì shū]

忠于 忠於

zhōngyú to be loyal to

忠贞 忠貞

zhōngzhēn loyal and dependable

中止

zhōngzhǐ to cease / to suspend / to break off / to stop / to discontinue

肿 腫

zhǒng to swell / swelling / swollen

肿瘤 腫瘤

zhǒngliú tumor

种种 種種

zhǒngzhǒng all kinds of

种族 種族

zhǒngzú race / ethnic group

仲裁

zhòngcái arbitration

重创 重創

zhòngchuāng to inflict heavy losses / to inflict serious damage

重量级 重量級

zhòngliàngjí heavyweight class / important / major / prominent / influential

众人 眾人

zhòngrén everyone

马克在众人面前表演。

Mǎkè zài zhòngrén miànqián biǎoyǎn.
Mark performed in front of people.

重任

zhòngrèn heavy responsibility

重伤 重傷

zhòngshāng serious injury / seriously injured

众所周知 眾所周知

zhòngsuǒzhōuzhī as everyone knows

重心

zhòngxīn focus / emphasis / priority / center of gravity / centroid

重型

zhòngxíng heavy / heavy duty / large caliber

众志成城 眾志成城

zhòngzhìchéngchéng unity of will is an impregnable stronghold (idiom)

重中之重

zhòngzhōngzhìzhòng of the utmost importance / of highest priority

粥

zhōu congee / gruel / porridge

周边 周邊

zhōubiān periphery / rim / perimeter / surroundings / (attributive) peripheral / merch (abbr. for 周邊商品|周边商品 [zhōu1 bian1 shāng1 pǐn3])

周到

zhōudào thoughtful / considerate / attentive / thorough

周密

zhōumì careful / thorough / meticulous

周旋

zhōuxuán to mix with others / to socialize / to deal with / to contend

皱 皺

zhòu to wrinkle / wrinkled / to crease

骤然 驟然

zhòurán suddenly / abruptly

昼夜 晝夜

zhòuyè day and night / period of 24 hours / continuously, without stop

株

zhū tree trunk / stump (tree root) / a plant / classifier for trees or plants / strain (biology) / to involve others (in shady business)

珠宝 珠寶

zhūbǎo pearls / jewels / precious stones

诸多 諸多

zhūduō a good deal, a lot of

朱红 朱紅

zhūhóng vermilion

诸如此类 諸如此類

zhūrúcǐlèi things like this (idiom) / and so on / and the rest / etc

诸位 諸位

zhūwèi everyone / Ladies and Gentlemen / Sirs

竹竿

zhúgān bamboo pole

逐年

zhúnián year after year / with each passing year / over the years

主

zhǔ owner / master / host / individual or party concerned / God / Lord / main / to indicate or signify / trump card (in card games)

愿主与你同在。

Yuàn zhǔ yǔ nǐ tóng zài.
May God be with you!

拄

zhǔ to lean on / to prop on

煮

zhǔ to cook / to boil

米饭煮好五分钟以前，要开始炒肉。

Mǐfàn zhǔ hǎo wǔ fēnzhōng yǐqián, yào kāishǐ chǎo ròu.

Five minutes before the rice is boiled, you should start frying the meat.

主编 主編

zhǔbiān editor in chief

主持人

zhǔchírén host / master of ceremonies / (TV or radio)

presenter / anchor / (research project) principal investigator (PI) / program director

主妇 主婦

zhǔfù housewife / woman of senior authority in a household / the lady of the house / hostess

嘱咐 囑咐

zhǔfu to urge / to exhort

主角

zhǔjué leading role / lead / protagonist

主力

zhǔlì main force / main strength of an army

主流

zhǔliú main stream (of a river) / fig. the essential point / main viewpoint of a matter / mainstream (culture etc)

瞩目 矚目

zhǔmù to focus attention upon

主权 主權

zhǔquán sovereignty

主人公

zhǔréngōng hero (of a novel or film) / main protagonist

主食

zhǔshí staple food

主题歌 主題歌

zhǔtígē theme song

主演

zhǔyǎn to play the leading role / to star / lead actor

主页 主頁

zhǔyè home page

主义 主義

zhǔyì -ism / ideology

主宰

zhǔzǎi to dominate / to rule / to dictate / master

注

zhù to pour into / to flow into / to inject / to focus (one's spirit, gaze etc) on a single point / to concentrate / stake (in gambling) / classifier for stakes, sums of money, transactions or beams of light / to annotate / to provide explanatory notes on a written text / an annotation / an explanatory note / to put on record / to register

筑

zhù five-string lute / to build / to construct / to ram / to hit / short name for Guiyang 貴陽|贵阳[Gui4 yang2]

驻 駐

zhù to halt / to stay / to be stationed (of troops, diplomats etc)

贮藏 貯藏

zhùcáng to store up / to hoard / deposits

住处 住處

zhùchù residence / dwelling

注定 註定

zhùdìng to foreordain / to be bound to / to be destined to / to be doomed to / inevitably

住户 住戶

zhùhù household / inhabitant / householder

注入

zhùrù to pour into / to empty into

住宿

zhùsù to stay at / lodging / accommodation

助威

zhùwēi to cheer for / to encourage / to boost the morale of

祝愿 祝願

zhùyuàn to wish

铸造 鑄造

zhùzào to cast (pour metal into a mold)

住宅

zhùzhái residence / dwelling / abode

住址

zhùzhǐ address

柱子

zhùzi pillar

爪子

zhuǎzi claw

拽

zhuài to pull / to tug at (sth)

zhuāi to throw / to fling

zhuǎi self-satisfied / cocky (alternative written form of 踉 [zhuai3])

砖 磚

zhuān brick / tile (floor or wall, not roof)

专长 專長

zhuāncháng specialty / special knowledge or ability

专程 專程

zhuānchéng specifically / specially (for that purpose)

专柜 專櫃

zhuānguì sales counter dedicated to a certain kind of product (e.g. alcohol)

专栏 專欄

zhuānlán special column

专卖店 專賣店

zhuānmàidiàn specialty store

专人 專人

zhuānrén specialist / person appointed for specific task

专用 專用

zhuānyòng special / dedicated

专职 專職

zhuānzhí special duty / assigned full time to a task

专制 專制

zhuānzhì autocracy / dictatorship

专注 專注

zhuānzhù to focus / to concentrate / to give one's full attention

专著 專著

zhuānzhù monograph / specialized text

转播 轉播

zhuǎnbō relay / broadcast (on radio or TV)

转达 轉達

zhuǎndá to pass on / to convey / to communicate

转机 轉機

zhuǎnjī a turn for the better / to change planes

转交 轉交

zhuǎnjiāo to pass on to sb / to carry and give to sb else

转型 轉型

zhuǎnxíng to undergo fundamental change / to transition / to transform / to update (to a new model of product)

转学 轉學

zhuǎnxué to change schools / to transfer from one school to another

转眼 轉眼

zhuǎnyǎn in a flash / in the blink of an eye / to glance

转载 轉載

zhuǎnzǎi to forward (a shipment) / to reprint sth published elsewhere

转折 轉折

zhuǎnzhé shift in the trend of events / turnaround / plot shift in a book / turn in the conversation

转折点 轉折點

zhuǎnzhédiǎn turning point / breaking point

赚 賺

zhuàn to earn / to make a profit

zuàn to cheat / to swindle

传记 傳記

zhuànji biography

赚钱 賺錢

zhuànqián to earn money / moneymaking

撰写 撰寫

zhuànxǐě to write / to compose

转悠 轉悠

zhuànyou to roll / to wander around / to appear repeatedly

桩 樁

zhuāng stump / stake / pile / classifier for events, cases, transactions, affairs etc

装扮 裝扮

zhuāngbàn to decorate / to adorn / to dress up / to disguise oneself

装备 裝備

zhuāngbèi equipment / to equip / to outfit

这艘船没有雷达装备。

Zhè sōu chuán méiyǒu léidá zhuāngbèi.

The ship is not equipped with radar.

庄稼 莊稼

zhuāngjia farm crop

庄严 莊嚴

zhuāngyán solemn / dignified / stately

庄园 莊園

zhuāngyuán manor / feudal land / villa and park

壮 壯

zhuàng to strengthen / strong / robust / Zhuang ethnic group, the largest ethnic minority in China

幢

zhuàng classifier for buildings / curtain hung over boat or carriage windows

chuáng banner / pennant (in ancient China)

壮大 壯大

zhuàngdà to strengthen / to build up / to grow strong and large

壮胆 壯膽

zhuàngdǎn to get one's courage up / to embolden

壮观 壯觀

zhuàngguān spectacular / magnificent sight

撞击 撞擊

zhuàngjī to strike / to hit / to ram

壮丽 壯麗

zhuànglì magnificence / magnificent / majestic / glorious

壮实 壯實

zhuàngshi robust / sturdy

状元 狀元

zhuàngyuán top scorer in the palace examination (highest rank of the Imperial examination system) / top scorer in college entrance examination 高考[gaol kao3] / the most brilliantly talented person in the field / leading light

追悼会 追悼會

zhuīdàohuì memorial service / funeral service

追赶 追趕

zhuīgǎn to pursue / to chase after / to accelerate / to catch up with / to overtake

追究

zhuījiū to investigate / to look into

追溯

zhuīsù lit. to go upstream / to trace sth back to / to date from

追随 追隨

zhuīsuí to follow / to accompany

追尾

zhuīwěi to tailgate / to hit the car in front as a result of tailgating

追问 追問

zhuīwèn to question closely / to investigate in detail / to examine minutely / to get to the heart of the matter

追逐

zhuīzhú to chase / to pursue vigorously

追踪 追蹤

zhuīzōng to track / to trace / to follow up / to follow (on social media)

坠 墜

zhuì to fall / to drop / to weigh down

准许 准許

zhǔnxǔ to allow / to grant / to permit

准则 準則

zhǔnzé norm / standard / criterion

捉

zhuō to clutch / to grab / to capture

我捉了两条鱼。

Wǒ zhuōle liǎng tiáo yú.

I caught two fish.

拙劣

zhuōliè clumsy / botched

捉迷藏

zhuōmícáng to play hide-and-seek

着力 著力

zhuólì to put effort into sth / to try really hard

着落 著落

zhuóluò whereabouts / place to settle / reliable source (of funds etc) / (of responsibility for a matter) to rest with sb / settlement / solution

酌情

zhuóqíng to use discretion / to take circumstances into account / to make allowances pertinent to a situation

灼热 灼熱

zhuórè burning hot / scorching

着实 著實

zhuóshí truly / indeed / severely / harshly

着手 著手

zhuóshǒu to put one's hand to it / to start out on a task / to set out

着想 著想

zhuóxiǎng to give thought (to others) / to consider (other people's needs)

着眼 著眼

zhuóyǎn to have one's eyes on (a goal) / having sth in mind / to concentrate

卓越

zhuóyuè outstanding / surpassing / distinguished / splendid

着重 著重

zhuózhòng to put emphasis on / to stress

兹 茲

zī this / now / year

资本主义 資本主義

zīběnzhǔyì capitalism

中国是资本主义国家。

Zhōngguó shì zīběnzhǔyì guójiā.

China is a capitalist country.

资历 資歷

zīlì qualifications / experience / seniority

滋润 滋潤

zīrùn moist / humid / to moisten / to provide moisture / comfortably off

资深 資深

zīshēn senior / highly experienced / veteran

姿势 姿勢

zīshì posture / position

姿态 姿態

zītài attitude / posture / stance

滋味

zīwèi taste / flavor / feeling

咨询 諮詢

zīxún to inquire / to consult / to seek advice from

好的，您想咨询什么事情？

Hǎo de, nín xiǎng zīxún shénme shìqíng?

OK, what would you like advice on?

资讯 資訊

zīxùn information

子弟

zǐdì child / the younger generation

子孙 子孫

zǐsūn offspring / posterity

自卑

zībēi to have low self-esteem / to abase oneself

自称 自稱

zìchēng to call oneself / to claim to be / to profess / to claim a title

自发 自發

zìfā spontaneous

自费 自費

zìfèi at one's own expense / self-funded

自负 自負

zìfù conceited / to take responsibility

字迹 字跡

zìjì handwriting

自来水 自來水

zìláishuǐ running water / tap water

自理

zìlǐ to take care of oneself / to provide for oneself

自立

zìlì independent / self-reliant / self-sustaining / to stand on one's own feet / to support oneself

自力更生

zìlìgēngshēng regeneration through one's own effort (idiom) / self-reliance

字幕

zìmù subtitles / captions (of a movie etc)

自强不息 自強不息

zìqiángbùxī to strive unremittingly / self-improvement

自然而然

zìránérán natural / unforced / naturally / as a matter of course / in the natural course of things

自然界

zìránjiè nature / the natural world

自如

zìrú unobstructed / unconstrained / smoothly / with ease / freely

自始至终 自始至終

zìshǐzhìzhōng from start to finish (idiom)

自私

zìsī selfish / selfishness

自私自利

zìsīzìlì everything for self and selfish profit (idiom) / with no regard for others / selfish / mercenary

字体 字體

zìtǐ calligraphic style / typeface / font

自卫 自衛

zìwèi to defend oneself / self-defense

自我

zìwǒ the self / oneself / self- / ego

你永远都不能太自我。

Nǐ yǒngyuǎn dōu bùnéng tài zìwǒ.

You can never have too much ego.

自相矛盾

zìxiāngmáodùn to contradict oneself / self-contradictory / inconsistent

自信心

zìxìnxīn self-confidence

自行

zìxíng voluntary / autonomous / by oneself / self-

自学 自學

zìxué self-study / to study on one's own

自言自语 自言自語

zìyánzìyǔ to talk to oneself / to think aloud / to soliloquize

字眼

zìyǎn wording

自以为是 自以為是

zìyǐwéishì to believe oneself infallible (idiom) / to be opinionated

自由自在

zìyóuzìzài free and easy (idiom) / carefree / leisurely

自在

zìzai comfortable / at ease

自责 自責

zìzé to blame oneself

自助

zìzhù self-service

自尊

zìzūn self-respect / self-esteem / ego / pride

自尊心

zìzūnxīn self-respect / self-esteem / ego

宗

zōng school / sect / purpose / model / ancestor / clan / to take as one's model (in academic or artistic work) / classifier for batches, items, cases (medical or legal), reservoirs / surname Zong

宗教

zōngjiào religion

我不信宗教。

Wǒ bú xìn zōngjiào.

I don't follow any religion.

综上所述 綜上所述

zōngshàngsuǒshù to summarize / to sum up

宗旨

zōngzhǐ objective / aim / goal

总部 總部

zǒngbù headquarters

总的来说 總的來說

zǒngdeláishuō generally speaking / to sum up / in summary / in short

总额 總額

zǒngé total (amount or value)

我用计算器算出我的开支总额。

Wǒ yòng jìsuànnqì suàn chū wǒ de kāizhī zǒng'é.

I totalled up my expenses with a calculator.

总而言之 總而言之

zǒngéryánzhī in short / in a word / in brief

总计 總計

zǒngjì total

总监 總監

zǒngjiān head / director (of an organizational unit) / commissioner / inspector-general / rank of local governor in Tang dynasty administration

总经理 總經理

zǒngjīnglǐ general manager / CEO

总量 總量

zǒngliàng total / overall amount

纵观 縱觀

zòngguān to survey comprehensively / an overall survey

纵横交错 縱橫交錯

zònghéngjiāocuò criss-crossed (idiom)

纵然 縱然

zòngrán even if / even though

纵容 縱容

zòngróng to tolerate or condone wrongdoing / to allow (sb) to engage in bad behavior

纵深 縱深

zòngshēn depth (from front to rear) / depth (into a territory) / span (of time) / depth (of deployment, progress, development etc)

粽子

zòngzi glutinous rice and choice of filling wrapped in leaves and steamed or boiled

走过场 走過場

zǒuguòchǎng to go through the motions

走后门 走後門

zǒuhòumén to enter through the back door / to pull strings / to use connections / (slang) to have anal sex

走近

zǒujìn to approach / to draw near to

走廊

zǒuláng corridor / aisle / hallway / passageway / veranda

走私

zǒusī to smuggle / to have an illicit affair

走投无路 走投無路

zǒutóuwúlù to be at an impasse (idiom) / in a tight spot / at the end of one's rope / desperate

走弯路 走彎路

zǒuwānlù to take an indirect route / to waste one's time by using an inappropriate method

奏

zòu to play music / to achieve / to present a memorial to the emperor (old)

揍

zòu to hit / to beat (sb) / to smash (sth)

奏效

zòuxiào to show results / to be effective

租金

zūjīn rent

租赁 租賃

zūlìn to rent / to lease / to hire

族

zú race / nationality / ethnicity / clan / by extension, social group (e.g. office workers 上班族)

足

zú foot / leg / sufficient / ample / as much as / fully

jù excessive

从这里到银行足有三公里路。

Cóng zhèlǐ dào yínháng zú yǒu sān gōnglǐ lù.
It is three kilometers from here to the bank.

足迹 足跡

zújì footprint / track / spoor

足以

zúyǐ sufficient to... / so much so that / so that

足智多谋 足智多謀

zúzhìduōmóu resourceful / full of stratagems

祖传 祖傳

zǔchuán passed on from ancestors / handed down from generation to generation

阻挡 阻擋

zǔdǎng to stop / to resist / to obstruct

祖父

zǔfù father's father / paternal grandfather

祖国 祖國

zǔguó motherland

我爱我的祖国。

Wǒ ài wǒ de zǔguó.
I love my motherland.

祖籍

zǔjí ancestral hometown / original domicile (and civil registration)

组建 組建

zǔjiàn to organize / to set up / to establish

阻拦 阻攔

zǔlán to stop / to obstruct

阻力

zǔlì resistance / drag

祖母

zǔmǔ father's mother / paternal grandmother

阻挠 阻撓

zǔnáo to thwart / to obstruct (sth)

祖先

zǔxiān ancestors / forebears / ancestral species / ancient species from which present-day species evolved

组装 組裝

zǔzhuāng to assemble / to put together

祖宗

zǔzōng ancestor / forebear

钻 鑽

zuān to drill / to bore / to get into / to make one's way into / to enter (a hole) / to thread one's way through / to study intensively / to dig into / to curry favor for personal gain
zuàn drill / auger / diamond

钻空子 鑽空子

zuānkòngzi to take advantage of a loophole / to exploit an advantage / to seize the opportunity (esp. to do sth bad)

钻研 鑽研

zuānyán to study meticulously / to delve into

钻石 鑽石

zuànshí diamond

嘴唇

zuǐchún lip

罪

zuì guilt / crime / fault / blame / sin

这是战争罪。

Zhè shì zhànzhēng zuì.

This is a war crime.

罪恶 罪惡

zuìè crime / evil / sin

罪犯

zuìfàn criminal

最佳

zuìjiā optimum / optimal / peak / best (athlete, movie etc)

手术是最佳解决方案。

Shǒushù shì zuìjiā jiějué fāng'àn.

Surgery is the best solution.

罪魁祸首 罪魁禍首

zuikuíhuòshǒu criminal ringleader / main offender / main culprit / main cause of a disaster

最终 最終

zuìzhōng final / ultimate

最终，他来了。

Zuìzhōng, tā lái le.

At last, he came.

尊贵 尊貴

zūnguì respected / respectable / honorable

遵循

zūnxún to follow / to abide by / to comply with

尊严 尊嚴

zūnyán dignity / sanctity / honor / majesty

遵照

zūnzhào in accordance with / to follow (the rules)

琢磨

zuómo to ponder / to mull over / to think through

zhuómó to carve and polish (jade) / to polish and refine a literary work

左顾右盼 左顧右盼

zuǒgùyòupàn glancing to left and right (idiom) / to look all around

佐料

zuǒliào condiments / seasoning

作

zuò to do / to engage in / to write / to compose / to pretend / to feign / to regard as / to consider to be / to be / to act the part of / to feel (itchy, nauseous etc) / writings / works

zuō worker / workshop / troublesome / high-maintenance (person)

你应该作最坏的准备。

Nǐ yīnggāi zuò zuì huài de zhǔnbèi.

You should prepare for the worst.

作弊

zuòbì to practice fraud / to cheat / to engage in corrupt practices

作对 作對

zuòduì to set oneself against / to oppose / to make a pair

作废 作廢

zuòfèi to become invalid / to cancel / to delete / to nullify

作风 作風

zuòfēng style / style of work / way

作客

zuòkè to live somewhere as a visitor / to stay with sb as a guest / to sojourn

坐落

zuòluò to be situated / to be located (of a building)

做生意

zuòshēngyì to do business

座谈 座談

zuòtán to have an informal discussion

座谈会 座談會

zuòtánhuì conference / symposium / rap session

作物

zuòwù crop

座右铭 座右銘

zuòyòumíng motto / maxim

作战 作戰

zuòzhàn combat / to fight