

HSK 6 Chinese vocabulary list

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A

岸

àn bank / shore / beach / coast

案例

ànli case (of fraud, hepatitis, international cooperation etc) / instance / example

按摩

ànmó massage / to massage

她给他做了个按摩。

Tā gěi tā zuòle gè ànmó.

She gave him a massage.

暗示

ànshì to hint / to suggest / hint / suggestion

你在暗示什么？

Nǐ zài ànshì shénme?

What are you driving at?

昂贵 昂貴

ánguì expensive / costly

她买的東西很昂貴。

Tā mǎi de dōngxi hěn ánguì.

What she bought was very expensive.

B

白白

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

他白白牺牲生命，忘了出卖组织。

Tā báibái xīshēng shēngmìng, wàngle chūmài zǔzhī.

He wastes his life, forgetting to betray his organization.

白领 白領

báilǐng white-collar / white-collar worker

摆 擺

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

大好的前途摆在他面前。

Dà hǎo de qiántú bǎi zài tā miànqián.

A brilliant future lay before him.

摆放 擺放

bǎifàng to set up / to arrange / to lay out

我想在桌子上摆放一些漂亮的花。

Wǒ xiǎng zài zhuōzi shàng bǎifàng yìxiē piàoliang de huā.

I want some beautiful flowers put on the table.

百分点 百分點

bǎifēndiǎn percentage point

百货 百貨

bǎihuò general merchandise

摆脱 擺脫

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

我想摆脱它。

Wǒ xiǎng bǎituō tā.

I want to get rid of it.

败 敗

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

拜访 拜訪

bàifǎng to pay a visit / to call on

他们拜访了首都。

Tāmen bàifǎng le shǒudū.

They visited the capital.

拜年

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

版

bǎn a register / block of printing / edition / version / page

我听过这首歌的法语版。

Wǒ tīngguo zhè shǒu gē de Fǎyǔ bǎn.

I heard the song sung in French.

版本

bǎnběn version / edition / release

你有听过那首歌的法语版本吗？

Nǐ yǒu tīngguo nà shǒu gē de Fǎwén bǎnběn ma?

Have you ever heard that song sung in French?

伴随 伴随

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

扮演

bànyǎn to play the role of / to act

女性永远只能扮演次要角色吗？

Nǚxìng yǒngyuǎn zhǐnéng bànyǎn cìyào juésè ma?
Must the woman always play the secondary role?

榜样 榜樣

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

你做了个坏榜样。

Nǐ zuòle gè huài bǎngyàng.
You've set a bad example.

棒球

bàngqiú baseball

我在打棒球。

Wǒ zài dǎ bàngqiú.
I am playing baseball.

保管

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

至于该文件，我在保管。

Zhìyú gāi wénjiàn, wǒ zài bǎoguǎn.
As for the papers, I have custody of them.

保健

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

保暖

bǎonuǎn to keep warm

这个能保暖。

Zhège néng bǎonuǎn.
This will keep you warm.

保修

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

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.

爆

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

传闻被爆是真的。

Chuánwén bèi bào shì zhēnde.
The rumor turned out true.

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.

报刊 報刊

bàokān newspapers and periodicals / the press

暴力

bàoli violence / force / violent

暴力是社会的癌症。

Bàoli shì shèhuì de áizhèng.
Violence is the cancer of our society.

暴露

bàolù to expose / to reveal / to lay bare

不要把皮肤长时间暴露在阳光里。

Bùyào bǎ pífū zhǎng shíjiān bàolù zài yángguāng lǐ.
Skin shouldn't be exposed to sunlight for too long.

报社 報社

bàoshè newspaper (i.e. a company)

我为这家报社工作四年了。

Wǒ wèi zhè jiā bàoshè gōngzuò sì nián le.
I have been working for this newspaper for 4 years.

爆炸

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

爆炸的原因是什么？

Bàozhà de yuányīn shì shénme?
What was the cause of the explosion?

悲观 悲觀

bēiguān pessimistic

你太悲观了。

Nǐ tài bēiguān le.
You're being too pessimistic.

悲剧 悲劇

bēijù tragedy

这将是一个可怕的悲剧。

Zhè jiāng shì yí gè kǐpà de bēijù.
This would be a terrible tragedy.

悲伤 悲傷

bēishāng sad / sorrowful

我常常觉得悲伤。

Wǒ chángcháng juéde bēishāng.
I often feel sad.

北极 北極

běijí the North Pole / the north magnetic pole

北美洲

běiměizhōu North America

被动 被動

bèidòng passive

看电视是一种被动的活动。

Kàn diànshì shì yìzhǒng bèidòng de huódòng.
Watching TV is a passive activity.

被迫

bèipò to be compelled / to be forced

他被迫加班。

Tā bèipò jiābān.
He was forced to work overtime.

背心

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

他脱了背心。

Tā tuō le bèixīn.

He took off the wife-beater.

备用 備用

bèiyòng reserve / spare / alternate / backup

倍增

bèizēng to double / to redouble / to increase many times over / to multiply by a factor / multiplication

奔跑

bēnpǎo to run

我尽力奔跑。

Wǒ jìn lì bēnpǎo.

I ran as fast as I could.

本能

běnnéng instinct

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

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 屌[bī]

他是给逼的。

Tā shì gěi bī de.

He is being forced.

比方

bǐfang analogy / illustrative example / for instance

比重

bǐzhòng proportion / specific gravity

避

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

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.

必修

bìxiū required / compulsory

编 編

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

谁帮你编头发？

Shéi bāng nǐ biān tóufa?

Who braids your hair for you?

编辑 編輯

biānjí to edit / to compile / editor / compiler

你不想做编辑？

Nǐ bùxiǎng zuò biānjí?

You don't want to be an editor?

编写 編寫

biānxiě to compile

遍地

biàndì everywhere / all over

便捷

biànjié convenient and fast

变质 變質

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

牛奶变质了。

Niú nǎi biànzhì le.

The milk has gone bad.

兵

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

你当过兵吗？

Nǐ dāng guò bīng ma?

Were you a soldier?

病毒

bìngdú virus

这些点都是病毒集中的地方。

Zhèxiē diǎn dōu shì bìngdú jízhōng de dìfāng.

All those dots are viral focuses.

播

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

第十台在播甚么节目？

Dì shí tái zài bō shénme jiémù?

What is on Channel 10?

播种 播種

bōzhǒng to sow seeds

bōzhòng to grow (maize etc) from seed / to plant (maize etc) by sowing seed

农民在春天播种。

Nóngmín zài chūntiān bōzhǒng.

Farmers sow seeds in the spring.

博览会 博覽會

bó lǎn huì an exposition / an international fair

博览会将举行六个月。

Bó lǎn huì jiāng jǔxíng liù gè yuè.

The exposition will be held for six months.

薄弱

bóruò weak / frail

脖子

bózi neck

他的脖子很长。

Tā de bózi hěn cháng.

He has a long neck.

捕

bǔ to catch / to seize / to capture

补 補

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

他让他的妻子补好衬衫。

Tā ràng tā de qīzi bǔ hǎo chènshān.

He got his wife to mend his shirt.

补偿 補償

bǔcháng to compensate / to make up

补课 補課

bǔkè to make up missed lesson / to reschedule a class

补贴 補貼

bǔtiē to subsidize / subsidy / allowance / to supplement (one's salary etc) / benefit

补习 補習

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

布

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

石头剪刀布!

Shítou jiǎndāo bù!

Rock-paper-scissors, shoot!

不安

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

我有点不安。

Wǒ yǒudiǎn bù'ān.

I've been feeling a little restless.

不曾

bùcéng hasn't yet / hasn't ever

不成

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

我们做不成吗?

Wǒmen zuò bùchéng ma?

Can't we work this out?

不得

bùdé must not / may not / not to be allowed / cannot

我们可犯不得错误。

Wǒmen kě fàn bùdé cuòwù.

We can't afford mistakes.

部队 部隊

bùduì army / armed forces / troops / force / unit

不顾 不顧

bùgù in spite of / regardless of

他不顾我的忠告。

Tā búgù wǒ de zhōnggào.

He disregarded my advice.

不禁

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

我不禁为他感到难过。

Wǒ bùjīn wèi tā gǎndào nánguò.

I can't help feeling sorry for him.

不料

bùliào unexpectedly / to one's surprise

不耐烦 不耐煩

bùnàifán impatient / to lose patience

爸爸今天不耐烦。

Bàba jīntiān bùnàifán.

Dad's in an impatient mood today.

不时 不時

bùshí from time to time / now and then / occasionally / frequently

我不时地觉得难过。

Wǒ bùshí de juéde nánguò.

I feel sad every now and then.

不适 不適

bùshì unwell / indisposed / out of sorts

我身体不适。

Wǒ shēntǐ búshì.

I'm not feeling well.

部位

bùwèi part (esp. of the body, but also of a vegetable, e.g. the root, or a garment, e.g. the sleeve, etc)

不许 不許

bùxǔ not to allow / must not / can't

不宜

bùyí not suitable / inadvisable / inappropriate

不已

bùyǐ endlessly / incessantly

我激动不已。

Wǒ jīdòng bùyǐ.

I'm thrilled.

不止

bùzhǐ incessantly / without end / more than / not limited to

我等了不止三小时。

Wǒ děng le bùzhǐ sān xiǎoshí.

I waited more than three hours.

布置 佈置

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

她用漂亮的家具布置了房间。

Tā yòng piàoliang de jiājù bùzhì le fángjiān.

She furnished the room with beautiful furniture.

不至于 不至於

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

步骤 步驟

bùzhòu procedure / step

C

猜测 猜測

cāicè to guess / to conjecture / to surmise

这是建立在猜测的基础上。

Zhè shì jiànlì zài cāicè de jīchǔ shàng.

It is founded on supposition.

财产 財產

cáichǎn property / assets / estate

这是我的财产。

Zhè shì wǒ de cáichǎn.

This is my property.

财富 財富

cáifù wealth / riches

健康胜于财富。

Jiànkāng shèng yú cáifù.

Health is above wealth.

才华 才華

cáihuá talent

我不禁欣赏他的才华。

Wǒ bùjīn xīnshǎng tā de cáihuá.

I can't help admiring his talent.

才能

cáinéng talent / ability / capacity

我有很多才能。

Wǒ yǒu hěnduō cáinéng.

I have many abilities.

财务 財務

cáiwù financial affairs / finance

财物 財物

cáiwù property / belongings

材质 材質

cáizhì texture of timber / quality of material / material (that sth is made of)

踩

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

不要踩草地。

Búyào cǎi cǎodì.

Keep off the grass.

采购 採購

cǎigòu to procure (for an enterprise etc) / to purchase

彩虹

cǎihóng rainbow

彩虹桥有多长？

Cǎihóng qiáo yǒu duō cháng?

How long is the Rainbow Bridge?

采集 採集

cǎijí to gather / to collect / to harvest

采纳 採納

cǎinà to accept / to adopt

彩票

cǎipiào lottery ticket

你买彩票了吗？

Nǐ mǎi cǎipiào le ma?

Have you bought a raffle ticket yet?

参展 參展

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

残疾 殘疾

cánjí disabled / handicapped / deformity on a person or animal

仓库 倉庫

cāngkù depot / storehouse / warehouse

暂时藏在仓库里好了。

Zànshí cáng zài cāngkù lǐ hǎole.

Hide it inside the warehouse for now.

草原

cǎoyuán grassland / prairie

树不会长在草原上。

Shù búhuì zhǎng zài cǎoyuán shàng.

Trees do not grow on prairies.

侧 側

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

zhāi lean on one side

策划 策劃

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

他在策划部工作。

Tā zài cèhuà bù gōngzuò.

He works in the planning section.

测量 測量

cèliáng survey / to measure / to gauge / to determine

策略

cèlüè strategy / tactics / crafty / adroit

她换了策略。

Tā huàn le cèlüè.

She changed her tactics.

层次 層次

céngcì layer / level / gradation / arrangement of ideas / standing

层面 層面

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

叉

chā fork / pitchfork / prong / pick / cross / intersect / "X"

chǎ to diverge / to open (as legs)

chá to cross / be stuck

请给我们两把刀和四把叉。

Qǐng gěi wǒmen liǎng bǎ dāo hé sì bǎ chā.

Give us two knives and four forks, please.

差异 差異

chāyì difference / discrepancy

吴语的方言差异很大。

Wúyǔ de fāngyán chāyì hěn dà.

Different variants of Shanghainese differ greatly with each other.

插座

chāzuò socket / outlet

查询 查詢

cháxún to check / to inquire / to consult (a document etc) / inquiry / query

她有勇气去查询考试的结果。

Tā yǒu yǒngqì qù cháxún kǎoshì de jiéguǒ.

She had the courage to go and inquire about the results of the exam.

拆除

chāichú to tear down / to demolish / to dismantle / to remove

产出 產出

chǎnchū to produce (graduates, breast milk, toxic waste, creative ideas etc) / output

产地 產地

chǎndì source (of a product) / place of origin / manufacturing location

肠 腸

cháng intestines

长短 長短

chángduǎn length / accident / mishap / right and wrong / good and bad / merits and demerits

睡眠时间的长短可因人而异。

Shuìmián shíjiān de chángduǎn kě yīnrén'éryì.

The amount of time spent asleep can vary from person to person.

常规 常規

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

这个问题不能以常规方法解决。

Zhège wèntí bùnéng yǐ chángguī fāngfǎ jiějué.

You cannot solve this problem with the usual method.

常年

chángnián all year round / for years on end / average year

长寿 長壽

chángshòu longevity / long-lived

他不会长寿。

Tā búhuì chángshòu.

He won't make it to old age.

常温 常溫

chángwēn room temperature / ordinary temperatures

场次 場次

chǎngcì the number of showings of a movie, play etc / screening / performance

场地 場地

chǎngdì space / site / place / sports pitch

场馆 場館

chǎngguǎn sporting venue / arena

场合 場合

chǎnghé occasion / situation / context / setting / venue

不会看场合。

Búhuì kàn chǎnghé.

Unable to sense the situation.

厂家 廠家

chǎngjiā factory / manufacturer / a factory owner / the factory management

场景 場景

chǎngjǐng scene / scenario / situation / setting

场面 場面

chǎngmiàn scene / spectacle / occasion / situation

恐怖的场面让他颤抖。

Kǒngbù de chǎngmiàn ràng tā chàndǒu.

He shuddered at the terrible scene.

厂商 廠商

chǎngshāng manufacturer / producer

畅通 暢通

chàngtōng unobstructed / unimpeded / free-flowing / smooth

畅销 暢銷

chàngxiāo to sell well / bestselling / chart-topping

抄

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

你会抄我的句子。

Nǐ huì chāo wǒ de jùzi.

You will copy my phrases.

超越

chāoyuè to surpass / to exceed / to transcend

他们互相超越。

Tāmen hùxiāng chāoyuè.

They surpassed one another.

朝代

chádài dynasty / reign (of a king)

潮流

cháoliú tide / current / trend

今年的时尚潮流完全不同于去年。

Jīnnián de shíshàng cháoliú wánquán bùtóng yú qùnián.

This year's fashions are completely different from last year's.

潮湿 潮濕

cháoshī damp / moist

今天没有昨天潮湿。

Jīntiān méiyǒu zuótiān cháoshī.

It is less humid today than it was yesterday.

嘲笑

cháoxiào to jeer at / to deride / to ridicule / mockery / derision

他怕被嘲笑。

Tā pà bèi cháoxiào.

He was afraid of being laughed at.

炒股

chǎogǔ to speculate in stocks

他炒股赚很多钱。

Tā chǎogǔ zhuàn hěn duō qián.

He's raking it in on the stock market.

吵架

chǎojià to quarrel / to have a row / quarrel

他们吵架了。

Tāmen chǎojià.

They quarreled.

撤回

chèhuí to recall / to revoke / to retract

我想撤回我之前的陈述。

Wǒ xiǎng chèhuí wǒ zhīqián de chénsù.

I would like to retract my previous statement.

撤销 撤銷

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

沉重

chénzhòng heavy / hard / serious / critical

她的脚步沉重地落在木地板上。

Tā de jiǎobù chénzhòng de luò zài mù dìbǎn shàng.

Her footsteps fell ponderously on the wooden floor.

趁

chèn to avail oneself of / to take advantage of

趁汤没凉之前喝下。

Chèn tāng méi liáng zhīqián hē xià.

Eat your soup before it gets cold.

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

这件毛衣整个撑变形了。

Zhè jiàn máoyī zhēngè chēng biànxíng le.

This sweater is all stretched out of shape.

称号 稱號

chēnghào name / term of address / title

称呼 稱呼

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

你是怎么称呼你父亲的呢？

Nǐ shì zěnmē chēnghu nǐ fùqīn de ne?

What do you call your father?

称作 稱作

chēngzuò to be called / to be known as

香港被称作东方之珠。

Xiānggǎng bèi chēngzuò dōngfāng zhī zhū.

Hong Kong is referred to as the Pearl of Asia.

成

chéng to succeed / to finish / to complete / to accomplish / to become / to turn into / to be all right / OK! / one tenth / surname Cheng / short name for Chengdu 成都 [Cheng2 du1]

冰融化成水。

Bīng rónghuà chéng shuǐ.

Ice melts to become water.

承办 承辦

chéngbàn to undertake / to accept a contract

惩罚 懲罰

chéngfá penalty / punishment / to punish

他不喜欢被惩罚。

Tā bù xǐhuan bèi chéngfá.

He does not like being punished.

成交

chéngjiāo to complete a contract / to reach a deal

承诺 承諾

chéngnuò to promise / to undertake to do something / commitment

承诺是不够的。

Chéngnuò shì búgòu de.

Promises aren't enough.

成千上万 成千上萬

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

成千上万的人对这个广告很失望。

Chéngqiān-shàngwàn de rén duì zhège guǎnggào hěn shīwàng.

Thousands of people were very disappointed with this advertisement.

呈现 呈現

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

成效

chéngxiào effect / result

诚信 誠信

chéngxìn honesty / trustworthiness / good faith

诚信是一种重要的美德。

Chéngxìn shì yìzhǒng zhòngyào de měidé.

Honesty is a capital virtue.

成语 成語

chéngyǔ Chinese set expression, typically of 4 characters, often alluding to a story or historical quotation / idiom / proverb / saying / adage

城镇 城鎮

chéngzhèn town / cities and towns

敌人靠近城镇。

Dírén kàojìn chéngzhèn.

The enemy approaches the town.

持久

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

生活中绝对没有什么是什么是持久的。

Shēnghuó zhōng juéduì méiyǒu shénme shì chíjiǔ de.

Absolutely nothing is permanent in life.

持有

chíyǒu to hold (passport, views etc)

她持有与我不同的观点。

Tā chíyǒu yǔ wǒ bùtóng de guāndiǎn.

She has a view that is different from mine.

尺

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

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

尺寸

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

您知道您的尺寸吗？

Nín zhīdào nín de chǐcun ma?

Do you know your size?

冲动 衝動

chōngdòng to have an urge / to be impetuous / impulse / urge

他叫自己的妻子不要冲动购物。

Tā jiào zìjǐ de qīzi búyào chōngdòng gòuwù.

He told his wife not to buy on impulse.

冲击 衝擊

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

魅力冲击视觉，美德征服心灵。

Mèilì chōngjī shìjué, Měidé zhēngfú xīnlíng.

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

充实 充實

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

冲突 衝突

chōngtū conflict / to conflict / clash of opposing forces / collision (of interests) / contention

我没跟他们发生冲突。

Wǒ méi gēn tāmen fāshēng chōngtū.

I didn't confront them.

崇拜

chóngbài to worship / adoration

学生们崇拜新的英语老师。

Xuéshengmen chóngbài xīn de Yīngyǔ lǎoshī.

The students adore the new English teacher.

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.

抽奖 抽獎

chōujiǎng to draw a prize / a lottery / a raffle

抽象

chōuxiàng abstract / abstraction

这个描述太抽象了。

Zhège miáoshù tài chōuxiàng le.

This description is too abstract.

愁

chóu to worry about

筹备 籌備

chóubèi preparations / to get ready for sth

他正在筹备一次旅行。

Tā zhèngzài chóubèi yí cì lǚxíng.

He is making preparations for a trip.

初步

chūbù initial / preliminary / tentative

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

初等

chūděng elementary (i.e. easy)

出境

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

出力

chūlì to exert oneself

他也出力了。

Tā yě chūlì le.

He contributed as well.

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)

她突然出名了。

Tā tūrán chūmíng le.

She suddenly became famous.

出入

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

出示

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

请你出示你的机票和护照。

Qǐng nǐ chūshì nǐ de jīpiào hé hùzhào.

Please show your flight ticket and passport.

出游 出遊

chūyóu to go on a tour / to have an outing

你在计划什么出游吗？

Nǐ zài jìhuà shénme chūyóu ma?

What trips are you planning?

出于 出於

chūyú due to / to stem from

除

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

除我以外每个人都在歌唱。

Chú wǒ yǐwài měige rén dōu zài gēchàng.

Everybody was singing except me.

除非

chúfēi only if (... , or otherwise, ...) / only when / only in the case that / unless

除非我死了！

Chúfēi wǒ sǐle!

Over my dead body.

储存 儲存

chǔcún stockpile / to store / to stockpile / storage

处罚 處罰

chǔfá to penalize / to punish

储蓄 儲蓄

chǔxù to save money (in a bank) / savings

处处 處處

chùchù everywhere / in all respects

穿过 穿過

chuānguò to pass through

这只狗穿过街道。

Zhè zhī gǒu chuānguò jiēdào.

The dog walked across the street.

传承 傳承

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

传达 傳達

chuándá to pass on / to convey / to relay / to transmit / transmission

传染 傳染

chuánrǎn to infect / contagious

他把感冒传染给我了。

Tā bǎ gǎnmào chuánrǎn gěi wǒ le.

He gave me a cold.

传染病 傳染病

chuánrǎnbìng infectious disease / contagious disease / communicable disease

生命是一种致命的性传染病。

Shēgmìng shì yìzhǒng zhì mìng de xìng chuánrǎnbìng.

Life is a fatal sexually transmitted disease.

传授 傳授

chuánshòu to impart / to pass on / to teach

传输 傳輸

chuánshū to transmit / transmission

传真 傳真

chuánzhēn to fax / a fax / to portray vividly in painting

请把它传真给我。

Qǐng bǎ tā chuánzhēn gěi wǒ.

Please send it to me by fax.

船只 船隻

chuánzhī ship / boat / vessel

这批货物是由船只运送的。

Zhè pī huòwù shì yóu chuánzhī yùnsòng de.

The goods were transported by ship.

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

窗口

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

她请他打开窗口。

Tā qǐng tā dǎkāi chuāngkǒu.

She asked him to open the window.

闯 闖

chuǎng to rush / to charge / to dash / to break through / to temper oneself (through battling hardships)

创办 創辦

chuàngbàn to establish / to found

创建 創建

chuàngjiàn to found / to establish

创立 創立

chuànglì to establish / to set up / to found

哈佛大学是在一六三六年创立的。

Hāfó Dàxué shì zài yí liù sān liù nián chuànglì de.

Harvard University was founded in 1636.

创意 創意

chuàngyì creative / creativity

垂直

chuízhí perpendicular / vertical

纯 純

chún pure / simple / unmixed / genuine

瓷器

cíqì chinaware / porcelain

此刻

cǐkè this moment / now / at present

此刻我缺少现金。

Cǐkè wǒ quēshǎo xiànjīn.

I'm short of cash at the moment.

刺

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

cǐ whoosh

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 chí ròu de cìshù bùrú yǐqián duō le.

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

匆匆

cōngcōng hurriedly

时间匆匆经过。

Shíjiān cōngcōng jīngguò.

Time flies.

匆忙

cōngmáng hasty / hurried

我们很匆忙。

Wǒmen hěn cōngmáng.

We're in a hurry.

从未 從未

cóngwèi never

我以前从未做过。

Wǒ yǐqián cóngwèi zuòguo.

I'd never done it before.

从业 從業

cóngyè to practice (a trade)

醋

cù vinegar / jealousy (in love rivalry)

我们需要买醋。

Wǒmen xūyào mǎi cù.

We need to buy vinegar.

脆

cui brittle / fragile / crisp / crunchy / clear and loud voice / neat

脆弱

cùiruò weak / frail

我们还是脆弱不堪。

Wǒmen hái shì cùiruò bùkān.

We're still vulnerable.

村庄 村莊

cūnzhuāng village / hamlet

他必须离开村庄。

Tā bìxū líkāi cūnzhuāng.

He had to leave the village.

存储 存儲

cúnchǔ to store up / to stockpile / to save / to store / memory / storage

寸

cùn a unit of length / inch / thumb

他比我高两寸。

Tā bǐ wǒ gāo liǎng cùn.

He is two inches taller than I am.

挫折

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

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 cuòle chē.

He took the wrong bus by mistake.

搭配

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

打动 打動

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

他的演说打动了我们。

Tā de yǎnshuō dǎdòngle wǒmen.

His speech moved us.

打击 打擊

dǎjī to hit / to strike / to attack / to crack down on sth / blow / shock / percussion (music)

他没想打击她的。

Tā méi xiǎng dǎjī tā de.

He didn't mean to disappoint her.

打架

dǎjià to fight / to scuffle / to come to blows

你们总是打架。

Nǐmen zǒngshì dǎjià.

You are always fighting.

打交道

dǎjiāodào to come into contact with / to have dealings

别和这个人打交道。

Bié hé zhège rén dǎjiāodào.

Don't get involved with that guy.

打卡

dǎkǎ to clock on (or off) / to punch in (or out) / to check in to a location

下班前别忘了打卡。

Xiàbān qián bié wàngle dǎkǎ.

Don't forget to clock out before you leave work.

打雷

dǎléi to rumble with thunder / clap of thunder

外面打雷了，我很害怕！

Wàimiàn dǎléile, wǒ hěn hàipà!

It's thundering outside. I'm really scared!

打造

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

打仗

dǎzhàng to fight a battle / to go to war

我们在跟日本打仗。

Wǒmen zài gēn Rìběn dǎzhàng.

We're at war with Japan.

大臣

dàchén chancellor (of a monarchy) / cabinet minister

大吃一惊 大吃一驚

dàchīyījīng astounded / flabbergasted / taken aback

这让我大吃一惊。

Zhè ràng wǒ dàchī-yījīng.

This has shocked me.

大地

dàdì earth / mother earth

阳光穿过三色云，射向大地。

Yángguāng chuānguò sān sè Yún, shè xiàng dàdì.

The sun shines through the tri-color clouds, shooting towards the earth.

大都

dàdū for the most part / on the whole / metropolitan / Dadu, capital of China during the Yuan Dynasty (1280-1368), modern day Beijing

dàdōu for the most part / on the whole

大方

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

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

你太大方了。

Nǐ tài dàfang le.

You're too generous.

大幅

dàfú large-format (picture, banner, photo etc) / substantially / by a wide margin

大师 大師

dàshī great master / master

大使

dàshǐ ambassador / envoy

英国大使要求直接会见总统。

Yīngguó dàshǐ yāoqiú zhíjiē huìjiàn zǒngtǒng.

The English ambassador demanded to meet with the President directly.

大洋洲

dàyángzhōu Oceania

大致

dàzhì more or less / roughly / approximately

我大致上同意她。

Wǒ dàzhì shàng tóngyì tā.

I generally agree with her.

呆

dāi foolish / stupid / expressionless / blank / foolish / stupid (variant of 呆[dail]) / expressionless / blank (variant of 呆[dail])

我呆了一会儿。

Wǒ dāile yíhuìr.

I stayed for a while.

代价 代價

dàijià price / cost / consideration (in share dealing)

公正的代价很高。

Gōngzhèng de dàijià hěn gāo.

Justice is expensive.

贷款 貸款

dàikuǎn a loan / to provide a loan (e.g. bank) / to raise a loan (from e.g. a bank)

我不需要贷款了。

Wǒ bù xūyào dàikuǎn le.

I do not need a loan anymore.

代理

dàilǐ to act on behalf of sb in a responsible position / to act as an agent or proxy / surrogate / proxy

带领 帶領

dàilǐng to guide / to lead

单纯 單純

dānchún simple / pure / unsophisticated / merely / purely

单调 單調

dāndiào monotonous

我厌倦了现在单调的生活。

Wǒ yànjuàn le xiànzài dāndiào de shēnghuó.

I am tired of my monotonous life.

耽误 耽誤

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

事故耽误了交通。

Shìgù dānwu le jiāotōng.

The accident held up traffic.

担忧 擔憂

dānyōu to worry / to be concerned

你为什么为我担忧？

Nǐ wèishénme wèi wǒ dānyōu?

Why are you worried about me?

蛋白质 蛋白質

dànbáizhì protein

诞生 誕生

dànshēng to be born

这个传统在中国诞生了。

Zhège chuántǒng zài Zhōngguó dànshēng le.

This tradition originates from China.

当场 當場

dāngchǎng at the scene / on the spot

当初 當初

dāngchū at that time / originally

当代 當代

dāngdài the present age / the contemporary era

中国的当代青年文化很空洞。

Zhōngguó de dāngdài qīngnián wénhuà hěn kōngdòng.
Contemporary Chinese youth culture is very shallow.

当今 當今

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

当今世界需推进其食物生产。

Dāngjīn shìjiè xū tuījìn qí shíwù shēngchǎn.
The world today needs to advance its production of food.

当面 當面

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

当下 當下

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

当选 當選

dāngxuǎn to be elected / to be selected

谁将当选主席呢？

Shéi jiāng dāngxuǎn zhǔxí ne?
Who will be elected chairman?

档案 檔案

dàngǎn file / record / archive

我需要去查一下档案。

Wǒ xūyào qù chá yíxià dàng'àn.
I need to have a quick look at the files.

当天 當天

dàngtiān the same day

dāngtiān on that day

岛 島

dǎo island

岛上气候怎么样？

Dǎo shàng qìhòu zěnmeyàng?
What is the climate on the island like?

倒闭 倒閉

dǎobì to go bankrupt / to close down

许多小公司倒闭了。

Xǔduō xiǎo gōngsī dǎobìle.
Many small companies went bankrupt.

倒车 倒車

dǎochē to change buses, trains etc

dàochē to reverse (a vehicle) / to drive backwards

他倒车入车库。

Tā dào chē rù chēkù.
He backed his car into the garage.

导师 導師

dǎoshī tutor / teacher / academic advisor

她很尊重她的导师。

Tā hěn zūnzhòng tā de dǎoshī.
She respects her homeroom teacher a lot.

道德

dàodé virtue / morality / ethics

倒是

dàoshi contrary to what one might expect / actually / contrariwise / why don't you

得了

déle all right! / that's enough!

déliǎo (emphatically, in rhetorical questions) possible

得以

déyǐ able to / so that sb can / enabling / in order to / finally in a position to / with sth in view

得知

dézhi to find out / to learn of

他得知了他的错误。

Tā dézhīle tā de cuòwù.
He acknowledged his faults.

灯笼 燈籠

dēnglóng lantern

等级 等級

děngjí grade / rank / status

形式是暂时的，等级才是永恒的。

Xíngshì shì zànshí de, děngjí cái shì yǒnghéng de.
Form is temporary, class is permanent.

滴

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

我感觉有滴雨落在头上。

Wǒ gǎnjué yǒu dī yǔ luò zài tóushàng.
I felt a drop of rain on my head.

低碳

dītàn low-carbon / low-carb (diet)

抵达 抵達

dǐdá to arrive / to reach (a destination)

他们抵达了酒店。

Tāmen dǐdále jiǔdiàn.
They arrived at the hotel.

抵抗

dǐkàng to resist / resistance

地道

dìdao authentic / genuine / proper

dìdào tunnel / causeway

他讲一口地道的俄语。

Tā jiǎng yìkǒu dìdào de Éyǔ.
He speaks Russian perfectly.

地形

dìxíng topography / terrain / landform

地域

dìyù area / district / region

地质 地質

dìzhì geology

点击 點擊

diǎnjī to hit / to press / to strike (on the keyboard) / to click (a web page button)

不要点击那个链接。

Búyào diǎnjī nàge liànjiē.

Don't click on that link.

典礼 典禮

diǎnlǐ ceremony / celebration

明天举行典礼。

Míngtiān jǔxíng diǎnlǐ.

The ceremony will take place tomorrow.

点燃 點燃

diǎnrán to ignite / to set on fire / aflame

把蜡烛点燃。

Bǎ làzhú diǎnrán.

Light the candle.

典型

diǎnxíng model / typical case / archetype / typical / representative

这是典型的。

Zhè shì diǎnxíng de.

This is typical.

电饭锅 電飯鍋

diànfànguō electric rice cooker

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.

店铺 店鋪

diànpù store / shop

电源 電源

diànyuán electric power source

吊

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

调动 調動

diàodòng to transfer / to maneuver (troops etc) / movement of personnel / to mobilize / to bring into play

钓鱼 釣魚

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

他们会钓鱼。

Tāmen huì diàoyú.

They can fish.

跌

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

在第三季时销售跌了下来。

Zài dìsān jì shí xiāoshòu diēle xiàlai.

Sales fell off in the third quarter.

顶 頂

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

他买了一顶帽子。

Tā mǎile yì dǐng màozi.

He bought a hat.

订单 訂單

dìngdān order

您的订单确认如下。

Nín de dìngdān quèrèn rúxià.

We will confirm your order as follows.

订婚 訂婚

dìnghūn to get engaged

我跟她订婚了。

Wǒ gēn tā dìnghūnle.

I am engaged to her.

定价 定價

dìngjià to set a price / to fix a price

定时 定時

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

定位

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

定义 定義

dìngyì definition / to define

你怎么定义“幸福”？

Nǐ zěnmē dìngyì "xìngfú"?

How would you define "happiness"?

定制 定製

dìngzhì custom-made / made-to-order / to have sth custom made

栋 棟

dòng classifier for houses or buildings / ridgepole (old)

那栋房子很大。

Nà dòng fángzi hěn dà.

That house is big.

动机 動機

dòngjī motive / motivation

他那样做有甚么动机？

Tā nàyang zuò yǒu shénme dòngjī?

What was his motive for doing it?

动力 動力

dònglì motive power / motivation / impetus

动漫 動漫

dòngmàn cartoons and comics / anime and manga / cartoon (animated movie) / anime

动态 動態

dòngtài movement / motion / development / trend / dynamic (science)

动听 動聽

dòngtīng pleasant to listen to

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])

我们都被他的笑话逗得很开心。

Wǒmen dōu bèi tā de xiàohuà dòu de hěn kāixīn.

We were all greatly amused by his jokes.

斗争 鬥爭

dòuzhēng a struggle / fight / battle

斗争结束了。

Dòuzhēng jiéshùle.

The fight is over.

都市

dūshì city / metropolis

乡村生活比都市生活健康。

Xiāngcūn shēnghuó bǐ dūshì shēnghuó jiànkāng.

Country life is healthier than city life.

毒

dú poison / to poison / poisonous / malicious / cruel / fierce / narcotics

这条鱼没有毒。

Zhè tiáo yú méiyǒu dú.

This fish is free from poison.

渡

dù to cross / to pass through / to ferry

去加拿大渡蜜月要花很多钱。

Qù Jiānádà dù mìyuè yào huā hěn duō qián.

A honeymoon in Canada costs a lot of money.

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?

短缺

duǎnquē shortage

最近的咖啡短缺带来了许多问题。

Zuìjìn de kāfēi duǎnquē dài lái le xǔ duō wèntí.

The recent shortage of coffee has given rise to a lot of problems.

对称 對稱

duìchèn symmetry / symmetrical

对接 對接

duìjiē to join up / to dock / a joint (between components)

对抗 對抗

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

对立 對立

duìlì to oppose / to set sth against / to be antagonistic to / antithetical / relative opposite / opposing / diametrical

对应 對應

duìyīng to correspond (to) / to be equivalent to / to be a counterpart to

蹲

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

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

顿时 頓時

dùnshí immediately / suddenly

她的脸顿时红了。

Tā de liǎn dùnshí hóngle.

Her face turned red suddenly.

多才多艺 多才多藝

duōcáiduōyì multit talented

多亏 多虧

duōkuī thanks to / luckily

多亏你我胃口都没了。

Duōkuī nǐ wǒ wèikǒu dōu méile.

Thanks to you I've lost my appetite.

多媒体 多媒體

duōméitǐ multimedia

多余 多餘

duōyú superfluous / unnecessary / surplus

还有多余的盐吗？

Háiyǒu duōyú de yán ma?

Is there any salt left?

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)

他躲避了那些问题。

Tā duǒbì le nèixiē wèntí.

He avoided the problems.

E

恶心 惡心

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

èxīn bad habit / vicious habit / vice

你恶心死了！

Nǐ ǎxīn sǐle!

You're disgusting!

恶劣 恶劣

èliè vile / nasty / of very poor quality

恶劣的天气。

Èliè de tiānqì.

This is atrocious weather.

儿科 兒科

érkē pediatrics

耳环 耳環

ěrhuán earring

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

发动 發動

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

车发动不了因为电池没电了。

Chē fādòng bù liǎo yīnwèi diànbǎi méi diàn le.

The car won't start because the battery has run down.

发放 發放

fāfàng to provide / to give / to grant

发光 發光

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

月亮不会自己发光。

Yuèliang búhuì zìjǐ fāguāng.

The moon doesn't have light of its own.

发票 發票

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

发行 發行

fāxíng to publish / to issue / to release / to distribute

发炎 發炎

fāyán to become inflamed / inflammation

发育 發育

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

法定

fǎdìng statutory / law-based / legal

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.

法官

fǎguān judge (in court)

哪一位法官审理此案？

Nǎ yí wèi fǎguān shěnlǐ cǐ àn?

Which judge heard the case?

法规 法規

fǎguī legislation / statute

道路法规必须被严格遵守。

Dàolù fǎguī bìxū bèi yángé zǔnshǒu.

The rule of the road must be strictly observed.

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[fan1] to indicate how many times a quantity doubles, as in 翻一番[fan1 yil fan1] "to double")

pān surname Pan

我不喜欢这番话。

Wǒ bù xǐhuan zhè fān huà.

I don't like these remarks.

繁忙

fánmáng busy / bustling

不好意思，现在线路繁忙。

Bùhǎoyisi, xiànzài xiànlù fánmáng.

Sorry, the line is busy now.

凡是

fánshì each and every / every / all / any

繁殖

fánzhí to breed / to reproduce / to propagate

反馈 反饋

fǎnkuì to send back information / feedback

反思

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

反思并回应。

Fǎnsī bìng huíyìng.

Reflect and respond.

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.

方方面面

fāngfāngmiànmiàn all sides / all aspects / multifaceted

方位

fāngwèi direction / points of the compass / bearing / position / azimuth

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

我对方言很感兴趣。

Wǒ duì fāngyán hěn gǎnxìngqù.

I'm very interested in dialects.

妨碍 妨碍

fángài to hinder / to obstruct

我妨碍着你吗？

Wǒ fáng'ài zhe nǐ ma?

Am I in your way?

房价 房價

fángjià house price / cost of housing

防治

fángzhì to prevent and cure / prevention and cure

访谈 訪談

fǎngtán to visit and discuss / to interview

放大

fàngdà to enlarge / to magnify

放飞 放飛

fàngfēi to allow to fly

飞速 飛速

fēisù swift / rapidly

肥

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

这猫是很肥。

Zhè māo shì hěn féi.

This cat is very fat.

肥胖

fēipàng fat / obese

肥沃

féiwò fertile

这里的土壤肥沃。

Zhèlǐ de tǔrǎng féiwò.

The soil here is fertile.

肺

fèi lung

怎么说：‘肺’？

Zěnmē shuō: 'fèi'?

How do you say 'lung'?

肺炎

fèiyán pneumonia / inflammation of the lungs

分工

fēngōng to divide up the work / division of labor

分级 分級

fēnjí to rank / to grade / to classify / rank / grade / classification

分期

fēnqī by stages / staggered / step by step / in installments

分散

fēnsàn to scatter / to disperse / to distribute

氛围 氛圍

fēnwéi ambience / atmosphere

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 | 粉絲[fēn3 sī]) / to be a fan of

愤怒 憤怒

fènnù angry / indignant / wrath / ire

这让我愤怒。

Zhè ràng wǒ fènnù.

This makes me angry.

封闭 封閉

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

她告诉我们道路被封闭了。

Tā gào su wǒmen dàolù bèi fēngbìle.

She told us the road was closed.

风光 風光

fēngguāng scene / view / sight / landscape / to be well-regarded / to be well-off / grand (dialect) / impressive (dialect)

风力 風力

fēnglì wind force / wind power

丰收 豐收

fēngshōu to reap a bumper harvest

我们期望今年丰收。

Wǒmen qīwàng jīnnián fēngshōu.

We're expecting a good harvest this year.

风雨 風雨

fēngyǔ wind and rain / the elements / trials and hardships

应该为这些花遮挡风雨。

Yīnggāi wèi zhèxiē huā zhēdǎng fēngyǔ.

These flowers should be sheltered from the rain.

奉献 奉獻

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

他的父亲把一生奉献给了科学。

Tā de fùqīn bǎ yìshēng fèngxiàn gěi le kēxué.

His father dedicated his life to science.

夫人

fūren lady / madam / Mrs.

请和夫人一起来吧！

Qǐng hé fūren yì qǐ lái ba!

Please come over with your wife.

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

我每六小时要服一次药。

Wǒ měi liù xiǎoshí yào fú yí cì yào.

I have to take my medicine every six hours.

浮

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

石头不会浮起来。
Shítou búhuì fú qǐlai.
Stones don't swim.

服从 服從

fúcóng to obey (an order) / to comply / to defer

我应该服从。
Wǒ yīnggāi fúcóng.
I should obey.

幅度

fúdù width / extent / range / scope

符号 符號

fúhào symbol / mark / sign

这个符号代表答案正确。
Zhège fúhào dàibiǎo dá'àn zhèngquè.
The sign means that the answer is correct.

福利

fúli benefit (provided by an employer or organization) / welfare

他在福利办事处上班。
Tā zài fúli bàنشìchù shàngbān.
He works at the welfare office.

服用

fúyòng to take (medicine)

辅导 輔導

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

辅助 輔助

fǔzhù to assist / to aid / supplementary / auxiliary

覆盖 覆蓋

fùgài to cover

山顶被雪覆盖了。
Shāndǐng bèi xuě fùgàile.
The top of the mountain is covered in snow.

附件

fùjiàn appendix (in a document) / enclosure (accompanying a document) / attachment / accessory (for a car, computer etc) / adnexa

负面 負面

fùmiàn negative / the negative side

赋予 賦予

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

他赋予价值。
Tā fùyǔ jiàzhí.
He gave it value.

富裕

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

以他的薪水不会很富裕。
Yǐ tā de xīnshuǐ búhuì hěn fùyù.
He won't get fat on his salary.

G

改编 改編

gǎibiān to adapt / to rearrange / to revise

改造

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

概率

gàilǜ probability (math.)

肝

gān liver / to put in long hours, typically late into the night, playing (a video game) / involving a lot of repetition in order to progress / grindy

干脆 乾脆

gāncuì candid / direct and to the point / simply / just / might as well

你干脆也来吧。
Nǐ gāncuì yě lái ba.
You might as well come, too.

尴尬 尷尬

gāngà awkward / embarrassed

他的话让我很尴尬。
Tā dehuà ràng wǒ hěn gāngà.
His words embarrassed me.

干旱 乾旱

gānhàn drought / arid / dry

干扰 干擾

gānrǎo to disturb / to interfere / perturbation / interference (physics)

干燥 乾燥

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

感激

gǎnjī to be grateful / to appreciate / thankful

他们会感激。
Tāmen huì gǎnjī.
They'll be grateful.

赶忙 趕忙

gǎnmáng to hurry / to hasten / to make haste

感染

gǎnrǎn to infect / infection / to influence

我被他的故事感染了。
Wǒ bèi tā de gùshi gǎnrǎnle.
I was very impressed by his story.

感想

gǎnxiǎng impressions / reflections / thoughts

你对这一切有什么感想？
Nǐ duì zhè yíqiè yǒu shénme gǎnxiǎng?
How did you feel about all that?

钢笔 鋼筆

gāngbǐ fountain pen

他有些钢笔。

Tā yǒuxiē gāngbǐ.

He has a few pens.

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

高层 高層

gāocéng high-rise / high level / high class

高超

gāochāo excellent / superlative

高等

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

高端

gāoduān high-end

高峰

gāofēng peak / summit / height

高尚

gāoshàng noble / lofty / refined / exquisite

高手

gāoshǒu expert / past master / dab hand

他是个网球高手。

Tā shì gè wǎngqiú gāoshǒu.

He is a good tennis player.

高新技术 高新技術

gāoxīnjìshù high tech / high technology

高原

gāoyuán plateau

稿件

gǎojiàn piece of writing submitted for publication / manuscript / article

稿子

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

割

gē to cut / to cut apart

歌唱

gēchàng to sing

我唱歌唱得很好。

Wǒ chàng gēchàng de hěn hǎo.

I'm good at singing.

隔壁

gébì next door / neighbor

他住在我们隔壁。

Tā zhù zài wǒmen gébi.

He lives next door to us.

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 革命的命)

科技领域爆发了一场革命。

Kējì lǐngyù bàofā le yí cháng gémìng.

A revolution has occurred in technology.

个体 個體

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

跟前

gēnqián the front (of) / front / sb's presence / just before (a date)

gēnqian at one's side / living with one

跟随 跟隨

gēnsuí to follow

男人跟随了他。

Nánrén gēnsuí le tā.

The men followed him.

跟踪 跟蹤

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

他在跟踪你。

Tā zài gēnzōng nǐ.

He's stalking you.

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)

请问公交车站该怎么去？

Qǐngwèn gōng chēzhàn gāi zěnme qù?

Could you show me the way to the bus stop?

宫 宮

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

公安

gōngān Public Security / public safety / public security

工地

gōngdì construction site

工夫

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

gōngfū laborer

公告

gōnggào post / announcement

攻击 攻擊

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

他发起攻击。

Tā fāqǐ gōngjī.

He launched an attack.

供给 供給

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

我们的供给要用完了。

Wǒmen de gōngjǐ yào yòng wánle.

Our supplies are running out.

公开 公開

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

他威胁要公开。

Tā wēixié yào gōngkāi.

He threatened to make it public.

公民

gōngmín citizen

我是世界公民。

Wǒ shì shìjiè gōngmín.

I'm a citizen of the world.

公认 公認

gōngrèn publicly known (to be) / accepted (as)

他的技术是公认的。

Tā de jìshù shì gōngrèn de.

Everyone recognized his skill.

功效

gōngxiào efficacy

工序

gōngxù working procedure / process

公益

gōngyì public good / public welfare / public interest

供应 供應

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

粮食供应十分充足。

Liángshi gōngyìng shífēn chōngzú.

There is an abundant supply of foodstuffs.

公元

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

公正

gōngzhèng just / fair / equitable

公正的代价很高。

Gōngzhèng de dàijià hěn gāo.

Justice is expensive.

公众 公眾

gōngzhòng public

他习惯在公众场合说话。

Tā xíguàn zài gōngzhòng chǎng hé shuō huà.

He's used to speaking in public.

公主

gōngzhǔ princess

公主之前在哪里？

Gōngzhǔ zhīqián zài nǎlǐ?

Where was the princess?

巩固 鞏固

gǒngù to consolidate / to strengthen / firm / solid / stable

共计 共計

gòngjì to sum up to / to total

沟 溝

gōu ditch / gutter / groove / gully / ravine

构造 構造

gòuzào structure / composition / tectonic (geology)

这是我所见过的最大型的构造了。

Zhè shì wǒ suǒ jiànguò de zuì dà xíng de gòuzào le.

This is the most massive structure I have ever seen.

孤独 孤獨

gūdú lonely / solitary

我觉得很孤独。

Wǒ juéde hěn gūdú.

I felt lonely.

姑姑

gūgu paternal aunt

她长得像她姑姑。

Tā zhǎng de xiàng tā gūgu.

She resembles her aunt.

古典

gǔdiǎn classical

罗马是欧洲最古典的城市之一。

Luómǎ shì Ōuzhōu zuì gǔdiǎn de chéngshì zhīyī.

Rome is one of the most ancient cities in Europe.

古迹 古蹟

gǔjì place of historic interest / historical site

股票

gǔpiào share certificate / stock (finance)

他玩股票赔了。

Tā wán gǔpiào péile.

He lost a fortune in the stock market.

古人

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

古人喜欢讲关于勇气的故事。

Gǔrén xǐhuan jiǎng guānyú yǒngqì de gùshi.

Ancient people liked to tell stories of bravery.

股市

gǔshì stock market

我爸爸现在非常专注于股市。

Wǒ bàba xiànzài fēicháng zhuānzhù yú gǔshì.

My father is very much involved in the stock market now.

骨头 骨頭

gǔtōu bone / moral character / bitterness

四处奔跑的狗找到了骨头。

Sìchù bēnpǎo de gǒu zhǎodào le gǔtōu.

The dog that trots about finds a bone.

鼓舞

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

我借由听音乐来鼓舞我自己。

Wǒ jiè yóu tīng yīnyuè lái gǔwǔ wǒ zìjǐ.

I cheered myself up by listening to music.

顾 顧

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

固体 固體

gùtǐ solid

顾问 顧問

gùwèn adviser / consultant

故障

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

空调故障了。

Kōngtiáo gùzhàng le.

The air conditioner doesn't work.

拐

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

我往右拐了。

Wǒ wǎng yòu guǎi le.

I turned right.

拐弯 拐彎

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

你到这儿拐弯角上去坐地铁。

Nǐ dào zhèr guǎiwān jiǎo shàngqù zuò dìtiě.

Turn here to get on the subway.

官

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

关爱 關愛

guānài to show concern and care for

孩子们需要关爱。

Háizimen xūyào guān'ài.

Children need loving.

官方

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

这是官方消息。

Zhè shì guānfāng xiāoxi.

This news is official.

观光 觀光

guānguāng to tour / sightseeing / tourism

关怀 關懷

guānhuái care / solicitude / to show care for / concerned about / attentive to

关联 關聯

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

两者没有关联。

Liǎngzhě méiyǒu guānlián.

There is no connection between them.

观赏 觀賞

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

官员 官員

guānyuán official (in an organization or government) / administrator

管道

guǎndào tubing / pipeline / channel / means

管道里流的不是水，是人血。

Guǎndào lǐ liú de bú shì shuǐ, shì rén xuè.

It wasn't water flowing through the pipes, but human blood.

罐

guàn can / jar / pot

只剩下一罐肉了。

Zhǐ shèngxià yí guàn ròu le.

There is only one can of meat left.

广阔 廣闊

guǎngkuò wide / vast

归 歸

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

它现在归我了。

Tā xiànzài guī wǒ le.

It belongs to me now.

规范 規範

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

食品安全标准由法律加以规范。

Shípǎn ānquán biāozhǔn yóu fǎlǜ jiāyǐ guīfàn.

Food safety standards are specified by law.

规划 規劃

guīhuà to draw up a plan / to map out a program / a plan / a program

归还 歸還

guīhuán to return sth / to revert

请你在阅读完毕后归还此书。

Qǐng nǐ zài yuèdú wánbì hòu guīhuán cǐ shū.

Please return the book when you have finished reading it.

规矩 規矩

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

你坏了规矩。
Nǐ huàile guīju.
You broke the rule.

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.

跪

guì to kneel

我们都跪了下来祈祷。
Wǒmen dōu guìle xiàlai qídǎo.
We all knelt down to pray.

贵重 貴重

guìzhòng precious

这是一块很贵重的手表。
Zhè shì yíkuài hěn guìzhòng de shǒubiǎo.
This watch is of great value.

棍

gùn stick / rod / truncheon / scoundrel / villain

国宝 國寶

guóbǎo national treasure

国产 國產

guóchǎn domestically produced

国歌 國歌

guógē national anthem

爱沙尼亚有它自己的国歌。
Àishāníyà yǒu tā zìjǐ de guógē.
Estonia has its own national anthem.

国旗 國旗

guóqí flag (of a country)

这是日本国旗。
Zhè shì Rìběn guóqí.
This is the flag of Japan.

国情 國情

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

国王 國王

guówáng king

国王光着呢!
Guówáng guāng zhe ne!
The king is naked!

过渡 過渡

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

过后 過後

guòhòu after the event

地震过后, 许多人都失去了家园。
Dìzhèn guòhòu, xǔduō rén dōu shīquēle jiāyuán.
Many lost their homes after the earthquake.

过时 過時

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

他的衣服过时了。
Tā de yīfu guòshí le.
His clothes are out of fashion.

H

海岸

hǎi'àn coastal / seacoast

他的村屋在海岸上。
Tā de cūn wū zài hǎi'àn shàng.
His cottage is on the coast.

海拔

hǎibá height above sea level / elevation

这个镇海拔1500米。
Zhègè zhèn hǎibá yìqiānwǔbǎi mǐ.
The town is situated 1,500 meters above sea level.

海面

hǎimiàn the surface of the sea / ocean surface

海内外 海內外

hǎinèiwài domestic and international / at home and abroad

海域

hǎiyù sea area / territorial waters / maritime space

害

hài to do harm to / to cause trouble to / harm / evil / calamity

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.

寒冬

hándōng cold winter

含义 含義

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

这个词有两种含义。
Zhègè cí yǒu liǎng zhǒng hányì.
This word has two meanings.

罕见 罕見

hǎnjiàn rare / rarely seen

那可真罕见啊。
Nà kě zhēn hǎnjiàn a.
It's really rare.

旱灾 旱災

hànzāi drought

航空

hángkōng aviation

航空邮寄它。

Hángkōng yóuji tā.

Send it airmail.

毫不

háobù hardly / not in the least / not at all

我毫不费劲就找到他的公司。

Wǒ háobú fèijìn jiù zhǎodào tā de gōngsī.

I had no trouble finding his office.

毫米

háomǐ millimeter

毫升

háoshēng milliliter

毫无 毫無

háowú not in the least / to completely lack

这毫无意义。

Zhè háowú yìyì.

That's quite meaningless.

好不

hǎobù not at all ... / how very ...

好感

hǎogǎn good opinion / favorable impression

她对亚洲男性有好感。

Tā duì Yàzhōu nánxìng yǒu hǎogǎn.

She's attracted to Asian men.

好容易

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

好客

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

所有的客人都被她的好客感动了。

Suǒyǒu de kèrén dōu bèi tā de hàokè gǎndòngle.

All the guests were touched by her hospitality.

好学 好學

hàoxué eager to study / studious / erudite

hǎoxué easy to learn

号召 號召

hàozhào to call / to appeal

合并 合併

hébing to merge / to annex

合成

héchéng to compose / to constitute / compound / synthesis / mixture / synthetic

和平

héping peace / peaceful

人们渴望和平。

Rénmen kěwàng héping.

People want peace.

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.

嘿

hēi hey

嘿，放松点。

Hēi, fāngsōng diǎn.

Hey, relax.

黑暗

hēiàn dark / darkly / darkness

历史是黑暗的。

Lìshǐ shì hēi'àn de.

History is dark.

痕迹 痕跡

hénjì vestige / mark / trace

桌子上有个痕迹。

Zhuōzi shàng yǒu gè hénjì.

There is a trace on the table.

狠

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

恨

hèn to hate / to regret

她非常恨他。

Tā fēicháng hèn tā.

She hated him so much.

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

宏大

hóngdà great / grand

洪水

hóngshuǐ deluge / flood

洪水造成了很大的损害。

Hóngshuǐ zàochéngle hěn dà de sǔnhài.

The flood caused a lot of damage.

后代 後代

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

后期 後期

hòuqī late stage / later period

后人 後人

hòurén later generation

后退 後退

hòutùi to recoil / to draw back / to fall back / to retreat

请往后退一点。

Qǐng wǎng hòutùi yídiǎn.

Stand back, please.

后者 後者

hòuzhě the latter

忽略

hūlüè to neglect / to overlook / to ignore

我忽略了事实。

Wǒ hūlüè le shìshí.

I overlooked the truth.

壶 壺

hú pot / classifier for bottled liquid

胡子 鬍子

húzi beard / mustache or whiskers / facial hair / bandit

他刮了他的胡子。

Tā guā le tā de húzi.

He shaved his mustache off.

户 戶

hù a household / door / family

至少20户人家着火了。

Zhìshǎo èrshí hù rénjiā zháohuǒle.

At least 20 households caught fire.

互助

hùzhù to help each other

花朵

huāduǒ flower

花园里充满了花朵。

Huāyuán lǐ chōngmǎn le huāduǒ.

The garden was filled with flowers.

花生

huāshēng peanut

他对花生过敏吧？

Tā duì huāshēng guòmǐn ba?

He's allergic to peanuts, isn't he?

滑冰

huábing to skate / skating

我想去滑冰。

Wǒ xiǎng qù huábing.

I want to go skating.

滑行

huáxíng to slide / to coast / to glide / to taxi

滑雪

huáxuě to ski / skiing

你能滑雪吗？

Nǐ néng huáxuě ma?

Can you ski?

划分 劃分

huàfēn to divide up / to partition / to differentiate

化石

huàshí fossil

在我手里的是一个贝壳化石。

Zài wǒ shǒulǐ de shì yí gè bèiké huàshí.

What I have in my hand is a fossil seashell.

话筒 話筒

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

化妆 化妝

huàzhuāng to put on makeup

她即使不化妆也非常可爱。

Tā jìshǐ bù huàzhuāng yě fēicháng kě'ài.

Even without makeup, she's very cute.

怀 懷

huái bosom / heart / mind / to think of / to harbor in one's mind / to conceive (a child) / surname Huai

我乘几路车去怀基基？

Wǒ chéng jǐ lù chē qù huái jī jī?

What number bus do I take to get to Waikiki?

怀念 懷念

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

他怀念波士顿。

Tā huáiniàn Bōshìdùn.

He misses Boston.

怀孕 懷孕

huáiyùn pregnant / to have conceived / gestation / pregnancy

我怀孕了吗？

Wǒ huáiyùn le ma?

Am I pregnant?

欢乐 歡樂

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

环 環

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

那是谁的环？

Nà shì shéi de huán?

Whose ring is that?

还原 還原

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

患

huàn to suffer (from illness) / to contract (a disease) / misfortune / trouble / danger / worry

她易患感冒。

Tā yì huàn gǎnmào.

She was susceptible to colds.

幻想

huàxiǎng to fantasize / to imagine / an illusion / a fantasy

应该是你的幻想吧。

Yīnggāi shì nǐ de huàxiǎng ba.

It must be your imagination.

患者

huànzhe patient / sufferer

这些患者走路有困难。

Zhèxiē huànzhe zǒulù yǒu kùnnán.

These patients have trouble walking.

黄 黄

huáng yellow / pornographic / to fall through / surname
Huang or Hwang

这花是黄的。

Zhè huā shì huáng de.

The flower is yellow.

皇帝

huángdì emperor

皇帝的生日在星期日。

Huángdì de shēngrì zài xīngqīrì.

The Emperor's Birthday fell on Sunday.

灰尘 灰塵

huīchén dust

桌子被灰尘覆盖。

Zhuōzi bèi huīchén fùgài.

The table was covered with dust.

灰心

huīxīn to lose heart / to be discouraged

他很坚强，不会那么容易灰心。

Tā hěn jiānqiáng, búhuì nàme róngyì huīxīn.

He won't be easily discouraged, because he's a tough guy.

回报 回報

huíbào return / reciprocation / payback / retaliation / to
report back / to reciprocate

作为回报，我给了她一个娃娃。

Zuòwéi huíbào, wǒ gěi le tā yí gè wáwa.

I gave her a doll in return.

回顾 回顧

huígù to look back / to review

咱们回顾一下。

Zánmen huígù yíxià.

Let's review.

回头 回頭

huítóu to turn round / to turn one's head / later / by and by

汇

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

汇报

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

绘画 繪畫

huìhuà to draw / to paint

她用绘画来装饰墙。

Tā yòng huìhuà lái zhuāngshì qiáng.

She decorated the wall with pictures.

会见 會見

huìjiàn to meet with (sb who is paying a visit)

我提醒他要去会见总裁。

Wǒ tíxǐng tā yào qù huìjiàn zǒngcái.

I reminded him of his interview with the president.

汇款 匯款

huìkuǎn to remit money / remittance

婚姻

hūnyīn marriage / matrimony

有些人害怕婚姻。

Yǒuxiē rén hàipà hūnyīn.

Marriage frightens some people.

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 浑|浑[hun2]) / brainless /
foolish (variant of 浑|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

油和水不能混合。

Yóu hé shuǐ bùnéng hùnhé.

Oil and water don't blend.

混乱 混亂

hùnlùn confused / chaotic / disorderly

活力

huóli energy / vitality / vigor / vital force

他充满活力。

Tā chōngmǎn huóli.

He is full of energy.

活跃 活躍

huóyuè active / lively / excited / to enliven / to brighten up

我母亲很活跃。

Wǒ mǔqīn hěn huóyuè.

My mother is active.

火柴

huǒchái match (for lighting fire)

您有火柴吗？

Nín yǒu huǒchái ma?

Do you have a match?

火灾 火災

huǒzāi serious fire (in a city or a forest etc)

前天发生了火灾。

Qiántiān fāshēng le huǒzāi.

A fire broke out the day before yesterday.

货币 貨幣

huòbì currency / monetary / money

货车 貨車

huòchē truck / van / freight wagon

你不是住在货车里吗？

Nǐ bú shì zhù zài huòchē lǐ ma?

Don't you live in a van?

J

击败 擊敗

jībài to defeat / to beat

我们这队5-4击败对手。

Wǒmen zhè duì 5-4 jībài duìshǒu.

Our team defeated our opponent 5-4.

基地

jīdì base (of operations, industrial, military, research etc) / al-Qaeda

机动车 機動車

jīdòngchē motor vehicle

城市里的机动车数量增加了。

Chéngshì lǐ de jīdòngchē shùliàng zēngjiāle.

The number of motor vehicles in the city has increased.

饥饿 飢餓

jiè hunger / starvation / famine

数千人死于饥饿。

Shù qiān rén sǐ yú jīè.

Thousands of people died of hunger.

激发 激發

jīfā to arouse / to stimulate / to excite

基金

jījīn fund

激励 激勵

jīlì to encourage / to urge / motivation / incentive

激情

jīqíng passion / fervor / enthusiasm / strong emotion

分享激情，就是完全沉浸在里面。

Fēnxiǎng jīqíng, jiùshì wánquán chénjìn zài lǐmiàn.

To share one's passion is to live it fully.

机械 機械

jīxiè machine / machinery / mechanical / cunning / scheming

基因

jīyīn gene (loanword)

我们应该对人使用基因编辑吗？

Wǒmen yīnggāi duì rén shǐyòng jīyīn biānjí ma?

Should we use genetic engineering on people?

机遇 機遇

jīyù opportunity / favorable turn of events / stroke of luck

机制

jīzhì mechanism / machine-processed / machine-made

即便

jībìàn even if / even though / right away / immediately

极端 極端

jíduān extreme

你的建议有点极端。

Nǐ de jiànyì yǒudiǎn jíduān.

Your proposal is a bit extreme.

急救

jíjiù to give emergency treatment / first aid

医生，请给这孩子急救。

Yīshēng, qǐng gěi zhè hái zi jíjiù.

Doctor, please give this child first aid.

急切

jíqiè eager / impatient

他急切地学习了日语。

Tā jíqiè de xuéxí le Rìyǔ.

He studied Japanese eagerly.

集团 集團

jítuán group / bloc / corporation / conglomerate

极为 極為

jíwéi extremely / exceedingly

他的话使她极为伤心。

Tā de huà shǐ tā jíwéi shāngxīn.

His words broke her heart.

吉祥

jíxiáng lucky / auspicious / propitious

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。

Měi ge rén dōu zhí de bèi jǐyǔ dì'èr cì jīhuì.

Everyone deserves a second chance.

继承 繼承

jìchéng to inherit / to succeed to (the throne etc) / to carry on (a tradition etc)

他必须继承父亲的事业。

Tā bìxū jìchéng fùqīn de shìyè.

He must succeed to his father's business.

季军 季軍

jìjūn third in a race / bronze medalist

纪律 紀律

jìlǜ discipline

寂寞

jìmò lonely / lonesome / quiet / silent

我最近很寂寞。

Wǒ zuìjìn hěn jìmò.

I feel very lonely these days.

技巧

jìqiǎo skill / technique

技艺 技藝

jìyì skill / art

夹 夾

jiā to press from either side / to place in between / to sandwich / to carry sth under armpit / wedged between / between / to intersperse / to mix / to mingle / clip / folder

jiá double-layered (quilt) / lined (garment)

我的手被门夹到了。

Wǒ de shǒu bèi mén jiā dào le.

I caught my finger in the door.

加倍

jiābèi to double / to redouble

家常

jiācháng the daily life of a family

家家户户 家家戶戶

jiājiāhùhù each and every family (idiom) / every household

家居

jiājū home / residence / to stay at home (unemployed)

加剧 加劇

jiājù to intensify

家属 家屬

jiāshǔ family member / dependent

加以

jiāyǐ to apply / to carry out / to take action to (do sth) (used before a disyllabic verb, indicating that the action is directed at sth previously mentioned, e.g. 加以说明|加以说明[jiā yǐ shuō míng]) / to apply (restrictions etc) / to give (support, consideration etc) / moreover / in addition

她从正面加以引导。

Tā cóng zhèngmiàn jiāyǐ yǐndǎo.

She leads by positive example.

家园 家園

jiāyuán home / homeland

地震过后，许多人都失去了家园。

Dìzhèn guòhòu, xǔduō rén dōu shīqù le jiāyuán.

Many lost their homes after the earthquake.

加重

jiāzhòng to make heavier / to emphasize / to become more serious / to aggravate (a bad situation) / to increase (a burden, punishment etc)

假设 假設

jiǎshè to suppose / to presume / to assume / supposing that ... / if / hypothesis / conjecture

假设得很大。

Jiǎshè de hěn dà.

That's a pretty big assumption.

嫁

jià to marry / to marry off a daughter / to shift (blame etc)

她一生未嫁。

Tā yìshēng wèi jià.

She remained unmarried all her life.

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.

肩膀

jiānbǎng shoulder

他伤了肩膀。

Tā shāngle jiānbǎng.

He was wounded in the shoulder.

监测 監測

jiāncè to monitor

坚定 堅定

jiāndìng firm / steady / staunch / resolute

监督 監督

jiāndū to supervise / to oversee / to inspect

坚固 堅固

jiāngù firm / firmly / hard / stable

那是个坚固的栏杆。

Nà shì gè jiāngù de lángān.

This is a sturdy handrail.

坚决 堅決

jiānjué firm / resolute / determined

艰难 艱難

jiānnán difficult / arduous / hard

这是个很艰难的斗争。

Zhè shì gè hěn jiānnán de dòuzhēng.

It was an uphill struggle.

艰辛 艱辛

jiānxīn hardships / arduous / difficult

坚硬 堅硬

jiānyìng hard / solid

那如石头一般坚硬。

Nà rú shítou yìbān jiānyìng.

It was hard as rock.

兼职 兼職

jiānzhi to hold concurrent posts / concurrent job / moonlighting

找兼职有多简单？

Zhǎo jiānzhi yǒu duō jiǎndān?

How easy is it to find a part-time job?

检测 檢測

jiǎncè to test / to detect

简化 簡化

jiǎnhuà to simplify

简介 簡介

jiǎnjiè summary / brief introduction

减弱 減弱

jiǎnrùo to weaken / to diminish

风暴减弱了。

Fēngbào jiǎnrùole.

The storm abated.

减压 減壓

jiǎnyā to reduce pressure / to relax

你如何减压？

Nǐ rúhé jiǎnyā?

How do you relieve stress?

检验 檢驗

jiǎnyàn to inspect / to examine / to test

科学家的工作就是对理论加以检验。

Kēxuéjiā de gōngzuò jiùshì duì lǐlùn jiāyǐ jiǎnyàn.

The work of a scientist is to put ideas to the test.

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!

箭

jiàn arrow

他射了鹿一箭。

Tā shèle lù yì jiàn.

He shot an arrow at the deer.

鉴定 鑑定

jiàndìng to examine sth to determine its authenticity, quality, value etc / to appraise / to evaluate / to authenticate

间隔 間隔

jiàngé gap / interval / compartment / to divide / to separate / to leave a gap of (two weeks, three meters etc)

他们之间隔着很远的距离。

Tāmen zhī jiàngé zhe hěn yuǎn de jùlí.

They are separated by a great distance.

间接 間接

jiànjiē indirect

健全

jiànquán robust / sound

建筑物 建築物

jiànzhùwù building / structure / edifice

我在建筑物后面停车。

Wǒ zài jiànzhùwù hòumian tíngchē.

I parked behind the building.

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)

讲解 講解

jiǎngjiě to explain

给他讲解一下你的困境。

Gěi tā jiǎngjiě yíxià nǐ de kùnjìng.

Explain to him the difficult situation you are in.

奖牌 獎牌

jiǎngpái medal (awarded as a prize)

奖品 獎品

jiǎngpǐn award / prize

酱 醬

jiàng thick paste of fermented soybean / marinated in soy paste / paste / jam

酱油 醬油

jiàngyóu soy sauce

混合米、蛋跟酱油。

Hùnhé mǐ, dàn gēn jiàngyóu.

Mix the rice and eggs with soy sauce.

胶带 膠帶

jiāodài adhesive tape / magnetic tape

焦点 焦點

jiāodiǎn focal point / focus

交际 交際

jiāoji communication / social intercourse

焦虑 焦慮

jiāolǜ anxious / worried / apprehensive

她感到非常焦虑。

Tā gǎndào fēicháng jiāolǜ.

She felt very anxious.

胶水 膠水

jiāoshuǐ glue

我需要胶水。

Wǒ xūyào jiāoshuǐ.

I need glue.

交谈 交談

jiāotán to discuss / to converse / chat / discussion

他们在互相交谈。

Tāmen zài hùxiāng jiāotán.

They are talking with each other.

郊外

jiāowài outskirts

角落

jiǎoluò corner (of a room, courtyard etc) / remote spot / nook

坐在角落的那个男人是谁？

Zuò zài jiǎoluò de nàge nánrén shì shéi?

Who is the man sitting in the corner?

脚印 腳印

jiǎoyìn footprint

我们发现了沙滩上的脚印。

Wǒmen fāxiànle shātān shàng de jiǎoyìn.

We found the footprints in the sand.

较为 較為

jiàowéi comparatively / relatively / fairly

教训 教訓

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

记好了这教训。

Jì hǎole zhè jiàoxùn.

Keep this lesson in mind.

接连 接連

jiēlián on end / in a row / in succession

结实 結實

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

jiēshí to bear fruit

她长得比较结实。

Tā zhǎng de bǐjiào jiēshi.

She's grown quite strong.

街头 街頭

jiētóu street

杰出 傑出

jiéchū outstanding / distinguished / remarkable / prominent / illustrious

节能 節能

jiénerg to conserve energy / to minimize energy consumption

结尾 結尾

jiéwěi ending / coda / to wind up

截止

jiézhǐ to end / to close / cut-off

我们决定延长申请截止日期。

Wǒmen juéding yáncháng shēnqǐng jiézhǐ rìqī.

We've decided to extend the application deadline.

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 xǔ duō 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

他擅长解答数学难题。

Tā shàncháng jiědá shùxué nántí.

He is good at solving complicated mathematical problems.

解读 解讀

jiědú to decipher / to decode / to interpret

解放

jiěfàng to liberate / to emancipate / liberation / refers to the Communists' victory over the Nationalists in 1949

解说 解說

jiěshuō to explain (verbally) / to give a running commentary

借鉴 借鑒

jièjiàn to draw on (others' experience) / to learn from (how others do things) / lesson to be learned (by observing others)

戒指

jièzhì ring

他们带着昂贵的戒指。

Tāmen dàizhe ángguì de jièzhì.

They are wearing expensive rings.

借助

jièzhù to draw support from / with the help of

金额 金額

jīné sum of money / amount of money

金牌

jīnpái gold medal

我得了金牌。

Wǒ de le jīnpái.

I won the gold medal.

金钱 金錢

jīnqián money / currency

人比金钱重要。

Rén bǐ jīnqián zhòngyào.

A person is worth more than money.

金融

jīnróng banking / finance / financial

他自称为金融专家。

Tā zìchēng wèi jīnróng zhuānjiā.

He claimed to be an expert in finance.

金属 金屬

jīnshǔ metal

铜和银都是金属。

Tóng hé yín dōu shì jīnshǔ.

Copper and silver are both metals.

金子

jīnzi gold

jīnzǐ Kaneko (Japanese surname)

金子比水重得多。

Jīnzi bǐ shuǐ zhòng de duō.

Gold is far heavier than water.

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 jìn wǒmen suǒ néng.

We do the best we can.

进度 進度

jìndù rate of progress

论文的进度有点慢。

Lùnwén de jìndù yǒudiǎn màn.

This essay is progressing a little bit slowly.

进而 進而

jìner and then / and thereby / and in turn

进化 進化

jìnhuà to evolve (biologically, technologically etc) / evolution

软件正在不断进化。

Ruǎnjiàn zhèngzài búduàn jìnhuà.

Software is constantly evolving.

近来 近來

jìnlái recently / lately

近来各方面都有所改进。

Jìnlái gè fāngmiàn dōu yǒusuǒ gǎijìn.

We've seen all-round improvements lately.

近视 近視

jìnshì myopic / nearsighted / shortsighted

进展 進展

jìnzhǎn to make headway / to make progress

一切进展顺利。

Yíqiè jìnzhǎn shùnlì.

Everything went smoothly.

精美

jīngměi exquisite / elegant / fine

这本书有精美的插图。

Zhè běn shū yǒu jīngměi de chātú.

This book is beautifully illustrated.

精确 精確

jīngquè accurate / precise

惊人 驚人

jīngrén astonishing

我发现了一件惊人的事！

Wǒ fāxiàn le yí jiàn jīngrén de shì!

I've found something amazing!

经商 經商

jīngshāng to trade / to carry out commercial activities / in business

精通

jīngtōng to be proficient in / to master (a subject)

他精通英文。

Tā jīngtōng Yīngwén.

He has a good grasp of English.

精心

jīngxīn with utmost care / fine / meticulous / detailed

惊讶 驚訝

jīngyà amazed / astonished / to surprise / amazing / astonishment / awe

他非常惊讶。

Tā fēicháng jīngyà.

He was very surprised.

精致 精緻

jīngzhì delicate / fine / exquisite / refined

精准 精準

jīngzhǔn accurate / exact / precise / precision

我的手表很精准。

Wǒ de shǒubiǎo hěn jīngzhǔn.

My watch is very precise.

井

jǐng a well / neat / orderly / Jing, one of the 28 constellations of Chinese astronomy / surname Jing

他终于到了绝望之井。

Tā zhōngyú dào le juéwàng zhī jǐng.

At last, he arrived at the Well of Despair.

警告

jǐnggào to warn / to admonish

我警告过她。

Wǒ jǐnggào guo tā.

I warned her.

景观 景觀

jǐngguān landscape

景象

jǐngxiàng scene / sight (to behold)

我们被那景象吓了一跳。

Wǒmen bèi nà jǐngxiàng xià le yí tiào.

We were surprised at the sight.

颈椎 頸椎

jǐngzhuī cervical vertebra / the seven cervical vertebrae in the neck of humans and most mammals

净 淨

jìng clean / completely / only / net (income, exports etc) / painted face male role

竞赛 競賽

jìngsài to compete / to race / contest / competition / match / race

他试着赢得竞赛。

Tā shìzhe yíngdé jìngsài.

He endeavored to win the contest.

镜头 鏡頭

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

纠纷 糾紛

jiūfēn dispute

纠正 糾正

jiūzhèng to correct / to make right

请纠正我的发音。

Qǐng jiūzhèng wǒ de fāyīn.

Please correct my pronunciation.

酒精

jiǔjīng ethanol / ethyl alcohol

淡啤酒是一种酒精含量低的啤酒。

Dàn píjiǔ shì yízhǒng jiǔjīng hánliàng dī de píjiǔ.

Pale ale is a low-alcohol beer.

酒水

jiǔshuǐ alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (e.g. on a menu)

就读 就讀

jiùdú to go to school

他就读于京都大学。

Tā jiùdú yú Jīngdū dàxué.

He is studying at Kyoto University.

舅舅

jiùjiu mother's brother / maternal uncle (informal)

我们待在舅舅家。

Wǒmen dài zài jiùjiu jiā.

We are staying at our uncle's.

救命

jiùmìng to save sb's life / Help! / Save me!

他大叫：“救命！”

Tā dàjiào: “jiùmìng!”

He cried: "Help!"

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.

救援

jiùyuán to save / to support / to help / to assist

救灾 救災

jiùzāi to relieve disaster / to help disaster victims

救助

jiùzhù to help sb in trouble / aid / assistance

局

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

菊花

júhuā chrysanthemum / chrysanthemum flower / anus

局面

júmiàn aspect / phase / situation

局限

júxiàn to limit / to confine / to restrict sth within set boundaries

举动 舉動

jǔdòng act / action / activity / move / movement

剧本 劇本

jùběn script / screenplay / scenario / libretto

聚集

jùjí to assemble / to gather

很快人群就在他周围聚集了起来。

Hěn kuài rénqún jiù zài tā zhōuwéi jùjíle qǐlái.

A crowd soon gathered around him.

俱乐部 俱樂部

jùlèbù club (the organization or its premises)

欢迎来到俱乐部。

Huānyíng láidào jùlèbù.

Welcome to the club.

剧烈 劇烈

jùliè violent / acute / severe / fierce

捐款

juānkuǎn to donate money / to contribute funds / donation / contribution (of money)

捐赠 捐贈

juānzèng to contribute (as a gift) / to donate / benefaction

接受现金捐赠。

Jiēshòu xiànjīn juānzèng.

Cash donations will be accepted.

卷

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

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

那本词典分为两卷。

Nà běn cídiǎn fēnwéi liǎng juǎn.

The dictionary comes in two volumes.

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.

绝望 絕望

juéwàng to despair / to give up all hope / desperate / desperation

充满希望比绝望好。

Chōngmǎn xīwàng bǐ juéwàng hǎo.

To hope is better than to despair.

军队 軍隊

jūnduì armed forces / troops

军队强迫他辞职。

Jūnduì qiǎngpò tā cízhí.

The army forced him to resign.

军人 軍人

jūnrén serviceman / soldier / military personnel

军人必须履行他们的命令。

Jūnrén bìxū lǚxíng tāmen de mìnglìng.

Soldiers must carry out their orders.

均匀 均勻

jūnyún even / well-distributed / homogeneous / well-proportioned (figure, body etc)

K

卡片

kǎpiàn card

谢谢你寄给我的一张漂亮的卡片。

Xièxie nǐ jì gěi wǒ de yì zhāng piàoliang de kǎpiàn.

Thank you for sending me a nice card.

开创 開創

kāichuàng to initiate / to start / to found

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

她按了开关。

Tā àn le kāiguān.

She pressed the switch.

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)

开设 開設

kāishè to offer (goods or services) / to open (for business etc)

开头 開頭

kāitóu beginning / to start

从第十课的开头读起。

Cóng dì shí kè de kāitóu dú qǐ.

Read Lesson 10 from the beginning.

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.

看不起

kànbuqǐ to look down upon / to despise

她看不起他。

Tā kànbuqǐ tā.

She despised him.

看待

kàndài to look upon / to regard

你怎么看待这件事?

Nǐ zěnmē kàndài zhè jiàn shì?

What do you think about this?

看得起

kàndeǐ to show respect for / to think highly of

看好

kànhǎo to regard as having good prospects

kānhǎo to keep an eye on

吃点心你看好吗?

Chī diǎn diǎn xīn nǐ kànhǎo ma?

Let's eat some dessert, alright?

看似

kànsì to look as if / to seem

她看似不同意。

Tā kànsì bù tóngyì.

She doesn't seem to agree.

看中

kànzòng to have a preference for / to fancy / to choose after consideration / to settle on

看重

kànzòng to regard as important / to value

你看重钱吗?

Nǐ kànzòng qián ma?

Is money important to you?

康复 康復

kāngfù to recuperate / to recover (health) / to convalesce

你会很快康复的。

Nǐ huì hěn kuài kāngfù de.

You'll get well soon.

考察

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

我发现实地考察很有教育意义。

Wǒ fāxiàn shídì kǎochá hěn yǒu jiàoyù yìyì.

I found the field trip very educational.

考古

kǎogǔ archaeology / to engage in archaeological studies

考核

kǎohé to examine / to check up on / to assess / to review / appraisal / review / evaluation

考验 考驗

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

我们的友谊受到了考验。

Wǒmen de yǒuyì shòudào le kǎoyàn.

Our friendship was put to the test.

科

kē branch of study / administrative section / division / field / branch / stage directions / family (taxonomy) / rules / laws / to mete out (punishment) / to levy (taxes etc) / to fine sb

我不想挂科。

Wǒ bùxiǎng guà kē.

I don't want to fail my exams.

科幻

kēhuàn science fiction

科目

kēmù academic subject / field of study

你在学什么科目?

Nǐ zài xué shénme kēmù?

What subject are you studying?

科普

kēpǔ popularization of science (abbr. for 科學普及|科学普及 [kē xué2 pǔ3 jì2]) / popular science / to explain in layperson's terms

可口

kěkǒu tasty / to taste good

可怜 可憐

kělián pitiful / pathetic / to have pity on

可怜可怜我吧!

Kělián-kělián wǒ ba!

Have pity on me.

渴望

kěwàng to thirst for / to long for

我渴望冒险。

Wǒ kěwàng màoxiǎn.

I've a yen for adventures.

可行

kěxíng feasible

他的主意总是可行的。

Tā de zhǔyì zǒngshì kěxíng de.

His ideas are always practical.

客车 客車

kèchē coach / bus / passenger train

课题 課題

kètí task / problem / issue

肯

kěn to agree / to consent / to be willing to

恐惧 恐懼

kǒngjù to be frightened / fear / dread

恐惧会控制一切。

Kǒngjù huì kòngzhì yíqiè.

Fear controls everything.

空地

kòngdì vacant land / open space

kōngdì air-to-surface (missile)

大家都在空地集合开会。

Dàjiā dōu zài kòngdì jíhé kāihuì.

Everyone gathered together in the open space to meet.

空闲 空間

kòngxián leisure / spare time / free / unoccupied / unused / idle / vacant

你空闲时间喜欢做什么?

Nǐ kòngxián shíjiān xǐhuan zuò shénme?

What do you like to do in your free time?

口感

kǒugǎn mouthfeel / texture (of food)

口号 口號

kǒuhào slogan / catchphrase

口腔

kǒuqiāng oral cavity

口头 口頭

kǒutóu oral / verbal

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

包裹被海关扣了。

Bāoguǒ bèi hǎiguān kòule.

The package was confiscated by customs.

枯燥

kūzào dry and dull / uninteresting / tedious

酷

kù ruthless / strong (e.g. of wine) / cool / hip

这眼镜真酷。

Zhè yǎnjìng zhēn kù.

These glasses are cool.

夸 誇

kuā to boast / to exaggerate / to praise

我就当你夸我了。

Wǒ jiù dāng nǐ kuā wǒ le.

I'll take that as a compliment.

夸奖 誇獎

kuājiǎng to praise / to applaud / to compliment

夸张 誇張

kuāzhāng to exaggerate / overstated / exaggerated / hyperbole / excessive / ridiculous / outrageous

避免太夸张。

Bìmiǎn tài kuāzhāng.

Try to avoid overdoing it.

会计 會計

kuàijì accountant / accountancy / accounting

你懂会计吗?

Nǐ dǒng kuàijì ma?

Do you know accounting?

快捷

kuàijié quick / fast / nimble / agile / shortcut

搭飞机是旅行最快捷的方法。

Dā fēijī shì lǚxíng zuì kuàijié de fāngfǎ.

Flying is the quickest method of travelling.

款

kuǎn section / paragraph / funds / classifier for versions or models (of a product)

这款游戏很容易。

Zhè kuǎn yóuxì hěn róngyì.

This game is easy.

款式

kuǎnshì pattern / style / design

kuǎnshi elegant / elegance / good taste

今年流行甚么款式的外套?

Jīnnián liúxíng shénme kuǎnshì de wàitào?

What sort of coats are in fashion this year?

亏损 虧損

kuīsǔn deficit / loss

困扰 困擾

kùnrǎo to perplex / to disturb / to cause complications

他正遭受严重头痛的困扰。

Tā zhèng zāoshòu yánzhòng tóutòng de kùnrǎo.

He was suffering from a bad headache.

扩展 擴展

kuòzhǎn to extend / to expand / extension / expansion

我们正在努力扩展合作。

Wǒmen zhèngzài nǚlì kuòzhǎn hézuò.

We are working hard to cooperate more.

L

辣椒

làjiāo hot pepper / chili

辣椒是我最喜欢的香料之一。

Làjiāo shì wǒ zuì xǐhuan de xiāngliào zhīyī.

Capsicum is one of my favorite spices.

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!

来临 來臨

láilín to approach / to come closer

我代表公司欢迎你的来临。

Wǒ dàibiǎo gōngsī huānyíng nǐ de láilín.

On behalf of the company, I welcome you.

来往 來往

láiwǎng to come and go / to have dealings with / to be in relation with

你最好不要和他来往。

Nǐ zuìhǎo búyào hé tā láiwǎng.

You'd better not keep company with him.

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)

兰花 蘭花

lánhuā cymbidium / orchid

烂 爛

làn soft / mushy / well-cooked and soft / to rot / to decompose / rotten / worn out / chaotic / messy / utterly / thoroughly / crappy / bad

我的法语很烂。

Wǒ de Fǎyǔ hěn làn.

My French is crappy.

狼

láng wolf

狼吓到了我。

Láng xià dào le wǒ.

Wolves scare me.

朗读 朗讀

lǎngdú to read aloud

牢

láo pen / fold (for livestock) / prison / jail / firm / secure / fast

你为何没有在牢里?

Nǐ wèihé méiyǒu zài láo lǐ?

Why aren't you in jail?

劳动力 勞動力

láodònglì labor force / manpower

老实 老實

lǎoshi honest / sincere / well-behaved / naive / gullible

我觉得她很老实。

Wǒ juéde tā hěn lǎoshi.

I think that she's honest.

老鼠

lǎoshǔ rat / mouse

猫吃了老鼠。

Māo chī le lǎoshǔ.

The cat ate the rat.

老太太

lǎotàitai elderly lady (respectful) / esteemed mother

他同意帮助这位老太太。

Tā tóngyì bāngzhù zhèwèi lǎotàitai.

He consented to help the old lady.

乐于 樂於

lèyú willing (to do sth) / to take pleasure in

雷

léi thunder / (military) mine, as in 地雷[di4 lei2] land mine / to shock / to stun / to astound / (coll.) spoiler / (coll.) to reveal plot details to (sb) / surname Lei

我被雷劈了。

Wǒ bèi léi pī le.

I was struck by lightning.

类别 類別

lèibíe classification / category

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

我刮了胡子并理了发。

Wǒ guāle **húzi** **bìng** **lǐ** le **fā**.

I got a shave and a haircut.

理财 理財

lǐcái to manage wealth / to manage finances / money management

理科

lǐkē the sciences (as opposed to the humanities 文科[wén2 kē])

理科比文科难。

Lǐkē bǐ **wénkē** nán.

The natural sciences are harder than the social sciences.

理念

lǐniàn idea / concept / philosophy / theory

理念没有道理。

Lǐniàn méiyǒu dào- lǐ
.

The concept doesn't make sense.

理性

lǐxìng reason / rationality / rational

人的行为不总是理性的。

Rén de **xíngwéi** bù **zǒngshì** **lǐxìng** de.

People don't always behave rationally.

立

lì to stand / to set up / to establish / to lay down / to draw up / at once / immediately / surname Li

他没立遗嘱就死了。

Tā méi **lì** yízhǔ jiù sǐ le.

He died without having made a will.

粒

lì grain / granule / pellet / particle / classifier for small round objects (peas, bullets, peanuts, pills, grains etc) / classifier for larger round objects (watermelon etc)

我只剩下一粒糖了。

Wǒ zhǐ shèngxià **yí lì** táng le.

I only have one sweet left.

立场 立場

lìchǎng position / standpoint

我十分理解你的立场。

Wǒ shífēn lǐjiě nǐ de **lìchǎng**.

I understand your position perfectly.

力度

lìdù strength / vigor / efforts / dynamics

历经 歷經

lìjīng to experience / to go through

历年

lìnián calendar year / over the years / bygone years

例外

lìwài exception / to be an exception

这是一个例外。

Zhè shì yí gè lìwài.

This is an exception to the rule.

利息

lìxī interest (on a loan)

我存在银行的钱利息非常低。

Wǒ cúnzài yínháng de **qián lìxī** fēicháng dī.

The money I have in the bank earns very low interest.

联合国 聯合國

liánhéguó United Nations

不是所有国家都加入了联合国。

Bú shì suǒyǒu guójiā dōu jiārù le **Liánhéguó**.

Not every country belongs to the U.N.

联网 聯網

liánwǎng to connect (or be connected) to a network / to network

联想 聯想

liánxiǎng to associate (cognitively) / to make an associative connection / mental association / word prediction and auto-complete functions of input method editing programs / Lenovo

链接 鏈接

liànjiē to link / to catenate / link (on a web page) / hyperlink

不要点击那个链接。

Búyào diǎnjī nàge **liànjiē**.

Don't click on that link.

两岸 兩岸

liǎngàn bilateral / both shores / both sides / both coasts / Taiwan and mainland

两极 兩極

liǎngjí the two poles / the north and south poles / both ends of sth / electric or magnetic poles

晾

liàng to dry in the air / to cold-shoulder

你把衣服晾出来！

Nǐ bǎ yīfu **liàng** chūlái!

Hang your clothes out to dry!

料

liào material / stuff / grain / feed / to expect / to anticipate / to guess

淋

lín to sprinkle / to drip / to pour / to drench

lìn to filter / to strain / to drain / gonorrhea / strangury

别被雨淋了。

Bié bèi yǔ lín le.

Stay out of the rain.

凌晨

língchén very early in the morning / in the wee hours

我们聊到凌晨两点。

Wǒmen liáo dào língchén liǎng diǎn.

We talked until two in the morning.

流程

liúchéng course / stream / sequence of processes / work flow in manufacturing

你不明白流程。

Nǐ bù míngbái liúchéng.

You don't understand the procedure.

流动 流動

liúdòng to flow / to circulate / to move about / mobile / (of assets) liquid

浏览器 瀏覽器

liúlǎnqì browser (software)

你用什么浏览器？

Nǐ yòng shénme liúlǎnqì?

What browser are you using?

流量

liúliàng flow rate / throughput of passengers / volume of traffic / discharge / data traffic / network traffic / website traffic / mobile data

网站流量下跌。

Wǎngzhàn liúliàng xiàdiē.

Site traffic is dropping.

流入

liúrù to flow into / inflow

流通

liútōng to circulate / to distribute / circulation / distribution

楼道 樓道

lóudào corridor / passageway (in storied building)

漏洞

lòudòng leak / hole / gap / loophole

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

路程

lùchéng route / path traveled / distance traveled / course (of development)

到车站的路程很远。

Dào chēzhàn de lùchéng hěn yuǎn.

It's a long way to the station.

路况 路況

lùkuàng road condition(s) (e.g. surface, traffic flow etc)

路面

lùmiàn road surface

录像 錄像

lùxiàng to videotape / to videorecord / video recording

没有录像证据。

Méiyǒu lùxiàng zhèngjù.

There is no video proof.

录用 錄用

lùyòng to hire (an employee) / to accept (a manuscript) for publication

录制 錄製

lùzhì to record (video or audio)

轮 輪

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

轮到我了么？

Lún dào wǒ le ma?

Is it my turn?

轮船 輪船

lúnchuán steamship / steamer / steamboat

轮流 輪流

lúnlíu to alternate / to take turns

我们轮流开车。

Wǒmen lúnlíu kāichē.

We took turns driving the car.

轮椅 輪椅

lúnyǐ wheelchair

走廊要够轮椅宽。

Zǒuláng yào gòu lúnyǐ kuān.

The hallway needs to be wide enough for a wheelchair.

轮子 輪子

lúnzi wheel / Falun Gong practitioner

他发明了轮子。

Tā fāmíng le lúnzi.

He invented the wheel.

论坛 論壇

lùntán forum (for discussion)

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

落后 落後

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

骄傲使人落后。

Jiāo'ào shǐ rén luòhòu.

Pride goes before a fall.

旅程

lǚchéng journey / trip

旅途

lǚtú journey / trip

祝你旅途愉快。

Zhù nǐ lǚtú yúkuài.

I wish you a pleasant voyage.

履行

lǚxíng to fulfill (one's obligations) / to carry out (a task) / to implement (an agreement) / to perform

军人必须履行他们的命令。

Jūnrén bìxū lǚxíng tāmen de mìnglìng.

Soldiers must carry out their orders.

率

lǜ ratio / rate / proportion

shuài to lead / to command / rash / hasty / frank / straightforward / generally / usually

销售率正在急剧下滑。

Xiāoshòu lǜ zhèngzài jíjù xiàhuá.

The sales are slipping.

绿化 綠化

lǜhuà to make green with plants / to reforest / Islamization

M

马虎 馬虎

mǎhu careless / sloppy / negligent / skimpy

码头 碼頭

mǎtou wharf / dock / quay / pier

蚂蚁 螞蟻

mǎyǐ ant

蚂蚁出现了。

Mǎyǐ chūxiànle.

Ants appeared.

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

他们被埋在一座大坟墓里。

Tāmen bèi mái zài yí zuò dà fénmù lǐ.

They were buried in a mass grave.

迈 邁

mài to step / to stride / old / elderly / mile (esp. in expressions of vehicle speed)

麦克风 麥克風

màikèfēng microphone

漫长 漫長

màncháng very long / endless

学习之路如此漫长。

Xuéxí zhī lù rúcǐ màncháng.

The road to mastery is oh so long.

漫画 漫畫

mànhuà caricature / cartoon / Japanese manga

他什么都不做只是看漫画。

Tā shénme dōu bú zuò zhǐshì kàn mànhuà.

He does nothing but read comics.

盲人

máng rén blind person

我不认识任何一个盲人。

Wǒ bú rènshi rènhé yí gè máng rén.

I don't know any blind men.

冒

mào to emit / to give off / to send out (or up, forth) / to brave / to face / reckless / to falsely adopt (sb's identity etc) / to feign / to cover / surname Mao

我不想冒这个险。

Wǒ bùxiǎng mào zhège xiǎn.

I don't want to take the chance.

冒险 冒險

màoxiǎn to take risks / to take chances / foray / adventure

他喜欢冒险。

Tā xǐhuan màoxiǎn.

He likes adventure.

贸易 貿易

màoyì trade

日本和好几个海外国家做贸易。

Rìběn hé hǎo jǐ ge hǎiwài guójiā zuò màoyì.

Japan trades with several foreign countries.

煤

méi coal

煤并不都是黑的。

Méi bìng bù yí dìng dū shì hēi de.

Coal is not always black.

梅花

méihuā plum blossom / clubs ♣ (a suit in card games) / wintersweet

眉毛

méimáo eyebrow

我讨厌我的眉毛。

Wǒ tǎoyàn wǒ de méimáo.

I hate my eyebrows.

美观 美觀

měiguān pleasing to the eye / beautiful / artistic

弥补 彌補

míbǔ to complement / to make up for a deficiency

弥补永远不会太晚。

Míbǔ yǒngyuǎn búhuì tài wǎn.

It's never too late to make amends.

迷人

mírén fascinating / enchanting / charming / tempting

那是个迷人的秋夜。

Nà shì gè mí rén de qiū yè.

It was a lovely autumn evening.

密

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

密度

mìdù density / concentration

蜜蜂

mìfēng bee / honeybee

蜜蜂在冬天干甚么呢?

Mìfēng zài dōngtiān gàn shènmǒ ne?

What do bees do in winter?

密集

mìjī concentrated / crowded together / intensive / compressed

棉

mián generic term for cotton or kapok / cotton / padded or quilted with cotton

免

miǎn to excuse sb / to exempt / to remove or dismiss from office / to avoid / to avert / to escape / to be prohibited

勉强 勉強

miǎnqiǎng to do with difficulty / to force sb to do sth / reluctant / barely enough

他勉强同意了我的建议。

Tā miǎnqiǎng tóngyì le wǒ de jiànyì.

He reluctantly agreed to my proposal.

免税 免稅

miǎnshuì not liable to taxation (of monastery, imperial family etc) / tax free / duty free (shop)

免疫

miǎnyì immunity (to disease)

面部

miànbù face (body part)

面粉 麵粉

miànfěn flour

面包是面粉做的。

Miànbāo shì miànfěn zuò de.

Bread is made from flour.

面子

miànzi outer surface / the outside of sth / social prestige / face / powder

描绘 描繪

miáohuì to describe / to depict / to portray

描写 描寫

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

我打算描写我们的公园和山。

Wǒ dǎsuàn miáoxiě wǒmen de gōngyuán hé shān.

I am going to write about our parks and mountains.

妙

miào clever / wonderful

真是太妙了。

Zhēnshì tài miàole.

It was absolutely brilliant.

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.

民歌

míngē folk song

民间 民間

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

民间运动表达了民间的不满。

Mínjiān yùndòng biǎodá le mínjiān de bùmǎn.

Popular movements express popular displeasure.

民俗

mínsú popular custom

民宿

mínsù (orthographic borrowing from Japanese 民宿 "minshuku") property rented via Airbnb or similar platform / guesthouse / bed-and-breakfast / homestay / pension

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?

名额 名額

míngé quota / number of places / place (in an institution, a group etc)

明亮

míngliàng bright / shining / glittering / to become clear

我喜欢明亮的颜色。

Wǒ xǐhuan míngliàng de yánsè.

I like bright colors.

明明

míngmíng obviously / plainly / undoubtedly / definitely

名气 名氣

míngqì reputation / fame

名胜 名勝

míngshèng a place famous for its scenery or historical relics / scenic spot

命令

mìnglìng order / command

他们服从了命令。

Tāmen fúcóngle mìnglìng.

They obeyed orders.

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 míngzi wèi wǒ mìngmíng.

Father named me after his aunt.

模仿

mófǎng to imitate / to copy / to emulate / to mimic / model

模拟 模擬

mónǐ imitation / to simulate / to imitate / analog (device, as opposed to digital)

摩托车 摩托車

mótuōchē motorbike / motorcycle

骑摩托车很有趣。

Qí mótuōchē hěn yǒuqù.

It's fun to ride a motorcycle.

模型

móxíng model / mold / matrix / pattern

他喜欢建造模型飞机。

Tā xǐhuan jiànzhào móxíng fēijī.

He likes to build model planes.

默默

mòmò in silence / not speaking

模样 模樣

múyàng look / style / appearance / approximation / about

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.

母语 母語

mǔyǔ native language / mother tongue / parent language

你的母语是什么？

Nǐ de mǔyǔ shì shénme?

What is your mother tongue?

木材

mùcái wood

他们要发送木材给我们。

Tāmen yào fāsòng mùcái gěi wǒmen.

They will send us lumber.

目录 目錄

mùlù catalog / table of contents / directory (on computer hard drive) / list / contents

N

奶粉

nǎifěn powdered milk

难点 難點

nándiǎn difficulty

南极洲 南極洲

nánjízhōu Antarctica

南美洲

nánměizhōu South America

巴西是南美洲最大的国家。

Bāxī shì Nánměizhōu zuì dà de guójiā.

Brazil is the biggest country in South America.

难免 難免

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

事情难免会发生。

Shìqíng nánmiǎn huì fāshēng.

Stuff happens.

脑袋 腦袋

nǎodai head / skull / brains / mental capability

为什么你的脑袋那么聪明呢？

Wèishénme nǐ de nǎodai nàme cōngmíng ne?

Why are you so smart?

脑子 腦子

nǎozi brains / mind

他是一个脑子灵活的人。

Tā shì yí gè nǎozi línghuó de rén.

He is a quick-witted man.

内涵 內涵

nèihán meaningful content / implication / connotation / inner qualities (of a person)

内科 內科

nèikē internal medicine / general medicine

内外 內外

nèiwài inside and outside / domestic and foreign / approximately / about

内衣 內衣

nèiyī undergarment / underwear

我没穿内衣。

Wǒ méi chuān nèiyī.

I'm not wearing any underwear.

能量

néngliàng energy / capabilities

热是一种能量。

Rè shì yízhǒng néngliàng.

Heat is a form of energy.

能源

néngyuán energy sources / energy

我们必须降低能源需求。

Wǒmen bìxū jiàngdī néngyuán xūqiú.

We must reduce energy demand.

泥

ní mud / clay / paste / pulp

nì restrained

别走进泥地。

Bié zǒujìn ní de.

Don't step in the mud.

年度

niándù year (e.g. school year, fiscal year) / annual

年终 年終

niánzhōng end of the year

念书 念書

niànshū to read / to study / to attend school

我哥哥要出国念书。

Wǒ gēge yào chūguó niànshū.

My brother wants to study abroad.

扭

niǔ to turn / to twist / to wring / to sprain / to swing one's hips

农产品 農產品

nóngchǎnpǐn agricultural produce

浓厚 濃厚

nóng hòu dense / thick (fog, clouds etc) / to have a strong interest in / deep / fully saturated (color)

农田 農田

nóngtián farmland / cultivated land

我们要在俄罗斯建起农田。

Wǒmen yào zài Éluósī jiàn qǐ nóngtián.

We are going to make farms in Russia.

暖

nuǎn warm / to warm

您怎么让屋子暖起来？

Nín zěnmē ràng wūzi nuǎn qǐlai?

How do you heat the house?

暖气 暖氣

nuǎnqì central heating / heater / warm air

冬天暖气热不热？

Dōngtiān nuǎnqì rè bú rè?

Does the heating work in the winter?

O

偶像

ǒuxiàng idol

P

排除

páichú to eliminate / to remove / to exclude / to rule out

他把问题从脑子里排除了。

Tā bǎ wèntí cóng nǎozi lǐ páichúle.

He cast off the problem from his mind.

排放

páifàng to arrange in order / to emit / to discharge (exhaust gas, waste water etc) / to ovulate / to discharge semen

排练 排練

páiliàn to rehearse / rehearsal

排名

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

这家公司在石油行业排名第二。

Zhè jiā gōngsī zài shíyóu hángyè páimíng dì'èr.

This firm ranks second in the oil trade.

盘 盤

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

我已经洗了碗盘。

Wǒ yǐjīng xǐle wǎn pán.

I have already washed the dishes.

盼望

pànwàng to hope for / to look forward to

老师和学生一样盼望假期。

Lǎoshī hé xuésheng yíyàng pànwàng jiàqī.

Not only the student but their teacher is looking forward to holiday.

庞大 龐大

pángdà huge / enormous / tremendous

观众人数庞大。

Guānzhòng rénshù pángdà.

The audience was very large.

抛 拋

pāo to throw / to toss / to fling / to cast / to abandon

把悲伤抛到脑后吧。

Bǎ bēishāng pāo dào nǎo hòu ba.

Forget your sorrows.

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 pàole chá.

She made tea for me.

赔偿 賠償

péicháng to compensate

你需要赔偿他损失的钱。

Nǐ xūyào péicháng tā sǔnshī de qián.

You must compensate him for the money he lost.

陪同

péitóng to accompany

培育

péiyù to train / to breed

配备 配備

pèibèi to allocate / to provide / to outfit with

我们的车配备了空调。

Wǒmen de chē pèibèile kōngtiáo.

Our car is equipped with air conditioning.

佩服

pèifú to admire

我就是佩服你。

Wǒ jiùshì pèifú nǐ.

It's just that I admire you.

配套

pèitào to form a complete set / compatible / matching / complementary

喷 噴

pēn to spout / to spurt / to spray / to puff / to criticize scathingly (esp. online)

pèn strong / peak season (of a crop) / (classifier for the ordinal number of a crop, in the context of multiple harvests)

捧

pěng to hold or offer with both hands / to sing the praises of / classifier for what can be held in both hands

碰撞

pèngzhuàng to collide / collision

披

pī to drape over one's shoulders / to open / to unroll / to split open / to spread out

她披上一件外套，上了路。

Tā pī shàng yí jiàn wàitào, shàng le lù.

She threw on a coat and set off.

皮

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

皮特罗去摘苹果。

Pí tè luó qù zhāi píngguǒ.

Pietro went apple-picking.

疲劳 疲勞

píláo fatigue / wearily / weariness / weary

他因为太疲劳而无法继续前进。

Tā yīnwèi tài píáo ér wúfǎ jìxù qiánjìn.

He was too tired to go any farther.

片刻

piànkè short period of time / a moment

在房间外面等待片刻。

Zài fángjiān wàimiàn děngdài piànkè.

Wait for a moment outside the room.

片面

piànmiàn unilateral / one-sided

骗子 騙子

piànzi swindler / a cheat

他是个骗子。

Tā shì gè piànzi.

He's a liar.

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

天空飘的云很美。

Tiānkōng piāo de Yún hěn Měi.

The clouds floating in the sky are beautiful.

频道 頻道

píndào frequency / channel

欢迎收看本频道。

Huānyíng shōukàn běn píndào.

Welcome to the channel.

频繁 頻繁

pínán frequently / often

地震频繁地袭击日本。

Dìzhèn pínán de xíjī Rìběn.

Earthquakes frequently hit Japan.

贫困 貧困

pínkùn impoverished / poverty

他怎么在这样的贫困中谋生？

Tā zěnmē zài zhèyàng de pínkùn zhōng móushēng?

How did he make his living in such poverty?

频率 頻率

pínǚ frequency

平等

píngděng equal / equality

人人生来平等。

Rén rénshēng lái píngděng.

All men are created equal.

平凡

píngfán commonplace / ordinary / mediocre

我们过着十分平凡的生活。

Wǒmen guò zhe shífēn píngfán de shēnghuó.

We lead a very ordinary life.

平方

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

平方米

píngfāngmǐ square meter

工厂的面积是1000平方米。

Gōngchǎng de miànjī shì yìqiān píngfāngmǐ.

The area of the factory is 1,000 square meters.

评估 評估

pínggū to evaluate / to assess / assessment / evaluation

评论 評論

pínglùn to comment on / to discuss / comment / commentary

不要删评论。

Búyào shān pínglùn.

Don't delete the comments.

评选 評選

píngxuǎn to select on the basis of a vote or consensus

坡

pō slope / sloping / slanted

泼 潑

pō to splash / to spill / rough and coarse / brutish

破产 破產

pòchǎn to go bankrupt / to become impoverished / bankruptcy

公司破产了。

Gōngsī pòchǎn le.

The company went bankrupt.

迫切

pòqiè urgent / pressing

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

狮子突然向训练员扑了过去。

Shīzi tūrán xiàng xùnliàn yuán pū le guòqù.

Suddenly the lion came at his trainer.

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

她把干净的床单铺在床上。

Tā bǎ gānjìng de chuángdān pū zài chuáng shàng.

She put clean sheets on the bed.

扑灭 撲滅

pūmiè to eradicate / to extinguish

要即时扑灭那火灾并不容易。

Yào jíshí pūmiè nà huǒzāi bìng bù róngyì.

It was not easy to put out the fire at once.

朴素 樸素

pǔsù plain and simple / unadorned / simple living / not frivolous

他生活朴素。

Tā shēnghuó pǔsù.

He lived a simple life.

Q

欺骗 欺騙

qīpiàn to deceive / to cheat

他欺骗了她。

Tā qīpiàn le tā.

He swindled her.

期望

qīwàng to have expectations / to earnestly hope / expectation / hope

我对他期望很高。

Wǒ duì tā qīwàng hěn gāo.

I expect a lot from him.

期限

qīxiàn time limit / deadline / allotted time

这本护照的有用期限为五年。

Zhè běn hùzhào de yǒuyòng qīxiàn wèi wǔ nián.

This passport is valid for five years.

其间 其間

qíjiān in between / within that interval / in the meantime

齐全 齊全

qíquán complete / comprehensive

房间里家具齐全。

Fángjiān lǐ jiājù qíquán.

The room is fully furnished.

棋子

qízǐ chess piece / a pawn (used by others for their own purposes)

起初

qǐchū originally / at first / at the outset

起初她不喜欢马。

Qǐchū tā bù xǐhuan mǎ.

She didn't like the horse at first.

起点 起點

qǐdiǎn starting point

启动 啟動

qǐdòng to start (a machine) / to set in motion / to launch (an operation) / to activate (a plan)

这个装置是用开关启动的。

Zhège zhuāngzhì shì yòng kāiguān qǐdòng de.

This device is actuated by a switch.

启发 啟發

qǐfā to enlighten / to explain (a text etc) / to stimulate (a mental attitude) / enlightenment / revelation / motivation

启事 啟事

qǐshì announcement (written, on billboard, letter, newspaper or website) / to post information / a notice

启示 啟示

qǐshì to reveal / to enlighten / enlightenment / revelation / illumination / moral (of a story etc) / lesson

起源

qǐyuán origin / to originate / to come from

佛教起源于印度。

Fójiào qǐyuán yú Yīndù.

Buddhism had its beginnings in India.

气氛 氣氛

qìfēn atmosphere / mood

总部里有另外一种气氛。

Zǒngbù lǐ yǒu lìngwài yìzhǒng qìfēn.

There was a different kind of atmosphere in the headquarters.

气体 氣體

qìtǐ gas (i.e. gaseous substance)

气味 氣味

qìwèi odor / scent

这是什么气味？

Zhè shì shénme qìwèi?

What's this smell?

气质 氣質

qìzhì personality traits / temperament / disposition / aura / air / feel / vibe / refinement / sophistication / class

恰当 恰當

qiàdàng appropriate / suitable

恰好

qiàhǎo as it turns out / by lucky coincidence / (of number, time, size etc) just right

着火的时候我妈妈恰好在那。

Zhǎohuǒ de shíhou wǒ māma qiàhǎo zài nà.

My mother happened to be there when the fire broke out.

恰恰

qiàqià exactly / just / precisely / cha-cha / cha-cha-cha (dance)

牵 牽

qiān to lead along / to pull (an animal on a tether) / to involve / to draw in

我们牵过一次手。
Wǒmen qiānguò yíci shǒu.
We held hands, once.

千家万户 千家萬戶

qiānjiāwàn hù every family (idiom)

谦虚 謙虛

qiānxū modest / self-effacing / to make modest remarks

你太谦虚了。
Nǐ tài qiānxū le.
You're too modest.

前景

qiánjǐng foreground / vista / prospects / perspective

这是很有前景的行业。
Zhè shì hěn yǒu qiánjǐng de hángyè.
This is a very promising industry.

潜力 潛力

qiánlì potential / latent capacity

有领导潜力吗？
Yǒu lǐngdǎo qiánlì ma?
Do you have leadership potential?

前期

qiánqī preceding period / early stage

前提

qiántí premise / precondition / prerequisite

前者

qiánzhě the former (i.e. the one mentioned first)

两者都可以，但是前者更简洁。
Liǎngzhě dōu kěyǐ, dànshì qiánzhě gèng jiǎnjié.
Either one is fine, but the former is more concise.

枪 槍

qiāng gun / firearm / rifle / spear / thing with shape or function similar to a gun / to substitute for another person in a test / to knock / classifier for rifle shots / surname Qiang

她带着枪。
Tā dàizhe qiāng.
She's got a gun.

墙壁 牆壁

qiángbì wall

她把墙壁都涂成了白色。
Tā bǎ qiángbì dōu tú chéng le báisè.
She painted the walls white.

强化 強化

qiáng huà to strengthen / to intensify

强壮 強壯

qiángzhuàng strong / sturdy / robust

他比你强壮。
Tā bǐ nǐ qiángzhuàng.
He's stronger than you.

强迫 強迫

qiǎngpò to compel / to force

他强迫她坐下。
Tā qiǎngpò tā zuò xià.
He forced her to sit down.

瞧

qiáo to look at / to see / to see (a doctor) / to visit

瞧瞧你的双手。
Qiáo qiáo nǐ de shuāngshǒu.
Look at your hands.

桥梁 橋梁

qiáoliáng bridge (lit. and fig.)

巧妙

qiǎomiào ingenious / clever / ingenuity / artifice

切实 切實

qièshí feasible / realistic / practical / earnestly / conscientiously

亲密 親密

qīnmì intimate / close

我们是亲密的朋友。
Wǒmen shì qīnmì de péngyou.
We're intimate friends.

亲属 親屬

qīnshǔ kin / kindred / relatives

勤劳 勤勞

qín láo hardworking / industrious / diligent

勤劳的人将获得成功人生。
Qín láo de rén jiāng huò dé chénggōng rénshēng.
An industrious person will succeed in life.

清

qīng clear / clean / quiet / still / pure / uncorrupted / clear / distinct / to clear / to settle (accounts) / Qīng (Wade-Giles: Ch'ing) dynasty of China (1644–1911) / surname Qīng

我还搞不清。
Wǒ hái gǎo bù qīng.
I'm still confused.

清晨

qīngchén early morning

她清晨离开了。
Tā qīngchén líkāi le.
She left early in the morning.

青春

qīngchūn youth / youthfulness

青春只有一次。
Qīngchūn zhǐ yǒu yí cì.
Youth comes but once in life.

青春期

qīngchūnqī puberty / adolescence

清淡

qīngdàn light (of food, not greasy or strongly flavored) / insipid / slack (sales)

今天想吃清淡的食物呢。

Jīntiān xiǎng chī qīngdàn de shíwù ne.

Today I want to eat something light.

清洁 清潔

qīngjié clean / to clean

用湿布清洁窗户。

Yòng shī bù qīngjié chuānghu.

Clean the window with a damp cloth.

清理

qīnglǐ to clear up / to tidy up / to dispose of

我清理了桌子。

Wǒ qīnglǐ le zhuōzi.

I cleared the table.

清扫 清掃

qīngsǎo to tidy up / to mop up / a sweep (against crime)

清扫你的房间。

Qīngsǎo nǐ de fángjiān.

Clean your room.

倾听 傾聽

qīngtīng to listen attentively

清晰

qīngxī clear / distinct

这台电脑的屏幕很清晰。

Zhè tái diànnǎo de píngmù hěn qīngxī.

This computer has a sharp screen.

清洗

qīngxǐ to wash / to rinse / to clean / to purge / to get rid of (corrupt individuals etc)

去清洗一下。

Qù qīngxǐ yíxià.

Wash up.

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.

清醒

qīngxǐng clear-headed / sober / awake

我们很清醒。

Wǒmen hěn qīngxǐng.

We're wide awake.

情节 情節

qíngjié circumstances / plot / storyline

这件事情像是电影情节。

Zhè jiàn shì qíng xiàng shì diànyǐng qíngjié.

That's something like a movie scenario.

晴朗

qínglǎng sunny and cloudless

天空很晴朗。

Tiānkōng hěn qínglǎng.

The skies are clear.

情形

qíngxíng circumstances / situation / state of affairs

求

qiú to seek / to look for / to request / to demand / to beseech

你求他帮忙没有用。

Nǐ qiú tā bāngmáng méiyǒu yòng.

It's no use your begging him for help.

求婚

qiúhūn to propose marriage

他向你求婚了吗？

Tā xiàng nǐ qiúhūn le ma?

Did he propose to you?

求救

qiújiù to seek help (when in distress or having difficulties)

求职 求職

qiúzhí to seek employment

求助

qiúzhù to request help / to appeal (for help)

她向他求助。

Tā xiàng tā qiúzhù.

She asked him for help.

区分 區分

qūfēn to differentiate / to draw a distinction / to divide into categories

现实和幻想是很难区分的。

Xiànshí hé huànxǐǎng shì hěn nán qūfēn de.

Reality and fantasy are hard to distinguish.

渠道

qúdào irrigation ditch / channel / avenue

娶

qǔ to take a wife / to marry (a woman)

他决定娶她。

Tā juéding qǔ tā.

He decided to marry her.

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

我无法取代她做英语老师。

Wǒ wúfǎ qǔdài tā zuò Yīngyǔ lǎoshī.

I can't take the place of her as an English teacher.

趣味

qùwèi fun / interest / delight / taste / liking / preference

圈

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

请圈出正确答案。

Qǐng quān chū zhèngquè dá'àn.

Please circle the right answer.

全程

quánchéng the whole distance / from beginning to end

权力 權力

quánlì power / authority

我没有权力。

Wǒ méiyǒu quánlì.

I am devoid of power.

券

quàn bond (esp. document split in two, with each party holding one half) / contract / deed (i.e. title deeds) / ticket / voucher / certificate

缺陷

quēxiàn defect / flaw

这只手机有缺陷。

Zhè zhǐ shǒujī yǒu quēxiàn.

This phone is defective.

确立 確立

quèlì to establish / to institute

群众 群眾

qúnzhòng mass / multitude / the masses

他有群众魅力。

Tā yǒu qúnzhòng mèilì.

He's got charisma.

R

燃料

ránliào fuel

煤和天然气是天然燃料。

Méi hé tiānránqì shì tiānrán ránliào.

Coal and natural gas are natural fuels.

染

rǎn to dye / to catch (a disease) / to acquire (bad habits etc) / to contaminate / to add color washes to a painting

你染过头发吗？

Nǐ rǎnguó tóufa ma?

Have you ever dyed your hair?

热点 熱點

rèdiǎn hot spot / point of special interest

热度 熱度

rèdù level of heat / zeal / fervor / a temperature (i.e. abnormally high body heat)

热门 熱門

rèmén popular / hot / in vogue

棒球在台湾是热门的运动。

Bàngqiú zài Táiwān shì rèmén de yùndòng.

Baseball is a popular sport in Taiwan.

热水器 熱水器

rèshuǐqì water heater

热线 熱線

rèxiàn hotline (communications link)

热议 熱議

rèyì to discuss passionately / heated debate

人工智能

réngōngzhìnéng artificial intelligence (AI)

人家

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

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

你为什么要骂人家？

Nǐ wèishénme yào mà rénjiā?

Why do you go about being cross at people?

人均

rénjūn per capita / averaged per person

人山人海

rénshānrénhǎi multitude / vast crowd

那里人山人海。

Nàlǐ rénshānrénhǎi.

There's a huge number of people there.

人事

rénshì personnel / human resources / human affairs / ways of the world / sexuality / the facts of life

人士

rénshì person / figure / public figure

人为 人為

rénwéi artificial / man-made / having human cause or origin / human attempt or effort

人行道

rénxíngdào sidewalk

在人行道上走。

Zài rén xíng dào shàng zǒu.

Walk on the pavement.

忍受

rěnrǎn to bear / to endure

我不能忍受。

Wǒ bùnéng rěnrǎn.

I can't stand it.

认错 認錯

rèncuò to admit an error / to acknowledge one's mistake

你认错人了。

Nǐ rèncuò rén le.

You're confusing me with someone else.

认定 認定

rèndìng to maintain (that sth is true) / to determine (a fact) / determination (of an amount) / of the firm opinion / to believe firmly / to set one's mind on / to identify with

认可 認可

rènkě to approve / approval / acknowledgment / OK

翻译不代表认可。

Fānyì bú dài biǎo rènkě.

A translation is not an endorsement.

认同 認同

rèntóng to approve of / to endorse / to acknowledge / to recognize / to identify oneself with

我无法认同你。

Wǒ wúfǎ rèntóng nǐ.

I cannot agree with you.

认知 認知

rènzhī cognition / cognitive / understanding / perception / awareness / to be cognizant of / to recognize / to realize

这表明我们对自身的认知很少。

Zhè biǎomíng wǒmen duì zìshēn de rènzhī hěn shǎo.

That shows how little we know of ourselves.

仍旧 仍舊

réngjiù still (remaining) / to remain (the same) / yet

日后 日後

rìhòu sometime / someday (in the future)

日前

rìqián the other day / a few days ago

请在3月10日前再次确认预订。

Qǐng zài sān yuè shí rì qián zài cì quèrèn yùdìng.

Please reconfirm the reservation by March 10.

日夜

rìyè day and night / around the clock

她日夜想着这个。

Tā rìyè xiǎngzhe zhège.

She wants to do this day and night.

日益

rìyì day by day / more and more / increasingly / more and more with each passing day

我们的国家日益富强。

Wǒmen de guójiā rìyì fùqiáng.

Our country grows stronger day by day.

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

冰融化成水。

Bīng rónghuà chéng shuǐ.

Ice melts to become water.

容量

róngliàng capacity / volume / quantitative (science)

融入

róngrù to blend into / to integrate / to assimilate / to merge

她们拒绝融入。

Tāmen jùjué róngrù.

They refuse to integrate.

荣誉 榮譽

róngyù honor / credit / glory / reputation / honorary

柔软 柔軟

róuruǎn soft

入境

rùjìng to enter a country

入门 入門

rùmén entrance door / to enter a door / to learn the basics of a subject / introduction (to a subject) / (attributive) entry-level

入选 入選

rùxuǎn to be included among those selected for

弱点 弱點

ruòdiǎn weak point / failing

谁都有弱点。

Shéi dōu yǒu ruòdiǎn.

Everybody has weaknesses.

S

撒

sǎ to scatter / to sprinkle / to spill

sā to let go / to cast / to let loose / to discharge / to give expression to / to pee

我的名字是法尔撒特。

Wǒ de míngzì shì fǎ ěr sā tè.

My name is Farshad.

塞

sāi to plug / to stop up / to stuff in / a stopper / a cork

sè to block / to obstruct

sài strategic stronghold

厕所塞住了。

Cèsuǒ sāi zhùle.

The toilet is backed up.

赛事 賽事

sàishì competition (e.g. sporting)

散文

sǎnwén prose (as opposed to verse) / free-form literary prose, such as essays, sketches and reflections

昨天我们写了我们的散文。

Zuótiān wǒmen xiěle wǒmen de sǎnwén.

Yesterday we wrote our essays.

散

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

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

我去公园散了步。

Wǒ qù gōngyuán sànle bù.

I went for a walk in the park.

散发 散發

sànfā to distribute / to emit / to give off

我在这个世界散发着自己的光芒。

Wǒ zài zhège shìjiè sànfāzhe zìjǐ de guāngmáng.

I shine light in the world.

嗓子

sǎngzi throat / voice

丧失 喪失

sàngshī to lose / to forfeit

丧失健康比丧失金钱更糟糕。

Sàngshī jiànkāng bǐ sàngshī jīnqián gèng zāogāo.

Losing your health is worse than losing your money.

扫描 掃描

sǎomiáo to scan

杀 殺

shā to kill / to slay / to murder / to attack / to weaken / to reduce / to smart / extremely

他们要杀你。

Tāmen yào shā nǐ.

They'll kill you.

刹车 剎車

shāchē to brake (when driving) / to stop / to switch off / to check (bad habits) / a brake

刹车出了问题。

Shāchē chūle wèntí.

Something is wrong with the brakes.

鲨鱼 鯊魚

shāyú shark

筛选 篩選

shāixuǎn to filter

山顶 山頂

shāndǐng hilltop

山顶被雪覆盖了。

Shāndǐng bèi xuě fùgàile.

The top of the mountain is covered in snow.

山峰

shānfēng peak

山坡

shānpō hillside

闪 閃

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

只是在屏幕上闪了一下。

Zhǐshì zài píngmù shàng shǎnle yíxià.

It's just a blip on a screen.

闪电 閃電

shǎndiàn lightning

我被闪电吓到了。

Wǒ bèi shǎndiàn xià dào le.

I was scared by the lightning.

商标 商標

shāngbiāo trademark / logo

伤口 傷口

shāngkǒu wound / cut

不要碰伤口。

Búyào pèng shāngkǒu.

Don't touch the wound.

伤亡 傷亡

shāngwáng casualties / injuries and deaths

伤员 傷員

shāngyuán wounded person

上当 上當

shàngdàng taken in (by sb's deceit) / to be fooled / to be duped

他让你上当。

Tā ràng nǐ shàngdàng.

You were duped by him.

上级 上級

shàngjí higher authorities / superiors

被告会向上级法院上诉。

Bèigào huì xiàng shàngjí fǎyuàn shàngsù.

The defendant will appeal to a higher court.

上进 上進

shàngjìn to make progress / to do better / fig. ambitious to improve oneself / to move forwards

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

上台

shàngtái to rise to power (in politics) / to go on stage (in the theater)

齐里被叫上台。

Qí lǐ bèi jiào shàngtái.

Ziri was called onto the stage.

上旬

shàngxún first third of a month

少儿 少兒

shàorér child

舌头 舌頭

shétou tongue / enemy soldier captured for the purpose of extracting information

我咬了我的舌头。

Wǒ yǎo le wǒ de shétou.

I bit my tongue.

射

shè to shoot / to launch / to allude to / radio- (chemistry)

阳光穿过三色云，射向大地。

Yángguāng chuānguò sān sè Yún, shè xiàng dàdì.

The sun shines through the tri-color clouds, shooting towards the earth.

社

shè society / organization / agency / god of the land

他参加摄影社。

Tā cānjiā shèyǐng shè.

He belongs to the camera club.

射击 射擊

shèjī to shoot / to fire (a gun)

涉及

shèjí to involve / to relate to / to concern / to touch upon

设想 設想

shèxiǎng to imagine / to assume / to envisage / tentative plan / to have consideration for

我有一个设想。

Wǒ yǒu yí gè shèxiǎng.

I had a vision.

摄像 攝像

shèxiàng to videotape

摄像头 攝像頭

shèxiàngtóu webcam / surveillance camera

他手机的摄像头坏了。

Tā shǒujī de shèxiàngtóu huàile.

His phone's camera broke.

身心

shēnxīn body and mind / mental and physical

适度的运动让身心焕然一新。

Shìdù de yùndòng ràng shēnxīn huànrányìxīn.

Moderate exercise will refresh both mind and body.

深夜

shēnyè very late at night

他从不在深夜出门。

Tā cóngbú zài shēnyè chūmén.

He never goes out late at night.

神

shén god / deity / supernatural / magical / mysterious / spirit / mind / energy / lively / expressive / look / expression / awesome / amazing / God

没有人看过神。

Méiyǒu rén kànguò shén.

Nobody has seen God.

神经 神經

shénjīng nerve / mental state / unhinged / nutjob

神奇

shénqí magical / mystical / miraculous

审美 審美

shěnměi aesthetics / appreciating the arts / taste

她没有审美感。

Tā méiyǒu shěnměi gǎn.

She has no sense of beauty.

生成

shēngchéng to generate / to produce / to form / to be formed / to come into being / to be born with / to be blessed with

声调 聲調

shēngdiào tone / note / a tone (on a Chinese syllable)

她声调突然变了。

Tā shēngdiào tūrán biànle.

There was a sudden change in her tone.

生命力

shēgmìnglì vitality

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")

升学 升學

shēngxué to enter the next grade school

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?

剩余 剩餘

shèngyú to remain / to be left over / what remains / what's left

他充分利用了剩余的时间。

Tā chōngfèn lìyòng le shèngyú de shíjiān.

He made the best of the time left.

诗词 詩詞

shīcí verse

湿度 濕度

shīdù humidity level

师父 師父

shīfu used for 師傅|师傅 (in Taiwan) / master / qualified worker

诗歌 詩歌

shīgē poem

中国诗歌以李白的诗最为有名。

Zhōngguó shīgē yǐ Lǐ Bái de shī zuìwéi yǒumíng.

Li Bai's work is the most famous of Chinese poetry.

狮子 獅子

shīzi lion

shīzǐ Leo (star sign) / Shihtzu township in Pingtung County 屏東縣|屏东县[Ping2 dong1 Xian4], Taiwan

狮子很强壮。

Shīzi hěn qiángzhuàng.

A lion is strong.

拾

shí to pick up / to collate or arrange / ten (banker's anti-fraud numeral)

shè to ascend in light steps

他拾起了书。

Tā shí qǐ le shū.

He picked up the book.

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

时光 時光

shíguāng time (esp. as sth that passes)

我有一段美好的旧时光。

Wǒ yǒu yí duàn měi hǎo de jiù shí guāng.

I had a fine old time.

实话 實話

shíhuà truth

他说了实话。

Tā shuō le shí huà.

He told the truth.

实惠 實惠

shíhuì tangible benefit / material advantages / cheap / economical / advantageous (deal) / substantial (discount)

时机 時機

shíjī opportunity / opportune moment

我们在等对的时机。

Wǒ men zài děng duì de shí jī.

We're waiting for the right time.

时尚 時尚

shíshàng fashion / fad / fashionable

她很了解最新的时尚趋势。

Tā hěn liǎojiě zuì xīn de shí shàng qū shì.

She knows a lot about the latest fashions.

实时 實時

shíshí real time / instantaneous

时速 時速

shísù speed per hour

石油

shíyóu oil / petroleum

我们国家不缺石油。

Wǒ men guójiā bù quē shí yóu.

We are not short of oil in this country.

食欲 食慾

shíyù appetite

我今天的食欲很好。

Wǒ jīntiān de shí yù hěn hǎo.

I have a good appetite today.

实质 實質

shízhì substance / essence

这是一场没有实质内容的争论。

Zhè shì yí cháng méi yǒu shí zhì nèi róng de zhēng lùn.

It was an argument of little substance.

十足

shízú ample / complete / hundred percent / a pure shade (of some color)

使劲 使勁

shǐjìn to exert all one's strength

士兵

shìbīng soldier

士兵给了我水。

Shìbīng gěi le wǒ shuǐ.

The soldier gave water to me.

适度 適度

shìdù moderately / appropriate

适度运动对身体健康是必要的。

Shìdù yùndòng duì shēntǐ jiànkāng shì bìyào de.

Moderate exercise is necessary for good health.

示范 示範

shìfàn to demonstrate / to show how to do sth / demonstration / a model example

释放 釋放

shìfàng to release (a prisoner) / to set free / to release (energy, gas, resources) / to express (emotions, goodwill, intentions)

她会被释放。

Tā huì bèi shì fàng.

She'll be released.

事后 事後

shìhòu after the event / in hindsight / in retrospect

视觉 視覺

shìjué sight / vision / visual

魅力冲击视觉，美德征服心灵。

Mèilì chōngjī shìjué, Měidé zhēngfú xīnlíng.

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.

视力 視力

shìlì eyesight / visual acuity

他的视力不佳。

Tā de shìlì bù jiā.

He has poor eyesight.

势力 勢力

shìlì power / influence / a force (military, political etc)

试图 試圖

shìtú to attempt / to try

他试图自杀。

Tā shìtú zì shā.

He tried to kill himself.

事务 事務

shìwù affairs / work / transaction (as in a computer database)

他知道很多外国事务。

Tā zhīdào hěnduō wàiguó shìwù.

He knows a lot about foreign affairs.

事项 事項

shìxiàng matter / item

适宜 適宜

shìyí suitable / appropriate

收藏

shōucáng to collect (works of art, dolls, antiques etc) / to put away for safekeeping / (Internet) to bookmark / a collection

我想看看您的邮票收藏。

Wǒ xiǎng kànkān nín de yóupiào shōucáng.

I would like to have a look at your collection of stamps.

收购 收購

shōugòu to purchase or acquire in bulk or at an official level (esp. by a state or organization) / to acquire or take over (a company or equity) / acquisition / takeover

收取

shōuqǔ to receive / to collect

收益

shōuyì earnings / profit

手臂

shǒubì arm (from shoulder to wrist) / (fig.) assistant / helper

你的手臂疼吗？

Nǐ de shǒubì téng ma?

Does your arm hurt?

手法

shǒufǎ technique / trick / skill

手势 手勢

shǒushì gesture / sign / signal

多温柔的手势啊。

Duō wēnróu de shǒushì a.

What a tender gesture.

首要

shǒuyào the most important / of chief importance

寿命 壽命

shòumìng life span / life expectancy / lifetime (of a machine)

蝴蝶的寿命短。

Húdié de shòumìng duǎn.

The life span of a butterfly is short.

受灾 受災

shòuzāi disaster-stricken / to be hit by a natural calamity

输出 輸出

shūchū to output / to deliver (energy, data, signals etc) / to export (goods, services, technology etc)

书画 書畫

shūhuà painting and calligraphy

书籍 書籍

shūjí books / works

他有很多历史书籍。

Tā yǒu hěnduō lìshǐ shūjí.

He has a lot of books on history.

书面 書面

shūmiàn in writing / written

输送 輸送

shūsòng to transport / to convey / to deliver

书写 書寫

shūxiě to write

历史由赢家书写。

Lìshǐ yóu yíngjiā shūxiě.

History is written by the victors.

属 屬

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

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

我们班属小李的个子最高。

Wǒmen bān shǔ Xiǎo Lǐ de gèzi zuìgāo.

Xiaoli is the tallest in our class.

薯片

shǔpiàn fried potato chips

每个盘子里都有一块薯片。

Měige pánzi lǐ dōu yǒu yíkuài shǔpiàn.

There was a single potato chip on each plate.

竖 豎

shù to erect / vertical / vertical stroke (in Chinese characters)

树立 樹立

shùlì to set up / to establish

上海人要树立上海新形象。

Shànghǎi rén yào shùlì Shànghǎi xīn xíngxiàng.

The Shanghainese people must build up Shanghai's new image.

数目 數目

shù mù amount / number

1000美元是个大数目。

Yìqiān měiyuán shì gè dà shù mù.

A thousand dollars is a large sum.

数字化 數字化

shùzìhuà to digitize

衰老

shuāilǎo to age / to deteriorate with age / old and weak

没有人能逃过衰老。

Méiyǒu rén néng táo guo shuāilǎo.

No one can escape growing old.

率领 率領

shuàilǐng to lead / to command / to head

率先

shuàixiān to take the lead / to show initiative

水稻

shuǐdào rice / paddy

水稻生长在温暖的气候。

Shuǐdào shēngzhǎng zài wēnnuǎn de qìhòu.

Rice grows in warm climates.

水库 水庫

shuǐkù reservoir

水流

shuǐliú river / stream

水流不是很急。

Shuǐliú bú shì hěn jí.

The stream is not very swift.

水面

shuǐmiàn water surface

木头能浮在水面上。

Mùtōu néng fú zài shuǐmiàn shàng.

Wood floats in water.

水泥

shuǐní cement

水泥会在数个小时内凝固。

Shuǐní huì zài shù gè xiǎoshí nèi nínggù.

The cement will set in a couple of hours.

瞬间 瞬間

shùnjiān in an instant / in a flash

思路

sīlù line of thought / way of thinking

思念

sīniàn to think of / to long for / to miss

我很思念过去的日子。

Wǒ hěn sīniàn guòqù de rìzi.

I really miss the old days.

死亡

sǐwáng to die / death

他害怕死亡。

Tā hàipà sǐwáng.

He is afraid of death.

松

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

你的领带松了。

Nǐ de lǐngdài sōng le.

Your tie has come undone.

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?

搜集 蒐集

sōují to gather / to collect

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.

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.

虽 雖

suī although / even though

他虽年轻，但十分英明。

Tā suī niánqīng, dàn shífēn yīngmíng.

Though young, he is wise.

岁数 歲數

suìshu age (number of years old)

你多大岁数了？

Nǐ duō dà suìshu le?

How old are you?

岁月 歲月

suìyuè years / time

十年是一段漫长的岁月。

Shínián shì yíduàn màncháng de suìyuè.

Ten years is a really long period of time.

损坏 損壞

sǔnhuài to damage / to injure

文件已损坏。

Wénjiàn yǐ sǔnhuài.

The file is corrupt.

损伤 損傷

sǔnshāng to harm / to damage / to injure / impairment / loss / disability

T

踏实 踏實

tǎshi firmly-based / steady / steadfast / to have peace of mind / free from anxiety

塔

tǎ pagoda (abbr. for 塔婆[tǎ pō], a loanword from Sanskrit stūpa) / tower / pylon / (pastry) tart

那是一座塔。

Nà shì yí zuò tǎ.

That's a tower.

台风

táifēng stage presence, poise / typhoon

又开始刮台风了。

Yòu kāishǐ guā táifēng le.

A typhoon has also started to rise.

台球

táiqiú billiards

地球比台球更光滑。

Dìqiú bǐ táiqiú gèng guānghuá.

The Earth is smoother than a billiard ball.

太空

tàikōng outer space

太空旅行已不再是幻想。

Tàikōng lǚxíng yǐ búzài shì huànxiǎng.

Space travel is no longer a dream.

太阳能 太陽能

tàiyángnéng solar energy

太阳能有益于环保。

Tàiyángnéng yǒuyì yú huánbǎo.

Solar power is environmentally friendly.

谈论 談論

tánlùn to discuss / to talk about

他们到处谈论它。

Tāmen dào chù tánlùn tā.

They talk about it everywhere.

谈判 談判

tánpàn to negotiate / negotiation / talks / conference

外交谈判帮助结束了冲突。

Wàijiāo tánpàn bāngzhù jiéshù le chōngtū.

Diplomatic dialogue helped put an end to the conflict.

弹性 彈性

tánxìng flexibility / elasticity

探索

tànsuǒ to explore / to probe

探讨 探討

tàntǎo to investigate / to probe

这是值得探讨的话题。

Zhè shì zhíde tàntǎo de huàtí.

The topic is worth discussing.

汤圆 湯圓

tāngyuán boiled or deep-fried balls of glutinous rice flour, usually eaten during Lantern Festival

糖果

tángguǒ candy

他们卖糖果。

Tāmen mài tángguǒ.

They sell candy.

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

她烫了他的衬衫。

Tā tàng le tā de chènshān.

She ironed his shirts.

掏

tāo to fish out (from pocket) / to scoop

逃

táo to escape / to run away / to flee

他逃了阿尔及利亚。

Tā táole Ā'ěrjīliyà.

He fled Algeria.

逃跑

táopǎo to flee from sth / to run away / to escape

我试图逃跑。

Wǒ shìtú táopǎo.

I tried to escape.

淘气 淘氣

táoqi naughty / mischievous

淘汰

táotài to wash out / to cull / to weed out / to eliminate / to die out / to phase out

套餐

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

我想要点当日套餐。

Wǒ xiǎng yàodiǎn dāngrì tàocān.

I'd like to buy menu of the day.

特

tè special / unique / distinguished / especially / unusual / very

我讲因特语。

Wǒ jiǎng yīn tè yǔ.

I speak Interlingua.

特长 特長

tècháng personal strength / one's special ability or strong points

每个人有自己的特长。

Měige rén yǒu zìjǐ de tècháng.

Every man has his own strong points.

特地

tèdì specially / for a special purpose

感谢你特地来帮我。

Gǎnxiè nǐ tèdì lái bāng wǒ.

It is kind of you go out of your way to help me.

特定

tèdìng special / specific / designated / particular

特性

tèxìng property / characteristic

猪与人类的一些特性相同。

Zhū yǔ rénlèi de yìxiē tèxìng xiāngtóng.

Pigs share certain characteristics with human beings.

特意

tèyì specially / intentionally

题材 題材

tícái subject matter

提取

tíqǔ to withdraw (money) / to collect (left luggage) / to extract / to refine

提示

tíshì to point out / to remind (sb of sth) / to suggest / suggestion / tip / reminder / notice

我会给你些提示。

Wǒ huì gěi nǐ xiē tíshì.

I'll give you a little tip.

体操 體操

tǐcāo gymnastic / gymnastics

该做体操了!

Gāi zuò tǐcāo le!

We're supposed to do gymnastics now!

体积 體積

tǐjī volume (amount of space an object occupies)

体系 體系

tǐxì system / setup

添

tiān to add / to increase / to replenish

天才

tiāncái talent / gift / genius / talented / gifted

他是个天才。

Tā shì gè tiāncái.

He is a genius.

添加

tiānjiā to add / to increase

我没有添加这句话。

Wǒ méiyǒu tiānjiā zhè jù jùzi.

I didn't add this sentence.

天然

tiānrán natural

我喜欢喝天然的矿泉水。

Wǒ xǐhuan hē tiānrán de kuàngquánshuǐ.

I like to drink natural mineral water.

天然气 天然氣

tiānránqì natural gas

天然气的价格上升。

Tiānránqì de jiàgé shàngshēng.

The price of gas is rising.

天文

tiānwén astronomy

天下

tiānxià land under heaven / the whole world / the whole of China / realm / rule

天真

tiānzhēn naive / innocent / artless

你太天真了。

Nǐ tài tiānzhēn le.

You're so naive.

田

tián field / farm / surname Tian

这位是安田先生。

Zhèwèi shì ān tián xiānsheng.

This is Mr Yasuda.

田径 田徑

tiánjìng track and field (athletics)

调节 調節

tiáojié to adjust / to regulate / to harmonize / to reconcile (accountancy etc)

音量调节在哪里?

Yīnliàng tiáojié zài nǎlǐ?

Where's the volume control?

跳水

tiàoshuǐ to dive (into water) / diving / to commit suicide by jumping into water / (of stock prices etc) to fall dramatically

贴近 貼近

tiējìn to press close to / to snuggle close / intimate

听话 聽話

tīnghuà to do what one is told / obedient

听觉 聽覺

tīngjué sense of hearing / auditory

狗的听觉比人类灵敏不知多少倍。

Gǒu de tīngjué bǐ rén lèi língmǐn bùzhī duōshǎo bèi.

The hearing acuity of dogs is superior by far to that of humans.

听取 聽取

tīngqǔ to hear (news) / to listen to

通道

tōngdào channel / thoroughfare / passage

别在通道上放东西。

Bié zài tōngdào shàng fàng dōngxi.

Don't put your things in the passage.

通风 通風

tōngfēng airy / ventilation / to ventilate / to disclose information

这里的通风很差呢。

Zhèlǐ de tōngfēng hěn chà ne.

The ventilation here is really bad.

通话 通話

tōnghuà to hold a conversation / to talk over the telephone / phone call

如果想与客服代表通话, 请按三。

Rúguǒ xiǎng yǔ kèfú dài biǎo tōnghuà, qǐng àn sān.

If you would like to speak to a customer service representative, please press three.

通信

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

通讯 通訊

tōngxùn communications / news story / dispatch

通用

tōngyòng to use anywhere, anytime (card, ticket etc) / to be used by everyone (language, textbook etc) / interchangeable

英语是很多国家通用的语言。

Yīngyǔ shì hěn duō guójiā tōngyòng de yǔyán.

English is spoken in a lot of countries.

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

敌人的敌人就是同伴。

Dírén de dí rén jiù shì tóngbàn.

An enemy of an enemy is a friend.

同行

tógháng person of the same profession / of the same trade, occupation or industry

tóngxíng to journey together

你将伴我同行。

Nǐ jiāng bàn wǒ tógháng.

You are to come with me.

童话 童話

tónghuà children's fairy tales

作者将童话翻译成了我们的母语。

Zuòzhě jiāng tónghuà fānyì chéng le wǒmen de mǔyǔ.

The author translated the fairy tale into our mother tongue.

同类 同類

tónglèi similar / same type / alike

同类不相残。

Tónglèi bù xiāng cán.

A dog does not eat a dog.

铜牌 銅牌

tóngpái bronze medal / bronze plaque bearing a business name or logo etc

现在我开始发铜牌。

Xiànzài wǒ kāishǐ fā tóngpái.

Now I am starting to issue copper medals.

痛快

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

偷

tōu to steal / to pilfer / to snatch / thief / stealthily

我们被偷了。

Wǒmen bèi tōule.

We were robbed.

偷偷

tōutōu stealthily / secretly / covertly / furtively / on the sly

他偷偷做的。

Tā tōutōu zuò de.

He did that on the quiet.

头脑 頭腦

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

头脑的结构很复杂。

Tóunǎo de jiégòu hěn fùzá.

The structure of the brain is complicated.

投票

tóupiào to vote / to cast a vote

我们要投票。

Wǒmen yào tóupiào.

We want to vote.

投诉 投訴

tóusù to lodge a complaint

我已经厌倦了你的投诉。

Wǒ yǐjīng yànjuànle nǐ de tóusù.

I'm tired of your complaints.

投资 投資

tóuzī investment / to invest

你投资多少？

Nǐ tóuzī duōshǎo?

How much do you have invested?

透

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

谁也参不透。

Shéi yě cān bú tòu.

Nobody can understand it.

透过 透過

tòuguò to pass through / to penetrate / by means of / via

德米特里很喜欢透过客服学习。

Dé mǐ tè lǐ hěn xǐhuan tòuguò kèfú xuéxí.

Dmitri enjoyed learning from customer service.

透露

tòulù to leak out / to divulge / to reveal

他透露了我的秘密。

Tā tòulùle wǒ de mìmì.

He disclosed my secret.

透明

tòumíng transparent / transparent / open to scrutiny

突发 突發

tūfā to occur suddenly

突破

tūpò to break through / to make a breakthrough / to surmount (an obstacle) / to break through the opponent's defense

图案 圖案

tú'àn design / pattern

我注意到一个图案。

Wǒ zhùyì dào yí gè tú'àn.

I noticed a pattern.

图表 圖表

túbiǎo chart / diagram

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.

图像 圖像

túxiàng image / picture / graphic

吐

tǔ to spit / to send out (silk from a silkworm, bolls from cotton flowers etc) / to say / to pour out (one's grievances)

tù to vomit / to throw up

我刚才吐了。

Wǒ gāngcái tǔle.

I just threw up.

土壤

tǔrǎng soil

这里的土壤肥沃。

Zhèlǐ de tǔrǎng féiwò.

The soil here is fertile.

团结 團結

tuánjié to unite / unity / solidarity / united

团结、公正和自由是幸福的保证。

Tuánjié, gōngzhèng hé zìyóu shì xìngfú de bǎozhèng.

Unity, justice and freedom are the pledge of fortune.

团体 團體

tuántǐ group / organization / team

他试着统一不同的团体。

Tā shìzhe tǒngyī bùtóng de tuántǐ.

He tried to unify the various groups.

团圆 團圓

tuányuán to have a reunion

推测 推測

tuīcè speculation / to conjecture / to surmise / to speculate

我在推测他可能赢得比赛。

Wǒ zài tuīcè tā kěnéng yíngdé bǐsài.

I am speculating that he may win the game.

推销 推銷

tuīxiāo to market / to sell

推行

tuīxíng to implement / to carry out / to introduce (a policy, system, reform etc) / to promote / to advance (the practice of an art form, the use of a language etc) / to push along (a bicycle etc while walking)

我决心要推行这个计划。

Wǒ juéxīn yào tuīxíng zhège jìhuà.

I am determined to carry out this plan.

退税 退稅

tuìshuì tax rebate or refund

吞

tūn to swallow / to take

拖

tuō to drag / to tow / to trail / to hang down / to mop (the floor) / to delay / to drag on

拖延

tuōyán to delay / to put off / to procrastinate

我不能再拖延了。

Wǒ bùnéng zài tuōyánle.

I have to stop procrastinating.

托运 托運

tuōyùn to consign (goods) / to check through (baggage)

W

哇

wā Wow! / sound of a child's crying / sound of vomiting
wa replaces 啊[a5] when following the vowel "u" or "ao"

哇，你很幸运的！

Wa, nǐ hěn xìngyùn de!

Wow, you're so lucky!

挖

wā to dig / to excavate / to scoop out

他挖了一个洞。

Tā wāle yí gè dòng.

He dug a hole.

娃娃

wáwa baby / small child / doll

我寄给她一个娃娃。

Wǒ jì gěi tā yí gè wáwa.

I sent her a doll.

歪

wāi askew / at a crooked angle / devious / noxious / to lie on one's side

wǎi to sprain (one's ankle) (Tw)

外表

wàibiǎo external / outside / outward appearance

外表并不是全部。

Wàibiǎo bìng bú shì quánbù.

Looks aren't everything.

外交

wàijiāo diplomacy / diplomatic / foreign affairs

必须有外交解决的途径。

Bìxū yǒu wàijiāo jiějué de tújìng.

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外界

wàijiè the outside world / external

外科

wàikē surgery (branch of medicine)

我父亲是一名外科专家。

Wǒ fùqīn shì yì míng wàikē zhuānjiā.

My father is an expert surgeon.

外来 外來

wàilái external / foreign / outside

外甥

wàishēng sister's son / wife's sibling's son

她等着接外甥。

Tā děng zhe jiē wàishēng.

She's waiting to pick up her nephew.

弯曲 彎曲

wānqū to bend / to curve around / curved / crooked / to wind / to warp

我无法弯曲我的右手臂。

Wǒ wúfǎ wānqū wǒ de yòu shǒubì.

I can't bend my right arm.

顽强 頑強

wánqiáng tenacious / hard to defeat

万物 萬物

wànwù all things / all that exists

万物真美好。

Wànwù zhēn měihǎo.

The world is beautiful.

王子

wángzǐ prince / son of a king

王子在森林中迷了路。

Wángzǐ zài sēnlín zhōng míle lù.

The prince was lost in the woods.

网 網

wǎng net / web / network / to net / to catch with a net

我在网路上卖衣服。

Wǒ zài wǎng lùshang mài yīfu.

I sell clothing online.

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

往年

wǎngnián in former years / in previous years

望

wàng full moon / to hope / to expect / to visit / to gaze (into the distance) / to look towards / towards

我望向窗外。

Wǒ wàng xiàng chuāng wài.

I looked out the window.

危机 危機

wēiji crisis

阿尔及利亚正处于政治危机中。

Ā'ěrlìyà zhèng chǔyú zhèngzhì wēiji zhōng.

Algeria is in the midst of a political crisis.

微小

wēixiǎo minute (i.e. extremely small) / infinitesimal

违规 違規

wéiguī to violate the rules

维护 維護

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

为难 為難

wéinán to feel embarrassed or awkward / to make things difficult (for someone) / to find things difficult (to do or manage)

为期 為期

wéiqī by (a certain date) / lasting (a certain time)

围棋 圍棋

wéiqí the game of Go

我想学围棋。

Wǒ xiǎng xué wéiqí.

I want to learn how to play "Go".

维生素 維生素

wéishēngsù vitamin

为止 為止

wéizhǐ until / (used in combination with words like 到[dao4] or 至[zhì4] in constructs of the form 到...為止|到...为止)

他游到不能游为止。

Tā yóu dào bùnéng yóu wéizhǐ.

He swam until he could swim no more.

委屈

wěiqu wronged / aggrieved / to inconvenience / to put (sb) at a disadvantage / to do sb wrong / sense of being wronged

委托 委託

wěituō to entrust / to trust / to commission

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°

她一生未嫁。

Tā yìshēng wèi jià.

She remained unmarried all her life.

未必

wèibì not necessarily / maybe not

这些资料未必可靠。

Zhèxiē zīliào wèibì kěkào.

It is questionable whether this data can be relied on.

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

我为此对你生气。

Wǒ wèicǐ duì nǐ shēngqì.

I'm angry with you about this.

为何 為何

wèihé why

你为何没有在牢里？

Nǐ wèihé méiyǒu zài láo lǐ?

Why aren't you in jail?

味觉 味覺

wèijué sense of taste / gustation

胃口

wèikǒu appetite / liking

祝你胃口好！

Zhù nǐ wèikǒu hǎo!

Enjoy your meal!

温和 溫和

wēnhé mild / gentle / moderate

wēnhuo lukewarm

这个国家的气候很温和。

Zhège guójiā de qìhòu hěn wēnhé.

This country has a mild climate.

温柔 溫柔

wēnróu gentle and soft / tender / sweet (commonly used to describe a girl or woman)

她温柔地唱了。

Tā wēnróu de chàngē.

She sang softly.

文档 文檔

wéndàng file / document / documentation

文具

wénjù stationery / item of stationery (pen, pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener etc)

哪些文具不值得买？

Nǎxiē wénjù bù zhíde mǎi?

What stationery isn't worth buying?

文科

wénkē liberal arts / humanities

理科比文科难。

Lǐkē bǐ wénkē nán.

The natural sciences are harder than the social sciences.

文明

wénmíng civilized / civilization / culture

爱是文明的奇迹。

Ài shì wénmíng de qíjì.

Love is the miracle of civilization.

闻名 聞名

wénmíng well-known / famous / renowned / eminent

日本以富士山闻名。

Rìběn yǐ Fùshì Shān wénmíng.

Japan is famous for Mt. Fuji.

文物

wénwù cultural relic / historical relic

文献 文獻

wénxiàn reference material (used in scholarly study)

文艺 文藝

wényì literature and art

她是文艺青年。

Tā shì wényì qīngnián.

She is a young artist.

乌龟 烏龜

wūguī tortoise / cuckold

这只乌龟很老了。

Zhè zhǐ wūguī hěn lǎole.

This turtle is really old.

污水

wūshuǐ sewage

无所谓 無所謂

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

你做什么都无所谓。

Nǐ zuò shénme dōu wúsuǒwèi.

It doesn't matter what you do.

无疑 無疑

wúyí undoubtedly / without doubt / for sure

世界语是无疑欧洲中心论的。

Shìjièyǔ shì wúyí Ōuzhōu zhōngxīn lùn de.

Esperanto is blatantly Eurocentric.

武器

wǔqì weapon / arms

他们有带武器。

Tāmen yǒu dài wǔqì.

They're armed.

误 誤

wù mistake / error / to miss / to harm / to delay / to neglect / mistakenly

我误了火车。

Wǒ wùle huǒchē.

I didn't catch the train.

误解 誤解

wùjiě to misunderstand / misunderstanding

他误解了我。

Tā wùjiěle wǒ.

He got me wrong.

物体 物體

wùtǐ object / body / substance

X

吸取

xīqǔ to absorb / to draw (a lesson, insight etc) / to assimilate

媳妇 媳婦

xífù wife / young married woman

xífù daughter-in-law / wife of a younger brother or relative of the younger generation

习俗 習俗

xísú custom / tradition / local tradition / convention

不同的国家有不同的习俗。

Bùtóng de guójiā yǒu bùtóng de xísú.

Each country has its own customs.

喜剧 喜劇

xǐjù a comedy

他是喜剧演员。

Tā shì xǐjù yǎnyuán.

He's a comedian.

喜事

xǐshì happy occasion / wedding

洗漱

xǐshù to wash the face and rinse the mouth

我的洗漱包落在饭店房间里了。

Wǒ de xǐshù bāo luò zài fàndiàn fángjiān lǐ le.

I've left my toilet bag in the hotel room.

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

手机如同马桶一样被细菌污染。

Shǒujī rútóng mǎtǒng yíyàng bèi xìjūn wūrǎn.

A cell phone is as contaminated with bacteria as a toilet is.

系列

xìliè series / set

戏曲 戲曲

xìqǔ Chinese opera

细致 細緻

xìzhì delicate / fine / careful / meticulous / painstaking

这两张图片之间有细致的差异。

Zhè liǎng zhāng túpiàn zhījiān yǒu xìzhì de chāyì.

There are subtle differences between the two pictures.

吓 嚇

xià to frighten / to scare

hè to scare / to intimidate / to threaten / (interjection showing disapproval) tut-tut / (interjection showing astonishment)

狼吓到了我。

Láng xià dào le wǒ.

Wolves scare me.

下单 下單

xiàdān to place an order / to order

夏令营 夏令營

xiàlìngyíng summer camp

下线 下線

xiàxiàn to go offline / to roll off the assembly line / downline (person below oneself in a pyramid scheme)

服务器下线了。

Fúwùqì xiàxiàn le.

The server was down.

下旬

xiàxún last third of the month

鲜明 鮮明

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

先前

xiānqián before / previously

我先前在中国住了六个月。

Wǒ xiānqián zài Zhōngguó zhù le liù gè yuè.

I've lived in China for six months.

鲜艳 鮮豔

xiānyàn bright-colored / gaily-colored

这种墨水颜色鲜艳。

Zhèzhǒng mòshuǐ yánsè xiānyàn.

This ink is colorful.

嫌

xián to dislike / suspicion / resentment / enmity

显 顯

xiǎn to make visible / to reveal / prominent / conspicuous / phanero-

险 險

xiǎn danger / dangerous / rugged

我不想冒这个险。

Wǒ bùxiǎng mào zhège xiǎn.

I don't want to take the chance.

显著 顯著

xiǎnzhù outstanding / notable / remarkable / statistically significant

两者之间有显著的差别。

Liǎngzhě zhījiān yǒu xiǎnzhù de chābié.

There are noticeable differences between the two.

线 線

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

用尺子画线。

Yòng chǐzi huà xiàn.

Draw a line with a ruler.

限

xiàn to limit / to restrict / limit / bound

现存 現存

xiàncún extant / existent / in stock

限度

xiàndù limit

我知道我的限度。

Wǒ zhīdào wǒ de xiàndù.

I know my limitations.

现货 現貨

xiànhuò merchandise or commodities available immediately after sale / merchandise in stock / available item / actuals (investment) / actual commodities

你们有现货吗？

Nǐmen yǒu xiànhuò ma?

Have you got that in stock?

陷入

xiànrù to sink into / to get caught up in / to land in (a predicament)

他发言完后，大家陷入了沉默。

Tā fāyán wán hòu, dàjiā xiànrùle chénmò.

When he finished speaking, everyone was silent.

线索 線索

xiànsuǒ trail / clues / thread (of a story)

限于 限於

xiànyú to be limited to / to be confined to

相差

xiāngchà to differ

香肠 香腸

xiāngcháng sausage

你见过做香肠吗？

Nǐ jiànguo zuò xiāngcháng ma?

Have you ever seen sausage being made?

相传 相傳

xiāngchuán to pass on / to hand down / tradition has it that ... / according to legend

相等

xiāngděng equal / equally / equivalent

相连 相連

xiānglián to link / to join / link / connection

香水

xiāngshuǐ perfume / cologne

相应 相應

xiāngyìng to correspond / answering (one another) / to agree (among the part) / corresponding / relevant / appropriate / accordingly

我们应该了解相应的规则。

Wǒmen yīnggāi liǎojiě xiāngyìng de guīzé.

We are supposed to know the rules.

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.

象棋

xiàngqí Chinese chess

我们下象棋吧。

Wǒmen xià xiàngqí ba.

Let's play chess.

相声 相聲

xiàngsheng comic dialogue / sketch / crosstalk

向往 嚮往

xiàngwǎng to yearn for / to look forward to

消除

xiāochú to eliminate / to remove

消毒

xiāodú to disinfect / to sterilize

消防

xiāofáng firefighting / fire control

消耗

xiāohào to consume / to use up / to deplete / to expend / news / mail / message

农业需要消耗大量的水。

Nóngyè xūyào xiāohào dàliàng de shuǐ.

Agriculture consumes a great amount of water.

消灭 消滅

xiāomiè to put an end to / to annihilate / to cause to perish / to perish / annihilation (in quantum field theory)

小麦 小麥

xiǎomài wheat

面粉是小麦制成的。

Miànfěn shì xiǎomài zhìchéng de.

Flour is made from wheat.

小气 小氣

xiǎoqì stingy / miserly / narrow-minded / petty

你为什么对我这么小气？

Nǐ wèishénme duì wǒ zhème xiǎoqì?

Why are you so mean to me?

笑容

xiàoróng smile / smiling expression

好运向他露出了笑容。

Hǎoyùn xiàng tā lùchūle xiàoróng.

Fortune beamed on him.

效应 效應

xiàoyìng effect (scientific phenomenon)

歇

xiē to rest / to take a break / to stop / to halt / to sleep / a moment / a short while

携带 攜帶

xiédài to carry (on one's person) / to support (old)

携带武器是违法的。

Xiédài wǔqì shì wéifǎ de.

It's against the law to carry weapons.

协会 協會

xiéhuì an association / a society

我申请成为协会会员。

Wǒ shēnqǐng chéngwéi xiéhuì huìyuán.

I applied for membership in the association.

协调 協調

xiétiáo to coordinate / to harmonize / to fit together / to match (colors etc) / harmonious / concerted

协助 協助

xiézhù to provide assistance / to aid

我来协助你。

Wǒ lái xiézhù nǐ.

I'm here to assist you.

心爱 心愛

xīn'ài beloved

心底

xīndǐ bottom of one's heart

他从心底笑了出来。

Tā cóng xīndǐ xiàole chūlái.

He laughed a hearty laugh.

新款

xīnkuǎn new style / latest fashion / new model

这辆车是最新款。

Zhè liàng chē shì zuì xīnkuǎn.

This car is the latest model.

心灵 心靈

xīnlíng bright / smart / quick-witted / heart / thoughts / spirit

眼睛是心灵的镜子。

Yǎnjīng shì xīnlíng de jìngzi.

The eye is the mirror of the soul.

新媒体 新媒體

xīnméitǐ new media (digital media, as contrasted with traditional media)

心目

xīnmù mind

你是我心目中的女人。

Nǐ shì wǒ xīnmù zhōng de nǚrén.

You are the woman of my dreams.

新能源

xīnnéngyuán new energy / alternative energy (energy from nontraditional sources, such as solar, wind, nuclear and hydrogen energy)

薪水

xīnshuǐ salary / wage

他的薪水高。

Tā de xīnshuǐ gāo.

His salary is high.

心疼

xīnténg to love dearly / to feel sorry for sb / to regret / to grudge / to be distressed

新兴 新興

xīnxīng (of markets, industries, infectious diseases etc) rising / emerging / in the ascendant

中国是一个新兴市场。

Zhōngguó shì yí gè xīnxīng shìchǎng.

China is an emerging market.

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

我的心脏停止了跳动。

Wǒ de xīnzàng tíngzhǐle tiàodòng.

My heart stopped beating.

信赖 信賴

xìnlài to trust / to have confidence in / to have faith in / to rely on

我们可以信赖他的判断。

Wǒmen kěyǐ xìnlài tā de pànduàn.

We can rely on his judgement.

信念

xìnniàn faith / belief / conviction

兴起 興起

xīngqǐ to rise / to spring up / to burgeon / to be aroused / to come into vogue

型号 型號

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

形态 形態

xíngtài shape / form / pattern / morphology

生气是一种疯狂的状态。

Shēngqì shì yízhǒng fēngkuáng de xíngtài.

Anger is a form of madness.

性价比 性價比

xìngjiàbǐ cost-performance ratio

你知道哪里买电脑性价比高吗？

Nǐ zhīdào nǎlǐ mǎi diànnǎo xìngjiàbǐ gāo ma?

Do you know where I can get a computer for a good price?

性能

xìngnéng function / performance / behavior

胸

xiōng chest / bosom / heart / mind / thorax

你有胸痛吗？

Nǐ yǒu xiōng tòng ma?

Are you having any chest pain?

修订 修訂

xiūdìng to revise

修复 修復

xiūfù to restore / to renovate / to repair (a corrupted file etc)

袖子

xiùzi sleeve

许可 許可

xǔkě to allow / to permit

我们有在这里停车的许可。

Wǒmen yǒu zài zhèlǐ tíngchē de xǔkě.

We got permission to park here.

叙述 敘述

xùshù to relate (a story or information) / to tell or talk about / to recount / narration / telling / narrative / account

详细叙述一下这起事故吧。

Xiángxì xùshù yíxià zhè qǐ shìgù ba.

Describe that accident in detail.

旋转 旋轉

xuánzhuǎn to rotate / to revolve / to spin / to whirl

选拔 選拔

xuǎnbá to select the best

选修 選修

xuǎnxiū to take as an elective / an elective / elective (subject)

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?

学位 學位

xuéwèi academic degree / place in school

他没有学位。

Tā méiyǒu xuéwèi.

He doesn't have a degree.

学问 學問

xuéwèn learning / knowledge / scholarship / a body of specialized knowledge / (fig.) any activity that demands expertise, skill or experience (e.g. gathering forensic evidence, selecting clothing, managing relationships)

学员 學員

xuéyuán student / member of an institution of learning / officer cadet

血管

xuèguǎn vein / artery

血型

xuèxíng blood group / blood type

你的血型是什么？

Nǐ de xuèxíng shì shénme?

What's your blood group?

血压 血壓

xuèyā blood pressure

您的血压很低。

Nín de xuèyā hěn dī.

Your blood pressure's low.

血液

xuèyè blood / lifeblood

我希望你做血液检查。

Wǒ xīwàng nǐ zuò xuèyè jiǎnchá.

I'd like you to have a blood test.

循环 循環

xúnhuán to cycle / to circulate / circle / loop

寻求 尋求

xúnqiú to seek / to look for

你需要寻求协助。

Nǐ xūyào xúnqiú xiézhù.

You need to seek help.

Y

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.

亚军 亞軍

yàjūn second place (in a sports contest) / runner-up

淹

yān to flood / to submerge / to drown / to irritate the skin (of liquids) / to delay

淹没 淹沒

yānmò to submerge / to drown / to flood / to drown out (also fig.)

严 嚴

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

他这个人嘴很严。

Tā zhège rén zuǐ hěn yán.

He is the last person to give away the secret.

沿海

yánhǎi coastal

严寒 嚴寒

yánhán bitter cold / severe winter

今天早上天气严寒。

Jīntiān zǎoshang tiānqì yánhán.

We had a heavy frost this morning.

严禁 嚴禁

yánjìn to strictly prohibit

严厉 嚴厲

yánlì severe / strict

我们要严厉。

Wǒmen yào yánlì.

We have to be strict.

延期

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

我们把活动延期了。

Wǒmen bǎ huódòng yánqīle.

We postponed the event.

炎热 炎熱

yánrè blistering hot / sizzling hot (weather)

今天下午非常炎热。

Jīntiān xiàwǔ fēicháng yánrè.

It was very hot this afternoon.

延伸

yánshēn to extend / to stretch / to expand / to spread

研讨 研討

yántǎo discussion

延续 延續

yánxù to continue / to go on / to last

言语 言語

yányǔ words / speech / language

yányu to speak / to tell

我难以用言语表达我的感情。

Wǒ nányǐ yòng yányǔ biǎodá wǒ de gǎnqíng.

I find it hard to express my feelings in words.

炎症

yánzhèng inflammation

眼光

yǎnguāng gaze / insight / foresight / vision / way of looking at things

他对女人没有眼光。

Tā duì nǚrén méiyǒu yǎnguāng.

He has no eye for women.

眼看

yǎnkàn soon / in a moment / to look on as sth happens

这个老人一只眼看不见了。

Zhège lǎorén yìzhī yǎnkàn bújiànle.

The old man is blind in one eye.

演奏

yǎnzòu to perform on a musical instrument

他在演奏音乐。

Tā zài yǎnzòu yīnyuè.

He is playing music.

宴会 宴會

yànhuì banquet / feast / dinner party

她的生日宴会将在明天晚上。

Tā de shēngrì yànhuì jiāng zài míngtiān wǎnshang.

Her birthday party will be held tomorrow evening.

验证 驗證

yànzhèng to inspect and verify / experimental verification / to validate (a theory) / to authenticate

仰

yǎng to face upward / to look up / to admire / to rely on / surname Yang

痒

yǎng to itch / to tickle / to itch / to tickle

我眼睛在痒。

Wǒ yǎnjīng zài yǎng.

My eyes feel itchy.

养老 養老

yǎnglǎo to provide for the elderly (family members) / to enjoy a life in retirement

养老院 養老院

yǎnglǎoyuàn nursing home

氧气 氧氣

yǎngqì oxygen

爱就像氧气。

Ài jiù xiàng yǎngqì.

Love is like oxygen.

样 樣

yàng manner / pattern / way / appearance / shape / classifier: kind, type

你能想象21世纪会是甚么样吗？

Nǐ néng xiǎngxiàng èrshíyī shìjì huì shì shénme yàng ma?

Can you imagine what the 21st century will be like?

遥远 遙遠

yáoyuǎn distant / remote

星星太遥远了。

Xīngxīng tài yáoyuǎnle.

The stars are too far away.

要点 要點

yàodiǎn main point / essential

我想要点钱。

Wǒ xiǎng yàodiǎn qián.

I want some money.

要么 要麼

yàome or / either one or the other

要么你去，要么我去。

Yàome nǐ qù, yàome wǒ qù.

Either you go, or I go.

要素

yàosù essential factor / key constituent

自信是伟大事业的第一要素。

Zìxìn shì wěidà shìyè de dìyī yàosù.

Self-confidence is the principal element of any great endeavor.

野

yě field / plain / open space / limit / boundary / rude / feral

也好

yěhǎo that's fine / may as well / regardless of whether ... or ...

野生

yěshēng wild / undomesticated

野外

yěwài countryside / areas outside the city

业 業

yè line of business / industry / occupation / job / employment / school studies / enterprise / property / karma / deed / to engage in / already / surname Ye

我从事客服业。

Wǒ cóngshì kèfú yè.

I work in customer service.

液体 液體

yètǐ liquid

水和油都是液体。

Shuǐ hé yóu dōu shì yètǐ.

Water and oil are both liquids.

一辈子 一輩子

yībèizi a lifetime

他穷了一辈子。

Tā qióng le yībèizi.

He has been poor all his life.

一带 一帶

yīdài region / area

那一带是禁区。

Nà yīdài shì jìnqū.

That's a no-entry zone.

一道

yīdào together

这是一道深奥的数学题。

Zhè shì yīdào shēn'ào de shùxué tí.

This is a difficult math problem.

一帆风顺 一帆風順

yīfānfēngshùn propitious wind throughout the journey (idiom) / plain sailing / to go smoothly / have a nice trip!

一贯 一貫

yīguàn consistent / constant / from start to finish / all along / persistent

依旧 依舊

yījiù as before / still / to remain the same

我依旧爱你。

Wǒ yījiù ài nǐ.

I still love you.

一口气 一口氣

yīkǒuqì one breath / in one breath / at a stretch

她松了一口气。

Tā sōngle yīkǒuqì.

She gave out a sigh of relief.

依赖 依賴

yīlài to depend on / to be dependent on

世界依赖台湾。

Shìjiè yīlài Táiwān.

The world depends on Taiwan.

一流

yīliú top quality / front ranking

他们这里提供一流的美食。

Tāmen zhèlǐ tígōng yīliú de měishí.

They serve excellent food here.

一律

yīlǜ same / identical / uniformly / all / without exception

一模一样 一模一樣

yīmúyīyàng exactly alike / identical

他跟哥哥一模一样。

Tā gēn gēge yīmúyīyàng.

He is identical to his older brother.

一身

yīshēn whole body / from head to toe / single person / a suit of clothes

她总是一身黑。

Tā zǒngshì yīshēn hēi.

She is always dressed in black.

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

一同

yītóng together

一系列

yīxiliè a series of / a string of

他刚发表一系列有趣的文章。

Tā gāng fābiǎo yīxiliè yǒuqù de wénzhāng.

He has just published an interesting series of articles.

一向

yīxiàng a period of time in the recent past / (indicating a period of time up to the present) all along / the whole time

他一向只关心具体问题。

Tā yīxiàng zhǐ guānxīn jùtǐ wèntí.

He was only bothered about concrete questions.

医药 醫藥

yīyào medical care and medicines / medicine (drug) / medical / pharmaceutical

所有的医药费我大概要付多少？

Suǒyǒu de yīyào fèi wǒ dàgài yào fù duōshǎo?

About how much will I have to pay for all the treatments?

一一

yīyī one by one / one after another

今年是二零一一年。

Jīnnián shì èr líng yīyī nián.

This year is 2011.

一再

yīzài repeatedly

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

遗产 遺產

yíchǎn heritage / legacy / inheritance / bequest

他继承了他爸爸的庞大遗产。

Tā jìchéng le tā bàba de pángdà yíchǎn.

He succeeded to his father's large property.

遗传 遺傳

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

知识不是遗传的。

Zhīshi bú shì yíchuán de.

Knowledge is not heritable.

疑惑

yíhuò to doubt / to distrust / unconvincing / to puzzle over / misgivings / suspicions

我们还是有点疑惑。

Wǒmen hái shì yǒudiǎn yíhuò.

We're still a little confused.

移民

yímín to immigrate / to migrate / emigrant / immigrant

许多移民改了名字。

Xǔduō yímín gǎi le míngzì.

Many of the immigrants changed their names.

仪器 儀器

yíqì instrument / apparatus

仪式 儀式

yíshì ceremony

仪式完成了。

Yíshì wánchéng le.

The ritual was completed.

遗址 遺址

yízhǐ ruins / historic relics

以便

yǐbiàn so that / so as to / in order to

她在国外学习以便提升她的英语。

Tā zài guówài xuéxí yǐbiàn tíshēng tā de Yīngyǔ.

She studied abroad in order to brush up her English.

以免

yǐmiǎn in order to avoid / so as not to

她匆忙赶去车站，以免错过火车。

Tā cōngmáng gǎn qù chēzhàn, yǐmiǎn cuòguò huǒchē.

She hurried to the station so that she wouldn't miss the train.

以往

yǐwǎng in the past / formerly

今年下的雪比以往少。

Jīnnián xià de xuě bǐ yǐwǎng shǎo.

We have less snow than usual.

异常 異常

yìcháng unusual / abnormal / extremely / exceptionally

天气异常寒冷。

Tiānqì yìcháng hánlěng.

The weather is unusually cold.

益处 益處

yìchu benefit

议论 議論

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

我不喜欢别人在背后议论我。

Wǒ bù xǐhuan biérén zài bèihòu yìlùn wǒ.

I don't like people talking about me behind my back.

艺人 藝人

yìrén entertainer / performing artist / artisan / craftsman

易于 易於

yìyú very likely / prone to

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.

音节 音節

yīnjié syllable

这个词有多少个音节？

Zhège cí yǒu duōshǎo gè yīnjié?

How many syllables does this word have?

银 銀

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

你在哪买的银？

Nǐ zài nǎ mǎi de yín?

How do you buy silver?

银牌 銀牌

yínpái silver medal

引

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

这条路会引你去博物馆。

Zhè tiáo lù huì yǐn nǐ qù bówùguǎn.

This road will take you to the museum.

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)

爱和咳嗽是无法隐藏的。

Ài hé késou shì wúfǎ yǐncáng de.

Love and cough cannot be hidden.

引导 引導

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

她从正面加以引导。

Tā cóng zhèngmiàn jiǎyǐ yǐndǎo.

She leads by positive example.

引发 引發

yǐnfā to lead to / to trigger / to initiate / to cause / to evoke (emotions)

这样的计划会引发很多问题。

Zhèyàng de jìhuà huì yǐnfā hěn duō wèntí.

Such a plan will give rise to many problems.

引入

yǐnrù to draw into / to pull into / to introduce

隐私 隱私

yǐnsī secrets / private business / privacy

不要侵犯她的隐私。

Búyào qīnfàn tā de yǐnsī.

Don't intrude on her privacy.

饮用水 飲用水

yǐnyòngshuǐ drinking water / potable water

印

yìn to print / to mark / to engrave / a seal / a print / a stamp / a mark / a trace / image / surname Yin

婴儿 嬰兒

yīngér infant / baby / lead (Pb)

婴儿在睡觉。

Yīng'ér zài shuìjiào.

The baby is sleeping.

英雄

yīngxióng hero

他不是英雄。

Tā bú shì yīngxióng.

He's not a hero.

影子

yǐngzi shadow / reflection / hint / indication / influence

他怕自己的影子。

Tā pà zìjǐ de yǐngzi.

He is afraid of his own shadow.

拥挤 擁擠

yōngjǐ crowded / to throng / congestion

这个房间很拥挤。

Zhège fángjiān hěn yōngjǐ.

This room is cramped.

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

用餐

yòngcān to eat a meal

用处 用處

yòngchū usefulness

那对我没有用处。

Nà duì wǒ méiyǒu yòngchū.

That is useless to me.

用功

yònggōng diligent / industrious (in one's studies) / to study hard / to make great effort

我总是用功读书。

Wǒ zǒngshì yònggōng dúshū.

I always study hard.

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

学生们用心学习了很多首诗。

Xuéshengmen yòngxīn xuéxí le hěn duō shǒu shī.

The students learned many poems by heart.

优化 優化

yōuhuà to optimize / to lay off staff

优先 優先

yōuxiān to have priority / to take precedence

有驾照者优先得到这个职位。

Yǒu jiàzhàozhě yōuxiān dédào zhège zhíwèi.

Having a driver's license is an advantage for this job.

优异 優異

yōuyì exceptional / outstandingly good

她取得了优异的英语成绩。

Tā qǔdéle yōuyì de Yīngyǔ chéngjì.

She gets good marks in English.

由来 由來

yóulái origin

游人 遊人

yóurén a tourist

犹如 猶如

yóurú similar to / like

有机 有機

yǒujī organic

有劲 有勁

yǒujìn vigorous / energetic / interesting / amusing

有序

yǒuxù regular / orderly / successive / in order

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.

余额 餘額

yúé balance (of an account, bill etc) / surplus / remainder

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?

羽绒服 羽絨服

yǔróngfú down jacket / down coat

预定 預定

yùdìng to arrange in advance

我想预定一个房间。

Wǒ xiǎng yùdìng yí gè fángjiān.

I want to reserve a room.

预料 預料

yùliào to forecast / to anticipate / expectation

我预料会有麻烦。

Wǒ yùliào huì yǒu máfan.

I anticipate that there will be trouble.

预期 預期

yùqī to expect / to anticipate

他提供的比预期的多。

Tā tígōng de bǐ yùqī de duō.

He offered more than could be expected.

浴室

yùshì bathroom / shower room / bathhouse

浴室在哪里？

Yùshì zài nǎlǐ?

Where are the showers?

欲望 慾望

yùwàng desire / longing / appetite / craving

没有欲望就等于拥有。

Méiyǒu yùwàng jiù děngyú yōngyǒu.

Not wanting is the same as having.

原本

yuánběn originally / the original / original copy / original version

原材料

yuáncáiliào raw and semifinished materials

日本缺乏原材料。

Riběn quēfá yuáncáiliào.

Japan is lacking in raw materials.

原理

yuánlǐ principle / theory

原料

yuánliào raw material

日本依赖进口原料。

Riběn yīlài jìnkǒu yuánliào.

Japan depends on imports for raw materials.

园林 園林

yuánlín gardens / park / landscape garden

圆满 圓滿

yuánmǎn satisfactory / consummate / perfect

原始

yuánshǐ first / original / primitive / original (document etc)

元素

yuánsù element (key component of sth) / element / element (member of a set)

原先

yuánxiān originally / original / former

元宵

yuánxiāo Lantern Festival / night of the 15th of the first lunar month / sticky rice dumplings

源于 源於

yuányú has its origins in

我的建议源于我的经验。

Wǒ de jiànyì yuányú wǒ de jīngyàn.

My advice is predicated on my experience.

远程 遠程

yuǎnchéng remote / long distance / long range

远方 遠方

yuǎnfāng far away / a distant location

她去了远方。

Tā qùle yuǎnfāng.

She went far away.

约束 約束

yuēshù to restrict / to limit to / to constrain / restriction / constraint

我在这里总感到约束。

Wǒ zài zhèlǐ zǒng gǎndào yuēshù.

I feel always restricted here.

月光

yuèguāng moonlight

她关了灯，好享受月光。

Tā guānle dēng, hǎo xiǎngshòu yuèguāng.

She turned off the lights so she could enjoy the moonlight.

乐器 樂器

yuèqì musical instrument

你演奏乐器吗？

Nǐ yǎnzòu yuèqì ma?

Do you play a musical instrument?

月球

yuèqiú the moon

月球上没有空气。

Yuèqiú shàng méiyǒu kōngqì.

There is no air on the moon.

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

她几乎喝晕了。

Tā jīhū hē yūnle.

She almost passed out.

晕车 暈車

yùnchē to be carsick

运送 運送

yùnsòng to transport / to carry

我们今天晚上可以运送它。

Wǒmen jīntiān wǎnshàng kěyǐ yùnsòng tā.

We can deliver it this evening.

运行 運行

yùnxíng to move along one's course / to function / to be in operation / to operate / to run / to run

系统运行起来了。

Xìtǒng yùnxíng qǐlái.

The system worked.

运营 運營

yùnyíng to be in operation / to do business / to be in service / operation / service

Z

杂 雜

zá mixed / miscellaneous / various / to mix

灾 災

zāi disaster / calamity

灾害 災害

zāihài calamity / disaster

这是环境灾害。

Zhè shì huánjìng zāihài.

It's an environmental disaster.

灾难 災難

zāinàn disaster / catastrophe

地震带来了灾难。

Dìzhèn dài lái le zāinàn.

The earthquake brought about disaster.

灾区 災區

zāiqū disaster area / stricken region

再三

zàisān over and over again / again and again

再生

zàishēng to be reborn / to regenerate / to be a second so-and-so (famous dead person) / recycling / regeneration

在意

zàiyì to care about / to mind

有人在意吗？

Yǒurén zàiyì ma?

Does anyone care?

赞赏 讚賞

zànsǎng to admire / to praise / to appreciate

他无论做什么都会受到赞赏。

Tā wúlùn zuò shénme dōu huì shòudào zànsǎng.

No matter what he may do, he will be praised.

赞同 贊同

zàntóng to approve of / to agree with (an opinion, action etc) / to endorse

我完全赞同！

Wǒ wánquán zàntóng!

I completely approve!

遭到

zāodào to suffer / to meet with (sth unfortunate)

遭受

zāoshòu to suffer / to sustain (loss, misfortune)

我们遭受了重大损失。

Wǒmen zāoshòu le zhòngdà sǔnshī.

We sustained significant losses.

遭遇

zāoyù to meet with / to encounter (esp. misfortune or hardship) / an experience (esp. adverse)

噪声 噪聲

zàoshēng noise

这个噪声快把我逼疯了。

Zhège zàoshēng kuài bǎ wǒ bī fēngle.

This noise is driving me crazy.

造型

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

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

这则报告在最近发布了。

Zhè zé bàogào zài zuìjìn fābù.

The report has been recently published.

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

她扎着辫子。

Tā zhāzhe **biàn**zi.

She wore her hair in plaits.

粘

zhān to glue / to paste / to adhere / to stick to

等一下再粘。

Děng yíxià zài nián.

Stick it on later.

粘贴 粘貼

zhāntiē to stick / to affix / to adhere / to paste (as in "copy and paste")

复制/粘贴是很有用的。

Fùzhì/zhāntiē shì hěn yǒu yòng de.

Copy-and-paste is very useful.

崭新 嶄新

zhǎnxīn brand new

您新买的是辆崭新的车吗？

Nín xīn mǎi de shì liàng zhǎnxīn de chē ma?

Have you bought a brand-new car?

占比

zhànbǐ proportion / percentage

战斗 戰鬥

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

他们应该战斗。

Tāmen yīnggāi zhàndòu.

They should fight.

占据 佔據

zhànjù to occupy / to hold

战胜 戰勝

zhànshèng to prevail over / to defeat / to surmount

他战胜了困难。

Tā zhànshèng le kùnnan.

He got over the difficulties.

占有 佔有

zhànyǒu to have / to own / to hold / to occupy / to possess / to account for (a high proportion etc)

战争 戰爭

zhànzhēng war / conflict

他死于战争。

Tā sǐ yú zhànzhēng.

He was killed in the war.

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.

长辈 長輩

zhǎngbèi one's elders / older generation

我尊敬长辈。

Wǒ zūnjìng zhǎngbèi.

I respect elderly people.

障碍 障礙

zhàngài barrier / obstruction / hindrance / impediment / obstacle

没有愿望是最大的障碍。

Méiyǒu yuànwàng shì zuì dà de zhàng'ài.

Having no will is the worst handicap.

账单 賬單

zhàngdān bill

我认为你要看账单。

Wǒ rènwéi nǐ yào kàn zhàngdān.

I guess you want to see the bill.

招

zhāo to recruit / to provoke / to beckon / to incur / to infect / contagious / a move (chess) / a maneuver / device / trick / to confess

她上飞机前，给我招了招手。

Tā shàng fēijī qián, gěi wǒ zhāo le zhāoshǒu.

She waved at me before she got on board the plane.

招待

zhāodài to hold a reception / to offer hospitality / to entertain (guests) / to serve (customers)

这种饮料是免费招待的。

Zhèzhǒng yǐnliào shì miǎnfèi zhāodài de.

This drink is on the house.

招生

zhāoshēng to enroll new students / to get students

招收

zhāoshōu to hire / to recruit

大学被招收了三个中国学生。

Dàxué bèi zhāoshōu le sān gè Zhōngguó xuésheng.

Three Chinese students were admitted to the college.

招手

zhāoshǒu to wave / to beckon

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Tā shàng fēijī qián, gěi wǒ zhāo le zhāoshǒu.

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照明

zhàomíng lighting / illumination / to light up / to illuminate

折

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

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

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

能给我打个折么？

Néng gěi wǒ dǎ gè zhé me?

Can you give me a discount?

针 針

zhēn needle / pin / injection / stitch

我得给你打一针。

Wǒ děi gěi nǐ dǎ yì zhēn.

I need to give you an injection.

真相

zhēnxiàng the truth about sth / the actual facts

告诉我真相。

Gào su wǒ zhēnxiàng.

Tell me the truth.

珍珠

zhēnzhū pearl / teardrop / tear

他的牙齿白得像珍珠一样。

Tā de yá chǐ bái de xiàng zhēnzhū yí yàng.

His teeth are white like a pearl.

枕头 枕頭

zhěntou pillow

我借了你的枕头。

Wǒ jiè le nǐ de zhěntou.

I borrowed your 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.

阵雨 陣雨

zhènyǔ shower (rain)

明天天气晴转阵雨。

Míng tiān tiān qì qíng zhuǎn zhènyǔ.

Tomorrow's weather should be sunny with occasional rain.

睁 睜

zhēng to open (one's eyes)

睁大你的眼睛！

Zhēng dà nǐ de yǎnjīng!

Keep your eyes wide open!

争吵 爭吵

zhēngchǎo to quarrel / dispute

你别再跟他争吵了。

Nǐ bié zài gēn tā zhēngchǎo le.

Don't quarrel with him any more.

争夺 爭奪

zhēngduó to fight over / to contest / to vie over

争论 爭論

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

争论是它是没有用的。

Zhēnglùn shì tā shì méiyǒu yòng de.

It is no use arguing about it.

征求 徵求

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

你应该向他征求意见。

Nǐ yīnggāi xiàng tā zhēngqiú yìjiàn.

You ought to ask him for advice.

争议 爭議

zhēngyì controversy / dispute / to dispute

这个电影很有争议。

Zhè ge diànyǐng hěn yǒu zhēngyì.

This movie is highly controversial.

政策

zhèngcè policy

工作政策是个失败。

Gōngzuò zhèngcè shì gè shībài.

The employment policy is a failure.

正规 正規

zhèngguī regular / according to standards

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.

证实 證實

zhèngshí to confirm (sth to be true) / to verify

他被证实是个理想丈夫。

Tā bèi zhèngshí shì gè lǐxiǎng zhàngfu.

He proved to be an ideal husband.

正义 正義

zhèngyì justice / righteousness / just / righteous / (in the titles of traditional commentaries) correct interpretation

我为正义而战。

Wǒ wèi zhèngyì ér zhàn.

I fight in the cause of justice.

症状 症狀

zhèngzhuàng symptom (of an illness)

你有什么症状？

Nǐ yǒu shén me zhèngzhuàng?

What symptoms do you have?

枝

zhī branch / classifier for sticks, rods, pencils etc

这枝笔不好写。

Zhè zhī bǐ bù hǎo xiě.

This pen doesn't write well.

支撑 支撐

zhīchēng to prop up / to support / strut / brace

支出

zhīchū to spend / to pay out / expenses / expenditure

生活支出急剧上涨。

Shēnghuó zhīchū jíjù shàngzhǎng.

Living costs have increased rapidly.

脂肪

zhífáng fat (in the body, in a plant, or in food)

之所以

zhǐsuǒyǐ (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 ...)"

值班

zhíbān to work a shift / on duty

今天谁值班？

Jīntiān shéi zhíbān?

Who's on duty today?

职位 職位

zhíwèi position / post / job

我希望我没有得到职位。

Wǒ xīwàng wǒ méiyǒu dédào zhíwèi.

I wish that I hadn't taken the office.

职务 職務

zhíwù post / position / job / duties

职员 職員

zhíyuán office worker / staff member

我是个职员。

Wǒ shì gè zhíyuán.

I am an office worker.

职责 職責

zhízé duty / responsibility / obligation

她盡了自己的职责。

Tā jìn le zìjǐ de zhízé.

She performed her duties.

侄子 姪子

zhízi brother's son / nephew

她等着接侄子。

Tā děng zhe jiē zhízi.

She's waiting to pick up her nephew.

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.

指定

zhǐdìng to appoint / to assign / to indicate clearly and with certainty / designated

他在指定时间的五分钟后到了。

Tā zài zhǐdìng shíjiān de wǔ fēnzhōng hòu dào le.

He came five minutes behind the appointed time.

只顾 只顧

zhǐgù to focus solely on / to pay attention only to / to be preoccupied with

他只顾自己的利益。

Tā zhǐgù zìjǐ de lìyì.

All he thinks about is himself.

指挥 指揮

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

指示

zhǐshì to point out / to indicate / to instruct / directives / instructions

每个机场都有英文指示。

Měige jīchǎng dōu yǒu Yīngwén zhǐshì.

Information is given in English at every airport.

指责 指責

zhǐzé to criticize / to find fault with / to denounce

她严厉地指责我。

Tā yánlì de zhǐzé wǒ.

She sternly accuses me.

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.

至关重要 至關重要

zhìguānzhòngyào extremely important / vital / crucial / essential

这件事至关重要。

Zhè jiàn shì zhìguānzhòngyào.

This is a matter of the utmost importance.

治理

zhìlǐ to govern / to administer / to manage / to control / governance

智力

zhìlì intelligence / intellect

制品 製品

zhìpǐn products / goods

秩序

zhìxù order / orderliness (in society, in the classroom, on the roads etc)

英国人很尊重法序和秩序。

Yīngguórén hěn zūnzhòng fǎ xù hé zhìxù.

The British have a lot of respect for law and order.

质疑 質疑

zhìyí to call into question / to challenge (the truth or validity of)

有些人质疑他的诚实。

Yǒuxiē rén zhìyí tā de chéngshí.

Some people questioned his honesty.

至于 至於

zhìyú as for / as to / to go so far as to

至于该文件，我在保管。

Zhìyú gāi wénjiàn, wǒ zài bǎogǎn.

As for the papers, I have custody of them.

中等

zhōngděng medium

我英文水平中等。

Wǒ Yīngwén shuǐpíng zhōngděng.

My level in English is intermediate.

终点 終點

zhōngdiǎn the end / end point / finishing line (in a race) / destination / terminus

中断 中斷

zhōngduàn to cut short / to break off / to discontinue / to interrupt

终身 終身

zhōngshēn lifelong / all one's life / marriage

钟头 鐘頭

zhōngtóu hour

我女儿每天睡八个钟头。

Wǒ nǚ'ér měitiān shuì bā gè zhōngtóu.

My daughter sleeps eight hours a day.

中旬

zhōngxún middle third of a month

中央

zhōngyāng central / middle / center / central authorities (of a state)

图书馆位于市中央。

Túshūguǎn wèiyú shì zhōngyāng.

The library is in the middle of the city.

肿 腫

zhǒng to swell / swelling / swollen

我的手和脚都肿了。

Wǒ de shǒu hé jiǎo dōu zhǒng le.

My hands and legs are swollen.

种地 種地

zhòngdì to farm / to work the land

中毒

zhòngdú to be poisoned

那台电脑中毒了。

Nà tái diànnǎo zhòngdú le.

The computer has a virus.

中奖 中獎

zhòngjiǎng to win a prize (in a lottery etc)

众人 眾人

zhòng rén everyone

他在众人面前被嘲笑。

Tā zài zhòng rén miànqián bèi cháoxiào.

He was laughed at in public.

中暑

zhòngshǔ to suffer heat exhaustion / sunstroke / heatstroke

众所周知 眾所周知

zhòngsuǒzhōuzhī as everyone knows

他的名字众所周知。

Tā de míngzì zhòngsuǒzhōuzhī.

Everybody knows his name.

重心

zhòngxīn focus / emphasis / priority / center of gravity / centroid

州

zhōu prefecture / province / administrative division / state (e.g. of US) / oblast (Russia) / canton (Switzerland)

美国有50个州。

Měiguó yǒu wǔshí gè zhōu.

There are fifty states in the United States.

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 [zhou1 bian1 shang1 pin3])

周到

zhōudào thoughtful / considerate / attentive / thorough

她非常周到和耐心。

Tā fēicháng zhōudào hé nàixīn.

She is very thoughtful and patient.

周期 週期

zhōuqī period / cycle

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

她戴很多珠宝。

Tā dài hěn duō zhūbǎo.

She wears a lot of jewelry.

诸多 諸多

zhūduō a good deal, a lot of

主办 主辦

zhǔbàn to organize / to host (a conference or sports event)

主播

zhǔbō anchor / (program) host / (Internet) streamer

主导 主導

zhǔdǎo leading / dominant / prevailing / to lead / to direct / to dominate

主管

zhǔguǎn in charge / responsible for / person in charge / manager

他是我部门的主管。

Tā shì wǒ bùmén de zhǔguǎn.

He is the chief of my department.

主角

zhǔjué leading role / lead / protagonist

主流

zhǔliú main stream (of a river) / fig. the essential point / main viewpoint of a matter / mainstream (culture etc)

主演

zhǔyǎn to play the leading role / to star / lead actor

主张 主張

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

这些主张没有科学的根据。

Zhèxiē zhǔzhāng méiyǒu kēxué de gēnjù.

There is no scientific basis for these claims.

祝福

zhùfú blessings / to wish sb well

谢谢你的祝福。

Xièxie nǐ de zhùfú.

Thanks for your well-wishes.

助理

zhùlǐ assistant

我需要一个会说法语的助理。

Wǒ xūyào yí gè huì shuō Fǎyǔ de zhùlǐ.

I need an assistant who speaks French.

助手

zhùshǒu assistant / helper

助手拿了钱。

Zhùshǒu nále qián.

The assistant took the money.

祝愿 祝願

zhùyuàn to wish

住宅

zhùzhái residence / dwelling / abode

著作

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

砖 磚

zhuān brick / tile (floor or wall, not roof)

专科 專科

zhuānkē specialized subject / branch (of medicine) / specialized training school

专利 專利

zhuānlì patent / sth uniquely enjoyed (or possessed etc) by a certain group of people / monopoly

专题 專題

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

专用 專用

zhuānyòng special / dedicated

这房间是老师专用的。

Zhè fángjiān shì lǎoshī zhuānyòng de.

This room is used by teachers.

专注 專注

zhuānzhù to focus / to concentrate / to give one's full attention

专注于进展上。

Zhuānzhù yú jìnzhǎn shàng.

Focus on progress.

转换 轉換

zhuǎnhuàn to change / to switch / to convert / to transform

请告诉我我应该在哪儿转换火车。

Qǐng gào su wǒ wǒ yīnggāi zài nǎlǐ zhuǎnhuàn huǒchē.

Please tell me where I should change trains.

转交 轉交

zhuǎnjiāo to pass on to sb / to carry and give to sb else

转让 轉讓

zhuǎnràng to transfer (ownership, rights etc)

转身 轉身

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

我建议你转身回家。

Wǒ jiànyì nǐ zhuǎnshēn huíjiā.

I suggest you turn around and go back home.

转移 轉移

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

这些鸟不转移。

Zhèxiē niǎo bù zhuǎnyí.

These birds don't migrate.

转动 轉動

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

zhuǎndòng to turn sth around / to swivel

他转动钥匙。

Tā zhuǎndòng yàoshi.

He turned the key.

装备 裝備

zhuāngbèi equipment / to equip / to outfit

他们在图书馆装备了新的书籍。

Tāmen zài túshūguǎn zhuāngbèi le xīn de shūjí.

They furnished the library with new books.

庄稼 莊稼

zhuāngjia farm crop

追究

zhuījiū to investigate / to look into

捉

zhuō to clutch / to grab / to capture

我捉了两条鱼。

Wǒ zhuōle liǎng tiáo yú.

I caught two fish.

资本 資本

zīběn capital (economics)

我们需要资本。

Wǒmen xūyào zīběn.

We need capital.

资产 資產

zīchǎn property / assets

自豪

zìháo proud (of one's achievements etc)

我为我父亲而自豪。

Wǒ wèi wǒ fùqīn ér zìháo.

I am proud of my father.

自来水 自來水

zìláishuǐ running water / tap water

自律

zìlǜ self-discipline / self-regulation / autonomy (ethics) / autonomic (physiology)

字幕

zìmù subtitles / captions (of a movie etc)

自杀 自殺

zìshā to kill oneself / to commit suicide / to attempt suicide

他试图自杀。

Tā shìtú zìshā.

He tried to kill himself.

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.

自言自语 自言自語

zìyánzìyǔ to talk to oneself / to think aloud / to soliloquize

老人时常自言自语。

Lǎorén shícháng zìyán-zìyǔ.

Old people often talk to themselves.

自愿 自願

zìyuàn voluntary

我自愿加入中国共产党。

Wǒ zìyuàn jiārù Zhōngguó Gòngchǎndǎng.

I willingly join the Chinese Communist Party.

自助

zìzhù self-service

他要去自助餐厅。

Tā yào qù zìzhù cāntīng.

He was going to the cafeteria.

棕色

zōngsè brown

她有棕色鞋。

Tā yǒu zōngsè xié.

She has brown shoes.

总裁 總裁

zǒngcái chairman / director-general (of a company etc)

我提醒他要去会见总裁。

Wǒ tíxǐng tā yào qù huìjiàn zǒngcái.

I reminded him of his interview with the president.

总计 總計

zǒngjì total

总理 總理

zǒnglǐ premier / prime minister

这是总理住的房子。

Zhè shì zǒnglǐ zhù de fángzi.

This is the house in which the prime minister lives.

总算 總算

zǒngsuàn at long last / finally / on the whole

我们总算准时到那里了。

Wǒmen zǒngsuàn zhǔnshí dào nàlǐ le.

We managed to get there on time.

粽子

zòngzi glutinous rice and choice of filling wrapped in leaves and steamed or boiled

走廊

zǒuláng corridor / aisle / hallway / passageway / veranda

窗户还是走廊？

Chuānghu hái shì zǒuláng?

Window or aisle?

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.

足以

zúyǐ sufficient to... / so much so that / so that

冰厚得足以让我在上面走路。

Bīng hòu de zúyǐ ràng wǒ zài shàngmiàn zǒulù.

The ice was thick enough for me to walk on.

阻碍 阻礙

zǔài to obstruct / to hinder / to block / obstruction / hindrance

阻挡 阻擋

zǔdǎng to stop / to resist / to obstruct

日本军队看来强大得不可阻挡。

Rìběn jūnduì kànlai qiángdà de bùkě zǔdǎng.

The Japanese military forces seemed too strong to stop.

祖国 祖國

zǔguó motherland

我爱我的祖国。

Wǒ ài wǒ de zǔguó.

I love my motherland.

祖先

zǔxiān ancestors / forebears / ancestral species / ancient species from which present-day species evolved

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

好大一颗钻。

Hǎo dà yì kē zuān.

The demand is huge.

罪

zuì guilt / crime / fault / blame / sin

这是战争罪。

Zhè shì zhànzhēng zuì.

This is a war crime.