

HSK 1 Vocabulary List

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#	Word	Pinyin	English
1	爱好	àihào	to like; to be fond of; to take pleasure in; to be keen on; interest; hobby
2	爸爸	bàba	(coll.) father; dad
3	白天	báitiān	daytime; during the day; day
4	半年	bàn nián	half a year
5	半天	bàntiān	half of the day; a long time; quite a while; midair
6	帮忙	bāngmáng	to help; to lend a hand; to do a favor; to do a good turn
7	包子	bāozi	baozi; bao (steamed stuffed bun)
8	杯子	bēizi	cup; glass
9	北边	běibian	north; north side; northern part; to the north of
10	北京	Běijīng	Beijing municipality, capital of the People's Republic of China (short name 京[Jing1])
11	本子	běnzǐ	book; notebook; Japanese-style self-published comic (esp. an erotic one), aka "dōjinshi"; edition
12	别的	biéde	else; other
13	别人	biérén	other people; others; other person
14	病人	bìng rén	sick person; patient; invalid
15	不大	bù dà	not very (clear, far away etc); not too; not often; infrequently
16	不对	bùduì	incorrect; wrong; amiss; abnormal; queer
17	不客气	bù kèqì	you're welcome; don't mention it; impolite; rude; blunt
18	不用	bùyòng	need not
19	常常	chángcháng	frequently; often
20	唱歌	chànggē	to sing a song
21	车票	chēpiào	ticket (for a bus or train)
22	车上	chē shang	on the bus; on the train; in the car
23	车站	chēzhàn	rail station; bus stop
24	吃饭	chīfàn	to have a meal; to eat; to make a living
25	出来	chūlái	to come out; to appear; to arise; (after a verb, indicates coming out, completion of an action, or ability to discern or detect)
26	出去	chūqù	to go out
27	打车	dǎchē	to take a taxi (in town); to hitch a lift
28	打电话	dǎ diànhuà	to make a telephone call
29	打开	dǎkāi	to open; to show (a ticket); to turn on; to switch on

30	打球	dǎ qiú	to play ball; to play with a ball
31	大学	dàxué	the Great Learning, one of the Four Books 四書 四书[Si4 shu1] in Confucianism; university; college
32	大学生	dàxuéshēng	university student; college student
33	得到	dédào	to get; to obtain; to receive
34	地点	dìdiǎn	place; site; location; venue
35	地上	dìshang	on the ground; on the floor
36	地图	dìtú	map
37	弟弟	dìdi	younger brother
38	电话	diànhuà	telephone; phone call; phone number
39	电脑	diànnǎo	computer
40	电视	diànshì	television; TV
41	电视机	diànshì jī	television set
42	电影	diànyǐng	movie; film
43	电影院	diànyǐngyuàn	cinema; movie theater
44	东边	dōngbian	east; east side; eastern part; to the east of
45	东西	dōngxi	east and west; thing; stuff; person
46	动作	dòngzuò	movement; motion; action; to act; to move
47	读书	dúshū	to read a book; to study; to attend school
48	对不起	duìbuqǐ	I'm sorry; excuse me; I beg your pardon; to let (sb) down; to disappoint
49	多少	duōshao	number; amount; somewhat; how much?; how many?; (phone number, student ID etc) what number?
50	儿子	érzi	son
51	饭店	fàndiàn	restaurant; hotel
52	房间	fángjiān	room
53	房子	fángzi	house; building (single- or two-story); apartment; room
54	放假	fàngjià	to have a holiday or vacation
55	放学	fàngxué	to dismiss students at the end of the school day
56	飞机	fēijī	airplane
57	非常	fēicháng	very; really; unusual; extraordinary
58	干净	gānjìng	clean; neat
59	干什么	gàn shénme	what are you doing?; what's he up to?
60	高兴	gāoxìng	happy; glad; willing (to do sth); in a cheerful mood
61	告诉	gàosu	to press charges; to file a complaint; to tell; to inform; to let know
62	哥哥	gēge	older brother
63	工人	gōngrén	worker
64	工作	gōngzuò	to work; (of a machine) to operate; job; work; task

65	关上	guānshang	to close (a door); to turn off (light, electrical equipment etc)
66	国家	guójiā	country; nation; state
67	国外	guó wài	abroad; external (affairs); overseas; foreign
68	还是	háishi	still (as before); had better; unexpectedly; or
69	还有	hái yǒu	there still remain(s); there is (or are) still; in addition
70	孩子	háizi	child
71	汉语	Hànyǔ	Chinese language
72	汉字	Hànzì	Chinese character(s)
73	好吃	hǎochī	tasty; delicious; to be fond of eating; to be gluttonous
74	好看	hǎokàn	good-looking; nice-looking; (of a movie, book, TV show etc) good; in an embarrassing situation
75	好听	hǎotīng	pleasant to hear
76	好玩儿	hǎowánr	erhua variant of 好玩[hao3 wan2]
77	后边	hòubian	the back; the rear; the last bit; behind; near the end; at the back; later; afterwards
78	后天	hòutiān	the day after tomorrow; life after birth (the period in which one develops through experiences, contrasted with 先天[xian1 tian1]); acquired (not innate or congenital); a posteriori
79	回答	huídá	to reply; to answer; reply; answer
80	回到	huídào	to return to
81	回家	huí jiā	to return home
82	回来	huílái	to return; to come back
83	回去	huíqù	to return; to go back
84	火车	huǒchē	train
85	机场	jīchǎng	airport; airfield; (slang) service provider for Shadowsocks or similar software for circumventing Internet censorship
86	机票	jīpiào	plane ticket; airline ticket
87	鸡蛋	jīdàn	(chicken) egg; hen's egg
88	记得	jìde	to remember
89	记住	jìzhù	to remember; to bear in mind; to learn by heart
90	家里	jiā li	home
91	家人	jiārén	family member; (old) servant
92	见面	jiànmiàn	to meet; to see each other
93	教学楼	jiàoxuélóu	school building; academic building
94	姐姐	jiějie	older sister
95	介绍	jièshào	to introduce (sb to sb); to give a presentation; to present (sb for a job etc); introduction
96	今年	jīnnián	this year

97	今天	jīntiān	today; the present time; now
98	进来	jìnlái	to come in
99	进去	jìnqù	to go in
100	觉得	juéde	to think that ...; to feel that ...; to feel (uncomfortable etc)
101	开车	kāichē	to drive a car (or train etc); (slang) to post sexual content online; to make a sexual joke
102	开会	kāihuì	to hold a meeting; to attend a meeting
103	开玩笑	kāi wánxiào	to play a joke; to make fun of; to joke
104	看病	kànbìng	to visit a doctor; to see a patient
105	看到	kàndào	to see
106	看见	kànjiàn	to see; to catch sight of
107	考试	kǎoshì	to take an exam; exam
108	课本	kèběn	textbook
109	课文	kèwén	text
110	来到	láidào	to arrive; to come
111	老人	lǎorén	old man or woman; the elderly; one's aged parents or grandparents
112	老师	lǎoshī	teacher
113	里边	lǐbian	inside
114	楼上	lóu shàng	upstairs; (Internet slang) previous poster in a forum thread
115	楼下	lóu xià	downstairs
116	路口	lùkǒu	crossing; intersection (of roads)
117	路上	lùshang	on the road; on the way; en route
118	妈妈	māma	mama; mommy; mother
119	马路	mǎlù	street; road
120	马上	mǎshàng	at once; right away; immediately; on horseback (i.e. by military force)
121	没关系	méi guānxi	it doesn't matter
122	没什么	méi shénme	it doesn't matter; it's nothing; never mind; think nothing of it; it's my pleasure; you're welcome
123	没事儿	méishìr	to have spare time; free from work; it's not important; it's nothing; never mind
124	没有	méiyǒu	haven't; hasn't; doesn't exist; to not have; to not be
125	妹妹	mèimei	younger sister; young woman
126	门口	ménkǒu	doorway; gate
127	门票	ménpiào	ticket (for theater, cinema etc)
128	米饭	mǐfàn	(cooked) rice
129	面包	miànbāo	bread
130	面条儿	miàntiáo	erhua variant of 麵條 面条[mian4 tiao2]

131	名字	míngzi	name (of a person or thing)
132	明白	míngbai	clear; obvious; unequivocal; sensible; reasonable; to understand; to realize
133	明年	míngnián	next year
134	明天	míngtiān	tomorrow
135	哪里	nǎlǐ	where?; somewhere; anywhere; wherever; nowhere (negative answer to question); humble expression denying compliment
136	哪儿	nǎr	where?; wherever; anywhere; somewhere; (used in rhetorical questions) how can ...?; how could ...?
137	哪些	nǎxiē	which ones?; who?; what?
138	那边	nàbiān	over there; yonder
139	那里	nàlǐ	there; that place
140	那儿	nàr	there
141	那些	nàxiē	those
142	奶奶	nǎinai	(informal) grandma (paternal grandmother); (respectful) mistress of the house; (coll.) boobies; breasts
143	男孩儿	nánháir	erhua form of 男孩[nan2 hai2]
144	男朋友	nánpéngyou	boyfriend
145	男人	nánrén	a man; a male; men
146	男生	nánshēng	schoolboy; male student; boy; guy (young adult male)
147	南边	nánbian	south; south side; southern part; to the south of
148	你们	nǐmen	you (plural)
149	牛奶	niúniǎi	cow's milk
150	女儿	nǚ'ér	daughter
151	女孩儿	nǚháir	erhua form of 女孩[nu : 3 hai2]
152	女朋友	nǚpéngyou	girlfriend
153	女人	nǚrén	woman; wife
154	女生	nǚshēng	schoolgirl; female student; girl
155	旁边	pángbiān	side; adjacent place
156	朋友	péngyou	friend
157	起床	qǐchuáng	to get out of bed; to get up
158	起来	qǐlái	to stand up; to get up; (after a verb) indicating the beginning and continuation of an action or a state; indicating an upward movement (e.g. after 站[zhan4]); indicating completion; (after a perception verb, e.g. 看[kan4]) expressing preliminary judgment
159	汽车	qìchē	car; automobile; bus
160	前边	qiánbian	front; the front side; in front of
161	前天	qiántiān	the day before yesterday
162	钱包	qiánbāo	purse; wallet
163	请假	qǐngjià	to request leave of absence

164	请进	qǐng jìn	"please come in"
165	请问	qǐngwèn	Excuse me, may I ask...?
166	请坐	qǐng zuò	please, have a seat
167	去年	qùnián	last year
168	认识	rènshi	to know; to recognize; to be familiar with; to get acquainted with sb; knowledge; understanding; awareness; cognition
169	认真	rènzhēn	conscientious; earnest; serious; to take seriously; to take to heart
170	日期	rìqī	date
171	商场	shāngchǎng	shopping mall; shopping center; department store; emporium; the business world
172	商店	shāngdiàn	store; shop
173	上班	shàngbān	to go to work; to be on duty; to start work; to go to the office
174	上边	shàngbian	the top; above; overhead; upwards; the top margin; above-mentioned; those higher up
175	上车	shàng chē	to get on or into (a bus, train, car etc)
176	上次	shàng cì	last time
177	上课	shàngkè	to go to class; to attend class; to go to teach a class
178	上网	shàngwǎng	to go online; to connect to the Internet; (of a document etc) to be uploaded to the Internet; (tennis, volleyball etc) to move in close to the net
179	上午	shàngwǔ	morning
180	上学	shàngxué	to go to school; to attend school
181	身上	shēnshang	on the body; at hand; among
182	身体	shēntǐ	the body; one's health
183	什么	shénme	what?; something; anything
184	生病	shēngbìng	to fall ill
185	生气	shēngqì	to get angry; to be furious; vitality; liveliness
186	生日	shēngrì	birthday
187	时候	shíhou	time; length of time; moment; period
188	时间	shíjiān	(concept of) time; (duration of) time; (point in) time
189	是不是	shì bu shì	is or is not (used to form yes-no questions)
190	手机	shǒujī	cell phone; mobile phone
191	书包	shūbāo	schoolbag; satchel; bookbag
192	书店	shūdiàn	bookstore
193	水果	shuǐguǒ	fruit
194	睡觉	shuìjiào	to go to bed; to sleep
195	说话	shuōhuà	to speak; to say; to talk; to gossip; to tell stories; talk; word
196	他们	tāmen	they; them

197	她们	tāmen	they; them (females)
198	天气	tiānqì	weather
199	听到	tīngdào	to hear
200	听见	tīngjiàn	to hear
201	听写	tīngxiě	(of a pupil) to write down (in a dictation exercise); dictation; (music) to transcribe by ear
202	同学	tóngxué	to study at the same school; fellow student; classmate
203	图书馆	túshūguǎn	library
204	外边	wàibian	outside; outer surface; abroad; place other than one's home
205	外国	wàiguó	foreign country
206	外语	wàiyǔ	foreign language
207	玩儿	wánr	to play; to have fun; to hang out
208	晚饭	wǎnfàn	evening meal; dinner; supper
209	晚上	wǎnshang	evening; night; in the evening
210	网上	wǎng shang	online
211	网友	wǎngyǒu	online friend; netizen; Internet user
212	忘记	wàngjì	to forget
213	我们	wǒmen	we; us; ourselves; our
214	午饭	wǔfàn	lunch
215	西边	xībian	west; west side; western part; to the west of
216	洗手间	xǐshǒujiān	toilet; lavatory; washroom
217	喜欢	xǐhuan	to like; to be fond of
218	下班	xiàbān	to finish work; to get off work; next service (train, bus etc)
219	下边	xiàbian	under; the underside; below
220	下车	xià chē	to get off or out of (a bus, train, car etc)
221	下次	xià cì	next time
222	下课	xiàkè	to finish class; to get out of class; (fig.) (esp. of a sports coach) to be dismissed; to be fired
223	下午	xiàwǔ	afternoon; p.m.
224	下雨	xià yǔ	to rain
225	先生	xiānsheng	teacher; gentleman; sir; mister (Mr.); husband; (dialect) doctor
226	现在	xiànzài	now; at present; currently
227	小孩儿	xiǎoháir	erhua variant of 小孩[xiao3 hai2]
228	小姐	xiǎojiě	young lady; miss; (slang) prostitute
229	小朋友	xiǎopéngyǒu	child; kid (used to refer to a child, or by an adult to address a child, or, in Taiwan, to refer to sb's own child)
230	小时	xiǎoshí	hour

231	小学	xiǎoxué	elementary school; primary school
232	小学生	xiǎoxuéshēng	primary school student; schoolchild; (fig.) beginner
233	谢谢	xièxie	to thank; thanks; thank you
234	新年	xīnnián	New Year
235	星期	xīngqī	week; day of the week; Sunday
236	星期日	xīngqīrì	Sunday
237	星期天	xīngqītiān	Sunday
238	休息	xiūxi	rest; to rest
239	学生	xuéshēng	student; schoolchild
240	学习	xuéxí	to learn; to study
241	学校	xuéxiào	school
242	学院	xuéyuàn	college; educational institute; school; faculty
243	爷爷	yéye	(coll.) paternal grandfather; grandpa
244	衣服	yīfu	clothes
245	医生	yīshēng	doctor; medical practitioner
246	医院	yīyuàn	hospital
247	一半	yībàn	half
248	一块儿	yīkuàir	erhua variant of 一塊 一块[yi1 kuai4]
249	一样	yīyàng	same; like; equal to; the same as; just like
250	一边	yībiān	one side; either side; on the one hand; on the other hand; doing while
251	一点儿	yīdiǎnr	erhua variant of 一點 一点[yi1 dian3]
252	一起	yīqǐ	(in) the same place; together; in company (with); altogether; in total; an instance of; a case of (murder, accident, dispute etc)
253	一些	yīxiē	some; a few; a little; (following an adjective) slightly ...er
254	有的	yǒude	(there are) some (who are...); some (exist)
255	有名	yǒumíng	famous; well-known
256	有时候	yǒushíhou	sometimes
257	有用	yǒuyòng	useful
258	右边	yòubian	right side; right, to the right
259	再见	zàijiàn	goodbye; see you again later
260	在家	zàijiā	to be at home; (at a workplace) to be in (as opposed to being away on official business 出差[chu1 chai1]); (Buddhism etc) to remain a layman (as opposed to becoming a monk or a nun 出家[chu1 jia1])
261	早饭	zǎofàn	breakfast
262	早上	zǎoshang	early morning
263	怎么	zěnmē	how?; what?; why?; variant of 怎麼 怎么[zen3 me5]
264	找到	zhǎodào	to find

265	这边	zhèbiān	this side; here
266	这里	zhèlǐ	variant of 這裡 这里[zhe4 li3]; here
267	这儿	zhèr	here
268	这些	zhèxiē	these
269	真的	zhēn de	really; truly; indeed; real; true; genuine; (math.) proper
270	正在	zhèngzài	to be in the process of (doing sth); to be currently ...-ing
271	知道	zhīdào	to know; to become aware of
272	知识	zhīshi	knowledge; intellectual
273	中国	Zhōngguó	China
274	中间	zhōngjiān	the middle; the inside; in the middle; within; between; among; during; in the meantime
275	中文	Zhōngwén	Chinese language
276	中午	zhōngwǔ	noon; midday
277	中学	zhōngxué	middle school
278	中学生	zhōngxuéshēng	middle-school student; high school student
279	重要	zhòngyào	important; significant; major
280	准备	zhǔnbèi	preparation; to prepare; to intend; to be about to; reserve (fund)
281	桌子	zhuōzi	table; desk
282	走路	zǒulù	to walk; to go on foot; to leave; to depart; (informal) to clear off; to beat it; (of sb who gets fired or resigns) to leave the job; to get out
283	最好	zuìhǎo	best; had better ...; it would be best to ...
284	最后	zuìhòu	final; last; ultimate; finally; in the end
285	昨天	zuótiān	yesterday
286	左边	zuǒbian	left; the left side; to the left of
287	坐下	zuò xià	to sit down
288	你好	nǐ hao	hello; hi
289	没事	mei shi	it's not important; it's nothing; never mind; to have nothing to do; to be free; to be all right (out of danger or trouble)