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Introduction

List of core vocabulary for examination in 2022 including vocabulary for Principal Subject topic areas

The core vocabulary is provided to guide teachers and candidates in their preparation for the Pre-U Mandarin Chinese (Principal) course 9778.

The list includes additional vocabulary for the Principal Course Topic Areas:

For examination in 2022

The media

Work and leisure

Equality of opportunity

There are no updates to the core vocabulary.

By the end of the course of study leading to Pre-U Mandarin Chinese, students will recognise all characters listed below. They should also be able to recognise these characters as part of different compounds. Additional characters may appear on the question papers but will not be tested explicitly. Where there is a need to include any additional characters essential to the answering of a question, these will be glossed in English.

List of core vocabulary

1 Numbers, expressions of time and festivals		
百	bǎi	hundred
半	bàn	half
倍	bèi	times; -fold
除夕	chú xī	Chinese Year's eve
春节	chūn jié	Spring festival
春天	chūn tiān	spring (n.)
第	dì	prefix before a number
点	diǎn	o'clock
冬天	dōng tiān	winter
端午节	duān wǔ jié	the Dragon Boat Festival
分	fēn	minute
...分之...	... fēn zhīout of... (e.g., 8 out of 10)
公斤	gōng jīn	kilo
公里	gōng lǐ	kilometre
过年	guò nián	to celebrate/spend the (Chinese) Year
刻	kè	quarter
零	líng	zero
秒	miǎo	second (=1/60 of a minute)
年	nián	year
千	qiān	thousand
秋天	qiū tiān	autumn
上	shàng	last
圣诞节	shèng dàn jié	Christmas
生日	shēng rì	birthday
夏天	xià tiān	summer
亿	yì	hundred million
中秋节	zhōng qiū jié	mid-autumn festival

2 Countries and Places		
北	běi	North
北京	běi jīng	Beijing
长城	cháng chéng	the Great Wall
长江	cháng jiāng	the Yangtze river
德国	dé guó	Germany
东	dōng	East
法国	fǎ guó	France
法文	fǎ wén	French
非洲	fēi zhōu	Africa
故宫	gù gōng	the Forbidden City
广州	guǎng zhōu	Canton
华人	huá rén	Chinese (usually used after 海外, meaning overseas Chinese)
黄河	huáng hé	the Yellow River
美国	měi guó	USA
美洲	měi zhōu	America (continent)
南	nán	South
南京	nán jīng	Nanjing
欧洲	ōu zhōu	Europe
普通话	pǔ tōng huà	Mandarin
日本	rì běn	Japan
上海	shàng hǎi	Shanghai
首都	shǒu dū	capital (of a country)
台湾	tái wān	Taiwan
天安门	tiān ān mén	tiananmen
亚洲	yà zhōu	Asia
英国	yīng guó	UK
中国	zhōng guó	China
西	xī	west
西安	xī ān	Xi'an
香港	xiāng gǎng	Hong Kong

3 Measure words		
把	bǎ	measure word, hold
杯	bēi	a cup of / cup
本	běn	measure word
遍	biàn	number of times
层	céng	layer; storey
次	cì	number of times
段	duàn	paragraph, section
队	duì	team
封	fēng	measure word
个	gè	measure word
壶	hú	measure word
件	jiàn	measure word
节	jié	measure word
斤	jīn	500g
棵	kē	measure word (for tree, etc.)
块	kuài	a piece of something
辆	liàng	measure word for vehicles
门	mén	measure word
匹	pǐ	measure word
篇	piān	piece; sheet (of paper etc.)
瓶	píng	bottle (of something)
双	shuāng	pair (as a measure word)
套	tào	measure word (a set of...)
条	tiáo	measure word
桶	tǒng	barrel
碗	wǎn	bowl
位	wèi	measure word (for people)
页	yè	page
元	yuán	dollar
张	zhāng	measure word (for paper, tickets, etc.)
只	zhī	measure word
支	zhī	measure word (for pencil, pen, etc.)
组	zǔ	group

4 Question words and pronouns

哪	nǎ	which
哪儿	nǎr	where
你	nǐ	you (singular)
你们	nǐ men	you (plural)
您	nín	you (polite)
谁	shéi/shuí	who
什么	shén me	what
怎么	zěn me	how

5 Prepositions

背后	bèi hòu	behind; at the back; in the rear
对面	duì miàn	opposite
好像	hǎo xiàng	(prep.) like; as if
里	lǐ	inside
旁边	páng biān	next to
上	shàng	to go up, to get on, to go to; above
往	wǎng	(prep.) to, towards
为(了)	wèi (le)	(prep.) for
下	xià	next; below, under
向	xiàng	(prep.) towards
中间	zhōng jiān	in the middle
作为	zuò wéi	(prep.) as

6 Particles

吧	ba	particle
的	de	possessive determiner
得	de	compliment particle
了	le	particle
吗	ma	question particle
们	men	plural determiner
呢	ne	question particle

7 Connectives		
不但...而且	bú dàn ... ér qiě	not only...but also
不管	bù guǎn	regardless of
不过	bú guò	but; nevertheless; however
不论	bú lùn	no matter
除了...以外	chú le...yǐ wài	besides
非	fēi	not
非...不可	fēi ... bù kě	must; will inevitably
既...又...	jì ... yòu ...	both...and...
连...都/也...	lián ... dōu /yě ...	even...is/does also
没有	méi yǒu	have not

8 Family		
阿姨	ā yí	aunt
爱护	ài hù	to cherish, to take good care of
爱情	ài qíng	love, romance
宠物	chǒng wù	pet
出生	chū shēng	to be born
弟弟	dì dì	younger brother
儿童	ér tóng	children
父亲	fù qīn	father
哥哥	gē ge	older brother
狗	gǒu	dog
孩子	hái zi	child
婚礼	hūn lǐ	wedding
婚姻	hūn yīn	marriage
家	jiā	family
家庭	jiā tíng	family; household; home
家乡	jiā xiāng	home town
家长	jiā zhǎng	parents
结婚	jié hūn	to get married
姐姐	jiě jie	older sister
姥姥	lǎo lao	grandmother (on mother's side)
姥爷	lǎo ye	grandfather (on mother's side)

8 Family continued		
妈妈	mā ma	mummy
妹妹	mèi mei	younger sister
母亲	mǔ qīn	mother
奶奶	nǎi nai	grandmother (on father's side)
女士	nǚ shì	madam; lady; Ms
妻子	qī zi	wife
亲戚	qīn qi	relatives
叔叔	shū shu	uncle
孙女	sūn nǚ	granddaughter
孙子	sūn zi	grandson
太太	tài tai	Mrs, wife
先生	xiān sheng	Mr; husband
小姐	xiǎo jiě	Miss
姓	xìng	surname
性别	xìng bié	gender
兄弟姐妹	xiōng dì jiě mèi	brothers and sisters
爷爷	yé ye	grandfather (on father's side)
丈夫	zhàng fu	husband
9 Parts of the body		
鼻子	bí zi	nose
脖子	bó zi	neck
肚子	dù zi	abdomen
耳朵	ěr duo	ear
胳膊	gē bo	arm
脚	jiǎo	foot
脸	liǎn	face
皮肤	pí fū	skin
嗓子	sǎng zi	throat; voice
身体	shēn tǐ	body
手	shǒu	hand
手指	shǒu zhǐ	finger

9 Parts of the body continued

头	tóu	head
头发	tóu fa	hair
腿	tuǐ	leg
胃	wèi	stomach
牙齿	yá chǐ	tooth
眼睛	yǎn jing	eye
嘴	zuǐ	mouth

10 Young people

成人	chéng rén	adult
成熟	chéng shú	to mature; mature
理想	lǐ xiǎng	pursuit, aspiration, ideal
青年	qīng nián	youngster, young people
少年	shào nián	youth

11 Education

班	bān	class
报告	bào gào	(v./n.) report
本子	běn zi	exercise book
笔	bǐ	pen
笔记	bǐ jì	notes
毕业	bì yè	to graduate
补习	bǔ xí	(v./n.) attend catch-up lessons
操场	cāo chǎng	sports ground
成绩	chéng jì	result; achievement; success
词典	cí diǎn	dictionary; lexicon
大学	dà xué	university
分数	fēn shù	mark, grade (in a test)
复习	fù xí	to revise
钢笔	gāng bǐ	fountain pen
寒假	hán jià	winter holiday
及格	jí gé	to pass an exam; qualified

11 Education continued		
交换学生	jiāo huàn xué sheng	exchange student
教材	jiào cái	teaching material
教授	jiào shòu	professor
教育	jiào yù	education
考生	kǎo shēng	candidate for an examination; examinee
考试	kǎo shì	exam
课	kè	lesson
课程	kè chéng	curriculum
口语	kǒu yǔ	oral; speaking (element of a language)
老师	lǎo shī	teacher
论文	lùn wén	thesis; dissertation; treatise; paper
生词	shēng cí	word
体育	tǐ yù	PE
同学	tóng xué	classmate
物理	wù lǐ	physics
系	xì	department (in a university setting), faculty
夏令营	xià lìng yíng	summer camp
校刊	xiào kān	school magazine
小学	xiǎo xué	primary school
校园	xiào yuán	campus
校长	xiào zhǎng	Headteacher
写作	xiě zuò	composition
学历	xué lì	academic qualification
学生	xué sheng	student
学位	xué wèi	academic degree
学习	xué xí	(v./n.) study
学校	xué xiào	school
学院	xué yuàn	college
语法	yǔ fǎ	grammar
语文	yǔ wén	language and literature (a school subject in China)
预习	yù xí	to prepare and study a lesson before class
中学	zhōng xué	middle school
作业	zuò yè	homework

12 Colours

白	bái	white
彩色	cǎi sè	multicolour
黑	hēi	black
红	hóng	red
黄	huáng	yellow
灰	huī	grey
金	jīn	gold
蓝	lán	blue
绿	lǜ	green
颜色	yán sè	colour
银（色）	yín (sè)	silver (colour)
紫	zǐ	purple
棕	zōng	brown

13 Grammar

...的时候	...de shí hòu	when
把	bǎ	bǎ construction
便	biàn	then, so
得	děi	have to
或者	huò zhě	or; ...or...
...极了	... jí le ...	extremely...
既然	jì rán	since; now that
那	nà	that
那么	nà me	in that case; then
然后	rán hòu	then, afterwards
让	ràng	to make/to let (sb. do sth.)
如果	rú guǒ	if
虽然...但是	suī rán...dàn shì	although... (but)
他	tā	he, him
她	tā	she, her
他/她们	tā men	they, them
为（了）	wèi (le)	in order to

13 Grammar continued		
我	wǒ	I, me
我们	wǒ men	we, us
要是	yào shi	if
也许	yě xǔ	perhaps, probably
一...就...	yī ... jiù ...	as soon as
一般	yī bān	as...as...; general; ordinary
一边...一边	yī biān...yī biān	while, at the same time
一共	yī gòng	altogether
一起	yī qǐ	together
一直	yī zhí	continuously
已经	yǐ jīng	already
以后	yǐ hòu	after
以前	yǐ qián	before
以为	yǐ wéi	to think, to consider
因为...所以	yīn wéi ... suǒ yǐ	because ... so
应该	yīng gāi	should
有时候	yǒu shí hòu	sometimes
于是	yú shì	then
与	yǔ	(written style) and
越...越...	yuè ... yuè ...	the more...the more...
这	zhè	this
正在	zhèng zài	just ...ing
只好	zhǐ hǎo	cannot but
只是	zhǐ shì	merely, just; but then
只要...就	zhǐ yào ... jiù	as long as
只有...才	zhǐ yǒu ... cái	only (if)
最	zuì	most

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矮	ǎi	short
爱	ài	to love; love
安全	ān quán	safety; safe
把握	bǎ wò	to take control; to seize opportunity; confidence; certainty
白菜	bái cài	Chinese cabbage
百货商店	bǎi huò shāng diàn	department store
白酒	bái jiǔ	Chinese liquor; white wine
白天	bái tiān	day time
摆	bǎi	to put, to lay, to place, to set in order
搬	bān	to move; to take away
板	bǎn	board; plank
办法	bàn fǎ	way; means; method
帮忙	bāng máng	to help
帮助	bāng zhù	to help; to assist; help; assistance
傍晚	bàng wǎn	at dusk, towards evening, at nightfall
包	bāo	bag
包括	bāo kuò	to include; to consist of; to comprise; to contain
包子	bāo zi	steamed stuffed bun
饱	bǎo	have eaten one's fill; be full
保持	bǎo chí	to maintain
保护	bǎo hù	to protect; protection
保证	bǎo zhèng	to assure, to guarantee; (n.) pledge
报名	bào míng	to enroll
抱	bào	to hold/carry in the arms
抱歉	bào qiàn	to be sorry; to feel apologetic; to regret
暴力	bào lì	violence
保险	bǎo xiǎn	insurance
背包	bēi bāo	rucksack
被	bèi	duvet; to be something-ed
本来	běn lái	original; it goes without saying
比	bǐ	to compare
比较	bǐ jiào	quite
比如	bǐ rú	for example

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比赛	bǐ sài	game; match; tournament; to compete
必要	bì yào	necessary
边	biān	side
变	biàn	to change
变化	biàn huà	(v./n.) change
辩论	biàn lùn	debate
标准	biāo zhǔn	standard; criterion
表	biǎo	table; chart; form; watch
表现	biǎo xiàn	(v./n.) behave; manifest; behaviour; manifestation
表演	biǎo yǎn	(v./n.) perform
表扬	biǎo yáng	(v./n.) compliment; (v./n.) praise
别	bié	other; do not
别的	bié de	other
冰箱	bīng xiāng	fridge
病	bìng	illness; to be ill
博物馆	bó wù guǎn	museum
不得不	bù dé bù	cannot help but
不断	bú duàn	incessantly, without stopping
不如	bù rú	not equal to; not as good as
不是	bú shì	not to be
不同	bù tóng	different, not the same
布	bù	cloth
布置	bù zhi	to arrange; to assign; to decorate
部分	bù fen	part; part of
步行	bù xíng	to walk
擦	cā	to wipe/mop (with a cloth)
猜	cāi	to guess
才	cái	later than expected
材料	cái liào	material
采用	cǎi yòng	to adopt; to employ; to use
菜单	cài dān	food menu
菜谱	cài pǔ	recipe
参观	cān guān	to visit; to look around

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餐厅	cān tīng	canteen; restaurant
草地	cǎo dì	meadow; lawn; green area
厕所	cè suǒ	toilet
曾经	céng jīng	ever
插(插入)	chā (chā rù)	to insert (insert into)
差别	chā bié	difference
查	chá	to check; to find out; to investigate; to look up
茶	chá	tea
差	chà	to differ from; to fall short of; not up to standard
长	cháng	long
尝	cháng	to sample; to taste; to try
长期	cháng qī	long term
常常	cháng cháng	often
场地	chǎng dì	venue, site
尝试	cháng shì	(v./n.) attempt
超过	chāo guò	exceeding; to exceed
超(级)市(场)	chāo (jí) shì (chǎng)	supermarket
炒	chǎo	to stir fry
车库	chē kù	garage
衬衫	chèn shān	shirt
乘	chéng	to ride (on a bus, etc.); times/multiply
程度	chéng dù	degree
成立	chéng lì	to establish; to found; to set up
成为	chéng wéi	to become; to turn into
城市	chéng shì	town
吃(饭)	chī (fàn)	to eat (a meal)
吃惊	chī jīng	to be startled; to be shocked; surprise
迟到	chí dào	to be late
尺子	chǐ zi	ruler
臭	chòu	smelly; stink
出	chū	to exit; to go out
出发	chū fā	to set out
出口	chū kǒu	exit; export

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出现	chū xiàn	to appear, to arise, to emerge
出租车	chū zū chē	taxi
初级	chū jí	elementary
厨房	chú fáng	kitchen
穿	chuān	to wear
传统	chuán tǒng	tradition; traditional
窗户	chuāng hu	window
床	chuáng	bed
创造	chuàng zào	to create; creation
吹	chuī	to blow
春卷	chūn juǎn	spring roll
词语	cí yǔ	words
聪明	cōng míng	clever; intelligent
从	cóng	from
从来	cóng lái	always; all along
从前	cóng qián	before; formerly
粗	cū	wide; coarse
醋	cù	vinegar
促进	cù jìn	to promote
存钱	cún qián	(v./n.) deposit (some money in a bank); to save up money
存在	cún zài	existence
措施	cuò shī	measure, step
错误	cuò wù	mistake; mistaken, wrong
打电话	dǎ diàn huà	to make a phone call
打开	dǎ kāi	to open; to turn on
打	dǎ	to play; to hit
打工	dǎ gōng	to work
打算	dǎ suàn	to plan; to intend; intention
打印机	dǎ yìn jī	printer
大约	dà yuē	approximately; about
打折	dǎ zhé	to sell at a discount
打针	dǎ zhēn	to give/receive an injection
大多数	dà duō shù	great majority

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大概	dà gài	approximately; about
大使馆	dà shǐ guǎn	embassy
大小	dà xiǎo	size
呆	dāi	to stay; slow-witted; blank
戴	dài	to wear
带	dài	to take with; to look after; to take care of
代表团	dài biǎo tuán	delegation
单程票	dān chéng piào	one-way ticket
单位	dān wèi	unit of measurement; unit of organisation
单元	dān yuán	unit
担任	dān rèn	to take responsibility for
担心	dān xīn	to worry about
蛋糕	dàn gāo	cake
当	dāng	to work as...; in somebody's presence; when...
当地	dāng dì	local
当前	dāng qián	present, current
当然	dāng rán	naturally; of course
倒	dǎo	to fall, to topple, to tumble down
倒	dào	to throw, to dump; to reverse (v.)
到	dào	to arrive; to go
到达	dào dá	to arrive; to reach
道理	dào lǐ	argument, reason, point; hows and whys
导游	dǎo yóu	tour guide
刀叉	dāo chā	knife and fork
得到	dé dào	to get; to obtain; to gain; to receive
灯	dēng	light
登记	dēng jì	(v./n.) register
低	dī	low
地点	dì diǎn	place
地方	dì fāng	place
地理	dì lǐ	geography
地区	dì qū	district; region
地铁	dì tiě	underground

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地图	dì tú	map
地下	dì xià	underground
地址	dì zhǐ	address
店	diàn	shop
点菜	diǎn cài	to order food
点头	diǎn tóu	to nod
点心	diǎn xin	snack
典型	diǎn xíng	(n.) model; typical example; (adj.) typical, representative
电动	diàn dòng	electric, electrical
电脑	diàn nǎo	computer
电梯	diàn tī	elevator; lift
调查	diào chá	to investigate
调动	diào dòng	to reshuffle; to change position; to stimulate; to motivate
顶	dǐng	top; peak; to go against; to prop up
订票	dìng piào	to book tickets
丢	diū	to lose; to throw away
懂	dǒng	to understand
东西	dōng xi	things
动物	dòng wù	animal
动物园	dòng wù yuán	zoo
都	dōu	both, all
豆腐	dòu fu	tofu
都市	dū shì	metropolitan city
读书	dú shū	to read (book)
堵车	dǔ chē	traffic jam; traffic congestion
堵塞	dǔ sè	blockage; jam
度	dù	degree; to spend
短	duǎn	short; brief
对...感兴趣	duì ... gǎn xìng qù	to be interested in...
对不起	duì bu qǐ	sorry
对方	duì fāng	the other side/person
对话	duì huà	to converse; conversation
多	duō	many

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多么	duō me	how...; what...(indicating high degree)
多少	duō shǎo	how much
饿	è	hungry
发	fā	to send
发烧	fā shāo	to have a fever
发生	fā shēng	to happen; to occur
发言	fā yán	to make a speech
发现	fā xiàn	to find; to discover
发音	fā yīn	to pronounce; pronunciation
发邮件	fā yóu jiàn	to send an email
发展	fā zhǎn	to develop; development
罚款	fá kuǎn	to impose a fine; (n.) fine
法律	fǎ lǜ	law
烦恼	fán nǎo	(adj.) upset; (n.) trouble
繁荣	fán róng	prosperous, booming
反对	fǎn duì	to oppose; to be against
饭店	fàn diàn	hotel, restaurant
饭馆	fàn guǎn	restaurant
范围	fàn wéi	scope, limits, range
方便	fāng biàn	convenient
方法	fāng fǎ	way; means; method
方面	fāng miàn	aspect; area
方式	fāng shì	way, fashion, pattern
方向	fāng xiàng	direction
房间	fáng jiān	room
房子	fáng zi	house
防止	fáng zhǐ	to prevent
访问	fǎng wèn	to visit; to call on; (n.) visit
放	fàng	to release
放弃	fàng qì	to give up
放心	fàng xīn	to feel relieved; to set one's mind at rest
飞机	fēi jī	plane
非常	fēi cháng	extraordinarily

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费	fèi	fees (n.); waste (v.)
费用	fèi yòng	cost, expense
分	fēn	to distribute
分配	fēn pèi	to distribute, to assign, to delegate; distribution
封	fēng	to seal; to confer upon
丰富	fēng fù	abundant; rich (in resources, experience, etc.)
风景	fēng jǐng	scenery
风俗	fēng sú	social customs
富	fù	rich; affluent
附近	fù jìn	nearby
妇女	fù nǚ	woman
付钱	fù qián	to pay
服务	fú wù	service
复杂	fù zá	complicated; complex
负责	fù zé	to be responsible for; to be in charge of
服装	fú zhuāng	clothing
改变	gǎi biàn	to change, to alter, to transform; (n.) change
改善	gǎi shàn	to improve
干杯	gān bēi	to toast
敢	gǎn	to dare to...
感到	gǎn dào	to feel
感冒	gǎn mào	to catch cold; (n.) cold
感情	gǎn qíng	emotion; feelings; affection
感受	gǎn shòu	(v./n.) experience; to feel
感想	gǎn xiǎng	reflections; thoughts
感谢	gǎn xiè	to thank; to be grateful to
刚	gāng	just; exactly
刚才	gāng cái	just now, a moment ago
高	gāo	high
高级	gāo jí	advanced; senior
高兴	gāo xìng	happy
告别	gào bié	to say goodbye; farewell
告诉	gào sù	to tell

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隔壁	gé bì	next-door neighbour
个子	gè zi	height; build
各种	gè zhǒng	various kinds of
给	gěi	to give
跟	gēn	with
跟...一样	gēn...yí yàng	same as
根据	gēn jù	according to
更	gèng	even more
公共	gōng gòng	public
工业	gōng yè	industry
公园	gōng yuán	park
公众	gōng zhòng	the public
姑娘	gū niang	girl, young woman
古代	gǔ dài	ancient times
古典	gǔ diǎn	classical
古老	gǔ lǎo	ancient
鼓励	gǔ lì	to encourage
故事	gù shì	story
故乡	gù xiāng	home town
顾客	gù kè	customer
挂	guà	to hang; to put up
拐	guǎi	to turn
观点	guān diǎn	viewpoint, opinion
观念	guān niàn	mindset, opinion
关系	guān xi	relation; relationship; link; connection
关心	guān xīn	to be concerned with; to care for; (n.) regard
关于	guān yú	about; with regards to
观察	guān chá	to observe; observation
官员	guān yuán	official
冠军	guàn jūn	champion; gold medalist
广场	guǎng chǎng	square
规定	guī dìng	to set; to stipulate; stipulation
贵	guì	expensive

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柜台	guì tái	counter
国籍	guó jí	nationality
国际	guó jì	international
国内	guó nèi	domestic
果汁	guǒ zhī	fruit juice
过	guò	to pass; past
过去	guò qù	the past
还	hái	in addition to, still
海关	hǎi guān	customs; customs house
海滩	hǎi tān	seashore; beach
海鲜	hǎi xiān	seafood
害怕	hài pà	(to be) frightened (of); (to be) scared (of)
喊	hǎn	to shout
汗	hàn	(n.) sweat
汉堡包	hàn bǎo bāo	hamburger
汉语	hàn yǔ	Chinese
航空	háng kōng	airline; by air
行业	háng yè	profession, trade, industry
豪华	háo huá	luxurious
好	hǎo	good
好处	hǎo chù	benefit, advantage
号	hào	number, day of month
号码	hào mǎ	number; code
喝	hē	to drink
和	hé	and
合格	hé gé	(to be) up to standard
合理	hé lǐ	reasonable
合适	hé shì	suitable; fitting; appropriate
和谐	hé xié	harmony, concord
合约	hé yuē	contract
盒子	hé zi	box; case
合作	hé zuò	to cooperate; cooperation; to work together
很	hěn	very

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红绿灯	hóng lǜ dēng	traffic lights
后	hòu	behind
后来	hòu lái	afterwards; later
忽然	hū rán	suddenly
胡同	hú tòng	a narrow street, lane or alley in China, most often associated with the city of Beijing
互联网	hù lián wǎng	internet
互相	hù xiāng	each other
护照	hù zhào	passport
...化	...huà	suffix huà
花园	huā yuán	garden
滑	huá	slide (v.), slippery
坏	huài	bad
坏处	huài chù	disadvantage, harm
欢迎	huān yíng	to welcome
换	huàn	to exchange
黄瓜	huáng guā	cucumber
黄油	huáng yóu	butter
回	huí	to return
回报	huí bào	to repay; repayment
回答	huí dá	(v./n.) reply
回忆	huí yì	to call to mind; to recall; memory
汇率	huì lǜ	exchange rate
会	huì	to know how to; meeting
会议	huì yì	meeting; conference
会员	huì yuán	member
活动	huó dòng	activity
活泼	huó po	lively; vivacious
火车	huǒ chē	train
机动	jī dòng	motorised
机会	jī huì	opportunity
机器	jī qì	machine
鸡蛋	jī dàn	egg

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基本	jī běn	basic; essential
基础	jī chǔ	foundation, basis
积极	jī jí	active, energetic
几乎	jī hū	almost
及时	jí shí	in time
急	jí	to be anxious; to worry
集合	jí hé	to gather; to assemble; gathering
几	jǐ	how many; several
挤	jǐ	crowded; to push against
计划	jì huà	(v./n.) plan
计算	jì suàn	to calculate
记	jì	to write; to jot; to take down; to record
记忆	jì yì	to remember; to recall; recollection
记住	jì zhù	to remember; to learn by heart
纪念品	jì niàn pǐn	souvenir
技能	jì néng	skills
季节	jì jié	season
寄	jì	to post
继续	jì xù	to continue
加	jiā	to add
架	jià	frame; shelf
家教	jiā jiào	home tutor; upbringing
家具	jiā jù	furniture
加强	jiā qiáng	to strengthen, to reinforce
价钱	jià qián	price
价值	jià zhí	value
坚持	jiān chí	to insist on
坚强	jiān qiáng	mentally strong
检查	jiǎn chá	to inspect; to examine; to check up; inspection
简单	jiǎn dān	easy; simple
减价	jiǎn jià	to reduce the price; at a reduced price
建设	jiàn shè	to build
建议	jiàn yì	to suggest; suggestion

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建筑	jiàn zhù	building
健康	jiàn kāng	health; healthy
将	jiāng	to be going to
将来	jiāng lái	in the future
讲	jiǎng	to speak
讲座	jiǎng zuò	(n.) lecture
奖	jiǎng	award
奖金	jiǎng jīn	bonus
降低	jiàng dī	to lower; to reduce
酱油	jiàng yóu	soy sauce
交给	jiāo gěi	to give
交流	jiāo liú	(v./n.) exchange
交通	jiāo tōng	traffic
郊区	jiāo qū	suburb
饺子	jiǎo zi	dumplings
角	jiǎo	edge; corner; horn
角度	jiǎo dù	perspective; angle
教堂	jiào táng	church
叫	jiào	to call, to be called
接	jiē	to receive
接待	jiē dài	receive, admit
接受	jiē shòu	to accept
接着	jiē zhe	to carry on, to go on to, to resume
街	jiē	street
节目	jié mù	programme
结果	jié guǒ	result; consequence; outcome
结束	jié shù	to finish
结账	jié zhàng	to pay the bill
解雇	jiě gù	to dismiss, to fire
解决	jiě jué	to solve
解释	jiě shì	to explain; explanation
借	jiè	to borrow
金	jīn	gold (money)

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今后	jīn hòu	thereafter
今天	jīn tiān	today
紧张	jǐn zhāng	nervous; tense
近	jìn	near
进步	jìn bù	to advance; to progress, progression; to improve
进口	jìn kǒu	(v./n.) import
进行	jìn xíng	to be in progress; to carry on; to carry out
禁止	jìn zhǐ	to ban; forbidden
尽管	jǐn guǎn	although, despite
尽快	jìn kuài	as soon as possible
近况	jìn kuàng	recent developments; how things stand
尽量	jìn liàng	to the best of one's abilities, as far as possible
精彩	jīng cǎi	brilliant, wonderful
精力	jīng lì	energy
精神	jīng shén	spirit, essence
经常	jīng cháng	often
经过	jīng guò	to pass by; to go through; to process
经历	jīng lì	to go through; to undergo; (v./n.) experience
经理	jīng lǐ	manager
经验	jīng yàn	experience
景点	jǐng diǎn	scenic spots
竟然	jìng rán	to one's surprise, unexpectedly
镜子	jìng zi	mirror
竞争	jìng zhēng	to compete; competition
纠正	jiū zhèng	to correct
久	jiǔ	for a long time
酒吧	jiǔ bā	pub; bar
酒店	jiǔ diàn	hotel
旧	jiù	old
救护车	jiù hù chē	ambulance
就	jiù	as early as
居民	jū mǐn	resident
举	jǔ	to lift; to raise; to hold up

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举动	jǔ dòng	movement
举行	jǔ xíng	to hold (an event, a meeting, etc.)
巨大	jù dà	huge
聚会	jù huì	party, gathering
拒绝	jù jué	to refuse
距离	jù lí	distance
剧院	jù yuàn	theatre
句子	jù zi	sentence
具体	jù tǐ	in detail
觉得	jué de	to feel
决定	jué dìng	to decide; decision
绝对	jué duì	absolute
咖啡	kā fēi	coffee
卡车	kǎ chē	lorry
开	kāi	to open; to start something
开发	kāi fā	to develop
开会	kāi huì	to hold a meeting
开始	kāi shǐ	to begin; beginning
开玩笑	kāi wán xiào	to make a joke
开往	kāi wǎng	to leave for; to be bound for
看	kàn	to watch, to look at
看不起	kàn bù qǐ	to despise; to look down upon
看法	kàn fǎ	perspective; viewpoint
考虑	kǎo lǜ	to consider, to believe; consideration
烤鸭	kǎo yā	roast duck
科目	kē mù	subject
科技	kē jì	science and technology
咳嗽	ké sòu	(v./n.) cough
渴	kě	thirsty
可爱	kě ài	cute; lovable; likable; lovely
可乐	kě lè	cola
可怜	kě lián	pitiful
可能	kě néng	perhaps; possible; maybe

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可惜	kě xī	it's a pity; unfortunately
可以	kě yǐ	to be able; to allow
刻	kè	to carve
客厅	kè tīng	living room
克服	kè fú	to overcome (a difficulty, etc.)
肯定	kěn dìng	definite; certainly; surely
空	kōng	empty
空间	kōng jiān	space; room
空调	kōng tiáo	air conditioner
空闲	kòng xián	spare
哭	kū	to cry; to weep; to sob
苦	kǔ	bitter
酷	kù	cool (to describe a person or a thing, colloquial)
裤子	kù zi	trousers
块	kuài	Chinese dollar
快	kuài	fast
快餐	kuài cān	fast food
快乐	kuài lè	happy
筷子	kuài zi	chopsticks
矿泉水	kuàng quán shuǐ	mineral water
困难	kùn nán	difficulty; difficult
拉	lā	to pull
辣	là	spicy
来	lái	to come
浪费	làng fèi	(v./n.) waste
老虎	lǎo hǔ	tiger
累	lèi	tired
冷	lěng	cold
离	lí	be apart from
离开	lí kāi	to leave; departure
梨	lí	pear
礼貌	lǐ mào	polite; courteous
礼堂	lǐ táng	assembly hall; auditorium

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礼物	lǐ wù	gift
理发	lǐ fà	haircut; hairdressing
厉害	lì hài	severe; serious; powerful
立刻	lì kè	immediately, at once, right away
例如	lì rú	for instance
例子	lì zi	example
历史	lì shǐ	history
利益	lì yì	benefit, interest
利用	lì yòng	to make use of
恋爱	liàn' ài	to be in love
联系	lián xì	to contact; connection
连衣裙	lián yī qún	a woman's dress; one-piece dress
亮	liàng	shiny; bright
凉快	liáng kuai	(of weather) cool
了解	liǎo jiě	to understand; to comprehend
邻居	lín jū	neighbour
零钱	líng qián	change (in money)
零食	líng shí	snack
领带	lǐng dài	(n.) tie
领导	lǐng dǎo	leader; to lead
另外	lìng wài	in addition; moreover; besides; other
留	liú	to remain; to ask somebody to stay; to reserve
流利	liú lì	fluent; smooth
留念	liú niàn	as a souvenir/memento
流行	liú xíng	popular; fashionable
留学生	liú xué shēng	student studying abroad
留言	liú yán	message; to leave a message
龙	lóng	dragon
楼	lóu	a storied building; storey
楼梯	lóu tī	stairs; staircase
路	lù	road
路程	lù chéng	journey; distance travelled
路过	lù guò	to pass by

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路口	lù kǒu	junction
路线	lù xiàn	route
率	lǜ	rate, ratio
旅程	lǚ chéng	route; itinerary
旅客	lǚ kè	passenger
旅行	lǚ xíng	(v./n.) travel
旅行社	lǚ xíng shè	travel agency
旅游	lǚ yóu	tour, tourism
乱	luàn	in a mess; confused; disordered
落后	luò hòu	to fall behind; to lag behind
马	mǎ	horse
骂	mà	to name-call; to curse; to scold
马虎	mǎ hu	careless
卖	mài	to sell
买	mǎi	to buy
慢	màn	slow
满	mǎn	full, packed
满意	mǎn yì	satisfactory
忙	máng	busy
猫	māo	cat
毛	máo	fur; wool/woollen
毛笔	máo bǐ	brush pen
毛病	máo bìng	defect; fault; illness
矛盾	máo dùn	contradiction; disagreement; contradictory
贸易	mào yì	trade
帽子	mào zi	hat
每	měi	every
美(美丽)	měi (měi lì)	beautiful, pretty
没关系	méi guān xi	it doesn't matter
美术馆	měi shù guǎn	art gallery
门	mén	door
梦	mèng	dream
梦想	mèng xiǎng	dream, ideal, aspiration

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米饭	mǐ fàn	rice
迷路	mí lù	to be lost
秘书	mì shū	secretary
面	miàn	aspect, side; flour
面对	miàn duì	in the face of; be confronted with
面条	miàn tiáo	noodles
民族	mín zú	nation; nationality
明白	míng bai	to understand
名片	míng piàn	name card
名胜古迹	míng shèng gǔ jì	scenic spots and historic sights
明天	míng tiān	tomorrow
名字	míng zi	given name
末班车	mò bān chē	the last bus/coach
墨水	mò shuǐ	ink
摩托车	mó tuō chē	motorbike
某	mǒu	some...; a certain...
目标	mù biāo	target; goal; aim
目的	mù dì	purpose; aim; goal
目前	mù qián	at present; at the moment
拿	ná	to hold, to take
难	nán	difficult
男	nán	male
难过	nán guò	(adj.) upset; to feel sorry; to feel bad
难受	nán shòu	(to feel) unwell; (to feel) unhappy
脑子	nǎo zi	brain; mind
内容	nèi róng	content
能	néng	to be able to
能力	néng lì	ability; power
年级	nián jí	year (in a school setting)
年龄	nián líng	age
年轻	nián qīng	young
鸟	niǎo	bird
牛奶	niú nǎi	milk

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牛肉	niú ròu	beef
牛仔裤	niú zǎi kù	jeans
农村	nóng cūn	countryside
农民	nóng mǐn	farmer; peasant
农业	nóng yè	agriculture
女	nǚ	female
努力	nǚ lì	effort; to put in an effort
暖和	nuǎn huo	warm
暖气	nuǎn qì	central heating; heating installation
拍	pāi	to pat; to take (a picture); to shoot (a film)
盼望	pàn wàng	to look forward to
盘子	pán zi	plate
胖	pàng	fat
跑步	pǎo bù	(v./n.) run
陪	péi	to accompany
培训	péi xùn	to train; training
培养	péi yǎng	to cultivate, to foster
烹饪	pēng rèn	culinary
朋友	péng you	friend
啤酒	pí jiǔ	beer
批评	pī píng	to criticise; criticism
便宜	pián yì	cheap
票	piào	ticket
漂亮	piào liang	pretty
拼音	pīn yīn	phonetic transcription; combine sounds into syllables
平	píng	flat (adj.)
平安	píng ān	peaceful
苹果	píng guǒ	apple
平衡	píng héng	(v./n.) balance
平时	píng shí	usually; normally
破坏	pò huài	to do damage to; to harm; to destroy
葡萄酒	pú táo jiǔ	wine
铺位	pù wèi	sleeper train (bunk bed); market stall

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骑	qí	to ride
汽车	qì chē	car
起飞	qǐ fēi	(of aircraft) to take off; to lift-off; to launch
气氛	qì fēn	atmosphere
奇怪	qí guài	strange
其实	qí shí	in fact
其他	qí tā	other; else
期望	qī wàng	to hope, to expect
钱	qián	money
浅	qiǎn	shallow
前	qián	in front
前途	qián tú	way forward
签证	qiān zhèng	visa
强	qiáng	strong
墙	qiáng	wall
桥	qiáo	bridge
亲爱的	qīn ài de	(adj.) dear
亲子游	qīn zǐ yóu	family outing
请	qǐng	to invite; please
轻	qīng	light (in weight)
清楚	qīng chǔ	(adj.) clear
请假	qǐng jià	to ask for leave
请客	qǐng kè	to be the host; to foot the bill
情况	qíng kuàng	situation
轻松	qīng sōng	relaxed; relaxing
晴天	qíng tiān	sunny
庆祝	qìng zhù	to celebrate
穷	qióng	poor
区	qū	district
去	qù	to go
区别	qū bié	to differentiate, to distinguish; (n.) difference
取得	qǔ dé	to achieve (success, progress, etc.)
去年	qù nián	last year

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取钱	qǔ qián	to withdraw money
取款机	qǔ kuǎn jī	ATM machine
取消	qǔ xiāo	to cancel
全	quán	(adj.) complete, full
全部	quán bù	whole, entire
权力	quán lì	power, authority
缺点	quē diǎn	disadvantage, shortcoming
确实	què shí	indeed
裙子	qún zi	skirt
热	rè	hot
热闹	rè nao	busy and bustling
热情	rè qíng	enthusiasm, warmth; enthusiastic
人	rén	Person
人格	rén gé	integrity; dignity
人工	rén gōng	man-made; salary, wages
人口	rén kǒu	population
人民	rén mín	the people
认为	rèn wéi	to consider, to believe
认真	rèn zhēn	serious, conscientious, earnest; seriously, conscientiously, earnestly
日	rì	sun, day, day-of-month
日记	rì jì	diary
日期	rì qī	date
日子	rì zi	days
肉	ròu	meat
容易	róng yì	Easy
入口	rù kǒu	entrance
软卧	ruǎn wò	soft sleeper (a type of sleeper train ticket class with a softer bunk)
弱	ruò	(adj.) weak
伞	sǎn	umbrella
沙发	shā fā	sofa
沙漠	shā mò	desert
沙滩	shā tān	sandy beach

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商店	shāng diàn	shop
商量	shāng liang	to discuss, to consult, to exchange views, to talk over
商品	shāng pǐn	commodity, goods
伤心	shāng xīn	sad, heartbroken
上网	shàng wǎng	to surf the internet
上午	shàng wǔ	morning
上学	shàng xué	attend school
烧	shāo	to stew; to burn
勺子	sháo zi	spoon
少数	shǎo shù	minority
蛇	shé	snake
设备	shè bèi	equipment
社会	shè huì	society
设计	shè jì	(v./n.) design
社交	shè jiāo	to socialise
设立	shè lì	to establish, to set up, to found
设施	shè shī	facilities
设置	shè zhì	to set up, to put up, to install
深	shēn	deep
升	shēng	to increase, to rise
省	shěng	to save (money, energy, etc.); province
生产	shēng chǎn	to produce
声调	shēng diào	tone
生活	shēng huó	life; to exist, to survive
生命	shēng mìng	life
生气	shēng qì	to get angry, to be furious; vitality, vigour
生物	shēng wù	living thing, organism; biology
生意	shēng yì	business
使	shǐ	to make (sb. do sth.)
是	shì	to be
试	shì	to test, to try
失败	shī bài	failure; to fail
市场	shì chǎng	market

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十分	shí fēn	fully, very, deeply
时候	shí hou	time
时间	shí jiān	time
时刻表	shí kè biǎo	timetable
事故	shì gù	accident
世界	shì jiè	world
食品	shí pǐn	food
事情	shì qíng	(n.) matter
时事	shí shì	current affairs
食堂	shí táng	canteen
实验室	shí yàn shì	laboratory
事业	shì yè	career, career path
实用	shí yòng	(adj.) practical
使用	shǐ yòng	to make use of, to employ
时装店	shí zhuāng diàn	fashion shop
收	shōu	to bring in, to put in proper place
首	shǒu	(n. written) head; (adj.) first, foremost
受	shòu	to receive
瘦	shòu	thin
手表	shǒu biǎo	(n.) watch
手段	shǒu duàn	means, measure, trick
首饰	shǒu shì	jewellery
收据	shōu jù	receipt
收入	shōu rù	income
受伤	shòu shāng	to get injured
收拾	shōu shì	to tidy up
手套	shǒu tàò	glove
手提包	shǒu tí bāo	handbag; bag
首先	shǒu xiān	first of all
书	shū	book
输	shū	to lose (a match, etc.)
数	shǔ	to count
数	shù	(n.) number

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蔬菜	shū cài	vegetable
舒服	shū fu	comfortable
舒适	shū shì	comfortable
暑假	shǔ jià	summer holiday
熟悉	shú xī	familiar; to familiarise
薯条	shǔ tiáo	chips
数学	shù xué	maths
梳子	shū zi	comb
舒适	shū shì	comfortable
帅	shuài	handsome
摔	shuāi	to fall or to tumble (after losing one's balance); (to cause to) fall and break
水	shuǐ	water
水果	shuǐ guǒ	fruit
睡觉	shuì jiào	(v./n.) sleep
水平	shuǐ píng	(n.) standard; level; (adj.) horizontal, level
顺利	shùn lì	smooth; smoothly
顺着	shùn zhe	(prep.) along
说	shuō	to speak
说法	shuō fǎ	explanation, opinion
说话	shuō huà	to speak; to talk
说明	shuō míng	to explain; to illustrate; explanation; instructions
死	sǐ	to die; dead
司机	sī jī	driver
私人	sī rén	private
思想	sī xiǎng	thought
送	sòng	to give
速度	sù dù	(n.) speed
宿舍	sù shè	dormitory
算账	suàn zhàng	to work out accounts
岁	suì	year of age
所有	suǒ yǒu	all, entire; (v.) own, belong to; possessions
T 恤	T xù	t-shirt

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态度	tài dù	attitude
太极(拳)	tài jí (quán)	Taichi
太阳	tài yáng	the sun
谈话	tán huà	conversation, to talk; to have a conversation
糖	táng	sugar
躺	tǎng	to lie (on a surface)
汤	tāng	soup
讨论	tǎo lùn	to discuss; discussion
讨厌	tǎo yàn	to detest
特别	tè bié	special, distinctive; unusually, extraordinarily
特点	tè diǎn	characteristics, distinguishing or unique features
特色	tè sè	characteristics
疼	téng	painful
提	tí	to lift
替	tì	to take the place of, to substitute for
提高	tí gāo	to improve, to raise, to boost
体会	tǐ huì	(n.) experience, understanding; to realise, to know from experience
题目	tí mù	topic
提问	tí wèn	to raise a question
提醒	tí xǐng	to remind, to wake up
体验	tǐ yàn	to learn through experience; experience
体重	tǐ zhòng	body weight
甜	tián	sweet
天	tiān	day
天气预报	tiān qì yù bào	weather forecast
填写	tián xiě	to fill out (a form, etc.)
条件	tiáo jiàn	condition
调节	tiáo jié	to adjust
调整	tiáo zhěng	adjust (v.)
铁路	tiě lù	railway
听	tīng	to listen
停	tíng	to stop; to pause

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挺	tǐng	(adv.) rather, quite
停车场	tíng chē chǎng	parking lot
停止	tíng zhǐ	to stop; to freeze; to stand still
痛苦	tòng kǔ	suffering, pain; painful
童年	tóng nián	childhood
同时	tóng shí	at the same time, simultaneous
同意	tóng yì	to consent, to agree, to approve
通畅	tōng chàng	smooth; congestion free
通过	tōng guò	to pass through, to cross; (prep.) by means of, by way of
通知	tōng zhī	to notify; (n.) notice
偷	tōu	to steal
突然	tū rán	all of a sudden
图书馆	tú shū guǎn	library
兔子	tù zi	rabbit
团圆	tuán yuán	to reunite
推	tuī	to push
推迟	tuī chí	to postpone, to put off
退休	tuì xiū	to retire
脱	tuō	to take off (clothes)
袜子	wà zi	socks
外	wài	outside
外汇	wài huì	foreign currency
玩	wán	to play
完	wán	to finish; to end
完成	wán chéng	to accomplish, to complete
玩具	wán jù	toy
完全	wán quán	completely
晚上	wǎn shang	evening
往返	wǎng fǎn	to return
忘记	wàng jì	to forget
危机	wēi jī	risk
喂	wèi	hello, hey; to feed
伟大	wěi dà	great

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味道	wèi dào	(n.) taste
围巾	wéi jīn	scarf
卫生间	wèi shēng jiān	bathroom
危险	wēi xiǎn	danger; dangerous
问	wèn	to ask
稳定	wěn dìng	stable
温度	wēn dù	temperature
问候	wèn hòu	to greet; greetings
文化	wén huà	culture
文件	wén jiàn	document
文具	wén jù	stationary
问题	wèn tí	question
文学	wén xué	literature
文章	wén zhāng	article
文字	wén zì	characters, script, writing
握手	wò shǒu	to shake hands
无所谓	wú suǒ wèi	to not care; to be indifferent
屋子	wū zi	room
洗	xǐ	to wash
细	xì	thin, slender
西方	xī fāng	west(ern world)
西瓜	xī guā	water melon
习惯	xí guàn	habit
喜欢	xǐ huan	to like
希望	xī wàng	(v./n.) hope
吸烟/抽烟	xī yān/chōu yān	to smoke
洗澡	xǐ zǎo	to take a bath/shower
细心	xì xīn	meticulous
虾	xiā	shrimp, prawn
下	xià	to go down
下降	xià jiàng	to decrease
下午	xià wǔ	afternoon
现代	xiàn dài	modern

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现金	xiàn jīn	cash
现实	xiàn shí	reality, actuality
现在	xiàn zài	now
香	xiāng	fragrant, scented, aromatic
想	xiǎng	to think
像	xiàng	alike; to look like
乡村	xiāng cūn	countryside
相当	xiāng dāng	quite, fairly; to match, to be equal to
想法	xiǎng fǎ	opinion, view
香蕉	xiāng jiāo	banana
项目	xiàng mù	project
相同	xiāng tóng	the same
详细	xiáng xì	detailed
想像	xiǎng xiàng	to imagine
相信	xiāng xìn	to believe
箱子	xiāng zi	box, case, trunk, chest
消费	xiāo fèi	to consume, consumption
消极	xiāo jí	pessimistic, negative
潇洒	xiāo sǎ	(adj.) natural and elegant
消失	xiāo shī	to disappear, to vanish
小费	xiǎo fèi	(n.) tip (given to a waiter/waitress, etc.)
小伙子	xiǎo huǒ zi	(colloquial) young man, young lad
小卖部	xiǎo mài bù	a small shop; convenience store
小人书	xiǎo rén shū	(colloquial) comic books
小时	xiǎo shí	hour
小说	xiǎo shuō	(n.) novel
小心	xiǎo xīn	to be careful
消息	xiāo xi	message, news, information
效果	xiào guǒ	effect, result
效率	xiào lǜ	efficiency; productivity
笑	xiào	to laugh
些	xiē	some, several
鞋	xié	shoe

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写	xiě	to write
谢谢	xiè xie	thanks
心	xīn	heart
新	xīn	new
信	xìn	letter
辛苦	xīn kǔ	hard, painstaking
心灵	xīn líng	soul, heart, spirit
心态	xīn tài	attitude, mannerism
心情	xīn qíng	mood
新鲜	xīn xiān	fresh
欣赏	xīn shǎng	enjoy, appreciate
信封	xìn fēng	envelope
信箱	xìn xiāng	mailbox
信心	xìn xīn	confidence
信用卡	xìn yòng kǎ	credit card
兴奋	xīng fèn	excited
星期	xīng qī	week
星星	xīng xing	star
行李	xíng li	luggage
行动	xíng dòng	to move about, to take action
行为	xíng wéi	behaviour, action
醒	xǐng	to wake up
性格	xìng gé	disposition, character, temperament
幸福	xìng fú	happy, blissful; happiness
幸运	xìng yùn	fortunately; fortunate
熊猫	xióng māo	panda
修理	xiū lǐ	to repair
修建	xiū jiàn	to renovate, to restore
修饰	xiū shì	to embellish; to perfect
修养	xiū yǎng	accomplishment; culture
休息	xiū xi	(v./n.) rest
休闲	xiū xián	spare time; leisure
需要	xū yào	(adj.) necessary; to need

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需求	xū qiú	demand; needs
宣布	xuān bù	to announce
选择	xuǎn zé	to choose; choice
牙膏	yá gāo	toothpaste
压力	yā lì	pressure
压抑	yā yì	stress, depressed
牙刷	yá shuā	toothbrush
盐	yán	salt
宴会	yàn huì	banquet
眼镜	yǎn jìng	glasses
研究	yán jiū	(n.) research; to research on
严肃	yán sù	stern; solemn
严重	yán zhòng	serious
养	yǎng	to raise (a pet, etc.)
痒	yǎng	itchy
养老金	yǎng lǎo jīn	pension
阳光	yáng guāng	sunshine
羊肉	yáng ròu	lamb
样子	yàng zi	appearance
邀请	yāo qǐng	invitation; to invite
要	yào	to want
要求	yāo qiú	to require; requirement
要紧	yào jǐn	important, vital
药	yào	medicine
钥匙	yào shi	key (to a lock)
也	yě	also, too
野餐	yě cān	picnic
夜里	yè li	at night
业余	yè yú	spare (...time activity); amateur
衣服	yī fú	clothing
衣柜	yī guì	wardrobe
椅子	yǐ zi	chair
一点儿	yì diǎnr	a little bit

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艺术	yì shù	art
意思	yì si	meaning
意见	yì jiàn	objections; criticism
意识	yì shí	awareness
意义	yì yì	meaning, sense; significance
音乐	yīn yuè	music
饮料	yǐn liào	soft drink
饮食	yǐn shí	food
印象	yìn xiàng	impression
营养	yíng yǎng	nutrition
赢	yíng	to win
影响	yǐng xiǎng	(v./n.) influence; to affect
影响力	yǐng xiǎng lì	effect
硬件	yìng jiàn	hardware
硬卧	yìng wò	hard sleeper (on a train, etc.)
永远	yǒng yuǎn	forever
用	yòng	to use
优点	yōu diǎn	merit; advantage
优势	yōu shì	strength
优秀	yōu xiù	excellent
忧虑	yōu lǜ	worry
幽默	yōu mò	humour
尤其	yóu qí	especially, particularly
由	yóu	by, from
由于	yóu yú	due to, because of
邮局	yóu jú	post office
邮票	yóu piào	postage stamp
游览	yóu lǎn	to go sightseeing
游戏	yóu xì	game
游泳	yóu yǒng	to swim
游泳池	yóu yǒng chí	swimming pool
有	yǒu	to have
有空儿	yǒu kòngr	to have spare time

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有趣	yǒu qù	interesting; amusing
友谊	yǒu yì	friendship
友情	yǒu qíng	affection
幼儿园	yòu ér yuán	kindergarten
右	yòu	right
鱼	yú	fish
愉快	yú kuài	joyful, cheerful
语言	yǔ yán	language
羽毛球	yǔ máo qiú	badminton
员	yuán	member
圆	yuán	(adj.) round
原谅	yuán liàng	to forgive
原始	yuán shǐ	original; primitive
原因	yuán yīn	cause (of a result)
远	yuǎn	far
愿望	yuàn wàng	wish
愿意	yuàn yì	to be willing to
院子	yuàn zi	courtyard
约会	yuē huì	appointment, date
约定	yuē dìng	to make appointment; to agree with something
月	yuè	month
月亮	yuè liàng	moon
运动	yùn dòng	to do exercise; exercise
运气	yùn qì	luck
运作	yùn zuò	to operate
允许	yǔn xǔ	to allow, to permit; permission
杂技	zá jì	aerobatics
在	zài	to be located
再	zài	again
脏	zāng	dirty
早上	zǎo shang	morning
增加	zēng jiā	to increase
增值	zēng zhí	value added

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炸薯条	zhà shǔ tiáo	chips
站	zhàn	to stand
站台	zhàn tái	platform
展览	zhǎn lǎn	to exhibit; exhibition
展示	zhǎn shì	to put on display, to show
长	zhǎng	to grow; leader
掌握	zhǎng wò	to control, to master
招手	zhāo shǒu	to wave hand
找	zhǎo	to look for
找钱	zhǎo qián	to give change
着急	zháo jí	anxious
着凉	zháo liáng	to catch cold, to catch a chill
照顾	zhào gù	to take care of
照片	zhào piàn	photo; to take X ray
照相机	zhào xiàng jī	camera
这么	zhè me	so, such, like this, this way
真	zhēn	truly
真正	zhēn zhèng	genuine
诊所	zhěn suǒ	clinic
整理	zhěng lǐ	to sort out; to categorise
整齐	zhěng qí	tidy
正常	zhèng cháng	normal
正确	zhèng què	(adj.) correct
正式	zhèng shì	formal
证明	zhèng míng	to certify; certificate; proof
证件	zhèng jiàn	certificate, papers
证书	zhèng shū	certificate
政策	zhèng cè	policy
政府	zhèng fǔ	government
政治	zhèng zhì	politics
之一	zhī yī	one of ...
知道	zhī dào	to know
知识	zhī shì	knowledge

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支持	zhī chí	to support
支票	zhī piào	cheque
值得	zhí dé	worth
植物	zhí wù	plant
职业	zhí yè	occupation
制定	zhì dìng	to work out, to formulate
制作	zhì zuò	to make
智商	zhì shāng	intelligence; IQ
质量	zhì liàng	quality
钟	zhōng	clock
重	zhòng	heavy
种	zhòng	to plant
中餐	zhōng cān	Chinese cuisine
中暑	zhòng shǔ	heatstroke, sunstroke; to suffer heatstroke
中午	zhōng wǔ	noon
中心	zhōng xīn	centre
重点	zhòng diǎn	key point
重视	zhòng shì	to attach importance to, to pay attention to
重要	zhòng yào	important
周末	zhōu mò	weekend
周围	zhōu wéi	surroundings
煮	zhǔ	to stew
主要	zhǔ yào	(adj.) main, major, principal
住	zhù	to live
住址	zhù zhǐ	address
注意	zhù yì	to pay attention to; attention
注重	zhù zhòng	lay emphasis on, to pay special attention to
祝贺	zhù hè	to congratulate; congratulations
著名	zhù míng	famous, well-known
专家	zhuān jiā	specialist; expert
专心	zhuān xīn	to concentrate, to focus
专业	zhuān yè	specialised subject; professional
转	zhuǎn	to change; to shift

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转盘	zhuàn pán	roundabout
装	zhuāng	to install; to load; to fit (an equipment); to pretend
撞	zhuàng	to collide; to crash; to bump into
状态	zhuàng tài	state; status
追求	zhuī qiú	(v./n.) chase; to pursue; pursuit
准备	zhǔn bèi	to prepare
准时	zhǔn shí	on time
桌子	zhuō zi	table
字典	zì diǎn	dictionary
自己	zì jǐ	own
自然	zì rán	nature, naturally
自行车	zì xíng chē	bicycle
自由	zì yóu	(adj.) free; (n.) freedom
自信	zì xìn	confident; confidence
资料	zī liào	data, material, reference
资金	zī jīn	capital
资源	zī yuán	resources
总结	zǒng jié	to summarise; conclusion
总统	zǒng tǒng	president (of a country)
走路	zǒu lù	to walk
足够	zú gòu	enough, plenty of
租金	zū jīn	rent (n.)
租用	zū yòng	to hire; to rent
组织	zǔ zhī	to organise; organisation
祖国	zǔ guó	home country
祖先	zǔ xiān	ancestor
醉	zuì	drunk
尊敬	zūn jìng	to respect
昨天	zuó tiān	yesterday
左	zuǒ	left
坐	zuò	to sit
做	zuò	to do
做客	zuò kè	to be a guest

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做梦	zuò mèng	to dream
作品	zuò pǐn	work (n.)
作为	zuò wéi	achievement, as (prep.)
座位	zuò wèi	seat

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版块	bǎn kuài	section
报导	bào dǎo	to report
报道	bào dào	report (n.)
报纸	bào zhǐ	newspaper
编辑	biān jì	to edit
播放	bō fàng	to broadcast
博客	bó kè	blog
采访	cǎi fǎng	(v./n.) interview
炒作	chǎo zuò	to boost; to boast
出版	chū bǎn	to publish
导演	dǎo yǎn	director
电子邮件	diàn zǐ yóu jiàn	e-mail
电视	diàn shì	TV
电影	diàn yǐng	film
动画片	dòng huà piàn	cartoon
读者	dú zhě	reader
短信	duǎn xìn	text message
更新	gēng xīn	to update
观众	guān zhòng	audience, spectator, viewer
光盘	guāng pán	CD
广播	guǎng bō	(v./n.) broadcast
广告	guǎng gào	advert
海报	hǎi bào	poster
记者	jì zhě	reporter; correspondent; sman; journalist
简讯	jiǎn xùn	briefs
节日	jié rì	festival

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脸书	liǎn shū	Facebook
录像	lù xiàng	picture recording; to film
录音	lù yīn	sound recording; to record
论坛	lùn tán	forum
漫画	màn huà	cartoon
媒体	méi tǐ	media
密码	mì mǎ	password; pin number
票房	piào fáng	box office
评论	píng lùn	commentary
签约	qiān yuē	sign a contract/agreement
软件	ruǎn jiàn	software
摄制	shè zhì	production
视频	shì pín	video media
手机	shǒu jī	mobile phone
收音机	shōu yīn jī	radio
鼠标	shǔ biāo	mouse (of a computer)
数码	shù mǎ	digital
输入	shū rù	(v./n.) input
帖子	tiē zi	post
网	wǎng	the net
网吧	wǎng bā	internet café
网民	wǎng mín	people who surf the internet
网站	wǎng zhàn	website
网址	wǎng zhǐ	internet address
微博	wēi bó	Twitter
微信	wēi xìn	Wechat (a popular app in China)
卫星电视	wèi xīng diàn shì	satellite TV
下载	xià zǎi	to download
象征	xiàng zhēng	symbol
新闻	xīn wén	news
宣传	xuān chuán	to promote
音响	yīn xiǎng	hi-fi
邮件	yóu jiàn	email

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预报	yù bào	forecast
杂志	zá zhì	magazine, journal
专栏	zhuān lán	column

Work and Leisure (工作和休闲) : FOR EXAMINATION IN 2022

爱好	ài hào	hobby
安排	ān pái	to arrange; arrangement
办公室	bàn gōng shì	office; bureau
唱歌	chàng gē	to sing
成功	chéng gōng	success; to succeed; successful
辞职	cí zhí	to resign; resignation
充实	chōng shí	to enrich; to fulfil
从事	cóng shì	to go in for, to be engaged in (a profession, a cause, etc.)
动力	dòng lì	drive; motivation
度假	dù jià	to go on holiday
锻炼	duàn liàn	to take exercise; to have physical training
翻译	fān yì	to translate; to interpret; translator; interpreter
放风筝	fàng fēng zhēng	to fly a kite
放假	fàng jià	on holiday
复印	fù yìn	to photocopy
奋斗	fèn dòu	to strive
过程	guò chéng	process; course
工厂	gōng chǎng	factory
工程师	gōng chéng shī	engineer
工具	gōng jù	tool
工人	gōng rén	worker
工艺	gōng yì	technology; craft
工资	gōng zī	wages; salary
工作	gōng zuò	(v./n.) work
公司	gōng sī	company
购物	gòu wù	shopping
雇用	gù yòng	to hire; to employ
雇主	gù zhǔ	employer

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管理	guǎn lǐ	to manage, to administer; management, administration
逛	guàng	to stroll; to roam
合资	hé zī	joint capital (project; joint venture)
护士	hù shi	nurse
户外	hù wài	outdoor
滑板	huá bǎn	skateboard; slide
划船	huá chuán	to row a boat
画画儿	huà huàr	to paint a picture
缓解	huǎn jiě	relief; remission
激烈	jī liè	intense
技术	jì shù	technology; skill
交易	jiāo yì	to trade; to deal; transaction
健身房	jiàn shēn fáng	gymnasium
降落	jiàng luò	to descend; to land
节奏	jié zòu	pace; rhythm
京剧	jīng jù	Beijing Opera
经济	jīng jì	economy
警察	jǐng chá	police
就业	jiù yè	employment
俱乐部	jù lè bù	club
科学家	kē xué jiā	scientist
会计师	kuài jì shī	senior accountant; accountant
劳动	láo dòng	(n.) labour; (v./n.) work, usually manual work
老板	lǎo bǎn	boss
力所能及	lì suǒ néng jí	in one's power
聊天儿	liáo tiānr	(v./n.) chat
律师	lǜ shī	lawyer; barrister; solicitor
爬山	pá shān	to climb a mountain
疲劳	pí láo	tired; strain
乒乓球	pīng pāng qiú	table tennis
佩服	pèi fú	to admire
企业	qǐ yè	enterprise
启发	qǐ fā	to inspire; inspiration

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趣味	qù wèi	interest; delight
人力资源	rén lì zī yuán	human resources
散步	sàn bù	to take a walk
商人	shāng rén	business person
摄影	shè yǐng	photography
失业	shī yè	unemployment; (to be) unemployed
售货员	shòu huò yuán	shop assistant
兽医	shòu yī	vet
弹钢琴	tán gāng qín	to play piano
弹吉他	tán jí tā	to play guitar
踢足球	tī zú qiú	to play football
调整	tiáo zhěng	to adjust; adjustment
跳舞	tiào wǔ	(v./n.) dance
网球	wǎng qiú	tennis
武术	wǔ shù	martial art
欣赏	xīn shǎng	to enjoy; to appreciate
协议	xié yì	agreement
牙医	yá yī	dentist
演戏	yǎn xì	to act
演员	yǎn yuán	actor/actress
业务	yè wù	vocational work, professional work, business
医生	yī shēng	doctor
医院	yī yuàn	hospital
毅力	yì lì	willpower; stamina
银行	yín háng	bank
营业	yíng yè	(shop or other business) open
邮递员	yóu dì yuán	postman
游乐场	yóu lè chǎng	recreational park/place
娱乐	yú lè	amusement, recreation
元件	yuán jiàn	component ; part
招聘	zhāo pìn	to advertise
资历	zī lì	qualification
作者	zuò zhě	author

Equality of opportunity (平等机会/机会均等) : FOR EXAMINATION IN 2022		
包容	bāo róng	show tolerance
保障	bǎo zhàng	guarantee
背景	bèi jǐng	background
比例	bǐ lì	proportion, ratio
剥夺	bō duó	to deprive, deprivation
财富	cái fù	wealth, asset
残疾	cán jí	disability
差异	chā yì	difference
冲突	chōng tū	conflict
出身	chū shēn	to come from (social background)
待遇	dài yù	salary, pay, treatment
等级	děng jí	class, rank
底层	dǐ céng	lowest rung of society
多元化	duō yuán huà	diversity
否定	fǒu dìng	denial
富二代	fù èr dài	second generation of the wealthy; offspring/descendants of 'nouveau riche'; born with a silver spoon [in their mouths] (informal)
概念	gài niàn	concept, notion
公平	gōng píng	fair, equal, equality
工资差距	gōng zī chā jù	pay gap
官二代	guān èr dài	second generation of influential officials; 'princelings' (informal)
衡量	héng liáng	measure
畸形	jī xíng	abnormal, deformity
价值	jià zhí	value
阶层	jiē céng	hierarchy
捷径	jié jìng	shortcut
教育背景	jiào yù bèi jǐn	educational background
均等	jūn děng	equality
客观	kè guān	objective
理解	lǐ jiě	to understand; understanding
年龄歧视	nián líng qí shì	ageism
平等	píng děng	equal, equality
贫富差距	píng fù chā jù	the gap between the rich and the poor

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铺路	pū lù	to pave the way
歧视	qí shì	to look down upon, to discriminate
起跑线	qǐ pǎo xiàn	start line
倾向	qīng xiàng	tendency, orientation
缺陷	quē xiàn	defect, blemish
权利	quán lì	rights
权势	quán shì	power
权益	quán yì	rights and interests
人脉	rén mài	contacts, networking, relationship
弱势群体	ruò shì qún tǐ	disadvantaged social groups
少数民族	shǎo shù mín zú	ethnic minority
生存	shēng cún	to survive, existence
素质	sù zhì	quality
同性恋	tóng xìng liàn	homosexual
妥协	tuǒ xié	to compromise
唾弃	tuò qì	to despise, to cast aside, to look down upon
无形障碍	wú xíng zhàng ài	glass ceiling, intangible barrier
相貌	xiàng mào	appearance
性别	xìng bié	gender
严禁	yán jìn	to forbid
义务	yì wù	duty, responsibility
因素	yīn sù	element, fact
优先	yōu xiān	priority
优越	yōu yuè	superior; superiority
舆论	yú lùn	public opinion, general consensus
种族	zhǒng zú	race
限制	xiàn zhì	restrict; restriction
种族歧视	zhǒng zú qí shì	racism
主观	zhǔ guān	subjective
性别歧视	xìng bié qí shì	sexism
尊重	zūn zhòng	respect
宗教	zōng jiào	religion

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