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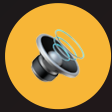
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## Family & People

9 words

爱情	<b>àiqíng</b> romance; love (romantic)	儿童	<b>értóng</b> child	父亲	<b>fùqīn</b> father; also pr. [fù qīn]
母亲	<b>mǔqīn</b> mother; also pr. [mǔ qīn]	年龄	<b>niánlíng</b> (a person's) age	亲戚	<b>qīnqi</b> a relative (i.e. family relation)
孙子	<b>sūnzi</b> grandson; son's son	友谊	<b>yǒuyì</b> companionship; fellowship	作者	<b>zuòzhě</b> author; writer

## Time & Calendar

13 words

本来	<b>běnlái</b> original; originally	当时	<b>dāngshí</b> then; at that time	寒假	<b>hánjià</b> winter vacation
后来	<b>hòulái</b> afterwards; later; newly arrived	将来	<b>jiānglái</b> in the future; future	偶尔	<b>ǒuěr</b> occasionally; once in a while
平时	<b>píngshí</b> ordinarily; in normal times	世纪	<b>shìjì</b> century	现代	<b>xiàndài</b> modern times; modern age
永远	<b>yǒngyuǎn</b> forever; eternal	暂时	<b>zànshí</b> temporary; provisional	逐渐	<b>zhújiàn</b> gradually
最后	<b>zuihòu</b> final; last				

## Places & Locations

12 words

大使馆	<b>dàshǐguǎn</b> embassy	当地	<b>dāngdì</b> local	地址	<b>dìzhǐ</b> address
加油站	<b>jiāyóuzhàn</b> petrol station	农村	<b>nóngcūn</b> rural area; village	入口	<b>rùkǒu</b> entrance; to import
首都	<b>shǒudū</b> capital (city)	亚洲	<b>Yàzhōu</b> Asia (abbr. for 亚细亚洲)	长城	<b>Chángchéng</b> the Great Wall
长江	<b>Chángjiāng</b> Yangtze River, or Chang Jiang	周围	<b>zhōuwéi</b> environs; surroundings; periphery	座位	<b>zuòwèi</b> seat

## Food & Drink

14 words

饼干	<b>bǐnggān</b> biscuit; cracker; cookie	干杯	<b>gānbēi</b> to drink a toast; Cheers! (proposing a toast)	饺子	<b>jiǎozi</b> dumpling; pot-sticker
苦	<b>kǔ</b> bitter; hardship	辣	<b>là</b> old variant of 辣	巧克力	<b>qiǎokèlì</b> chocolate (loanword)

## Body & Health

10 words

肚子	<b>dùzi</b> belly; abdomen	个子	<b>gèzi</b> height; stature	咳嗽	<b>késou</b> to cough
汗	<b>hàn</b> perspiration; sweat	力气	<b>lìqi</b> strength	流泪	<b>liúlèi</b> to shed tears
皮肤	<b>pífū</b> skin	生命	<b>shēngmìng</b> life (as the characteristic of living beings); living being; creature	血	<b>xuè</b> blood; colloquial pr. [xiě]
嘴	<b>zuǐ</b> mouth; beak				

## Clothing

1 words

袜子	<b>wàzi</b> socks; stockings
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## Verbs – Mental &amp; Speaking

49 words

保证	<b>bǎozhèng</b> guarantee; to guarantee	报道	<b>bàodào</b> to report (news); report	抱歉	<b>bàoqiàn</b> to be sorry; to feel apologetic
表达	<b>biǎodá</b> to express; to convey	表扬	<b>biǎoyáng</b> to praise; to commend	猜	<b>cāi</b> to guess
成功	<b>chénggōng</b> success; to succeed	道歉	<b>dàoqiàn</b> to apologise	对话	<b>duìhuà</b> to talk (with sb); dialogue; conversation
发	<b>fā</b> to send out; to show (one's feeling)	反对	<b>fǎnduì</b> to oppose; to be against; to object to	反映	<b>fǎnyìng</b> to mirror; to reflect
感觉	<b>gǎnjué</b> feeling; impression; sensation; to feel; to perceive	感谢	<b>gǎnxiè</b> (express) thanks; gratitude	怀疑	<b>huáiyí</b> to doubt (sth); to be skeptical of
回忆	<b>huíyì</b> to recall; memories	计划	<b>jìhuà</b> plan; project	交流	<b>jiāoliú</b> to exchange; exchange
解释	<b>jiěshì</b> explanation; to explain	拒绝	<b>jùjué</b> to refuse; to decline; to reject	看法	<b>kànfǎ</b> way of looking at a thing; view
考虑	<b>kǎolǜ</b> to think over; to consider	理解	<b>lǐjiě</b> to comprehend; to understand	理想	<b>lǐxiǎng</b> an ideal; a dream
联系	<b>liánxi</b> variant of 联系	梦	<b>mèng</b> dream; (bound form) to dream	能力	<b>nénglì</b> capability; ability
判断	<b>pànduàn</b> to judge; to determine	批评	<b>pīpíng</b> to criticise; criticism	商量	<b>shāngliang</b> to consult; to talk over
熟悉	<b>shúxī</b> to be familiar with; to know well	说明	<b>shuōmíng</b> to explain; to illustrate	算	<b>suàn</b> to regard as; to figure
谈	<b>tán</b> to speak; to talk	讨论	<b>tǎolùn</b> to discuss; to talk over	提醒	<b>tíxǐng</b> to remind; to call attention to
填空	<b>tiánkòng</b> to fill a job vacancy; to fill in a blank (e.g. on questionnaire or exam paper)	通知	<b>tōngzhī</b> to notify; to inform	误会	<b>wùhuì</b> to misunderstand; to mistake
信任	<b>xìnrèn</b> to trust; to have confidence in	邀请	<b>yāoqǐng</b> to invite; invitation	意见	<b>yìjiàn</b> idea; opinion
原谅	<b>yuánliàng</b> to excuse; to forgive	阅读	<b>yuèdú</b> to read; reading	证明	<b>zhèngmíng</b> proof; certificate
支持	<b>zhīchí</b> to be in favor of; to support	重视	<b>zhòngshì</b> to attach importance to sth; to value	总结	<b>zǒngjié</b> to sum up; to conclude
尊重	<b>zūnzhòng</b> to esteem; to respect				

## Verbs – Action &amp; Daily Life (part 1/4)

50 words

安排	<b>ānpái</b> to arrange; to plan	包括	<b>bāokuò</b> to comprise; to include	保护	<b>bǎohù</b> to protect; to defend
报名	<b>bàomíng</b> to sign up; to enter one's name	抱	<b>bào</b> to hold; to carry (in one's arms)	遍	<b>biàn</b> variant of 遍
不管	<b>bùguǎn</b> not to be concerned; regardless of	擦	<b>cā</b> to rub; to scratch; to towel; to wipe with a towel	参观	<b>cānguān</b> to look around; to tour
尝	<b>cháng</b> to taste; to try (food); to experience	超过	<b>chāoguò</b> to surpass; to exceed	吵	<b>chǎo</b> to quarrel; to make a noise
成为	<b>chéngwéi</b> to become; to turn into	乘坐	<b>chéngzuò</b> to ride (in a vehicle)	抽烟	<b>chōuyān</b> to smoke (a cigarette, tobacco)
出生	<b>chūshēng</b> to be born	传真	<b>chuánzhēn</b> fax; facsimile	打扮	<b>dǎban</b> to decorate; to dress
打扰	<b>dǎrǎo</b> to disturb; to bother	打印	<b>dǎyìn</b> to affix a seal; to stamp	打折	<b>dǎzhé</b> to give a discount
打针	<b>dǎzhēn</b> to give or have an injection	代表	<b>dàibiǎo</b> representative; delegate	代替	<b>dàitì</b> to replace; to take the place of
戴	<b>dài</b> to put on or wear (glasses, hat, gloves etc); to respect	弹	<b>dàn</b> crossball; bullet	当	<b>dāng</b> (onom.) dong; ding dong (bell)
等	<b>děng</b> class; rank	调查	<b>diàochá</b> investigation; inquiry	掉	<b>diào</b> to fall; to drop
丢	<b>diū</b> to lose; to put aside	堵车	<b>dǔchē</b> traffic jam; (of traffic) to get congested	断	<b>duàn</b> to break; to snap
对	<b>duì</b> right; correct; towards; at; for	发生	<b>fāshēng</b> to happen; to occur; to take place; to break out	发展	<b>fāzhǎn</b> development; growth
翻译	<b>fānyì</b> to translate; to interpret	访问	<b>fǎngwèn</b> to visit; to call on	放弃	<b>fàngqì</b> to renounce; to abandon; to give up
放暑假	<b>fàngshǔjià</b> to be on summer vacation	符合	<b>fúhé</b> in keeping with; in accordance with	负责	<b>fùzé</b> to be in charge of; to take responsibility for
复印	<b>fùyìn</b> to photocopy; to duplicate a document	改变	<b>gǎibiàn</b> to change; to alter	购物	<b>gòuwù</b> shopping
够	<b>gòu</b> enough (sufficient); enough (too much)	估计	<b>gūjì</b> to estimate; to reckon	鼓励	<b>gǔlì</b> to encourage
鼓掌	<b>gǔzhǎng</b> to applaud; to clap	挂	<b>guà</b> to hang or suspend (from a hook etc); to hang up (the phone)		

## Verbs – Action &amp; Daily Life (part 2/4)

50 words

广播	<b>guǎngbō</b> broadcast; broadcasting	逛	<b>guàng</b> to stroll; to visit	过	<b>guò</b> to cross; to go over
好像	<b>hǎoxiàng</b> as if; to seem like	活动	<b>huódòng</b> to exercise; to move about	获得	<b>huòdé</b> to obtain; to receive; to get
积累	<b>jīlěi</b> to accumulate; accumulation	集合	<b>jíhé</b> to gather; to assemble; (math.) set	继续	<b>jìxù</b> to continue; to proceed with
寄	<b>jì</b> to send; to mail	坚持	<b>jiānchí</b> to persevere with; to persist in	减肥	<b>jiǎnféi</b> to lose weight
减少	<b>jiǎnshǎo</b> to lessen; to decrease; to reduce; to lower	降低	<b>jiàngdī</b> to reduce; to lower; to bring down	交	<b>jiāo</b> to hand over; to deliver
接受	<b>jiēshòu</b> to accept; to receive	节约	<b>jiéyuē</b> to economise; to conserve (resources)	结果	<b>jiēguǒ</b> to bear fruit
进行	<b>jìnxíng</b> to advance; to conduct	禁止	<b>jìnzhǐ</b> to prohibit; to forbid	究竟	<b>jiūjìng</b> to go to the bottom of a matter; after all
举办	<b>jǔbàn</b> to conduct; to hold	开玩笑	<b>kāiwánxiào</b> to play a joke; to make fun of	肯定	<b>kěndìng</b> to be certain; to be positive
困	<b>kùn</b> to trap; to surround	扩大	<b>kuòdà</b> to expand; to enlarge	拉	<b>lā</b> to pull; to play (a bowed instrument)
来不及	<b>lái bují</b> there's not enough time (to do sth); it's too late (to do sth)	来得及	<b>lái de jí</b> to have enough time; can do it in time; can still make it	浪费	<b>làngfèi</b> to waste; to squander
理发	<b>lǐfà</b> to get a haircut; to have one's hair done; to cut (sb's) hair; to give (sb) a haircut	连	<b>lián</b> to link; to join	亮	<b>liàng</b> bright; clear
聊天	<b>liáotiān</b> to chat; to gossip	留	<b>liú</b> old variant of 留	留学	<b>liúxué</b> to study abroad
免费	<b>miǎnfèi</b> free (of charge)	弄	<b>lòng</b> lane; alley	排列	<b>páiliè</b> to arrange in order; (math.) permutation
陪	<b>péi</b> to accompany; to keep sb company	骗	<b>piàn</b> to cheat; to swindle	破	<b>pò</b> broken; damaged
起飞	<b>qǐfēi</b> (of an aircraft) to take off	起来	<b>qǐlai</b> to stand up; to get up	敲	<b>qiāo</b> to hit; to strike
轻	<b>qīng</b> light; easy	请假	<b>qǐngjià</b> to request leave of absence	请客	<b>qǐngkè</b> to give a dinner party; to entertain guests
取	<b>qǔ</b> to take; to get	缺少	<b>quēshǎo</b> lack; shortage of		

## Verbs – Action & Daily Life (part 3/4)

50 words

扔	<b>rēng</b> to throw; to throw away	散步	<b>sànbù</b> to take a walk; to go for a walk	伤心	<b>shāngxīn</b> to grieve; to be broken-hearted
申请	<b>shēnqǐng</b> to apply for sth; application form	生活	<b>shēnghuó</b> to live; life	省	<b>shěng</b> to save; to economise; to be frugal; to omit; to delete; to leave out
剩	<b>shèng</b> to remain; to be left	湿润	<b>shīrùn</b> moist	使用	<b>shǐyòng</b> to use; to employ
试	<b>shì</b> to test; to try	适合	<b>shìhé</b> to fit; to suit	适应	<b>shìyìng</b> to adapt; to fit
收	<b>shōu</b> to receive; to accept	收拾	<b>shōushi</b> to put in order; to tidy up	受到	<b>shòudào</b> to receive (praise, an education, punishment etc); to be ...ed (praised, educated, punished etc)
输	<b>shū</b> to lose; to be beaten; (bound form) to transport	死	<b>sǐ</b> to die; impassable	抬	<b>tái</b> to lift; to raise
躺	<b>tǎng</b> to recline; to lie down	趟	<b>tāng</b> old variant of 趟	提供	<b>tígōng</b> to offer; to supply
提前	<b>tíqián</b> to shift to an earlier date; to do sth ahead of time	停止	<b>tíngzhǐ</b> to stop; to halt; to cease	通过	<b>tōngguò</b> to pass through; to get through; to adopt (a resolution); to pass (legislation)
推	<b>tuī</b> to push; to cut	推迟	<b>tuīchí</b> to postpone; to put off	脱	<b>tuō</b> to shed; to take off
网球	<b>wǎngqiú</b> tennis; tennis ball	往	<b>wǎng</b> to go (in a direction); to	握手	<b>wòshǒu</b> to shake hands
污染	<b>wūrǎn</b> to pollute; to contaminate (lit. and fig.)	无	<b>wú</b> not to have; no	吸引	<b>xīyǐn</b> to attract; to appeal to; to fascinate
限制	<b>xiànzhì</b> to restrict; to limit	相反	<b>xiāngfǎn</b> opposite; contrary	响	<b>xiǎng</b> echo; sound
行	<b>háng</b> row; line	醒	<b>xǐng</b> to wake up; to be awake	兴奋	<b>xīngfèn</b> excited; excitement
修	<b>xiū</b> to decorate; to embellish	演出	<b>yǎnchū</b> to act (in a play); to perform	养成	<b>yǎngchéng</b> to cultivate; to raise
引起	<b>yǐnqǐ</b> to give rise to; to lead to; to cause; to arouse	赢	<b>yíng</b> to beat; to win	预习	<b>yùxí</b> to prepare a lesson
约会	<b>yuēhuì</b> appointment; engagement	允许	<b>yǔnxǔ</b> to permit; to allow	增加	<b>zēngjiā</b> to raise; to increase
增长	<b>zēngzhǎng</b> to grow; to increase	整理	<b>zhěnglǐ</b> to arrange; to tidy up		

## Verbs – Action &amp; Daily Life (part 4/4)

10 words

只好 **zhǐhǎo**  
to have no other option but to ...; to have to; to be forced to

祝贺 **zhùhè**  
to congratulate; congratulations

租 **zū**  
to hire; to rent

做生意 **zuòshēngyì**  
to do business

指 **zhǐ**  
finger; to point at or to

赚 **zhuàn**  
to earn; to make a profit

组成 **zǔchéng**  
to form; to make up

制造 **zhìzào**  
to manufacture; to make

撞 **zhuàng**  
to knock against; to bump into

组织 **zǔzhī**  
to organise; organisation

## Adjectives & Descriptions (part 1/2)

50 words

安全	<b>ānquán</b> safe; secure; safety; security	暗	<b>àn</b> variant of 黯	笨	<b>bèn</b> stupid; foolish
标准	<b>biāozhǔn</b> standard; norm; criterion; (adjective) standard	成熟	<b>chéngshú</b> mature; ripe; to mature; to ripen	诚实	<b>chéngshí</b> honest
粗心	<b>cūxīn</b> careless; thoughtless	丰富	<b>fēngfù</b> to enrich; rich	复杂	<b>fùzá</b> complicated; complex
富	<b>fù</b> rich; abundant	干	<b>gān</b> old variant of 干	干燥	<b>gānzào</b> to dry (of weather, paint, cement etc); desiccation
高级	<b>gāojí</b> high level; high grade	关键	<b>guānjiàn</b> crucial point; crux	国际	<b>guójì</b> international
合格	<b>hége</b> to meet the standard required; qualified	合适	<b>héshì</b> suitable; fitting	厚	<b>hòu</b> thick; deep or profound
活泼	<b>huópo</b> lively; vivacious	积极	<b>jījī</b> active; energetic	假	<b>gēi</b> used in 掰
精彩	<b>jīngcǎi</b> wonderful; marvelous	科学	<b>kēxué</b> science; scientific knowledge	宽	<b>kuān</b> wide; broad
困难	<b>kùnnán</b> difficult; challenging	懒	<b>lǎn</b> variant of 懒	冷静	<b>lěngjìng</b> calm; cool-headed; dispassionate; (of a place) deserted; quiet
礼貌	<b>lǐmào</b> courtesy; politeness; manners; courteous; polite	厉害	<b>lihai</b> (used to describe sb or sth that makes a very strong impression, whether favorable or unfavorable) terrible; intense	凉快	<b>liángkuai</b> nice and cold; pleasantly cool
流利	<b>liúlì</b> fluent	流行	<b>liúxíng</b> (of a contagious disease etc) to spread; to propagate	乱	<b>luàn</b> in confusion or disorder; in a confused state of mind
马虎	<b>mǎhu</b> careless; sloppy	满	<b>mǎn</b> to fill; full	美丽	<b>měilì</b> beautiful
耐心	<b>nàixīn</b> to be patient; patience	暖和	<b>nuǎnhuo</b> warm; nice and warm	普遍	<b>pǔbiàn</b> universal; general
轻松	<b>qīngsōng</b> light; gentle	穷	<b>qióng</b> poor; destitute	热闹	<b>rènao</b> bustling with noise and excitement; lively
软	<b>ruǎn</b> soft; flexible	深	<b>shēn</b> old variant of 深	实际	<b>shíjì</b> reality; practice
帅	<b>shuài</b> (bound form) commander-in-chief; (bound form) to lead; to command	顺利	<b>shùnlì</b> smoothly; without a hitch	特点	<b>tèdiǎn</b> characteristic (feature); trait
危险	<b>wēixiǎn</b> danger; dangerous	香	<b>xiāng</b> fragrant; sweet smelling		

## Adjectives & Descriptions (part 2/2)

21 words

详细	<b>xiángxì</b> detailed; in detail	严格	<b>yángé</b> strict; stringent	严重	<b>yánzhòng</b> grave; serious
硬	<b>yìng</b> hard; stiff; solid; (fig.) strong; firm	勇敢	<b>yǒnggǎn</b> brave; courageous	优点	<b>yōudiǎn</b> merit; benefit
优秀	<b>yōuxiù</b> outstanding; excellent	幽默	<b>yōumò</b> (loanword) humour; humorous	有趣	<b>yǒuqù</b> interesting; fascinating
友好	<b>yǒuhǎo</b> friendly; amicable; close friend	圆	<b>yuán</b> circle; round	脏	<b>zàng</b> viscera; (anatomy) organ
窄	<b>zhǎi</b> narrow; narrow-minded	著名	<b>zhùmíng</b> famous; noted	整齐	<b>zhěngqí</b> orderly; neat
正常	<b>zhèngcháng</b> regular; normal	正确	<b>zhèngquè</b> correct; sound; right; proper	正式	<b>zhèngshì</b> formal; official
直接	<b>zhíjiē</b> direct (opposite: indirect 间接); immediate	准确	<b>zhǔnquè</b> accurate; exact; precise	仔细	<b>zǐxì</b> careful; attentive; cautious; to be careful; to look out

## Emotions & Feelings

28 words

<b>吃惊</b>	<b>chījīng</b> to be startled; to be shocked	<b>得意</b>	<b>déyì</b> proud of oneself; pleased with oneself	<b>烦恼</b>	<b>fánnǎo</b> to be worried; to be distressed
<b>感动</b>	<b>gǎndòng</b> to move (sb); to touch (sb emotionally)	<b>感情</b>	<b>gǎnqíng</b> emotion; sentiment	<b>孤单</b>	<b>gūdān</b> lone; lonely
<b>害羞</b>	<b>hàixiū</b> shy; embarrassed	<b>后悔</b>	<b>hòuhuǐ</b> to regret; to feel remorse	<b>激动</b>	<b>jīdòng</b> to move emotionally; to stir up (emotions)
<b>骄傲</b>	<b>jiāoào</b> pride; arrogance	<b>紧张</b>	<b>jǐnzhāng</b> nervous; keyed up	<b>可怜</b>	<b>kělián</b> pitiful; pathetic
<b>可惜</b>	<b>kěxī</b> it is a pity; what a pity	<b>浪漫</b>	<b>làngmàn</b> romantic	<b>麻烦</b>	<b>máfan</b> trouble; inconvenience; inconvenient; troublesome; annoying
<b>难受</b>	<b>nánshòu</b> to feel unwell; to suffer pain	<b>失败</b>	<b>shībài</b> to be defeated; to lose	<b>失望</b>	<b>shīwàng</b> disappointed; to lose hope
<b>受不了</b>	<b>shòubùliǎo</b> unbearable; unable to endure	<b>态度</b>	<b>tàidu</b> manner; bearing	<b>讨厌</b>	<b>tǎoyàn</b> to dislike; to loathe
<b>同情</b>	<b>tóngqíng</b> to sympathise with; sympathy	<b>无聊</b>	<b>wúliáo</b> bored; boring	<b>羡慕</b>	<b>xiànmù</b> to envy; to admire
<b>心情</b>	<b>xīnqíng</b> mood; frame of mind	<b>辛苦</b>	<b>xīnkǔ</b> exhausting; hard	<b>幸福</b>	<b>xìngfú</b> happiness; happy
<b>愉快</b>	<b>yúkuài</b> cheerful; cheerily				

## Education & Knowledge

13 words

<b>毕业</b>	<b>bìyè</b> graduation; to graduate	<b>博士</b>	<b>bóshì</b> doctor; court academician (in feudal China)	<b>词典</b>	<b>cídiǎn</b> dictionary; also written 辞典
<b>基础</b>	<b>jīchǔ</b> base; foundation; basis; basic; fundamental	<b>教授</b>	<b>jiàoshòu</b> professor; to instruct	<b>教育</b>	<b>jiàoyù</b> to educate; to teach
<b>硕士</b>	<b>shuòshì</b> master's degree; person who has a master's degree	<b>小说</b>	<b>xiǎoshuō</b> novel; fiction	<b>研究生</b>	<b>yánjiūshēng</b> graduate student; postgraduate student
<b>语法</b>	<b>yǔfǎ</b> grammar	<b>语言</b>	<b>yǔyán</b> language	<b>中文</b>	<b>Zhōngwén</b> Chinese language
<b>专业</b>	<b>zhuānyè</b> speciality; specialised field				

## Work & Business

24 words

大夫	<b>dàfū</b> senior official (in imperial China)	导游	<b>dǎoyóu</b> tour guide; guidebook	工资	<b>gōngzī</b> wages; pay
顾客	<b>gùkè</b> customer; client	管理	<b>guǎnlǐ</b> to supervise; to manage	护士	<b>hùshi</b> nurse
记者	<b>jìzhě</b> reporter; journalist	加班	<b>jiābān</b> to work overtime	价格	<b>jiàgé</b> price
奖金	<b>jiǎngjīn</b> premium; award money	经济	<b>jīngjì</b> economy; economic	经历	<b>jīnglì</b> experience; to experience
经验	<b>jīngyàn</b> experience; to experience	警察	<b>jǐngchá</b> police; police officer	竞争	<b>jìngzhēng</b> to compete; competition
律师	<b>lǚshī</b> lawyer	人民币	<b>rénmínbì</b> Renminbi (RMB); Chinese Yuan (CNY)	师傅	<b>shīfu</b> master; qualified worker
市场	<b>shìchǎng</b> marketplace; market (also in abstract)	收入	<b>shōurù</b> to take in; income	售货员	<b>shòuhuòyuán</b> salesperson
演员	<b>yǎnyuán</b> actor or actress; performer	招聘	<b>zhāopìn</b> to invite applications for a job; to recruit	职业	<b>zhíyè</b> occupation; profession; vocation; professional

## Society & Culture

6 words

法律	<b>fǎlǜ</b> law	规定	<b>guīdìng</b> to stipulate; to specify; to prescribe; to fix (a price); to set (a quota); regulations; rules; provisions; stipulations	京剧	<b>Jīngjù</b> Beijing opera
民族	<b>mínzú</b> nationality; ethnic group	社会	<b>shèhuì</b> society	艺术	<b>yìshù</b> art

## Technology & Media

5 words

广告	<b>guǎnggào</b> to advertise; a commercial	技术	<b>jìshù</b> technology; technique; skill	密码	<b>mìmǎ</b> cipher; secret code; password; PIN
网站	<b>wǎngzhàn</b> website; network station	消息	<b>xiāoxi</b> news; information		

## Transport & Travel

5 words

出差	<b>chūchāi</b> to go on an official or business trip	出发	<b>chūfā</b> to set off; to start (on a journey)	航班	<b>hángbān</b> (scheduled) flight; (scheduled) sailing
交通	<b>jiāotōng</b> to be connected; traffic	签证	<b>qiānzhèng</b> visa; to issue a visa		

## Nature & Weather

12 words

## Objects &amp; Quantities (part 1/2)

50 words

<b>笔记本</b> <b>bǐjìběn</b> notebook (stationery); notebook (computing)	<b>表格</b> <b>biǎogé</b> form; table	<b>部分</b> <b>bùfen</b> part; share
<b>材料</b> <b>cáiliào</b> (raw) material; data	<b>场</b> <b>cháng</b> threshing floor; classifier for events and happenings: spell, episode, bout	<b>窗户</b> <b>chuānghu</b> window
<b>答案</b> <b>dáàn</b> answer; solution	<b>刀</b> <b>dāo</b> knife; blade	<b>动作</b> <b>dòngzuò</b> movement; motion; action; to act; to move
<b>范围</b> <b>fànwei</b> range; scope	<b>方法</b> <b>fāngfǎ</b> method; way	<b>方面</b> <b>fāngmiàn</b> respect; aspect
<b>方向</b> <b>fāngxiàng</b> direction; orientation	<b>工具</b> <b>gōngjù</b> tool; instrument	<b>公里</b> <b>gōnglǐ</b> kilometer
<b>观众</b> <b>guānzhòng</b> spectators; audience	<b>过程</b> <b>guòchéng</b> course of events; process	<b>好处</b> <b>hǎochù</b> easy to get along with
<b>号码</b> <b>hàomǎ</b> number	<b>盒子</b> <b>hézi</b> box; case	<b>猴子</b> <b>hóuzi</b> monkey
<b>家具</b> <b>jiājù</b> furniture	<b>精神</b> <b>jīngshén</b> spirit; mind	<b>镜子</b> <b>jìngzi</b> mirror
<b>距离</b> <b>jùlí</b> distance; to be apart from	<b>垃圾桶</b> <b>lājītǒng</b> rubbish bin; trash can	<b>老虎</b> <b>lǎohǔ</b> tiger
<b>毛巾</b> <b>máojīn</b> towel	<b>目的</b> <b>mùdì</b> purpose; aim; goal; target; objective	<b>内容</b> <b>nèiróng</b> content; substance
<b>脾气</b> <b>píqi</b> character; temperament	<b>乒乓球</b> <b>pīngpāngqiú</b> table tennis; ping-pong	<b>瓶子</b> <b>píngzi</b> bottle
<b>墙</b> <b>qiáng</b> variant of 墙, wall	<b>桥</b> <b>qiáo</b> bridge	<b>情况</b> <b>qíngkuàng</b> circumstances; state of affairs; situation
<b>区别</b> <b>qūbié</b> difference; to distinguish	<b>缺点</b> <b>quēdiǎn</b> weak point; fault	<b>任务</b> <b>rènwu</b> mission; assignment; task; duty; role
<b>日记</b> <b>rìjì</b> diary	<b>沙发</b> <b>shāfā</b> sofa (loanword); (Internet slang) the first reply or replier to a forum post	<b>狮子</b> <b>shīzi</b> lion
<b>数量</b> <b>shùliàng</b> amount; quantity	<b>数字</b> <b>shùzì</b> numeral; digit	<b>速度</b> <b>sùdù</b> speed; rate
<b>塑料袋</b> <b>sùliàodài</b> plastic bag	<b>条件</b> <b>tiáojiàn</b> condition; circumstance; term; factor; requirement; prerequisite; qualification	<b>文章</b> <b>wénzhāng</b> article; essay
<b>洗衣机</b> <b>xǐyījī</b> washing machine; washer	<b>效果</b> <b>xiàoguǒ</b> result; effect	

## Objects & Quantities (part 2/2)

20 words

笑话	<b>xiàohuà</b> joke; jest; to laugh at; to mock	信心	<b>xìnxīn</b> confidence; faith (in sb or sth)	信用卡	<b>xìnyòngkǎ</b> credit card
性别	<b>xìngbié</b> gender; sex	性格	<b>xìnggé</b> nature; disposition	压力	<b>yālì</b> pressure
牙膏	<b>yágāo</b> toothpaste	样子	<b>yàngzi</b> appearance; manner	钥匙	<b>yàoshi</b> key
亿	<b>yì</b> 100 million	印象	<b>yìnxiàng</b> impression (sth that stays in one's mind); a memory	羽毛球	<b>yǔmáoqiú</b> shuttlecock; badminton
原因	<b>yuányīn</b> cause; origin	杂志	<b>zázhì</b> magazine	责任	<b>zérèn</b> responsibility; blame
知识	<b>zhīshi</b> knowledge; intellectual	质量	<b>zhìliàng</b> quality; (physics) mass	重点	<b>chóngdiǎn</b> to recount (e.g. results of election); to re-evaluate
猪	<b>zhū</b> hog; pig	主意	<b>zhǔyi</b> plan; idea		

## Function Words (part 1/2)

50 words

<b>按时</b>	<b>ànshí</b> on time; before deadline	<b>按照</b>	<b>ànzhào</b> according to; in accordance with	<b>倍</b>	<b>bèi</b> (two, three etc) -fold; times (multiplier)
<b>并且</b>	<b>bìngqiě</b> and; besides	<b>不但</b>	<b>bùdàn</b> not only (... but also ...)	<b>不得不</b>	<b>bùdébù</b> have no choice or option but to; cannot but
<b>不过</b>	<b>bùguò</b> only; merely	<b>不仅</b>	<b>bùjǐn</b> not just; not limited to; (as a correlative conjunction) not only (... , but also ...)	<b>差不多</b>	<b>chàbùduō</b> almost; nearly
<b>从来</b>	<b>cónglái</b> always; at all times	<b>大概</b>	<b>dàgài</b> roughly; probably	<b>大约</b>	<b>dàyuē</b> approximately; probably
<b>到处</b>	<b>dàochù</b> everywhere	<b>到底</b>	<b>dàodǐ</b> finally; in the end	<b>底</b>	<b>de</b> (equivalent to 的 as possessive particle)
<b>对面</b>	<b>duìmiàn</b> (sitting) opposite; across (the street)	<b>顿</b>	<b>dùn</b> to stop; to pause	<b>朵</b>	<b>duǒ</b> flower; earlobe
<b>而</b>	<b>ér</b> and; as well as	<b>分之</b>	<b>fēnzhī</b> (indicating a fraction)	<b>份</b>	<b>fèn</b> classifier for gifts, newspaper, magazine, papers, reports, contracts etc; variant of 分
<b>否则</b>	<b>fǒuzé</b> otherwise; if not; or (else)	<b>刚刚</b>	<b>gānggang</b> just recently; just a moment ago	<b>各</b>	<b>gè</b> each; every
<b>共同</b>	<b>gòngtóng</b> common; joint	<b>故意</b>	<b>gùyì</b> deliberately; on purpose	<b>光</b>	<b>guāng</b> light; ray; bright; shiny
<b>果然</b>	<b>guǒrán</b> really; sure enough	<b>忽然</b>	<b>hūrán</b> suddenly; all of a sudden	<b>互相</b>	<b>hùxiāng</b> each other; mutually
<b>及时</b>	<b>jíshí</b> timely; at the right time; promptly; without delay	<b>即使</b>	<b>jíshǐ</b> even if; even though	<b>极其</b>	<b>jíqí</b> extremely
<b>既然</b>	<b>jìrán</b> since; as	<b>尽管</b>	<b>jǐnguǎn</b> despite; although	<b>竟然</b>	<b>jìngrán</b> unexpectedly; to one's surprise
<b>棵</b>	<b>kē</b> classifier for trees, cabbages, plants etc	<b>可是</b>	<b>kěshì</b> but; however; (used for emphasis) indeed	<b>恐怕</b>	<b>kǒngpà</b> fear; to dread
<b>例如</b>	<b>lìrú</b> for example; for instance; such as	<b>俩</b>	<b>liǎ</b> two (colloquial equivalent of 两个); both	<b>另外</b>	<b>lìngwài</b> additional; in addition
<b>难道</b>	<b>nándào</b> don't tell me ...; could it be that...?	<b>内</b>	<b>nèi</b> inside; inner	<b>篇</b>	<b>piān</b> sheet; piece of writing
<b>其次</b>	<b>qíci</b> next; secondly	<b>其中</b>	<b>qízhōng</b> among; in	<b>千万</b>	<b>qiānwàn</b> ten million; countless
<b>全部</b>	<b>quánbù</b> whole; all	<b>却</b>	<b>què</b> old variant of 却		

## Function Words (part 2/2)

46 words

确实	<b>quèshí</b> indeed; really	群	<b>qún</b> variant of 群	然而	<b>ránér</b> however; yet; but
任何	<b>rènhé</b> any; whatever	仍然	<b>réngrán</b> still; as before; yet	稍微	<b>shāowēi</b> a little bit
甚至	<b>shènzhì</b> even; so much so that	十分	<b>shífēn</b> very; completely	实在	<b>shízài</b> really; actually
首先	<b>shǒuxiān</b> first (of all); in the first place	顺便	<b>shùniàn</b> conveniently; in passing	顺序	<b>shùnxù</b> sequence; order
随便	<b>suíbiàn</b> as one wishes; as one pleases	随着	<b>suízhe</b> along with; in the wake of	所有	<b>suǒyǒu</b> all; to have; to possess; to own
台	<b>tái</b> (classical) you (in letters); variant of 台	挺	<b>tǐng</b> straight; erect	完全	<b>wánquán</b> complete; whole; totally; entirely
往往	<b>wǎngwǎng</b> usually; in many cases	无论	<b>wúlùn</b> no matter what or how; regardless of whether...	许多	<b>xǔduō</b> many; a lot of
呀	<b>ya</b> (particle equivalent to 啊 after a vowel, expressing surprise or doubt)	也许	<b>yěxǔ</b> perhaps; maybe	页	<b>xié</b> head
一切	<b>yīqiè</b> everything; every	以	<b>yǐ</b> old variant of 以	因此	<b>yīncǐ</b> thus; consequently; as a result
尤其	<b>yóuqí</b> especially; particularly	由	<b>yóu</b> to follow; from	由于	<b>yóuyú</b> due to; as a result of
于是	<b>yúshì</b> thereupon; as a result; consequently; thus; hence	与	<b>yǔ</b> variant of 与	原来	<b>yuánlái</b> original; former
咱们	<b>zánmen</b> we or us (including both the speaker and the person(s) spoken to); (dialect) I or me	真正	<b>zhēnzhèng</b> genuine; real; true; really; indeed	正好	<b>zhènghǎo</b> just (in time); just right
之	<b>zhī</b> (possessive particle, literary equivalent of 的); him	值得	<b>zhíde</b> to be worth; to deserve	只要	<b>zhǐyào</b> if only; so long as
至少	<b>zhìshǎo</b> at least; (to say the) least	重新	<b>chóngxīn</b> again; once more; re-	主动	<b>zhǔdòng</b> to take the initiative; to do sth of one's own accord
专门	<b>zhuānmén</b> specialist; specialised	准时	<b>zhǔnshí</b> on time; punctual	最好	<b>zuìhǎo</b> best; (you) had better (do what we suggest)
座	<b>zuò</b> seat; base				



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