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爱	ài

to love; to be fond of; to like; affection

八	bā

eight

爸爸	bà ba

(coll.) father; dad

杯子	bēi zi

cup; glass

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北京 — Běi jīng

Beijing municipality, capital of the People's Republic of China (short name 京)

本 — běn

(bound form) root; stem; (bound form) origin; source

不 — bù

no; not so; (bound form) not; un-

不客气 — bù kè qi

you're welcome; don't mention it

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菜

cài

vegetable; greens; dish (of food)

茶

chá

tea; tea plant

吃

chī

chī / 吃

chī / 喫

to eat; to consume; to eat at (a cafeteria etc)

出租车

chū zū chē

taxi; (Tw) rental car

打电话 dǎ diàn huà

to make a telephone call

大 dà; dài

dà

dài

big; large; great; older (than another person)

的 de; dī; dí; dì

de

dī

dí

dì

of; ~'s (possessive particle); (used after an attribute when it modifies a noun)

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点 — diǎn

to touch briefly; to tap; to mark with a dot; to check off (on a list)

电脑 — diàn nǎo

computer

电视 — diàn shì

television; TV

电影 — diàn yǐng

movie; film

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东西

dōng xī; dōng xi

dōng xī

dōng xi

east and west; thing

都

dōu; dū

dōu

dū

all; both; entirely; (used for emphasis) even

读

dòu; dú

dòu

dú

comma; phrase marked by pause

对不起

duì bu qǐ

I'm sorry; excuse me; I beg your pardon; to let (sb) down; to disappoint

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多

duō

many; much; more; a lot of; too many; in excess

多少

duō shǎo; duō shao

duō shǎo

duō shao

number; amount; somewhat

儿子

ér zi

son

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二	èr
two; 2	
饭店	fàn diàn
restaurant; hotel	
飞机	fēi jī
airplane	
分钟	fēn zhōng
minute	
高兴	gāo xìng
happy; glad	

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个

gě; gè

gě / 個

gè / 個

gè / 箇

used in 自个儿; (classifier used before a noun that has no specific classifier)

工作

gōng zuò

to work; (of a machine) to operate

狗

gǒu

dog

汉语

Hàn yǔ

Chinese language

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好

hǎo; hào

hǎo

hào

good; appropriate; proper

号

háo; hào

háo

hào

(bound form) to wail; to howl; (literary) to call out; to command

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喝

hē; hè

hē

hè

to drink; variant of 嗬

和

hé; hè; hú; huó; huò

hé / 咊

hé / 和

hè / 和

hú / 和

huó / 和

huò / 和

hé / 龢

old variant of 和; (joining two nouns) and; together with; with (Taiwan pr.)

很

hěn

very; quite; (also, often used before an adjective without intensifying its meaning, i.e. as a meaningless syntactic element)

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后面

hòu mian

the back; the rear; the last bit; behind; near the end; at the back

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回

huí

huí / 回

huí / 迴

huí / 迴

to go back; to return; to turn back; to turn around; to reply; to answer

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会

huì; kuài

huì

kuài

can; to have the skill; to know how to; to be likely to; to be sure to

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几

jī; jǐ

jī / 几

jī / 幾

jǐ / 幾

small table; (literary) almost

家

jiā

jiā / 傢

jiā / 家

used in 家伙 and 家俱; home

叫

jiào

jiào / 叫

jiào / 叫

to shout; to call

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今天 jīn tiān

today; the present time; now

九 jiǔ

nine; 9

开 kāi

to open (transitive or intransitive); (of ships, vehicles, troops etc) to start

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看 kān; kàn

kān

kàn

to look after; to take care of

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看见 kàn jiàn

to see; to catch sight of

块 kuài

lump; chunk; piece; classifier for pieces of cloth, cake, soap etc

来 lái

to come; (used as a substitute for a more specific verb)

老师 lǎo shī

teacher

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了

le; liǎo; liào

le / 了

liǎo / 了

liǎo / 瞭

liào / 瞭

(completed action marker); (modal particle indicating change of state, situation now)

冷

lěng

cold

里

lǐ

lǐ / 裏

lǐ / 裡

lǐ / 里

variant of 里; lining

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六

liù; lù

liù

lù

six; 6

妈妈

mā ma

mama; mommy

吗

má; mǎ; ma

má

mǎ

ma

(coll.) what?; used in 吗啡

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买 — mǎi

to buy; to purchase

猫 — māo; máo

māo

máo

cat; (dialect) to hide oneself

没关系 — méi guān xi

it doesn't matter

没有 — méi yǒu

haven't; hasn't

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米饭

mǐ fàn

(cooked) rice

名字

míng zi

name (of a person or thing)

明天

míng tiān

tomorrow

哪

nǎ; na; né; něi

nǎ

na

né

něi

how; which

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哪儿

nǎ r

where?; wherever; anywhere; somewhere

那

nǎ; nà; nuó

nǎ

nà

nuó

variant of 哪; (specifier) that; the; those (colloquial pr.)

呢

ne; ní

ne

ní

(sentence-final particle) used in questions to link back to prior discourse or context ("what about...?", "and...?"); (sentence-final particle) indicating that a state or situation still holds

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能

néng

can; to be able to

你

nǐ

nǐ / 你

nǐ / 妳

you (informal, as opposed to courteous 您); you (Note: In Taiwan, 妳 is used to address females, but in mainland China, it is not commonly used. Instead, 你 is used to address both males and females.)

年

nián

nián / 年

nián / 季

year; grain

女儿

nǚ ér

daughter

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朋友	péng you
friend	
漂亮	piào liang
pretty; beautiful	
苹果	píng guǒ
apple	
七	qī
seven; 7	
前面	qián miàn
ahead; in front	

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钱 qián

coin; money

请 qǐng

to ask; to invite

去 qù

to go; to go to (a place)

热 rè

to warm up; to heat up

人 rén

person; people

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认识

rèn shi

to know; to recognize

三

sān

three; 3

商店

shāng diàn

store; shop

上

shǎng; shàng

shǎng

shàng

used in 上声; (bound form) up; upper; above; previous

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上午	shàng wǔ
morning	
少	shǎo; shào shǎo shào
few; less	
谁	shéi
who; also pr.	
什么	shén me
what?; something; anything	

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十 shí

ten; 10

时候 shí hou

time; length of time

是 shì

shì / 是

shì / 昰

to be (followed by substantives only); correct; right; true

书 shū

book; letter

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水

shuǐ

water; (after a name)... River

水果

shuǐ guǒ

fruit

睡觉

shuì jiào

to go to bed; to sleep

说

shuì; shuō

shuì / 說

shuō / 說

shuō / 説

to persuade; to speak; to talk; to say

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四

sì

four; 4

岁

suì

suì / 歲

suì / 歲

variant of 岁, year; years old

他

tā

(third-person singular) (since the early 20th century, usu. male) he; him; his; (bound form) other; another; some other (as in 他日 and 他人)

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她 tā

she

太 tài

highest; greatest

天气 tiān qì

weather

听 yǐn; tīng

yǐn

tīng

smile (archaic); to listen to; to hear

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同学

tóng xué

to study at the same school; fellow student

喂

wéi; wèi

wéi / 喂

wèi / 喂

wèi / 餵

wèi / 餵

hello (when answering the phone); hey

我

wǒ

I; me; my

我们

wǒ men

we; us; ourselves; our

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五 wǔ

five; 5

喜欢 xǐ huan

to like; to be fond of

下 xià

down; downwards

下午 xià wǔ

afternoon; p.m.

下雨 xià yǔ

to rain

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先生 xiān sheng

teacher; gentleman; sir; mister (Mr.)

现在 xiàn zài

now; at present; currently

想 xiǎng

to think (about); to think of; to devise

小 xiǎo

small; tiny

小姐 xiǎo jie

young lady; miss

些

xiē

classifier indicating a small amount or small number greater than 1: some, a few, several

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写

xiě; xiè

xiě

xiè

to write; used in 写意

谢谢

xiè xie

to thank; thanks

星期

xīng qī

week; day of the week

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学生 xué sheng

student; schoolchild

学习 xué xí

to learn; to study

学校 xué xiào

school

一 yī

one; single

一点儿 yī diǎn r

erhua variant of 一点

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衣服 yī fu

clothes

医生 yī shēng

doctor; medical practitioner

医院 yī yuàn

hospital

椅子 yǐ zi

chair

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有 yǒu

to have; there is; (bound form) having; with; -ful; -ed; -al (as in 有意 intentional)

月 yuè

moon; month

再见 zài jiàn

goodbye; see you again later

在 zài

to exist; to be alive; (of sb or sth) to be (located) at

怎么

zěn me

zěn me / 怎麼

zěn me / 怎麼

how?; what?

怎么样

zěn me yàng

how?; how about?

这

zhè; zhèi

zhè

zhèi

(pronoun) this; these; (bound form) this; the (followed by a noun)

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中国 Zhōng guó

China

中午 zhōng wǔ

noon; midday

住 zhù

to live; to reside; to stay; to stop; to cease

桌子 zhuō zi

table; desk

字 zì

letter; symbol

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昨天 zuó tiān

yesterday

坐 zuò

to sit; to take a seat

做 zuò

to make; to produce; to write; to compose

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吧

bā; ba; biā

bā

ba

biā

bar (loanword) (serving drinks, or providing Internet access etc); to puff (on a pipe etc)

白

bái

white; snowy

百

bǎi

hundred; numerous

HSK 2.0 / Level 2

帮助

bāng zhù

assistance; aid; to help; to assist

报纸

bào zhǐ

newspaper; newsprint

比

bī; bǐ

bī

bǐ

euphemistic variant of 屄; to compare

HSK 2.0 / Level 2

别

bié; biè

bié

biè

to leave; to part (from); (literary) to differentiate; to distinguish

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宾馆

bīn guǎn

guesthouse; lodge

长

cháng; zhǎng

cháng

zhǎng

long; (bound form) length

唱歌

chàng gē

to sing a song

出

chū

chū / 出

chū / 齣

to go out; to come out; to arise; to occur

穿

chuān

to bore through; to pierce; to perforate; to go through (e.g. a tunnel); to cross (e.g. a street)

次

cì

next in sequence; second

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从 — cóng

cóng / 从

cóng / 從

variant of 从; from; through; via

错 — cuò

mistake; wrong

打篮球 — dǎ lánqiú

to play basketball

大家 — dà jiā

everyone; influential family

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到 dào

to reach; to arrive; to leave for; to go to

得 dé; dè; de; děi

dé

dè

de

děi

to obtain; to get

等 děng

to wait for; to await; by the time; when; till

弟弟 dì di

younger brother

HSK 2.0 / Level 2

第一 dì yī

first; most important; primary; foremost

懂 dǒng

to understand; to comprehend

对 duì

right; correct; towards; at; for

房间 fáng jiān

room

非常 fēi cháng

very; really; unusual; extraordinary

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服务员

fú wù yuán

waiter; waitress

高

gāo

high; tall

告诉

gào sù; gào su

gào sù

gào su

to press charges; to file a complaint; to tell; to inform; to let know

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哥哥

gē ge

older brother

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给

gěi; jǐ

gěi

jǐ

to; for

公共汽车

gōng gòng qì chē

bus

公司

gōng sī

company; firm; corporation

贵

guì

expensive; (bound form) highly valued; precious

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过

guò; guo

guò

guo

to cross; to go over

还

hái; huán

hái

huán

still; still in progress

孩子

hái zi

child

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好吃

hǎo chī; hào chī

hǎo chī

hào chī

tasty; delicious; to be fond of eating; to be gluttonous

黑

hēi

black; dark

红

gōng; hóng

gōng

hóng

used in 女红; red

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火车站 huǒ chē zhàn

train station

机场 jī chǎng

airport; airfield; (slang) service provider for Shadowsocks or similar software for circumventing Internet censorship

鸡蛋 jī dàn

(chicken) egg; hen's egg

件 jiàn

item; component

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教室 jiào shì

classroom

姐姐 jiě jie

older sister

介绍 jiè shào

to introduce (sb to sb); to give a presentation

进 jìn

to go forward; to advance

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近 jìn

near; close to

就 jiù

(after a suppositional clause) in that case; then; (after a clause of action) as soon as; immediately after

觉得 jué de

to think that...; to feel that...; to feel (uncomfortable etc)

咖啡 kā fēi

(loanword) coffee

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开始 kāi shǐ

to begin; beginning

考试 kǎo shì

to take an exam; exam

可能 kě néng

might (happen); possible

可以 kě yǐ

can; may

课 kè

subject; course

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快	kuài

rapid; quick

快乐	kuài lè

happy; joyful

累	lěi; lèi; léi lěi lèi léi

to accumulate; to involve or implicate (Taiwan pr.)

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离

chī; lí

chī

lí

mythical beast (archaic); to leave

两

liǎng

two; both

零

líng

zero; nought

路

lù

road; journey

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旅游 lǚ yóu

trip; journey

卖 mài

to sell; to betray

慢 màn

slow

忙 máng

busy; hurriedly

每 měi

each; every

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妹妹 mèi mei

younger sister; young woman

门 mén

gate; door; doorway; gateway; opening; valve; switch; other door-like or gate-like structure

面条 miàn tiáo

noodles

男 nán

(bound form) male; baron, the lowest of the five ranks of nobility 五等爵位

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您 nín

you (courteous, as opposed to informal 你)

牛奶 niú nǎi

cow's milk

女 nǚ; rǔ

nǚ

rǔ

female; woman

旁边 páng biān

side; adjacent place

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跑步

pǎo bù

to run; to jog

便宜

biàn yí; pián yi

biàn yí

pián yi

convenient; cheap; inexpensive

票

piào

ticket; ballot

妻子

qī zǐ; qī zi

qī zǐ

qī zi

wife and children; wife

起床

qǐ chuáng

to get out of bed; to get up

千

qiān

qiān / 千

qiān / 韆

thousand; used in 秋千

铅笔

qiān bǐ

(lead) pencil

晴

qíng

clear; fine (weather)

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去年 qù nián

last year

让 ràng

to yield; to permit

日 rì

(bound form) sun; day

上班 shàng bān

to go to work; to be on duty

身体 shēn tǐ

the body; one's health

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生病 shēng bìng

to fall ill

生日 shēng rì

birthday

时间 shí jiān

(concept of) time; (duration of) time

事情 shì qing

affair; matter; thing; business

手表 shǒu biǎo

wristwatch

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手机 shǒu jī

cell phone; mobile phone

说话 shuō huà

to speak; to say

送 sòng

to send; to deliver; to transmit; to give (as a present)

虽然……但是…… suīrán ... dànshì ...

although …, nevertheless …

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它

tā

tā / 它

tā / 牠

it; it (pronoun for an animal)

踢足球

tī zúqiú

to play football (soccer)

题

tí

topic; problem for discussion

跳舞

tiào wǔ

to dance

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外 — wài

outside; in addition

完 — wán

to finish; to be over

玩 — wán

wán / 玩

wán / 翫

to play; to have fun

晚上 — wǎn shang

evening; night

往

wǎng

wǎng / 往

wǎng / 徃

to go (in a direction); to

为什么

wèi shén me

why?; for what reason?

问

wèn

to ask; to inquire

问题

wèn tí

question; problem

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西瓜

xī guā

watermelon

希望

xī wàng

to hope; a hope; a wish

洗

xǐ; xiǎn

xǐ

xiǎn

to wash; to bathe; to develop (photographs)

小时

xiǎo shí

hour

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笑

xiào

xiào / 咲

xiào / 笑

old variant of 笑; to laugh; to smile

新

xīn

new; newly

姓

xìng

family name; surname; to be surnamed...

休息

xiū xi

rest; to rest

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雪 xuě

snow; (literary) to wipe away (a humiliation etc)

颜色 yán sè

color; countenance

眼睛 yǎn jing

eye

羊肉 yáng ròu

mutton; goat meat

药

yào

yào / 葯

yào / 藥

leaf of the iris; variant of 药

要

yāo; yào

yāo

yào

(bound form) to demand; to coerce; to want; to need; to ask for

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也

yě

also; too; as well; (not...) either; (used after a verbal or nominal expression X to indicate that X is an extreme or unexpected case) even (X)

一起 yī qǐ

(in) the same place; together; in company (with)

一下 yī xià

(after a verb) a bit; a little (indicating brief duration, or softening the tone, or suggesting giving sth a try); all at once; suddenly

已经 yǐ jīng

already

意思 yì si

idea; opinion

因为……
所以……

yīnwèi ... suǒyǐ ...

because …, therefore …

阴

yīn

yīn / 陰

yīn / 陰

overcast (weather); cloudy

游泳

yóu yǒng

swimming; to swim

右边

yòu bian

right side; right, to the right

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鱼

yú

fish; used in the names of various aquatic animals that are not fish (including abalone 鲍鱼, alligators and crocodiles 鳄鱼 and octopi 章鱼)

远

yuǎn; yuàn

yuǎn

yuàn

far; distant

运动

yùn dòng

to move; to exercise

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再 zài

again; once more; re-; further; beyond this point of time

早上 zǎo shang

early morning

丈夫 zhàng fu

husband

找 zhǎo

to try to find; to look for

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着

zhāo; zháo; zhe; zhuó

zhāo / 着

zháo / 着

zhe / 着

zhuó / 着

zhāo / 著

zháo / 著

zhe / 著

zhuó / 著

variant of 着; a move in chess (Taiwan pr.)

真

zhēn

really; truly

正在

zhèng zài

to be in the process of (doing sth); to be currently...-ing

只

zhī; zhǐ

zhī / 只

zhǐ / 只

zhǐ / 衹

zhī / 秖

zhǐ / 衹

zhī / 隻

variant of 只; only; merely; just

知道

zhī dào

to know; to become aware of; also pr.

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准备

zhǔn bèi

preparation; to prepare

走

zǒu

to walk; to go

最

zuì

zuì / 寘

zuì / 冣

zuì / 最

variant of 最; old variant of 最

左边

zuǒ bian

left; the left side

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