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阿姨

ā yí

maternal aunt; step-mother

啊

ā; á; ǎ; à; a

ā

á

ǎ

à

a

interjection of surprise; Ah!

矮

ǎi

(of a person) short; (of a wall etc) low

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爱好

ài hào

to like; to be fond of; to take pleasure in; to be keen on; interest; hobby

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安静

ān jìng

quiet; peaceful

把

bǎ; bà

bǎ

bà

to hold; to grasp; to hold a baby in position to help it urinate or defecate

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班

bān

team; class; grade; (military) squad

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搬 bān

to move (i.e. relocate oneself); to move (sth relatively heavy or bulky)

办法 bàn fǎ

way of handling sth; means; measure; (practical) solution to a problem

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办公室 bàn gōng shì

office; business premises

半 bàn

half; semi-

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帮忙 bāng máng

to help; to lend a hand

包 bāo

to cover; to wrap

饱 bǎo

to eat till full; satisfied

北方 běi fāng

north; the northern part a country

被 bèi

quilt; to cover (with)

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鼻子 bí zi

nose

比较 bǐ jiào

to compare; to contrast

比赛 bǐ sài

competition (sports etc); match

笔记本 bǐ jì běn

notebook (stationery); (computing) laptop; notebook (abbr. for 笔记本电脑)

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必须 bì xū

to have to; must

变化 biàn huà

(intransitive) to change; to vary; change; variation

别人 bié ren

other people; others; other person

冰箱 bīng xiāng

refrigerator; (old) icebox

不但……
而且……

bùdàn ... érqiě ...

not only …, but also …

菜单

cài dān

menu

参加

cān jiā

to participate; to take part

草

cǎo; cào

cǎo / 艸

cǎo / 草

cào / 草

variant of 草; grass

层 céng

to pile on top of one another; layer; stratum

差 chā; chà; chāi; cī

chā

chà

chāi

cī

difference; discrepancy; (math.) difference (amount remaining after a subtraction)

尝

cháng

cháng / 嘗

cháng / 嚐

cháng / 甞

to taste; to try (food); to experience

超市

chāo shì

supermarket (abbr. for 超级市场)

衬衫

chèn shān

shirt; blouse

成绩

chéng jì

achievement; performance records

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城市 chéng shì

city; town

迟到 chí dào

to arrive late

除了 chú le

apart from; besides; in addition to (used to exclude, as in 除了他，除了他，谁也没来 "apart from him, nobody came", or to include, as in 除了英語，除了英语，他也会法语 "in addition to English, he also knows French"); (used to introduce one of two habitual alternatives in the pattern 除了 + A + 就是 + B, "either A or B")

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船

chuán

chuán / 舩

chuán / 船

variant of 船; boat

春

chūn

chūn / 旹

chūn / 春

old variant of 春; spring (season)

词典

cí diǎn

dictionary

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聪明 — cōng ming

intelligent; clever; bright; acute (of sight and hearing)

打扫 — dǎ sǎo

to clean; to sweep

打算 — dǎ suàn

to plan; to intend

带 — dài

band; belt

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担心

dān xīn

anxious; worried

蛋糕

dàn gāo

cake

当然

dāng rán

only natural; as it should be

地

de; dì

de

dì

-ly; structural particle: used before a verb or adjective, linking it to preceding modifying adverbial adjunct

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灯

dēng

lamp; light

地方

dì fāng; dì fang

dì fāng

dì fang

region; regional (away from the central administration)

地铁

dì tiě

underground railway; subway; subway train

地图

dì tú

map

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电梯 — diàn tī

elevator; escalator

电子邮件 — diàn zǐ yóu jiàn

email

东 — dōng

east; host (i.e. sitting on east side of guest)

冬 — dōng

dōng / 冬

dōng / 鼕

winter; (onom.) beating a drum

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动物 dòng wù

animal

短 duǎn

short; brief

段 duàn

paragraph; section

锻炼 duàn liàn

to toughen; to temper

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多么

duō me

how (wonderful etc); what (a great idea etc)

饿

è

hungry; to starve (sb)

耳朵

ěr duo

ear; handle (on a cup)

发

fā; fà

fā

fà

to send out; to show (one's feeling)

发烧 fā shāo

to have a high temperature (from illness); to have a fever; (fig.) to be fascinated with; to obsess over

发现 fā xiàn

to notice; to become aware of; to discover; to find; to detect

方便 fāng biàn

convenient; suitable; to facilitate; to make things easy

放 fàng

to put; to place

放心

fàng xīn

to feel relieved; to feel reassured

分

fēn; fèn

fēn

fèn

to divide; to separate; to distribute; to allocate

附近

fù jìn

nearby; neighboring; (in the) vicinity (of); neighborhood

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复习

fù xí

fù xí / 復習

fù xí / 複習

to review; revision

干净

gān jìng

clean; neat

感冒

gǎn mào

to catch cold; (common) cold

感兴趣

gǎn xìng qù

to be interested (in sth)

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刚才

gāng cái

gāng cái / 剛才

gāng cái / 剛纔

just now; a moment ago

个子

gè zi

stature; height; size (of a person or object); (agriculture) bundle of cereal stalks tied together

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根据

gēn jù

according to; based on

跟

gēn

heel; to follow closely

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更

gēng; gèng

gēng

gèng

to change or replace; to experience

公斤

gōng jīn

kilogram (kg)

公园

gōng yuán

park (for public recreation)

故事

gù shì; gù shi

gù shì

gù shi

old practice; narrative; story; tale

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刮风 guā fēng

to be windy

关 guān

mountain pass; to close; to shut; to turn off

关系 guān xi

guān xi / 關係

guān xi / 關系

relation; relationship

关心 guān xīn

to be concerned about; to care about

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关于 guān yú

pertaining to; concerning

国家 guó jiā

country; nation; state

过 guò; guo

guò

guo

to cross; to go over

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过去

guò qù; guò qu

guò qù

guò qu

(in the) past; former; previous; to go over; to pass by

还是

hái shi

still (as before); had better

害怕

hài pà

to be afraid; to be scared

黑板

hēi bǎn

blackboard

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后来

hòu lái

afterwards; later; newly arrived

护照

hù zhào

passport

花

huā

huā / 花

huā / 苍

huā / 藘

flower; blossom

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花

huā

huā / 花

huā / 苍

huā / 蘐

flower; blossom

画

huà

to draw; to paint; picture; painting

坏

huài

bad; spoiled

欢迎

huān yíng

to welcome; welcome

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还

hái; huán

hái

huán

still; still in progress

环境

huán jìng

environment; circumstances

换

huàn

to exchange; to change (clothes etc)

黄河

Huáng Hé

Yellow River or Huang He

回答 huí dá

to reply; to answer; reply; answer

会议 huì yì

meeting; conference

或者 huò zhě

or; possibly; maybe; perhaps

几乎 jī hū

almost; nearly; practically

机会 jī huì

opportunity; chance

极 jí

extremely; pole (geography, physics)

记得 jì de

to remember

季节 jì jié

time; season

检查 jiǎn chá

inspection; to examine

简单 jiǎn dān

simple; not complicated

见面

jiàn miàn

to meet; to see each other

健康

jiàn kāng

health; healthy

讲

jiǎng

to speak; to explain

教

jiāo; jiào

jiāo

jiào

to teach; to instruct; (bound form) to teach; to instruct

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角 — jiǎo; jué

jiǎo

jué

angle; corner

脚 — jiǎo; jué

jiǎo

jué

foot; leg (of an animal or an object)

接 — jiē

to receive; to answer (the phone)

街道 — jiē dào

street; subdistrict

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节目 jié mù

(TV or radio) program; show; item; act; segment; number (on the program of a concert, variety show or cultural event)

节日 jié rì

holiday; festival

结婚 jié hūn

to marry; to get married

结束 jié shù

to end; to finish; to conclude

解决

jiě jué

to solve; to resolve; to settle (a problem); to eliminate; to wipe out (an enemy, bandits etc)

借

jiè

jiè / 借

jiè / 藉

to borrow; (used in combination with 给 or 出 etc) to lend

经常

jīng cháng

frequently; constantly; regularly; often; day-to-day; everyday; daily

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经过 jīng guò

to pass; to go through

经理 jīng lǐ

manager; director

久 jiǔ

(of a period of time) long

旧 jiù

old; opposite: new 新

句子 jù zi

sentence

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决定 jué dìng

to decide; to determine; to make up one's mind; decision

可爱 kě ài

adorable; cute

渴 kě

thirsty

刻 kè

quarter (hour); moment

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客人 kè rén

visitor; guest

空调 kōng tiáo

air conditioning; air conditioner (including units that have a heating mode)

口 kǒu

mouth; classifier for things with mouths (people, domestic animals, cannons, wells etc)

哭 kū

to cry; to weep

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裤子 kù zi

trousers; pants

筷子 kuài zi

chopsticks

蓝 lán

blue; indigo plant

老 lǎo

prefix used before the surname of a person or a numeral indicating the order of birth of the children in a family or to indicate affection or familiarity; old (of people)

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离开	lí kāi
to depart; to leave	
礼物	lǐ wù
gift; present	
历史	lì shǐ
history	
脸	liǎn
face	
练习	liàn xí
to practice; exercise	

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辆 liàng

classifier for vehicles

聊天 liáo tiān

to chat; to gossip

了解 liǎo jiě

liǎo jiě / 了解

liǎo jiě / 瞭解

to understand; to realize

邻居 lín jū

neighbor

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留学 — liú xué

to study abroad

楼 — lóu

house with more than 1 story; storied building

绿 — lù; lǜ

lù

lǜ

used in names; green

马 — mǎ

horse; horse or cavalry piece in Chinese chess

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马上 mǎ shàng

at once; right away

满意 mǎn yì

satisfied; pleased

帽子 mào zi

hat; cap

米 mǐ

uncooked rice; meter (unit of length)

面包 miàn bāo

bread

明白

míng bai

clear; obvious; unequivocal; sensible; reasonable

拿

ná

ná / 舒

ná / 拏

ná / 拿

old variant of 拿; variant of 拿

奶奶

nǎi nai

(informal) grandma (paternal grandmother); (respectful) mistress of the house

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南

nā; nán

nā

nán

used in 南无; Taiwan pr.

难

nán; nàn

nán

nàn

difficult (to...); problem

难过

nán guò

to feel sad; to feel unwell

年级

nián jí

grade; year (in school, college etc)

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年轻

nián qīng

young

鸟

diǎo; niǎo

diǎo

niǎo

variant of 屌; penis

努力

nǔ lì

to make an effort; to try hard; to strive; hard-working; conscientious

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爬山

pá shān

to go for a hike (esp. in the hills or mountains)

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盘子 — pán zi

tray; plate

胖 — pán; pàng

pán

pàng

healthy; at ease

皮鞋 — pí xié

leather shoes

啤酒 — pí jiǔ

beer (loanword)

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瓶子 píng zi

bottle

其实 qí shí

actually; in fact; really

其他 qí tā

other; (sth or sb) else

奇怪 qí guài

strange; odd

骑

jì; qí

jì

qí

(Tw) saddle horse; mounted soldier

起飞

qǐ fēi

(of an aircraft or rocket) to take off; to lift off; (fig.) (of an enterprise etc) to start to develop rapidly

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起来

qǐ lai; qi lai

qǐ lai

qi lai

to stand up; to get up; also pr.

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清楚

qīng chu

clear; distinct

请假

qǐng jià

to request leave of absence

秋

qiū

qiū / 秋

qiū / 炸

qiū / 鞦

autumn; fall

裙子

qún zi

skirt

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然后 rán hòu

then; after that; afterwards

热情 rè qíng

cordial; enthusiastic

认为 rèn wéi

to believe; to think; to consider; to feel

认真 rèn zhēn

conscientious; earnest

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容易

róng yì

easy; straightforward; likely; liable to; apt to

如果

rú guǒ

if; in case; in the event that

伞

sǎn

sǎn / 傘

sǎn / 繖

umbrella; parasol

上网

shàng wǎng

to go online; to connect to the Internet

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生气 shēng qì

to get angry; to be furious; vitality; liveliness

声音 shēng yīn

sound; voice

世界 shì jiè

world

试 shì

to test; to try

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瘦 shòu

thin; to lose weight

叔叔 shū shu

father's younger brother; paternal uncle; form of address used by children for a male one generation older

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舒服 shū fu

comfortable; feeling well

树 shù

tree; to cultivate

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数学

shù xué

mathematics

刷牙

shuā yá

to brush one's teeth

双

shuāng

shuāng / 双

shuāng / 雙

variant of 双; two

水平

shuǐ píng

horizontal; level; a standard; a level (of ability, development etc)

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司机 sī jī

chauffeur; driver

太阳 tài yang

sun; sunlight; sunshine

特别 tè bié

unusual; special; very; especially; particularly

疼 téng

(it) hurts; sore; to love dearly

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提高 tí gāo

to raise; to increase

体育 tǐ yù

sports; physical education

甜 tián

sweet; (fig.) pleasant; endearing; lovely

条 tiáo

strip; item

同事 tóng shì

colleague; co-worker

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同意 tóng yì

to agree; to consent

头发 tóu fa

hair (on the head)

突然 tū rán

sudden; abrupt; unexpected

图书馆 tú shū guǎn

library

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腿

tuǐ

tuǐ / 腿

tuǐ / 骽

leg; hip bone

完成

wán chéng

to complete; to accomplish

碗

wǎn

wǎn / 凳

wǎn / 椀

wǎn / 盌

wǎn / 碗

variant of 碗; bowl

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万

mò; wàn

mò

wàn

used in 万俟; ten thousand

忘记

wàng jì

to forget

为

wéi; wèi

wéi / 為

wèi / 為

wéi / 爲

wèi / 爲

as (in the capacity of); to take sth as

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为了 wèi le

for; for the purpose of; in order to

位 wèi

position; location

文化 wén huà

culture; civilization

西 xī

west

习惯 xí guàn

habit; custom

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洗手间 xǐ shǒu jiān

toilet; lavatory

洗澡 xǐ zǎo

to bathe; to take a shower

夏 xià

summer

先 xiān

beforehand; first; earlier; at first; originally

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相信

xiāng xìn

to believe; to be convinced; to accept as true

香蕉

xiāng jiāo

banana

向

xiàng

xiàng / 向

xiàng / 嚮

xiàng / 曏

towards; to face

像

xiàng

to resemble; to be like

小心 xiǎo xīn

to be careful; to take care

校长 xiào zhǎng

(college, university) president; headmaster

新闻 xīn wén

news

新鲜 xīn xiān

fresh (experience, food etc); freshness

信用卡 xìn yòng kǎ

credit card

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行李箱 xíng li xiāng

suitcase; baggage compartment

熊猫 xióng māo

panda

需要 xū yào

to need; to want; to demand; to require; needs

选择 xuǎn zé

to select; to pick; choice; option; alternative

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要求 yāo qiú

to request; to require

爷爷 yé ye

(coll.) paternal grandfather; grandpa

一般 yī bān

same; ordinary

一边 yī biān

one side; either side

一定 yī dìng

surely; certainly; definitely; fixed; settled

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一共 yī gòng

in total; altogether

一会儿 yī huì r

a moment; a while

一样 yī yàng

same; like

一直 yī zhí

straight (in a straight line); continuously; always; all the way through

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以前 yǐ qián

before; formerly

音乐 yīn yuè

music

银行 yín háng

bank

饮料 yǐn liào

drink; beverage

应该 yīng gāi

ought to; should; must

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影响 — yǐng xiǎng

influence; effect

用 — yòng

to use; to make use of; to employ; (coverb) with; using

游戏 — yóu xì

game; to play

有名 — yǒu míng

famous; well-known

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又 yòu

(once) again; also

遇到 yù dào

to meet; to run into; to come across

元 yuán

currency unit (esp. Chinese yuan); (bound form) first; original; primary

愿意 yuàn yì

to wish; to want

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月亮 yuè liang

the moon

越 yuè

to exceed; to climb over

站 zhàn

station; to stand

张 zhāng

to open up; to spread

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长

cháng; zhǎng

cháng

zhǎng

long; (bound form) length

着急

zháo jí

to worry; to feel anxious; to feel a sense of urgency; to be in a hurry

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照顾

zhào gu

to take care of; to show consideration

照片

zhào piàn

photograph

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照相机

zhào xiàng jī

camera

只

zhī; zhǐ

zhī / 只

zhǐ / 只

zhǐ / 祇

zhī / 秖

zhǐ / 祇

zhī / 隻

variant of 只; only; merely; just

只有……才……

zhǐyǒu ... cái ...

only if …, then …

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中间

zhōng jiān

the middle; the inside; in the middle; within; between; among

中文

Zhōng wén

Chinese language

终于

zhōng yú

at last; in the end

种

zhǒng; zhòng

zhǒng

zhòng

seed; species

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重要 zhòng yào

important; significant; major

周末 zhōu mò

weekend

主要 zhǔ yào

main; principal; major; primary

注意 zhù yì

to take note of; to pay attention to

自己 zì jǐ

oneself; (attributive) one's own

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自行车 zì xíng chē

bicycle; bike

总是 zǒng shì

always

嘴 zuǐ

mouth; beak

最后 zuì hòu

final; last; ultimate; finally; in the end

最近 zuì jìn

recently; soon

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作业 zuò yè

school assignment; homework

Laowai

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