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爱 ài

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

八 bā

eight

爸爸 bàba

(coll.) father; dad

吧 ba

(modal particle indicating suggestion or surmise);...right?

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白天	báitiān
daytime; during the day	
百	bǎi
hundred; numerous	
半	bàn
half; semi-	
包子	bāozi
baozi; bao (steamed stuffed bun)	
杯子	bēizi
cup; glass	

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本 běn

classifier for books, periodicals, files etc

边 biān

side; edge

病 bìng

illness; disease

不 bù

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

不客气 bú kèqi

you're welcome; don't mention it

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不要 búyào

don't!; must not

菜 cài

vegetable; greens; dish (of food)

茶 chá

tea; tea plant

唱 chàng

to sing; to call loudly

超市 chāoshì

supermarket (abbr. for 超级市场)

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车 chē

car; vehicle

吃 chī

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

出租车 chūzūchē

taxi; (Tw) rental car

穿 chuān

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

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打电话 dǎ diànhuà

to make a telephone call

大 dà

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

大家 dàjiā

everyone; influential family

大学 dàxué

university; college

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大学生 dàxuéshēng

university student; college student

到 dào

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

的 de

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

第 dì

(prefix indicating ordinal number, as in 第六 "sixth"); (literary) grades in which successful candidates in the imperial examinations were placed

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弟弟 dìdi

younger brother

点 diǎn

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

店 diàn

inn; old-style hotel; (bound form) shop; store

电话 diànhuà

telephone; phone call

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电脑	diànnǎo
computer	
电视	diànshì
television; TV	
电影	diànyǐng
movie; film	
电影院	diànyǐngyuàn
cinema; movie theater	
东西	dōngxi
thing; stuff	

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都 dōu

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

读 dú

to read out; to read aloud; to read

读书 dúshū

to read a book; to study

对 duì

right; correct; towards; at; for

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对不起 duìbuqǐ

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

多 duō

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

多少 duōshao

how much?; how many?; (phone number, student ID etc) what number?

儿子 érzi

son

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二 èr

two; 2

饭 fàn

cooked rice; meal

饭店 fàndiàn

restaurant; hotel

房间 fángjiān

room

非常 fēicháng

very; really; unusual; extraordinary

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飞机 fēijī

airplane

分 fēn

to divide; to separate; to distribute; to allocate

分钟 fēnzhōng

minute

高兴 gāoxìng

happy; glad

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歌 gē

song; (bound form) to sing

哥哥 gēge

older brother

个 gè

(classifier used before a noun that has no specific classifier); (bound form) individual

给 gěi

to; for

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公司 gōngsī

company; firm; corporation

工作 gōngzuò

to work; (of a machine) to operate

狗 gǒu

dog

贵 guì

expensive; (bound form) highly valued; precious

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国 guó

country; nation; state; (bound form) national

还 hái

still; still in progress

孩子 háizi

child

汉语 Hànyǔ

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汉字	Hànzì

Chinese character(s)

好	hǎo

good; appropriate; proper

好吃	hǎochī

tasty; delicious

好看	hǎokàn

good-looking; nice-looking; (of a movie, book, TV show etc) good

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好听 hǎotīng

pleasant to hear

好玩儿 hǎowánr

erhua variant of 好玩

号 hào

(literary) to call out; to command; (bound form) bugle; trumpet

喝 hē

to drink; variant of 嚇

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和 hé

(joining two nouns) and; together with; with

很 hěn

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

后 hòu

back; behind; after; later

回 huí

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

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会 huì

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

火车 huǒchē

train

鸡蛋 jīdàn

(chicken) egg; hen's egg

几 jǐ

how many; how much; several; a few

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家 jiā

home; family

家人 jiārén

family member; (old) servant

见 jiàn

to see; to meet

件 jiàn

item; component

饺子 jiǎozi

dumpling; pot-sticker

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叫 jiào

to shout; to call

姐姐 jiějie

older sister

今年 jīnnián

this year

今天 jīntiān

today; the present time; now

九 jiǔ

nine; 9

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觉得 juéde

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

开 kāi

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

开车 kāichē

to drive a car (or train etc); (slang) to post sexual content online; to make a sexual joke

看 kàn

to see; to look at; to read

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看病 kànbìng

to visit a doctor; to see a patient

看见 kànjiàn

to see; to catch sight of

可以 kěyǐ

can; may

课 kè

subject; course

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口 kǒu

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

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 lǎoshī

teacher

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了 le

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

冷 lěng

cold

里 lǐ

interior; inside

两 liǎng

two; both

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零 — líng

zero; nought

六 — liù

six; 6

妈妈 — māma

mama; mommy

吗 — ma

(question particle for "yes-no" questions)

买 — mǎi

to buy; to purchase

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卖 mài

to sell; to betray

忙 máng

busy; hurriedly

猫 māo

cat; (dialect) to hide oneself

没关系 méi guānxi

it doesn't matter

没事 méishì

it's not important; it's nothing

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没有 méiyǒu

haven't; hasn't

妹妹 mèimei

younger sister; young woman

们 men

plural marker for pronouns, and nouns referring to individuals

米饭 mǐfàn

(cooked) rice

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面包 miànbāo

bread

面条儿 miàntiáor

erhua variant of 面条

明年 míngnián

next year

明天 míngtiān

tomorrow

名字 míngzi

name (of a person or thing)

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哪 nǎ

how; which

哪个 nǎge

which; who

哪里 nǎlǐ

where?; somewhere

哪儿 nǎr

where?; wherever; anywhere; somewhere

哪些 nǎxiē

which ones?; who?

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那 nà

(specifier) that; the; those (colloquial pr.); (pronoun) that (referring to persons, things or situations)

那边 nàbiān

over there; yonder

那个 nàge

that one; that thing

那里 nàlǐ

there; that place

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那儿 nàr

there

那些 nàxiē

those

男 nán

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

男朋友 nánpéngyou

boyfriend

呢 — ne

(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

能 — néng

can; to be able to

你 — nǐ

you (informal, as opposed to courteous 您)

你好 — nǐ hǎo

hello; hi

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你们	nǐmen
you (plural)	
年	nián
year	
您	nín
you (courteous, as opposed to informal 你)	
牛奶	niúnǎi
cow's milk	
女	nǚ
female; woman	

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女儿 nǚ’ér

daughter

女朋友 nǚpéngyou

girlfriend

女士 nǚshì

lady; madam

朋友 péngyou

friend

便宜 piányi

cheap; inexpensive; a petty advantage

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漂亮 piàoliang

pretty; beautiful

苹果 píngguǒ

apple

七 qī

seven; 7

起床 qǐchuáng

to get out of bed; to get up

千 qiān

thousand

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前 qián

front; forward

钱 qián

coin; money

请 qǐng

to ask; to invite

请问 qǐngwèn

Excuse me, may I ask...?

去 qù

to go; to go to (a place)

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去年 qùnián

last year

热 rè

to warm up; to heat up

人 rén

person; people

认识 rènshi

to know; to recognize

日 rì

(bound form) sun; day

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三 sān

three; 3

商店 shāngdiàn

store; shop

上 shàng

(bound form) up; upper; above; previous; first (of multiple parts)

上班 shàngbān

to go to work; to be on duty

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上课 shàngkè

to go to class; to attend class

上午 shàngwǔ

morning

上学 shàngxué

to go to school; to attend school

少 shǎo

few; less

谁 shéi/shuí

who; also pr.

什么 shénme

what?; something; anything

生病 shēngbìng

to fall ill

十 shí

ten; 10

时候 shíhou

time; length of time

时间 shíjiān

(concept of) time; (duration of) time

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事 shì

matter; thing

是 shì

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

手机 shǒujī

cell phone; mobile phone

书 shū

book; letter

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书店 shūdiàn

bookstore

水 shuǐ

water; (after a name)... River

水果 shuǐguǒ

fruit

睡 shuì

to sleep; to lie down

睡觉 shuìjiào

to go to bed; to sleep

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说 shuō

to speak; to talk; to say; to explain; to comment

说话 shuōhuà

to speak; to say

四 sì

four; 4

岁 suì

classifier for years (of age); year

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)

它 tā

it

她 tā

she

他们 tāmen

they; them

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它们	tāmen
they; them	
她们	tāmen
they; them (females)	
太	tài
highest; greatest	
天	tiān
day; sky	
天气	tiānqì
weather	

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听 tīng

to listen to; to hear; to heed; to obey

听见 tīngjiàn

to hear

同学 tóngxué

to study at the same school; fellow student

外 wài

outside; in addition

外边 wàibian

outside; outer surface

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玩 wán

to play; to have fun

晚 wǎn

evening; night

晚饭 wǎnfàn

evening meal; dinner

晚上 wǎnshang

evening; night

喂 wèi

hey; to feed (an animal, baby, invalid etc)

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问	wèn
to ask; to inquire	
问题	wèntí
question; problem	
我	wǒ
I; me; my	
我们	wǒmen
we; us; ourselves; our	
五	wǔ
five; 5	

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午饭 wǔfàn

lunch

喜欢 xǐhuan

to like; to be fond of

下 xià

down; downwards

下雨 xià yǔ

to rain

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下班 xiàbān

to finish work; to get off work; next service (train, bus etc)

下课 xiàkè

to finish class; to get out of class

下午 xiàwǔ

afternoon; p.m.

先生 xiānsheng

teacher; gentleman; sir; mister (Mr.)

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现在 xiànzài

now; at present; currently

想 xiǎng

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

小 xiǎo

small; tiny

小朋友 xiǎopéngyǒu

child; kid (used to refer to a child, or by an adult to address a child, or, in Taiwan, to refer to sb's own child)

小时 xiǎoshí

hour

小学 xiǎoxué

elementary school; primary school

小学生 xiǎoxuéshēng

primary school student; schoolchild

些 xiē

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

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写 xiě

to write

谢谢 xièxie

to thank; thanks

新 xīn

new; newly

星期 xīngqī

week; day of the week

星期日 xīngqīrì

Sunday

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星期天	xīngqītiān
Sunday	
休息	xiūxi
rest; to rest	
学	xué
to learn; to study	
学生	xuéshēng
student; schoolchild	
学习	xuéxí
to learn; to study	

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学校 xuéxiào

school

雪 xuě

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

要 yào

to want; to need; to ask for; will; shall; about to

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 yī

one; single

衣服 yīfu

clothes

医生 yīshēng

doctor; medical practitioner

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医院 yīyuàn

hospital

一半 yíbàn

half

一下 yíxià

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

椅子 yǐzi

chair

一点儿 yìdiǎnr

erhua variant of 一点

一些 yìxiē

some; a few; a little; (following an adjective) slightly...er

有 yǒu

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

有的 yǒude

(there are) some (who are...); some (exist)

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有点儿 yǒudiǎnr

slightly; a little

有些 yǒuxiē

some; somewhat; rather; a bit

雨 yǔ

rain

元 yuán

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

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月 yuè

moon; month

再 zài

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

在 zài

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

再见 zàijiàn

goodbye; see you again later

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早	zǎo
early; morning	
早饭	zǎofàn
breakfast	
早上	zǎoshang
early morning	
怎么	zěnme
how?; what?	
怎么样	zěnmeyàng
how?; how about?	

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找 zhǎo

to try to find; to look for

这 zhè

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

这边 zhèbiān

this side; here

这个 zhège

(pronoun) this; (adjective) this

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这里 zhèlǐ

here

这儿 zhèr

here

这些 zhèxiē

these

真 zhēn

really; truly

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正在 zhèngzài

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

只 zhī

classifier for birds and certain animals, one of a pair, some utensils, vessels etc

知道 zhīdào

to know; to become aware of; also pr.

中国 Zhōngguó

China

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中文 Zhōngwén

Chinese language

中午 zhōngwǔ

noon; midday

中学 zhōngxué

middle school

中学生 zhōngxuéshēng

middle-school student; high school student

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住 zhù

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

桌子 zhuōzi

table; desk

字 zì

letter; symbol

昨天 zuótiān

yesterday

坐 zuò

to sit; to take a seat

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做 zuò

to make; to produce; to write; to compose

做饭 zuò fàn

to prepare a meal; to cook

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