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啊 a

modal particle ending sentence, showing affirmation, approval, or consent

爱好 àihào

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

白色 báisè

white; fig. reactionary

班 bān

team; class; grade; (military) squad

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帮

bāng

bāng / 幫

bāng / 韸

bāng / 韸

old variant of 帮; to help

帮忙

bāngmáng

to help; to lend a hand

包

bāo

to cover; to wrap

本子

běnzi

book; notebook

比 bǐ

to compare; (followed by a noun and adjective) more {adj.} than {noun}

笔 bǐ

writing brush; writing implement (pen, pencil etc); brushstroke; stroke (in painting or calligraphy)

别 bié

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

不错 búcuò

correct; right

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不好意思 bù hǎoyìsi

to feel embarrassed; to find it embarrassing

长 cháng

long; (bound form) length

车站 chēzhàn

rail station; bus stop

出 chū

chū / 出

chū / 齣

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

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出国 chūguó

to go abroad; to leave the country

出来 chūlái

to come out; to appear

出门 chūmén

to go out; to leave home

出去 chūqù

to go out

床

chuáng

chuáng / 床

chuáng / 牀

bed; couch (furniture that one can lie down on); bed; bottom (of rivers, oceans, gardens etc)

词

cí

cí / 詞

cí / 詞

old variant of 词; word

次

cì

next in sequence; second

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从

cóng

cóng / 从

cóng / 從

variant of 从; from; through; via

从小

cóngxiǎo

from childhood; from a young age

错

cuò

mistake; wrong

打 dǎ

a semantically light, transitive verb that is combined with various grammatical objects to form compound verbs and verb-object phrases with a diverse range of meanings (e.g. 打伞 "to hold an umbrella", 打电话 "to make a phone call", 打针 "to get an injection", 打手套 "to knit gloves", 打气 "to inflate"); to hit; to strike

打车 dǎchē

to take a taxi (in town); to hitch a lift

打开 dǎkāi

to open; to show (a ticket)

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但 dàn

but; yet; however; still; merely; only; just

但是 dànshì

but; however

得 de

structural particle: used after a verb (or adjective as main verb), linking it to following phrase indicating effect, degree, possibility etc

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地 de

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

等 děng

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

地铁 dìtiě

underground railway; subway; subway train

点 diǎn

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

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懂 dǒng

to understand; to comprehend

动 dòng

(of sth) to move; to set in movement

饭馆 fànguǎn

restaurant

飞 fēi

to fly

高 gāo

high; tall

高中 gāozhōng

senior high school (abbr. for 高级中学)

告诉 gàosu

to tell; to inform; to let know

个子 gèzi

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

跟 gēn

heel; to follow closely

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公交车 gōngjiāochē

public transport vehicle; town bus

过 guò

to cross; to go over

过来 guòlái

to come over; to manage

过年 guònián

to celebrate the Chinese New Year

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过去 guòqù

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

过 guo

(experienced action marker)

还是 háishi

still (as before); had better

黑色 hēisè

black

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红茶

hóngchá

black tea

红色

hóngsè

red (color); revolutionary

后面

hòumiàn

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

花

huā

huā / 花

huā / 苍

huā / 蘐

flower; blossom

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花

huā

huā / 花

huā / 苍

huā / 蘅

flower; blossom

画

huà

to draw; to paint; picture; painting

坏

huài

bad; spoiled

回来

huílái

to return; to come back

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回去 huíqù

to return; to go back

机场 jīchǎng

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

机票 jīpiào

plane ticket; airline ticket

记得 jìde

to remember

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间	jiān
between; among	
教	jiāo
to teach; to instruct	
教室	jiàoshì
classroom	
介绍	jièshào
to introduce (sb to sb); to give a presentation	

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进 jìn

to go forward; to advance

近 jìn

near; close to

进来 jìnlái

to come in

进去 jìnqù

to go in

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经常 jīngcháng

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

酒店 jiǔdiàn

wine shop; pub (public house)

就 jiù

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

咖啡 kāfēi

(loanword) coffee

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开始 kāishǐ

to begin; beginning

开学 kāixué

(of a student) to start school; (of a semester) to begin

考 kǎo

kǎo / 攷

kǎo / 考

to beat; to hit

考试 kǎoshì

to take an exam; exam

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可能 kěnéng

might (happen); possible

裤子 kùzi

trousers; pants

快 kuài

rapid; quick

快乐 kuàilè

happy; joyful

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快要 kuàiyào

nearly at the point of (doing sth); about to (do sth)

篮球 lánqiú

basketball

累 lèi

tired; weary

离 lí

to leave; to part from

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里面

lǐmiàn

lǐ miàn / 裏面

lǐ miàn / 裡面

variant of 里面; inside

楼

lóu

house with more than 1 story; storied building

路

lù

road; journey

路上

lùshang

on the road; on the way; en route

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旅游 lǚyóu

trip; journey

绿茶 lǜchá

green tea; (slang) (of a girl) seemingly innocent and charming but actually calculating and manipulative; a girl who has these qualities

绿色 lǜsè

green

慢 màn

slow

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没意思 méi yìsi

boring; of no interest

每 měi

each; every

门 mén

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

门口 ménkǒu

doorway; gate

门票

ménpiào

ticket (for theater, cinema etc)

面

miàn

miàn / 面

miàn / 麪

miàn / 麵

face; side

名

míng

name; noun (part of speech)

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拿

ná

ná / 舒

ná / 拏

ná / 拿

old variant of 拿; variant of 拿

那么

nàme

nà me / 那麼

nà me / 那麽

like that; in that way; to that extent; (before a number)... or so; about...

那样

nàyàng

that kind; that sort

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奶茶 nǎichá

milk tea

奶奶 nǎinai

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

男孩儿 nánháir

erhua form of 男孩

鸟 niǎo

bird; "bird" radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 196)

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女孩儿 nǚháir

erhua form of 女孩

旁边 pángbiān

side; adjacent place

跑 pǎo

to run; to run away

跑步 pǎobù

to run; to jog

票 piào

ticket; ballot

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妻子

qīzi

wife

起来

qǐlái

qǐ lai

qi lai

to stand up; to get up; also pr.

前面

qiánmiàn

ahead; in front

晴

qíng

clear; fine (weather)

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球

qiú

qiú / 毬

qiú / 球

ball used for playing games (variant of 球); ball

让

ràng

to yield; to permit

肉

ròu

meat; flesh

商场

shāngchǎng

shopping mall; shopping center

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上来 shànglái

to come up; to approach

上面 shàngmiàn

on top of; above-mentioned

上去 shàngqù

to go up

上网 shàngwǎng

to go online; to connect to the Internet

身体 shēntǐ

the body; one's health

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生日 — shēngrì

birthday

时 — shí

shí / 岿

shí / 時

old variant of 时; o'clock

事情 — shìqing

affair; matter; thing; business

手 — shǒu

hand; (formal) to hold

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手表 shǒubiǎo

wristwatch

书包 shūbāo

schoolbag; satchel

舒服 shūfu

comfortable; feeling well

送 sòng

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

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虽然 suīrán

although; even though (often used correlatively with 可是 or 但是 etc)

所以 suǒyǐ

therefore; as a result

疼 téng

(it) hurts; sore; to love dearly

踢 tī

to kick; to play (e.g. soccer)

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题 tí

topic; problem for discussion

条 tiáo

strip; item

跳舞 tiàowǔ

to dance

头 tóu

head; hair style

外国 wàiguó

foreign country

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外面 wàimiàn

outside (also pr. for this sense); surface

完 wán

to finish; to be over

万 wàn

ten thousand; a great number

往 wǎng

wǎng / 往

wǎng / 徃

to go (in a direction); to

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网上 wǎngshang

online

忘 wàng

to forget; to overlook

位 wèi

position; location

为什么 wèi shénme

why?; for what reason?

希望 xīwàng

to hope; a hope; a wish

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洗

xǐ

to wash; to bathe; to develop (photographs)

洗手间

xǐshǒujiān

toilet; lavatory

下来

xiàlái

to come down; (completed action marker)

下面

xiàmiàn

xià miàn / 下面

xià miàn / 下麵

below; under

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下去

xiàqù

to go down; to descend

小孩儿

xiǎoháir

erhua variant of 小孩

小时候

xiǎoshíhou

in one's childhood

笑

xiào

xiào / 咲

xiào / 笑

old variant of 笑; to laugh; to smile

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姓 xìng

family name; surname; to be surnamed...

姓名 xìngmíng

surname and given name; full name

颜色 yánsè

color; countenance

眼睛 yǎnjing

eye

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药

yào

yào / 葯

yào / 藥

leaf of the iris; variant of 药

药店

yàodiàn

pharmacy; drugstore

爷爷

yéye

(coll.) paternal grandfather; grandpa

一会儿

yíhuìr

a moment; a while

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已经 yǐjīng

already

一起 yìqǐ

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

意思 yìsi

idea; opinion

阴 yīn

yīn / 陰

yīn / 陰

overcast (weather); cloudy

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因为

yīnwèi

because; owing to; on account of

游

yóu

yóu / 游

yóu / 遊

to swim; variant of 游

游泳

yóuyǒng

swimming; to swim

有意思

yǒu yìsi

interesting; meaningful

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有时 yǒushí

sometimes; now and then

右 yòu

(bound form) right; right-hand side; (bound form) (politics) right of center

右边 yòubian

right side; right, to the right

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)

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远	yuǎn
far; distant	
运动	yùndòng
to move; to exercise	
站	zhàn
station; to stand	
丈夫	zhàngfu
husband	

这么

zhème

zhè me / 這麼

zhè me / 這麼

so much; this much

这样

zhèyàng

this way; like this; so; (before a noun) this kind of; such

着

zhe

zhe / 着

zhe / 著

variant of 着; aspect particle indicating action in progress or ongoing state

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正 zhèng

straight; upright

周 zhōu

zhōu / 周

zhōu / 週

to make a circuit; to circle

准备 zhǔnbèi

preparation; to prepare

自己 zìjǐ

oneself; (attributive) one's own

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走

zǒu

to walk; to go

走路

zǒulù

to walk; to go on foot; to leave; to depart

足球

zúqiú

soccer; football; a soccer ball; a football

最

zuì

zuì / 寯

zuì / 冣

zuì / 最

variant of 最; old variant of 最

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左 zuǒ

left; the Left (politics)

左边 zuǒbian

left; the left side

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