

HSK Vocabulary Level 2

ā 阿 an initial particle/prefix to names of people
āi 哎 an interjection/hey/lookout/why etc
āi 挨 in order/in sequence/lean to
āiyā 哎呀 Ah/Damn/My God
ālābóyǔ 阿拉伯语 Arabic (language)
ānquán 安全 safe/safety/secure/security
ānwèi 安慰 comfort/console
ānxīn 安心 be relieved/feel at ease/keep one's mind on something/set one's mind at rest
āyí 阿姨 auntie
ěr 耳朵 ear
Guàncè 贯彻 carry out/implement/put into practice
Guómíndǎng 国民党 Kuomintang/nationalist party
Meiyuán 美元 American dollar/U.S. dollar
Píngpāngqiú 乒乓球 ping-pong/table tennis/table tennis ball
Rìyuán 日元 yen
Zhōngcān 中餐 Chinese food/Chinese meat
bāng 帮 gang/group/party/to assist/to help/to support
bāngmáng 帮忙 do a favor/do a good turn/give (lend) a hand/help
bānzǎng 班长 class monitor/squad leader/team leader
bāo 包 bag/bundle/container/package/packet/to contract (to or for)/to cover/to hold/to hold
or embrace/to include/to take charge of/to wrap/wrapper
bāo 包子 steamed stuffed bun
bāokuò 包括 to comprise/to consist of/to include/to incorporate/to involve
běn 本事 ability/original story/skill/source material
běnlǐng 本领 ability/capability/skill
běnlái 本来 at first/it goes without saying/of course/original/originally
běnzhì 本质 essence/innate character/intrinsic quality/nature
bī 逼 close/close in on/compel/drive/extort/force/press for/press on towards/press up to
bīng 兵 a force/an army/arms/military/soldiers/warlike/weapons
bīng 冰 ice
bīnguǎn 宾馆 guesthouse
bō 玻璃 glass/nylon/plastic
bǎn 板 board/plank/plate/slab
bǎngyàng 榜样 example/model
bǎo 保 hold or keep/to defend/to guard/to insure or guarantee/to maintain/to protect
bǎochí 保持 to hold/to keep/to maintain/to preserve
bǎocún 保存 to conserve/to keep/to preserve
bǎoguì 宝贵 precious/set store by/treasure/valuable/value
bǎohù 保护 to defend/to protect/to safeguard

bǎolíu 保留 continue to have/hold back/hold back (approval or acceptance)/maintain/reservations/reserve/retain/to preserve
bǎowèi 保卫 defend/safeguard
bǎozhèng 保证 guarantee
bǐjì 笔记 a type of literature consisting mainly of short sketches/notes/take down (in writing)
bǐlì 比例 proportion/scale
bǐngān 饼干 biscuit/cookie/cracker
bǐrú 比如 for example/for instance/such as
bǔ 捕 to capture/to catch/to catch/to seize
bǔ 补 to fill (a vacancy)/to make up for/to mend/to patch/to repair/to supplement
bǔchōng 补充 additional/supplementary/to complement/to replenish/to supplement
bǔkè 补课 make up a missed lesson
bǔxí 补习 take lessons after school or work
bēi 碑 a monument/an upright stone tablet/stele
bēi 背 to be burdened/to carry on the back or shoulder
bēitòng 悲痛 grieved/sorrowful
běibù 北部 northern part
běifāng 北方 north/the northern part of the country especially the area north of the Yellow River
(Huang-He)
běimiàn 北面 north/northern side
bēi 背 to be burdened/to carry on the back or shoulder
bèi 被子 quilt
bèihòu 背後 at the back/behind/behind somebody's back/in the rear
biān 编
arrange/compile/compose/edit/fabricate/group/organize/plot/weave/write
biāodiǎn 标点 punctuate/punctuation
biāozhǔn 标准 (an official) standard/criterion/norm
biǎn 扁 (surname)/small boat
biǎodá 表达 to convey/to express/to voice (an opinion)
biǎomiàn 表面 appearance/face/outside/surface
biǎomíng 表明 indicate/known/make clear/make known/state clearly/to make clear
biàn 便 convenient/easy/handy/ordinary/plain/so/then/thus/to relieve oneself
biàntiáo 便条 (informal) note
bài 败 be defeated/loss/to defeat
bàndǎotǐ 半导体 semiconductor
bàngōng 办公 handle official business/work (usually in an office)
bàngwǎn 傍晚 at dusk/at night fall/in the evening/towards evening/when night falls
bànlǎ 半拉 half
bànshì 办事 to handle (affairs)/to work
bànyè 半夜 in the middle of the night/midnight
bàodào 报到 check in/register/report for duty

bàodào 报道 report
bàogào 报告 lecture/make known/report/speech/talk/to inform
bào míng 报名 apply/enter one's name/sign up
bàoqiàn 抱歉 be sorry/feel apologetic/regret
bào zhǐ 报纸 newspaper/newsprint
bá 拔 promote/pull out/pull up/select
bái cài 白菜 Chinese cabbage
bái tiān 白天 day/daytime/during the day
báo 薄 mean/slight/thin
bèn 笨 clumsy/foolish/silly/slow-witted/stupid
bì 避 avoid/escape/flee/leave/shun/to hide/to keep away/to leave
bì 闭 obstruct/shut/stop up/to close
bì miǎn 避免 to avert/to avoid/to prevent/to refrain from
bìng 并 (not) at all/also/and/furthermore/simultaneously/to combine/to join/to merge/together with
bìng fáng 病房 sickroom/ward (of a hospital)
bìng jūn 病菌 germs/harmful bacteria/pathogenic bacteria
bìng qiě 并且 and/besides/furthermore/in addition/moreover
bìng rén 病人 sick person
bì rán 必然 certain/in evitable/necessity
bì yào 必要 essential/indispensable/necessary/required
bì yè 毕业 graduation/to finish school/to graduate
bí 鼻子 nose
bó 伯伯 father's elder brother/uncle
bó 脖子 neck
bó mǔ 伯母 (polite form of address for a woman who is about the age of one's mother)/aunt/wife
of father's elder brother
bù 步 a pace/a step/march/stages in a process/walk
bù 部 (a measure word for works of literature/ films/ machines/ etc.)/(a measure word)/board/department/division/ministry/part/section/troops
bù bì 不必 does not have to/need not
bù duàn 不断 constant/continuous/unceasing/uninterrupted
bù duì 部队 armed forces/army/force/troops/unit
bù dà 不大 not often/not too/not very
bù dé bù 不得不 cannot but/can't avoid/can't help it/have no choice or option but to/have to
bù dé liǎo 不得了 desperately serious/disastrous/exceedingly/extremely
bù gǎn dāng 不敢当 I don't deserve it (your praise)/you flatter me
bù guǎn 不管 no matter/no matter (what/ how)/regardless of
bù guò 不过 but/however/merely/no more than/only/only
bù hǎo yì 不好意思)/be ill at ease/feel embarrassed/find it embarrassing (to do sth
bù jīn 不仅 not just/not only/not the only one

bùlùn 不论 no matter (what/ who/ how/ etc.)/regardless of/whether ... or ...
bùmén 部门 branch/department/division/section
bùpíng 不平 grievance/indignant/injustice/resentful/unfairness/wrong
bùrán 不然 if not/no/not so/or else/otherwise
bùshì 不是吗 isn't it
bùxǔ 不许 can't/must not/not allow
bùxìng 不幸 adversity/misfortune/sad/unfortunate/unfortunately
bùxíng 不行 be no good/be out of the question/not be capable/not work/won't do
bùyàojǐn 不要紧 but/it doesn't matter/it looks all right/never mind/not serious/unimportant
bùyídìng 不一定 maybe/not necessarily
bùzhǎng 部长 head of a (government/ etc) department/minister/secretary/section chief/section head
bùzhì 布置 arrange/decorate/fix up
bùzhù 不住 constantly/continuously/repeatedly
búshǎo 不少 not (just) a few
cāi 猜 to guess
cāntīng 餐厅 dining-hall
cōng 聪明 bright/intelligent
cū 粗 coarse/crude/rough/rude/thick/unfinished/vulgar
cǎi 踩 stamp/step upon/tread on
cǎi 采 allotment to a feudal noble
cǎigòu 采购 procurement(NOUN)/to procure(VERB)
cǎiqǔ 采取 to adopt(VERB)
cǎisè 彩色 color/multi-colored
cǎiyòng 采用 to adopt(VERB)
cǎodì 草地 lawn/meadow/sod/turf
cǎoyuán 草原 grassland/prairie
cǐ 此 these/this
cǐwài 此外 besides/furthermore/in addition/moreover
chā 叉子 fork
chā 插 insert/pierce/stick in/to interfere/to interpose/to take part in
chāi 拆 to open/to tear apart/to tear down/to tear open
chāo 抄 to copy/to go/to plagiarize/to search and confiscate/to search and seize/to take a shortcut/to transcribe
chāo 超 overtake/super-/surpass/to cross/to exceed/to pass/transcend/ultrachāoguò
超过 to exceed/to outstrip/to surpass
chāoxiě 抄写 to copy/to transcribe
chējiān 车间 workshop
chēng 称 balanced/suitable/to fit/well-off
chēngzàn 称赞 acclamation(NOUN)/to praise(VERB)
chījīng 吃惊 to be amazed/to be shocked/to be startled

chōng 冲 highway/public road/to charge/to collide/to dash (against)/to
rinse/to rush/to wash
out/to water
chōngfèn 充分 abundant/full
chōngmǎn 充满 brimming with/full of/permeated/very full
chōngzú 充足 abundant/adequate/sufficient
chōuxiàng 抽象 abstract
chū 初 (at the) beginning/at first/basic/first/junior
chūbǎn 出版 to come off the press/to publish/to put out
chūbù 初步 initial/preliminary/tentative
chūjí 初级 junior/primary
chūkǒu 出口 to exit/to export/to go out/to speak
chūnjié 春节 Spring Festival (Chinese New Year)
chūshēng 出生 to be born
chūxí 出席 attend/be present
chūyuàn 出院 to leave hospital
chǎnliàng 产量 output
chǎnpǐn 产品 goods/merchandise/product
chǎnshēng 产生 to bring about/to cause/to come into being/to engender/to
generate/to produce/to
yield
chǎo 吵 noisy/to disturb by making a noise/to make a noise/to quarrel
chǐ 尺 Chinese musical note
chǔ 处 deal with/get along with/to be in/to be in a position of/to dwell/to
live/to
reside/to stay
chǔfèn 处分 disposal
chǔlǐ 处理 to deal with/to handle/to process/to treat
chuǎng 闯 break through/to rush
chuàng 创 a wound/cut/injury/trauma
chuàngzuò 创作 creation/creative work/to create/to produce/to write
chuàngzào 创造 to bring about/to create/to produce
chuán 传 to circulate/to conduct (electricity)/to infect/to pass on/to pass
on/to spread/to
transfer/to transmit
chuánbō 传播 to disseminate/to propagate/to spread
chuántǒng 传统 tradition
chàbùduō 差不多 almost/ nearly
chàdiǎn 差点儿 (adv) almost; just about to
cháng 尝 already/already/ever/flavor/formerly/indicator of past
tense/once/test/to taste
chángqī 长期 long term/long time
chángtú 长途 long distance
chèdǐ 彻底 complete/thorough
chèn 趁 avail oneself of/take advantage of

chènshān 衬衫 blouse/shirt
chèn yī 衬衣 shirt
chéng 乘 make use of/mount/multiply/ride/take advantage of/to avail of/to ride
chéngdù 程度 degree (level or extent)/level
chéngfèn 成分 ingredient
chénggōng 成功 success/to succeed
chéngguǒ 成果 achievement/gain/profit/result
chéngjiù 成就 accomplishment/achievement/attain a result/success
chéngkěn 诚恳 hearty
chénglì 成立 establish/set up
chéngrèn 承认 recognize/to acknowledge/to admit
chéngshí 诚实 honest/honesty/honorable/truthful
chéngshú 成熟 mature/ripe
chéngwéi 成为 to become/to turn into
chéngzhǎng 成长 grow up/mature
chénmò 沉默 silence/uncommunicative
chìbǎng 翅膀 wing
chòu 臭 smelly/stench/stink/to smell (bad)
chóng 虫子 insect/worm
chóng 重 a layer/again/iteration/repetition/to double/to repeat
chóngdié 重叠 overlapping
chóngfù 重复 Repeat (NOUN)/to repeat (VERB)
chónggāo 崇高 majestic/sublime
chóngxīn 重新 again/once more/rechóu
chóu 愁 worry about
chù 处 deal with/get along with/to be in/to be in a position of/to dwell/to live/to
reside/to stay
chú 除 divide/do away with/except/remove/wipe out
chúfáng 厨房 kitchen
cóng2'er2 从而 thereby/thus
cuī 催 expedite/hurry/press/prompt/urge
cuòshī 措施 measure/step (to be taken)
cáiliào 材料 data/makings/material/stuff
cáng 藏 accumulate/store/to conceal/to harbor/to hide away
cè 册 a measure word for books/book/booklet
cèsuǒ 厕所 toilet (NOUN)
cèyàn 测验 test/to test
céng 曾 (refers to something that happened previously)/already/at some time in the
past/before/once
céngjīng 曾经 (refers to something that happened previously)/at one time/once
cì 刺 assassinate/murder/pierce/prick/stab/sting/thorn/thrust
cóngcǐ 从此 thence
cónglái 从来 always/at all times/never (if used in negative sentence)

cóngshì 从事 engage in/go for/to deal with/to do/to handle/undertake
cù 醋 vinegar
cùjìn 促进 boost/to advance/to promote (an idea or cause)
cùn 寸 a unit of length/inch/thumb
cún 存 deposit/exist/keep/store/survive
cúnzài 存在 to be/to exist
dā 搭 build (scaffolding)/hang/join/match/take (boat/take passage/train)
dā 答应 promise/reply
dāi 呆 foolish/no expression/stay/stupid
dān 单 chieftain
dāncí 单词 word
dāndiào 单调 monotonous
dāng 当地 local (ADJT)/locally (ADVB)
dāngnián 当年 in those days (NOUN)
dāngqián 当前 current (NOUN)/current (ADJT)/currently (NOUN)
dāngshí 当时 at that time (OTHR)
dānrèn 担任 hold a governmental office or post
dānwèi 单位 a unit
dānxīn 担心 anxious/to be anxious/to worry/uneasy/worried/worry
dāo 刀子 knife
dēng 登 ascend/climb/go up/mount/note/register/scale/to issue/to publish/to record
dēngjì 登记 to register (one's name)
děngdài 等待 await/wait for
děngyú 等于 amount to/equal to
dī 滴 a drop/to drip
diē 跌 to drop/to fall/to tumble
dīxiá 低下 (adj) low status; lowly
dōngběi 东北 northeast
dōngbù 东部 the east/the eastern part
dōngfāng 东方 Eastern countries/the East
dōngmiàn 东面 east side (of sth.)
dōngnán 东南 southeast
dūn 吨 ton
dūn 蹲 crouch/squat
dǎ 打听 ask about/inquire about
dǎ 打扮 dress up
dǎdǎo 打倒 flatten
dǎng 党 party
dǎng 挡 a cover/cover/hinder/hinder/keep off/obstruct/resist/to block/to get in the way of
dǎngyuán 党员 political party member
dǎo 岛 island
dǎrǎo 打扰 disturb
dǎzhēn 打针 to give or have an injection

dǐng 顶 a measure word (use with "hat")/go against/most/peak/to replace/to substitute/top
dǒng 懂得 to comprehend/to know/to understand
dǔ 堵 stop up
dá2'an4 答案 answer/solution
dān4'gāo1 蛋糕 cake
diàn 店 inn/shop/store
diànbīngxiāng 电冰箱 refrigerator
diànbào 电报 cable/telegram/telegraph
diànfēngshàn 电风扇 electric fan
diànshìtái 电视台 (n) television station
diàntī 电梯 elevator
diàntái 电台 broadcasting station/transmitter-receiver
diànyǐngyuàn 电影院 cinema/movie theater
diào 吊 to hang a person
diào 调 melody/mode (music)/to move (troops)/to transfer/tone/tune
diào 钓 to fish with a hook and bait
diàochá 调查 (opinion) poll/inquiry/investigation/survey/to investigate/to survey
duān 端 end/extremity/item/port/regular/to carry/to hold sth. level with both hands
duī 堆 a mass/a pile/heap/stack
duōshù 多数 majority/most
duǎnqī 短期 short-term
duǒ 朵 M for flowers
duǒ 躲 avoid/get out of way/to go into hiding/to hide
duàn 断 absolutely/break/decidedly (in negative constructions)/to judge
duì 对付 (v) get by with what one has/(v) handle; deal with
duì 队 group/squadron/team
duì 队伍 ranks/troops
duìbǐ 对比 balance/contrast
duìdài 对待 treat/treatment
duìfāng 对方 counterpart/opposite side/other person involved/other side/receiving party
duìhuà 对话 dialog
duìmiàn 对面 opposite
duìxiàng 对象 boyfriend/girlfriend/object/partner/target/target
duìyú 对于 as far as (something) is concerned/regarding/with regards to
duìzhǎng 队长 captain/team leader
duó 夺 rob/snatch
dà 大人 adult/grownup
dàdǎn 大胆 courageous/daring/fearless
dàduōshù 大多数 (great) majority
dàhuǒ 大伙儿 (pron) everyone
dàhuì 大会 general assembly/general meeting

dài 代 age/dynasty/era/generation/geological era/period/replace/substitute
dài 待 delay/stay
dài 袋 a pouch/bag/pocket/sack
dàitì 代替 instead/replace
dàjiē 大街 main street/street
dàliàng 大量 great amount/large quantity/numerous
dàlù 大陆 continent/mainland (esp. of China)/mainland China
dàimi 大米 rice
dàn 但 but/however/merely/only/still/yet
dàn 淡 diluted/fresh/indifferent/insipid/light in
color/nitrogen/tasteless/weak
dàn 蛋 egg/oval shaped
dàng 当 dong (onomat. for bell)
dàngzuò 当做 to treat as(VERB)
dào 倒 bankrupt/to change/to collapse/to fail/to fall/to topple
dàochù 到处 everywhere/in all places
dàodì 到底 finally/in the end/when all is said and done
dàodá 到达 to arrive/to reach
dàodé 道德 moral/morality/virtue
dàolù 道路 path/road/way
dàoqiàn 道歉 to apologize/to make an apology
dàpī 大批 large quantities of
dàshǐguǎn 大使馆 embassy
dàxiǎo 大小 dimension/magnitude/measurement/size
dàxíng 大型 broad scale/large scale/wide scale
dàyi 大衣 cloak/overcoat/topcoat
dàyuē 大约 about/approximately
dá 答 agree/to answer
dádào 达到 to achieve/to attain/to reach
dájǔàn 答卷 answer sheet/completed examination paper
déyǔ 德语 German (language)
dì 递 to give/to hand over/to pass
dìdiǎn 地点 location/place/site
dìdài 地带 zone
dìfāng 地方 area/local/place
dìmiàn 地面 floor/ground/surface
dìng 定 to decide/to determine/to fix/to order/to set
dìng 订 to agree/to conclude/to draw up/to order/to subscribe to (a newspaper/
etc.)
dìqū 地区 area/region
dìqiú 地球 planet/the Earth
dìtú 地图 map
dìwèi 地位 place/position/status
dìxià 地下 subterranean/underground
dìzhǐ 地址 address

díquè 的确 indeed/really
dírén 敌人 enemy
dòng 冻 to freeze
dòng 洞 cave/hole
dòngren 动人 moving/touching
dòngshēn 动身 go on a journey/leave
dòngshǒu 动手 to hit with hands or fists/to start work/to touch
dòngwùyuán 动物园 zoo
dòngyuán 动员 arouse/mobilize
dòngzuò 动作 action/motion/movement
dòu 豆腐 bean curd/tofu
dòu 逗 linger
dòuzhēng 斗争 battle/fight/struggle (with)
dù 度 capacity/degree/standard
dù 渡 to cross/to ferry/to pass through
dù 肚子 abdomen/belly
dùguò 度过 pass/spend
dúlì 独立 to be independent/to stand alone
dúshū 读书 read/study
dúzhě 读者 reader
é 鹅 goose
ér 而 (shows causal relation)/(shows change of state)/(shows contrast)/and/as well as/but
(not)/yet (not)
fābiǎo 发表 to issue/to issue (a statement)/to publish/to put out
fāchū 发出 to issue/to send out
fādǒu 发抖 shiver/shudder/tremble/tremulous
fādá 发达 developed (country/ etc.)/flourishing/to develop
fādòng 发动 to launch/to mobilize/to start
fāhuī 发挥 bring into play/bring to bear/unleash
fāmíng 发明 invention/to invent
fāng 方 direction/just/quadrilateral/square
fāngshì 方式 manner/mode/pattern/style/way (of life)
fāngzhēn 方针 guidelines/policy
fāyán 发言 statement/utterance
fāyáng 发扬 develop/make full use of
fēnbíe 分别 apart/difference/distinction/respectively/separate/separately
fēnfēn 纷纷 in succession/one after another/one by one
fēnfù 吩咐 command/instruct/tell
fēngjǐng 风景 landscape/scenery
fēngjiàn 封建 feudal
fēnglì 风力 wind power/wind-force
fēngsú 风俗 custom
fēnpèi 分配 to allocate/to assign/to distribute
fēnxī 分析 analysis/to analyze

fěnbǐ 粉笔 chalk
fǎ 法律 law
fǎláng 法郎 franc
fǎndòng 反动 reaction/reactionary
fǎnfù 反复 over and over/repeatedly
fǎngzhī 纺织 spinning (thread)
fǎnkàng 反抗 resist/revolt
fǎnyìng 反应 reaction/reply/response
fǎnyìng 反映 reaction/response/to mirror/to reflect
fǎnzhèng 反正 anyhow/anyway/in any case
fǒudìng 否定 negative
fǒuzé 否则 else/if not/or else/otherwise
fāng'àn 方案 plan/program (for action/ etc)/proposal/proposed bill
fēi 肺 lung
fèi 费 (surname)/expenses/fee/to cost/to spend/wasteful
fèiyòng 费用 cost/expenditure/expense
féi 肥 fat/fertile/loose-fitting
fàn 犯 to offend/to violate
fàngdà 放大 enlarge
fàngqì 放弃 to abandon/to give up/to renounce
fàngxīn 放心 to be at ease/to rest/to set one's mind at rest
fànwei 范围 limit/range/scope/scope
fán 凡 all/every/ordinary/whatever/worldly
fáng 房子 house
fáng 防 to defend/to guard (against)/to protect
fángzhǐ 防止 to guard against/to prevent/to take precautions
fánróng 繁荣 booming (economy)/prosperous
fèn 份 (a measure word for gifts/ copies of a newspaper)/(a measure word)/copy (of newspaper/ magazine/ etc.)/part/portion/share
fèndòu 奋斗 strive/struggle
fènnù 愤怒 angry/indignant
féng 逢 every time/meet by chance
fù 付 pay
fù 副 (measure word for a pair)/assistant/auxiliary/deputy/secondary/vicēfū
fù 富 rich
fùshí 副食 non-staple food
fùshù 复述 repeat/retell
fùyìn 复印 to duplicate (printed matter)
fú 幅 (measure word for textile or picture)/roll/width
fú 扶 to help/to help sb. up/to support with hand
fú 浮 to float
fúcóng 服从 obey (an order)

fúhé 符合 in accordance with/in keeping with/manage/to agree with/to be in line with/to
correspond with/to handle
gān 干 dry
gān 杆 pole
gān 肝 liver
gānbēi 干杯 cheers/here's to/to drink a toast/to propose a toast
gāncuì 干脆 clear-cut/straightforward
gāndù 高度 height/height/high degree/highly/highness/very
gāng 钢 steel
gāngāng 刚刚 just a moment ago/just recently
gānzào 干燥 arid/dry/dull
gāodù 高大 lofty/tall
gāoyuán 高原 plateau
gē 割 cut off
gē 搁 to place
gē 胳膊 (n) arm
gēnběn 根本 (not) at all/basic/fundamental/root/simply
gēnjù 根据 according to/based on/basis/foundation
gēnqián 跟前 front/in front (of)
gōng 供 offer (information etc.)/supply
gōng 功夫 art/effort/kung fu/labor/skill
gōng 工夫 effort/labor/work
gōngchéng 工程 an engineering project/engineering/project/undertaking
gōngchéngshī 工程师 engineer
gōngfèi 公费 at public expense
gōnggòng 公共 common (use)/public
gōnghuì 工会 union
gōngjǐ 供给 furnish/provide/supply
gōngjù 工具 instrument/means/tool/utensil
gōngkāi 公开 public
gōnglù 公路 public road
gōngsī 公司 (business) company/company/corporation/firm/incorporated
gōngyìpǐn 工艺品 handicraft article/handicraft
gōngyòngdiànhuà 公用电话 public phone
gōngzī 工资 pay/wages
gū 姑姑 (n) paternal aunt
gūjì 估计 estimate/reckon
gǎigé 改革 to reform
gǎijìn 改进 to improve/to make better
gǎishàn 改善 to improve/to make better
gǎizhèng 改正 correction/to amend/to correct/to put right
gǎizào 改造 to alter/to change/to transform
gǎn 赶 catch up/drive away/hurry
gǎndòng 感动 moving/to move (sb)/to touch

gǎng 港 harbor
gǎnjī 感激 appreciate
gǎnjīn 赶紧 hurriedly
gǎnjué 感觉 feeling/perception/sense/to become aware of/to feel
gǎnkuài 赶快 at once/immediately
gǎnqíng 感情 affection/emotion/feeling/sensation
gǎnxiǎng 感想 impressions/reflections/thoughts
gǎnxìngqù 感兴趣 be interested
gǒnggù 巩固 consolidate
gǒu 狗 dog
gǔ 古 ancient/old
gǔ 骨头 bone/man of character
gǔ 鼓 convex/drum/to beat/to rouse
gǔdài 古代 ancient times/olden times
gǔlǎo 古老 age-old/ancient/old
gǔlì 鼓励 to encourage
gǔn 滚 to boil/to roll
gǔwǔ 鼓舞 boost (morale)/heartening (news)
gǔzhǎng 鼓掌 to applaud
guān 官 government/official
guānchá 观察 to examine/to observe/to survey/to watch
guāndiǎn 观点 point of view/standpoint/viewpoint
guāng 光 bright/light/ray
guānghuī 光辉 radiance
guāngmíng 光明 bright (future)/promising
guāngróng 光荣 honor and glory
guāngxiàn 光线 optical line(NOUN)
guānjiàn 关键 crucial/key/pivotal
guānyú 关于 about/concerning/pertaining to/regarding/with regards to
guānzhào 关照 care/concern/to keep an eye on/to look after
guānzhòng 观众 spectators
guī 规律 discipline
guīdìng 规定 provision/to fix/to formulate/to provide/to set/to stipulate
guīmó 规模 extent/scale/scope
guō 锅 boiler/pan/pot
guǎi 拐 kidnap/to turn
guǎn 管 pipe/to be in charge of/to control/to look after/to manage/to run/to take care
(of)/tube
guǎngchǎng 广场 a public square (e.g. Tiananmen Square)
guǎngdà 广大 extensive/vast
guǎngfàn 广泛 extensive/wide range
guǎnggào 广告 to advertise
guǎngkuò 广阔 vast/wide
guǐ 鬼 crafty/ghost/sly

guǒrán 果然 as expected/really/sure enough
guàhào 挂号 to register (a letter/ etc.)
guài 怪 queer/to blame
guǎn 罐头 can/tin
guàng 逛 to stroll/to visit
guànjūn 冠军 champion
guì 跪 kneel
guòchéng 过程 course of events/process
guònián 过年 celebrate the New Year
guójì 国际 international
guówáng 国王 king
gài 盖 canopy/cover/lid/to build/top
gàikuò 概括 briefly/generalize/summarize
gàiniàn 概念 concept/idea
gānhuó 干活儿 (v) do manual work
gào 告 to inform/to say/to tell
gàobíe 告别 to bid farewell to/to leave/to say good-bye to
gè 个子 build/height/size/stature
gèbié 个别 individual/respective/respectively
gèngjiā 更加 even more/more (than sth else)
gèrén 个人 individual/oneself/personal
gètǐ 个体 individual
gé 隔 to cut off/to divide/to separate/to stand or lie between
gébi 隔壁 next door
gémìng 革命 (political) revolution
gòng 共 all together/common/general/in while/to share/together
gòngchǎndǎng 共产党 Communist party
gòngtóng 共同 collaborative/common/joint/jointly/together
gòngxiàn 贡献 contribution/to contribute/to dedicate/to devote
gòuchéng 构成 to compose/to constitute/to form/to make up
gòuzào 构造 composition/structure
gù 顾 look after/take into consideration/to attend to
gùkè 顾客 client/customer
gùxiāng 故乡 home/homeland/native place
gùyì 故意 deliberately/on purpose
hēng 哼 hum
hū 呼 to breath out/to call/to cry/to exhale/to shout
hūnmí 昏迷 to be in a coma/to lose consciousness
hūnyīn 婚姻 marriage/matrimony/wedding
hūxī 呼吸 breathe
hǎiguān 海关 customs (i.e./ border crossing inspection)
hǎiyáng 海洋 ocean
hǎojiǔ 好久 quite a while
hǎoróngyì 好容易 have a hard time/with great difficulty
hǎotīng 好听 pleasant to hear

hǎowán 好玩儿 (adj) interesting; delightful
hǎoxie 好些 a good deal of/quite a lot
heī 嘿 hey
hei1'an4 黑暗 dark/darkly/darkness
huāng 慌 nervous
huānsòng 欢送 see off/send off
huāyuán 花园 garden
huī 挥 scatter/wield/wipe away
huī 灰 ash/gray
huìfù 恢复 to recover/to regain/to reinstate/to restore/to resume
huǒ 伙食 (n) food or meal served at a mess hall
huǒ 火 fire
huǒchái 火柴 match
huà 划 to row
huà 化 -ization/to ... -ize/to change into/to make into/to transform
huài 坏处 (n) harm; troubles
huá 划 to row
huá 滑 comical
huábīng 滑冰 skating/to skate
huán 环 bracelet/loop/ring (not for finger)/to loop/to surround
huáng 黄瓜 cucumber
huángdì 皇帝 emperor
huángyóu 黄油 butter
huánjìng 环境 circumstances/environment/surroundings
huìchǎng 会场 meeting place/place where people gather
huìjiàn 会见 to meet with (someone who is paying a visit)
huìkè 会客 receive a visitor
huìtán 会谈 discussions/talks
huìyì 会议 conference/meeting
huítóu 回头 turn round
huíxìn 回信 reply/write back
huíyì 回忆 recall/recollect
huò 或 maybe/might/or/perhaps/possibly
huò 货 commodity/goods/money
huòdé 获得 to get/to obtain/to receive
huó 活泼 active/brisk/lively/vivacious
huóyuè 活跃 active/vigorous
hài 害 calamity/evil/harm/to cause trouble to/to do harm to
hài 坏处 (n) harm
hàipà 害怕 to be afraid/to be scared
hàn 汗 perspiration/sweat
hào 好 good/well
hàomǎ 号码 number
hàozhào 号召 appeal/call
hán 含 to contain/to keep

háng 行 a row/profession/professional
hángkōng 航空 aviation
hánlěng 寒冷 cold (climate)/frigid/very cold
háobù 毫不 hardly/not at all/not in the least
háowú 毫无 without
hèn 恨 to hate
hé 合 one-tenth of a peck
hé 合同 (business) contract
hé 盒 case/small box
héli 合理 rationale/reasonable
héping 和平 peace
hézuò 合作 cooperation/to collaborate/to cooperate/to work together
hòu 厚 generous/thick (for flat things)
hòu 後面 back/behind/rear
hòuhuǐ 後悔 regret/repent
hòulái 後來 afterwards/after
hòunián 後年 the year after next
hòutiān 後天 day after tomorrow/post-natal
hóngchá 紅茶 black tea
hóngqí 紅旗 red flag
hóu 猴子 monkey
hù 戶 a household/door/family
hù 护士 nurse
hùn 混 confused/dirty/mix
hùzhào 護照 passport
hú 壺 (a measure word)/pot
hú 糊塗 muddled/silly
hú 胡子 beard(NOUN)
húluàn 胡亂 carelessly/recklessly
jīchuáng 機床 machine tool
jīdòng 激動 exciting/to agitate/to excite
jiē 結實 (adj) strong; rugged; sturdy
jiēchù 接觸 contact/to be in touch with/to contact
jiēduàn 階段 section/stage
jiēdài 接待 admit (entry to)/receive (a visit)
jiēdào 接到 receive (letter etc.)
jiēdào 街道 street
jiējiàn 接見 grant an interview to/receive sb.
jiējìn 接近 close to/near
jiējí 階級 (social) class
jiēshòu 接受 to accept/to receive
jīguān 機
jiēshòu 接受 to accept/to receive
jīguān 機關 mechanism/organ
jīhū 幾乎 almost/nearly/practically

jījí 积极 active(ADJT)/actively(ADVB)
jījíxìng 积极性 activeness(NOUN)
jīlěi 积累 accumulate
jīliè 激烈 acute/fierce/intense
jīn 金 gold/metal/money
jīng 经 classics/pass through/sacred book/scripture/to undergo
jīngjù 京剧 Beijing opera
jīnglǐ 经理 director/manager
jīnglì 精力 energy
jīnglì 经历 experience/go through
jīnhòu 今後 from now on/henceforth/in the future
jīnshǔ 金属 metal
jiūjìng 究竟 actually/after all (when all is said and done)/outcome/result
jiūzhèng 纠正 to correct/to make right
jīxiè 机械 machine/mechanical
jūn 军 arms/army/military
jūnduì 军队 army troops
jūnshì 军事 military/military affairs/military matters
jiě 解 to break up/to divide/to emancipate/to explain/to loosen/to separate/to untie
jiědá 解答 answer/explanation
jiěfàng 解放 liberation/to liberate
jiěshì 解释 explanation/to explain/to interpret/to resolve
jīn 仅 barely/merely/only
jǐng 井 warn/well
jīngchá 警察 police/policeman/policewoman
jǐnguǎn 尽管 although/despite/even though/in spite of
jǐnjīn 仅仅 barely/merely/only/only (this and nothing more)
jǔxíng 举行 to hold (a meeting/ ceremony/ etc.)
jiā 夹 clip/folder/hold between/to place in between/to press from both sides
jiā 家具 furniture
jiāgōng 加工 processing/to process/working (of machinery)
jiān 尖 point (of needle)/pointed/sharp/shrewd
jiān 肩 shoulder
jiāndìng 坚定 firm/staunch/steady
jiāng 将 (will/ shall/ "future tense")/prepared/ready/to get/to use
jiāngyào 将要 be going to/shall/will
jiānjué 坚决 determined/firm/resolute
jiānjù 艰巨 very difficult (task)
jiānkǔ 艰苦 arduous/difficult/hard
jiānqiáng 坚强 staunch/strong
jiānrui 尖锐 intense/penetrating/pointed/sharp
jiāohuàn 交换 to exchange/to swap/to switch (telecom)
jiāojiàn 交际 communication/social intercourse
jiāoliú 交流 exchange/give-and-take/to alternate/to exchange

jiāoqū 郊区 outskirts/suburban district/suburbs
jiāotōng 交通 (automobile) traffic/communication
jiāqiáng 加强 to increase/to reinforce/to strengthen
jiāxiāng 家乡 hometown/native place
jiāyǐ 加以 in addition
jiǎ 假 artificial/fake/false/if/suppose/to borrow
jiǎn 减 to decrease/to diminish/to lower/to reduce/to subtract
jiǎn 剪 cut with scissors/scissors
jiǎn 拣 choose/pick up
jiǎn 捡 collect/gather/pick up
jiǎng 奖 prize(NOUN)
jiǎnghuà 讲话 a speech/to address/to speak/to talk
jiǎngxuéjīn 奖学金 scholarship(NOUN)
jiǎngzuò 讲座 a course of lectures
jiǎnqīng 减轻 alleviate/ease/lighten
jiǎnshǎo 减少 to decrease/to lessen/to lower/to reduce
jiāo1'ao4 骄傲 arrogant/conceited/full of oneself
jīng4'ai4 敬爱 respect and love
jià 架 frame/framework/rack/to support
jiàgé 价格 price
jiàn 建 to build/to construct/to establish/to found/to set up
jiàn 箭 arrow
jiàng 降 to come down/to descend/to drop/to fall
jiàngdī 降低 to bring down/to lower/to reduce
jiàngyóu 酱油 soy sauce
jiànjiàn 渐渐 gradually
jiànlì 建立 build/construction/creation/establish/set up/set up
jiànyì 建议 proposal/recommendation/suggestion/to propose/to recommend/to suggest
jiànzhù 建筑 building/construct
jiào 教训 (teach someone or learn a) lesson (i.e. obtain wisdom from an experience)
jiào 较 clear/compare/distinct
jiàocái 教材 teaching material
jiàoshī 教师 teacher
jiàoshòu 教授 university professor
jiàoxué 教学 education/teacher and student
jiàoyuán 教员 instructor/teacher
jiàozuò 叫做 be called/be known as
jiàtiáo 假条 application for leave/leave permit
jiàzhí 价值 value/worth
juǎn 卷 to carry on/to roll (up)/to sweep up
jué 决 breach (a dyke)/to decide/to determine
juéduì 绝对 absolute/absolutely
juéwù 觉悟 awareness/consciousness

juéxīn 决心 determination/determined/firm and resolute/resolution/to make up one's mind
jì 既 already/both... (and...)/since
jì 纪律 discipline
jì 记得 to remember
jiē 届 arrive at (place or time)/period/to become due
jìjié 季节 period/season/time
jìlù 记录 record
jìn 劲 strength
jìn 尽 to the utmost
jìnbù 进步 progress
jìng 镜子 mirror
jìng 静 calm/not moving/quiet/still
jìngōng 进攻 attack (militarily)
jìnglǐ 敬礼 salute
jìngsài 竞赛 race
jìnhuà 进化 evolution
jìniàn 纪念 to commemorate/to remember
jìnkǒu 进口 import
jìnlìàng 尽量 as much as possible/to the greatest extent
jìnlái 近来 lately/recently
jìnrù 进入 to enter/to go into/to join
jìnxīu 进修 additional studies/advanced studies
jìnyībù 进一步 (one step) further/further (onwards)/to move forward a single step
jìnzhǐ 禁止 to prohibit
jìrán 既然 as/since/this being the case
jìshùyuán 技术员 technician
jìsuàn 计算 to calculate/to compute/to count
jiù 救 to assist/to rescue/to save
jiùshì 就是 (emphasizes that something is precisely or exactly what is stated)/even/exactly/if/in the same way as/just like/precisely
jìyì 记忆 memories/memory/remember
jìzhě 记者 journalist/reporter
jí 即 namely/right away/to approach/to draw near
jí 极 extremely(NOUN)
jí 级 grade/level/rank/step
jí 集 collected works/to collect/to gather
jiégòu 结构 architecture/composition/makeup/structure
jiéhūn 结婚 to get married/to marry
jiéhé 结合 to combine/to integrate/to link
jiēlùn 结论 (reach a) conclusion/verdict
jiéshěng 节省 saving
jiéyuē 节约 frugal/save
jígé 及格 to pass a test

jímáng 急忙 hastily
jíqí 及其 and/as well as
jíqí 极其 exceedingly(NOUN)
jíshí 及时 in time/promptly/timely/without delay
jíti 集体 collective
jízhōng 集中 centralized/concentrated/to centralize/to concentrate/to focus/to put together
jùbèi 具备 be able to fulfill (conditions or requirements)/be equipped with/have/possess
jùchǎng 剧场 theater
jùdà 巨大 enormous/gigantic/huge/immense/tremendous/very large
jùjué 拒绝 to decline/to refuse/to reject
jùlèbù 俱乐部 club (i.e. a group or organization)
jùlí 距离 distance/to be apart
jùshuō 据说 it is said that/reportedly
jùtǐ 具体 concrete/definite/specific
jùyǒu 具有 have/possess
júzhǎng 局长 the chief of a bureau
kāifàng 开放 lift (restrictions)/open/to lift a ban/to make open to the public
kāihuì 开会 be at a meeting/have a meeting/to hold or attend a meeting
kāikè 开课 give a course/school begins/teach a subject
kāimíng 开明 enlightened/enlightenment/open-minded
kāipì 开辟 open up/start
kāiyǎn 开演 (of a play/ movie/ etc.) to begin
kāizhǎn 开展 (begin to) develop/to launch/to open/to start/unfold
kē 科 branch/branch of medicine/division/family/field/subject
kē 颗 (measure word for small spheres)
kēxuéjiā 科学家 scientist
kēxuéyuàn 科学院 academy of sciences
kēyán 科研 (scientific) research
kēzhǎng 科长 section chief
kě 可 (particle used for emphasis)/able to/can/certain(ly)/may/to suit
kěkào 可靠 reliable
kělián 可怜 pitiful
kěn 肯 to agree/to be ready (to do sth)/to consent/willing
kěndìng 肯定 affirmative/certain/definite/sure/to affirm/to be certain/to be sure/to confirm
kěpà 可怕
awful /dreadful /fearful /formidable/frightful /hideous/horrible/terrible/terribly
kōng 空 air/empty/in vain/sky
kōngjiān 空间 space
kōngqián 空前 unprecedented
kōngzhōng 空中 in the air/in the sky
kǎn 砍 to chop
kǎo 烤 bake/to broil/to roast

kǎo 考 to check/to examine/to test/to verify
kǎo 考虑 consideration/to consider/to think over
kǒng 孔 (surname)/hole
kǒngpà 恐怕 (I'm) afraid (that)/I think/perhaps
kǒudài 口袋 pocket
kǒuhào 口号 catchphrase/slogan
kǔn 捆 a bunch/bundle/tie together
kě'ài 可爱 amiable/cute/lovely
kuān 宽 broad/lenient/wide
kuǎn 款 funds/paragraph/section
kuà 跨 step across/step astride
kuài 筷子 chopsticks
kuàilè 快乐 happy/merry
kuàng 矿 mine/ore
kuòdà 扩大 to enlarge/to expand
kàn 看来 apparently/it appears/it seems/it seems that
kànbuqǐ 看不起 despise/look down upon
kànfǎ 看法 opinion/view/way of looking at a thing
kànyàng 看样子 it looks as if/it seems
kào 靠 against/by/depend upon/lean on/near/to support
káng 扛 lift overhead with both hands
kè 客人 guest
kèchéng 课程 class/course
kèfú 克服 (try to) overcome (hardships/ etc)/to conquer/to endure/to put up with
kèkǔ 刻苦 assiduous/hardworking
kòng 空儿 free time/spare time
kòngzhì 控制 to (have) control (over)/to contain
kòu 扣 10 percent/button/detain
kù 裤子 pants/trousers
kùn 困 distress/doze off/sleepy
lājī 垃圾 (n) trash
lāo 捞 fish up
lǎn 懒 lazy
lǎngdú 朗读 read aloud/read loudly and clearly
lǎo 老实 credulousness(NOUN)
lǎo 老是 always
lǎobǎixìng 老百姓 ordinary people/the "person in the street"
lǎobǎn 老板 boss/business proprietor
lǎodà 老大爷 grandpa/uncle
lǎodàmā 老大妈 "Madam" (affectionate term for an elderly woman)
lǎodàniáng 老大娘 aunty/granny
lǎohǔ 老虎 tiger
lǎorén 老人 old people/the aged
lǎotóu 老头儿 (n) old n (often not polite)

lǐbàitiān 礼拜天 Sunday
lǐfà 理发 airdressing(NOUN)
lǐjiě 理解 comprehension/to comprehend/to understand/understanding
lǐlùn 理论 theory
lǐmiàn 里面 inside(NOUN)
lǐmào 礼貌 courtesy/manners
lǐng 领 collar/neck/to lead/to receive
lǐngxìu 领袖 leader
lǐtáng 礼堂 assembly hall/auditorium
lǐxiǎng 理想 ideal
lǐyóu 理由 ground(s)/justification/reason
lèi 类 category/class/kind/like/similar/to resemble/type
léi 雷 (surname)/thunder
liǎobuqǐ 了不起 amazing/extraordinary/terrific
liàn'ài 恋爱 love/to be in love/to have a love affair/to love
liàn 练 to drill/to perfect (one's skill)/to practice/to train
lián 连 (surname)/as/even/join/successively/to link
liáng 凉 cold/cool
liáng 粮食 cereals/foodstuffs
liáng 量 to measure
liánghǎo 良好 favorable/fine/good/well
liánhuān 联欢 have a get-together
liánhé 联合 alliance/to combine/to join/unite
liánmáng 连忙 at once/promptly
liánxù 连续 continuous/in a row
liáo 聊 to chat/to have a chat/to kill time
liáotiān 聊天 chat(NOUN)/to chat(VERB)
luò 落 leave behind
luòhòu 落后 backward/fall behind/lag (technologically/ etc.)
luó 萝卜 radish
lǚguǎn 旅馆 hotel
lǚkè 旅客 traveler
lǚtú 旅途 journey/trip
lǜ 略 outline/plan/rather/slightly/strategy/summary/to plunder/to rob/to summarize
làn 烂 overcooked/rotten/soft
làng 浪 breaker/dissipated/unrestrained/wave
làngfèi 浪费 to squander/to waste
lái bu jí 来不及 it's too late (to do sth.)/there's not enough time (to do sth.)
lái de jí 来得及 be able to do sth. in time/there's still time
lái xìn 来信 incoming letter/send a letter here
lái zì 来自 to come from (a place)
lán 拦 cut off/hinder
láng 狼 wolf
lèguān 乐观 hopeful/optimistic

lì 例 case/example/instance/precedent/rule
lì 例子 (for) instance/case/example
lì 力 force/power/strength
lì 力气 strength
lì 力量 force/power/strength
lì 厉害 fearfulness(NOUN)
lì 立 set up/to stand
lì 粒 a grain/a granule
lìchǎng 立场 position/standpoint
liè 列 file/row/series/to arrange/to line up
lìfāng 立方 cube
lìjí 立即 immediately
lìng 另 another/other/separate/separately
lìngwài 另外 additional/besides/furthermore/in addition/moreover/other/separate
lìsuǒnéngjí 力所能及 (saying) that which is in one's power to do
lìyì 利益 (in someone's) interest/benefit
lí 梨 pear
líhūn 离婚 to be divorced from (one's wife or husband)/to divorce
lími 厘米 centimeter
lín 临 just before/to arrive/to be (just) about to/to face/to overlook
líng 铃 (small) bell
líng huó 灵活 agile/flexible/nimble
língqián 零钱 change (said of money)
línjū 邻居 neighbor
línshí 临时 interim/temporary
líulì 流利 fluent
lòu 漏 funnel/to divulge/to leak/to let out
lòu 露 dew/to expose/to reveal/to show
lóng 龙 dragon/imperial/Long (a surname)
lóutī 楼梯 stair/staircase
lù 录 to copy/to hit/to record
lù 路上 (n) road surface/(n) while on a journey
lùnwén 论文 paper/thesis/treatise
lùxiàn 路线 route(NOUN)
lùxiàng 录像 video tape
lùxù 陆续 bit by bit/in turn/one after the other/successively
lùyīnjī 录音机 (tape) recording machine/tape recorder
lúnchuán 轮船 steamship
māo 猫 cat/pussy
mō 摸 feel with the hand/to feel (one's pulse)/to grope/to stroke/to touch
mǎ 码头 dock/pier/wharf
mǎ 马虎 (adj) careless; not serious
mǎimài 买卖 business dealings/buying and selling/transactions
mǎkè 马克 mark

mǎlù 马路 road/street
mǎnzú 满足 to meet (the needs of)/to satisfy
mǒu 某 (a) certain/(used before measure word and noun) some/so and so
mǔ 亩 6 acre (M)/about 1
mǔ 母 female/mother
měi 美 America/beautiful
měihǎo 美好 fine/happy/OK
měilì 美丽 beautiful
měishù 美术 art/the fine arts
méi 煤 coal
méicuò 没错 can't go wrong/I'm quite sure./You can rest assured.
méiqì 煤气 coal gas/gas
méishén 没什么 (idiom) never mind; it's nothing/(idiom) nothing
méishì 没事儿 (idiom) never mind; it's nothing/(idiom) to be free from work
méiyòng 没用 useless
miǎo 秒 (a measure word)/second
miàn 面 aspect/face/fade/flour/noodles/side/surface/top
miàn 面积 area
miànmào 面貌 appearance/face/features
miànqián 面前 facing/in front of/presence
miào 妙 clever/wonderful
miào 庙 monastery/temple
mián 棉花 cotton
miányī 棉衣 cotton-padded clothes
miáoxiě 描写 to depict/to describe/to portray
mà 骂 abuse/scold
mài 迈 take a step
mào 冒 bold/brave/to cover
màoyì 贸易 (commercial) trade
mái 埋 bury
mán 馒头 steamed bread/steamed bun/steamed roll
máo 毛病 defect/fault/shortcomings
máodùn 矛盾 contradiction/contradictory
máojīn 毛巾 towel
mèng 梦 to dream
mì 密 close/confidential/dense/secret/thick
miè 灭 extinguish
mìfēng 蜜蜂 bee/honeybee
mìmì 秘密 secret
mìnglìng 命令 (an) order or command
mìngyùn 命运 destiny/fate
mìqīe 密切 close/familiar/frequent/intimate
míng 名 (measure word for persons)/name/place (e.g. among winners)
míngliàng 明亮 brightness
míngquè 明确 clear/clear-cut/definite/make clear

míngshèng 名胜 a place famous for its scenery or historical relics/scenic spot
míngxiǎn 明显 clear/distinct/obvious
mínzhǔ 民主 democracy
mòshuǐ 墨水 ink
mó 磨 hardship/to delay/to grind/to rub/to sharpen
mófǎng 模仿 to copy/to imitate
mù 木 tree/wood
mù 木头 log/timber/wood
mù 目的 aim/goal/objective/purpose/target
mùbiāo 目标 goal/objective/target
múyàng 模样 appearance
nǎ 哪个 which/who
nǎi 奶奶 (informal) father's mother; paternal grandmother
nǎo 脑子 brains/mind
nǎo 脑袋 (n) person's head/(n) mental capability; brains
nǎpà 哪怕 even/even if/even though/no matter how
nǎxiē 哪些 what/which/who
niǔ 扭 to grab/to turn/to twist/to wring
nèibù 内部 inside (part/ section)/interior/internal
niǎo 鸟 bird
niándài 年代 a decade of a century (e.g. the Sixties)/age/era/period
niánlíng 年龄 (a person's) age
niánqīng 年青 youthful
nuǎn 暖 warm
nuǎnqì 暖气 heater
nǚrén 女人 woman
nǚshì 女士 lady/madam
nàbiān 那边 yonder
nàixīn 耐心 patient (adjective)
nàiyòng 耐用 durable
nào 闹 make noise or disturbance
nánbù 南部 southern part
nándào 难道 could it be that...?/don't tell me ...
nánfāng 南方 south/the South/the southern part of the country
nánguò 难过 be grieved/feel sorry
nánkàn 难看 ugly/unsightly
nánmiàn 南面 south/south side
nánrén 男人 a male/a man/men
nánshòu 难受 feel unwell/suffer pain
nénggàn 能干 capable(NOUN)
nénglì 能力 ability/able/capability/capable
néngyuán 能源 energy/power source
ní 泥 mud
nòng 弄 alley/lane
nóng 浓 concentrated/dense

pēn 喷 to puff/to spout/to spray/to spurt
pěng 捧 hold or offer with both hands
pī 批 (measure word for batches/ lots)/to act on/to ascertain/to criticize/to pass on
pī 披 scatter/separate/to open/to spread out/to unroll
pīnmìng 拼命 to be ready to risk one's life (in fighting/ work/ etc.)
pīpàn 批判 criticize
pīzhǔn 批准 to approve/to ratify
pō 坡 slope
pū 扑 to rush at/to throw oneself on
pū 铺 to spread
pǐ 匹 mate/one of a pair
pǐnzhǒng 品种 breed/variety
pǔbiàn 普遍 commonplace/general/universal/widespread
pǔsù 朴素 (adj) plain and simple; unadorned/(adj) simple living; not frivolous
pǔtōng 普通 average/common/general/ordinary
pèihé 配合 act in concert with/coordinate with
péi 赔 lose in trade/pay damage
péi 陪 to accompany/to keep sb. company
piān 偏 inclined to one side/one-sided/prejudiced/to lean/to slant
piāo 飘 to float
píng'ān 平安 safe and sound/well/without mishap
piàn 骗 to cheat/to deceive/to fool/to swindle
piànmiàn 片面 one-sided/unilateral
pànduàn 判断 to decide/to determine
pàng 胖 fat/plump
pànwàng 盼望 look forward to/to hope for
pào 炮 cannon/firecracker/gun
pái 排 a platoon/line up
pái 牌 cards/game pieces/plate/signboard/tablet
pán 盘 (a measure word used for dishes of food or coils of wire)/dish/to build/to check/to coil/to examine/to transfer/tray
pán 盘子 tray
páng 旁 beside/one side/other/self/side
pèngjiàn 碰见 to meet/to run into
pén 盆 basin
pí 皮 fur/leather/skin
pí 脾气 disposition/temper/temperament
pífū 皮肤 skin
píláo 疲劳 fatigue/wearily/weariness/weary
píng 平 calm/equal/flat/level/peaceful/to draw/to make the same score/to tie
píng 瓶子 bottle
píngcháng 平常 common/ordinarily/ordinary/usually
píngděng 平等 equality

píngfāng 平方 square (as in square foot/ square mile/ square root)
píngjūn 平均 average
píngjìng 平静 tranquil/undisturbed
píngshí 平时 in normal times/in peacetime
píngyuán 平原 field/plane
pòhuài 破坏 break/destroy/wreck
pòqiè 迫切 pressing/urgent
qī 妻子 wife
qī 期 (used for issue of a periodical/ courses of study)/a period of time/period/phase/stage/term/time/to hope
qiē 切 to cut/to slice
qījiān 期间 period/period of time/time/time period
qīn 亲戚 (a) relative (i.e. family member)
qīng 清 clear/complete/distinct/pure
qīng 青 9th of month (tele.)/blue-green
qīngsōng 轻松 gentle/relaxed
qīnlǜ 侵略 encroachment/invasion
qīnqiè 亲切 amiable/close and dear/cordial/familiar/friendliness/gracious/hospitality/intimate/kind
qīnzì 亲自 personally
qīpiàn 欺骗 to cheat/to deceive
qū 区 (ancient volume measure)/(surname)/area/distinguish/district/region/small
qūbié 区别 difference/to discriminate/to distinguish/to make a distinction
qiě 且 further/moreover
qǐfā 启发 enlighten(NOUN)
qǐngkè 请客 entertain guests/give a dinner party/invite to dinner
qǐngqiú 请求 request
qǐtú 企图 attempt
qīyè 企业 company/enterprise/firm
qǔ 取 to choose/to fetch/to get/to take
qǔxiāo 取消 cancel
qiān 牵 lead along
qiāndìng 签订 to agree to and sign (a treaty/ etc)
qiāng 枪 firearm/gun/rifle/spear
qiānwàn 千万 millions and millions/ten million/very many
qiāo 敲 extort/knock/to hit/to knock (at a door)/to strike
qiāoqiāo 悄悄 quietly
qiǎng 抢 against wind
qiǎo 巧 as it happens/coincidentally/opportunely/skillful/timely
qiǎomiào 巧妙 clever/ingenious
qīnl'ái 4 亲爱 Dear ... (way of starting a letter)
qiàn 欠 deficient/owe/to lack/yawn
qián 前面 fore/front
qiáng 强 better/force/power/powerful/strength

qiángdiào 强调 to emphasize (a statement)/to stress
qiángdà 强大 formidable/large/powerful/strong
qiángdào 强盗 bandit/robber
qiángdù 强度 intensity/strength
qiángliè 强烈 (violently) strong/intense
qiánjìn 前进 onward/to advance/to forge ahead/to go forward
qiánnián 前年 the year before last
qiántiān 前天 the day before yesterday
qiántú 前途 future/outlook (for the future)/prospects
qiáo 瞧 look at
qiáoliáng 桥梁 bridge
qióng 穷 exhausted/poor
quān 圈 enclose/to confine
quē 缺 lack/scarce/to run short of/vacant post
quēdiǎn 缺点 fault/shortcoming/weak point
quēfá 缺乏 be lacking/shortage/to be short of/to lack
quēshǎo 缺少 lack/shortage of/to be short (of)/to lack
quàn 劝 exhort/to advise/to try to persuade/to urge
quánmiàn 全面 all-around/comprehensive/overall/total
què 却 but/however/nevertheless/to decline/to go back/to retreat/while/yet
quèdìng 确定 be sure/certain/definite/fixed/to determine/to fix
qì 气 air/anger/gas
qìhòu 气候 atmosphere/climate/situation
qìngzhù 庆祝 celebrate
qìwēn 气温 air temperature
qìxiàng 气象 atmosphere/meteorology
qìyóu 汽油 gas/gasoline
qí 旗子 banner/flag
qí 齐 (surname)/even/to make even
qícì 其次 next/secondly
qíguài 奇怪 odd/strange
qíng 情形 circumstances/situation
qíngjǐng 情景 circumstances/scene/sight
qíngxù 情绪 feeling/sentiment
qítā 其他 else/other
qítā 其它 other
qiú 求 to beseech/to demand/to look for/to request/to seek
qíuchǎng 球场 a ground where ball games are played
qíyú 其余 additionally(OTHER)/rest(NOUN)
qízhōng 其中 among/in
qú 渠 big/ditch/drain/stream or canal
qún 群 crowd/flock/group
qún 裙子 skirt
qúnzhòng 群众 the masses
rēng 扔 throw

rě 惹 to annoy/to exasperate/to provoke
rěn 忍 to beat/to endure/to tolerate
rǎn 染 dye/to catch (a disease)
rǎng 嚷 blurt out/to shout
rán2'er2 然而 but/however/yet
rè4'ai4 热爱 ardently love
ruǎn 软 flexible/soft
ruò 弱 feeble/inferior/weak/young
rào 绕 go around/to wind (around)
ránshāo 燃烧 combustion/flaming/kindle
rè 热闹 bustling with noise and excitement/lively
rèlie 热烈 warm (welcome/ etc)
rèn 任务 assignment/duty/mission/role/task
rèn 认 to admit/to know/to recognize
rèn 认得 know/recognize
rèshuǐpíng 热水瓶 thermos bottle/vacuum bottle
rèxīn 热心 ardent/enthusiasm/enthusiastic/warmhearted/zeal/zealous/zest
réncái 人才 talented person
réng 仍 still/to remain/yet
réngōng 人工 artificial/manpower/manual work
réngrán 仍然 still/yet
rénjiā 人家 other people
rénkǒu 人口 population
rénlèi 人类 human race/humanity/mankind
rénmínbì 人民币 Chinese unit of currency/Renminbi
rénwù 人物 characters (in a play/ novel/ etc.)/figure/someone who plays a part
rényuán 人员 crew/personnel/staff
rénzào 人造 artificial/man-made
rìcháng 日常 daily/everyday
rìchéng 日程 itinerary/schedule
rìjì 日记 diary
rìqī 日期 date
rìyòngpǐn 日用品 articles for daily use
rù 入 to enter
rú 如 as (if)/such as
rúguǒ 如果 if/in case/in the event that
rúhé 如何 how/what/what way
rújīn 如今 nowadays
sǎ 撒 let go
sēnlín 森林 forest
sī 丝 silk/thread/trace
sī 撕 to tear
sī 私 personal/private/selfish
sījī 司机 chauffeur/driver
sīrén 私人 private/private (citizen)

sōng 松 loose/pine
sǎ 洒 spill/sprinkle
sǎn 伞 parasol/umbrella
sǎng 嗓子 throat/voice
sǎo 嫂子 (informal) older brother's wife; sister-in-law
sǎo 扫 to sweep
sǔnshī 损失 a (financial/ etc.) loss/to lose
shā 杀 to kill/to murder/to slaughter
shā 沙子 grit/sand
shāfā 沙发 sofa
shāmò 沙漠 desert
shāng 伤 injure/injury/wound
shāng 商量 consult
shāngchǎng 商场 bazaar/market
shāngpǐn 商品 commodity/good/merchandise
shāngxīn 伤心 grieve
shāngyè 商业 business/commerce/trade
shānmài 山脉 mountain range
shānqū 山区 mountain area
shāo 烧 fever/to bake/to burn/to cook/to roast/to stew
shāo 稍 a little/somewhat
shāowēi 稍微 a little bit
shēn 伸 to extend/to stretch
shēn 身 (a measure word used for clothes)
suī 体/body/life/person/pregnancy/status/torso
shēnbiān 身边 at one's side
shēng 升 pint/to hoist/to promote/to raise
shēng 生 life/to be born/to give birth/to grow
shēngdòng 生动 vivid
shēngmìng 生命 life (force)
shēngqì 生气 angry/mad/offended/to be enraged/to get angry/to take offense
shēngwù 生物 biological/living creature/organism
shēngyì 生意 business
shēngzhǎng 生长 grow
shēnhòu 深厚 deep/profound
shēnkè 深刻 deep/deep-going/profound
shēnrù 深入 penetrate deeply/thorough
shī 湿 moist/wet
shī 狮子 lion
shī 诗 poem/poetry/verse
shībài 失败 be defeated
shīgōng 施工 construction
shīqù 失去 to lose
shīwàng 失望 be disappointed/to despair/to lose hope
shīyè 失业 unemployment

shōuhuò 收获 acquisition(NOUN)
shōurù 收入 income/revenue/to take in
shōuyīnjī 收音机 radio
shū 书记 clerk/secretary
shū 叔叔 (informal) father's younger brother; uncle
shūbāo 书包 satchel/school bag
shūcài 蔬菜 produce/vegetables
shūdiàn 书店 bookstore
shūjià 书架 bookshelf
shūshì 舒适 cozy/snug
shǎ 傻 foolish
shǎn 闪 flash/lightning
shǎoshù 少数 few/minority/small number
shǐzhōng 始终 all along/from beginning to end
shǒu 首 (a measure word/ use with "poem")/chief/head
shǒuduàn 手段 mean (of doing sth)/method
shǒugōng 手工 handwork/manual
shǒupà 手帕 handkerchief
shǒushù 手术 operation/surgery/surgical operation
shǒutào 手套 glove/mitten
shǒuxiān 首先 first (of all)/in the first place
shǒuxù 手续 formalities
shǒuzhǐ 手指 finger
shǔjià 暑假 summer vacation
shǔyú 属于 be classified as/to be part of/to belong to
shuā 刷 brush
shuāi 摔 throw on ground/to fall
shuāngfāng 双方 bilateral/both parties involved/both sides
shuāi 甩 fling
shuǐdào 水稻 paddy/rice
shuǐní 水泥 cement
shuàilǐng 率领 command/head/lead
shài 晒 to sun
shàng 上面 above-mentioned/on top of
shàngbān 上班 to be on duty/to go to the office/to go to work/to start work
shàngdàng 上当 to take the bait(VERB)
shàngjí 上级 higher authorities/superiors
shàngyī 上衣 jacket/upper outer garment
shànyú 善于 be adept in/be good at
shàonián 少年 juvenile/youngster
sháo 勺子 ladle/scoop
shè 射 radio- (chem.)/shoot
shèbèi 设备 equipment/facilities/installations
shèjì 设计 design/plan/to design/to plan
shèng 胜 able to bear

shé 舌头 tongue
shé 蛇 serpent/snake
shén 什么的 and so on/and what not
shén 神 divine essence/God/lively/mysterious/soul/spirit/spiritual
being/unusual
shéng 绳子 cord/string
shénjīng 神经 nerve
shì 室 room
shìchǎng 市场 market
shìdàng 适当 suitability(NOUN)/suitable(ADJT)
shìhé 适合 to fit/to suit
shìjiàn 事件 event/happening/incident
shìjuàn 试卷 examination paper/test paper
shìjì 世纪 century
shìshí 事实 (the) fact (that)
shìwù 事物 object/thing
shìxiān 事先 before(hand)/in advance/prior
shìyàn 试验 experiment/experimental/test
shìyè 事业 cause/enterprise/plant/undertaking
shìyìng 适应 be suitable/fit/suit
shí 石头 stone
shídài 时代 age/epoch/era/period
shíjì 实际 actual/practice/reality
shíkè 时刻 moment
shípǐn 食品 food/foodstuff/provisions
shíqī 时期 a period in time or history/period/phase/time (interval)
shíshìqíushì 实事求是 be practical and realistic
shíwù 食物 food
shíxíng 实行 carry out/implement/to put into practice
shíyòng 实用 functional/practical/pragmatic
shíyóu 石油 oil/petroleum
shízài 实在 concrete/honestly/in reality/really/verily
shòu 受 (passive marker)/to bear/to endure/to receive/to stand
shòu 瘦 lean/thin/tight
shù 数 to count
shùliàng 数量 amount/quantity
shùlín 树林 forest/grove/woods
shùn 顺 along/favorable/to arrange/to follow/to make reasonable/to obey
shùnbìan 顺便 conveniently/in passing
shùnlì 顺利 smoothly/without a hitch
shùzì 数字 amount/digit/digital (electronics/ etc)/figure/number/numeral
shúliàn 熟练 practiced/proficient/skilled/skillful
shúxī 熟悉 to know well
suō 缩 to contract/to pull back/to reduce/to shrink/to withdraw
suǒ 所 actually/place

suǒwèi 所谓 so-called
suàn 算了 let it be/let it pass
suì 碎 fragmentary/to break down/to break into pieces
suí 随 (surname)/to allow/to comply with/to follow
suíbiàn 随便 as one pleases/as one wishes/casual
suíshí 随时 at any time
sài 赛 competition/match/to compete
sè 色 appearance/color/look
sìhū 似乎 apparently/as if/seemingly/to appear/to seem
sòngxíng 送行 to see someone off
sùdù 速度 rate/speed/velocity
sùliào 塑料 plastics
tāo 掏 fish out (from pocket)
tiē 贴 allowance/to fit snugly/to keep close to/to paste/to stick
tīngjiǎng 听讲 attend a lecture/listen to a talk
tōngxùn 通讯 a news story (e.g. dispatched over the wire)/communications
tōu 偷 to pilfer/to steal
tōutōu 偷偷 covertly/on the sly/secretly/stealthily
tūchū 突出 give prominence to/prominent
tūjī 突击 do a crash job/make a sudden and violent attack
tǎ 塔 pagoda/tower
tǎn 毯子 a blanket
tǎoyàn 讨厌 disgusting/nasty/to hate (doing something)/troublesome
tiē 铁 iron
tiělù 铁路 railroad/railway
tīhuì 体会 know (through learning or by experience)
tǐjī 体积 bulk/volume
tǐxì 体系 system(NOUN)
tǐyùchǎng 体育场 stadium
tǐyùguǎn 体育馆 gym/gymnasium/stadium
tǒng 桶 barrel/bin/bucket/pail
tǒngyī 统一 to integrate/to unify/to unite
tǒngzhì 统治 (political) rule (over)/domination/rule/to dominate/to rule
tǔ 吐 to spit
tǔ 土 dust/earth
tǔdì 土地 land/territory
tǔdòu 土豆 potato
tiān 添 to add/to increase/to replenish
tiānzhēn 天真 artless/innocent/naive
tiāo 挑 carry on a pole/choose
tián 填 to fill in
tián 甜 sweet
tián 田 (surname)/farm/field
tiányě 田野 field/open land
tiáoyuē 条约 treaty

tiáozhěng 调整 adjustment/revision
tuīdòng 推动 to promote/to push (for acceptance of a plan)/to push forward
tuīguǎng 推广 make more widespread/popularize
tuō 托 to entrust/to hold in one's hand/to support in one's palm
tuō 拖 dragging (brush stroke in painting)/to drag along
tuōlí 脱离 break away/separate
tuán 团 circular/group/regiment/round/society
tài 太太 Madam/married woman/Mrs./wife
tàn 探 to explore/to scout/to search out/to visit
tàng 烫 hot/to burn/to iron/to scald
tàng 趟 a time/a trip
tào 套 (a measure word/ a set of something)/case/cover/covering/sheath/to cover
tái 台 your
tán 弹 ball/bullet/crossball/shell/shot
tánhuà 谈话 conversation/talk
tánpàn 谈判 conference/negotiation/to negotiate
táo 逃 to escape/to flee/to run away
tècǐ 特此 hereby
tèdiǎn 特点 characteristic (feature)/feature/trait
tèshū 特殊 extraordinary/particular/special/unusual
tì 替 for/on behalf of/to replace/to stand in for/to substitute for/to take the place of
tí 题 subject/to inscribe/to superscribe/topic
tíchàng 提倡 to advocate/to promote
tígōng 提供 to furnish/to provide/to supply
tímù 题目 subject/title/topic
tíngzhǐ 停止 to cease/to halt/to stop
tíqián 提前 to advance/to bring forward/to shift to an earlier date
tòng 痛 ache/pain/sorrow
tòngkǔ 痛苦 pain/painful/suffering
tòu 透 penetrating/thorough/to pass through/to penetrate/to pierce
tóng 同 alike/like/same/similar/together/with
tóng 铜 copper
tóngqíng 同情 compassion/relent/sympathize/sympathy
tóngwū 同屋 roommate
tóngyàng 同样 equal/equivalent/same
tóu 头发 hair on the head(NOUN)
tóu 投 to send/to throw
tóurù 投入 put into operation/throw into battle/to put into
tù 兔子 hare/rabbit
tù 吐 to spit
tú 图 chart/diagram/drawing/picture/to plan
tú 涂 daub/to smear
wā 挖 to dig/to excavate/to scoop out

wāi 歪 askew
wān 弯 bend/bent
wēndù 温度 temperature
wēnnuǎn 温暖 warm
wěn 稳 settled/stable/steady
wěndìng 稳定 stable/steady
wū 屋 house/room
wūrǎn 污染 pollution
wǎngqiú 网球 tennis
wǎngwǎng 往往 frequently/often
wǔqì 武器 arms/weapon
wǔshù 武术 wushu/ martial arts such as shadow-boxing/ swordplay/ etc.
wa 哇 sound of child's crying
weihài 危害 to endanger/to harm/to jeopardize
weijī 危机 crisis
weixiào 微笑 smile
weī 尾巴 tail
weiyuán 委员 committee/committee member/council
wèi 位置 place/position/seat
wèi 味道 flavor
wèi 未 1-3 p.m. /8th earthly branch/did not/have not/not/not yet
wèi 胃 stomach
wèilái 未来 approaching/coming/future/pending/tomorrow
wèishēng 卫生 health/hygiene/sanitation
wèixīng 卫星 (space) satellite
wéi 围 to circle/to surround
wéifǎn 违反 to violate (a law/ e.g.)
wéihù 维护 defense/maintain/protect/safeguard/uphold
wéirào 围绕 center on (an issue)/revolve around
wài 外面 outside
wàidì 外地 foreign lands/parts of the country other than where one is
wàijiāo 外交 diplomacy/diplomatic/foreign affairs
wàng 望 expect/hope/look towards/to gaze (into the distance)/to visit/towards
wàngjì 忘记 forget
wánzhěng 完整 complete/intact
wèn hòu 问候 give someone one's respects/send a greeting
wén 闻 (surname)/hear/sniff at
wénjiàn 文件 document/file
wénmíng 文明 civilization/civilized/culture
wénwù 文物 cultural relic/historical relic
wénzì 文字 character
wò 握 shake hands/to grasp/to hold
wù 雾 fog/mist
wùhuì 误会 misunderstanding/to mistake/to misunderstand
wùjià 物价 (commodity) prices

wùzhì 物质 (physical) matter
wú 无 -less/no/none/not/not to have/to lack/unwúlùn
无论 no matter what/how/regardless of whether...
wúshù 无数 countless/innumerable/numberless
wúxiàn 无限 unbounded/unlimited
xī 吸 to absorb/to breathe/to inhale/to suck in
xībēi 西北 northwest
xībù 西部 western part
xīcān 西餐 Western-style food
xiē 歇 to rest
xīfāng 西方 the Occident/the West/Western countries
xīguā 西瓜 watermelon
xīhóngshì 西红柿 tomato
xīmiàn 西面 west/west side
xīndé 心得 knowledge gained
xīng 星星 (n) star in the sky
xīngfèn 兴奋 (be) excited
xīnqíng 心情 frame of mind/mood
xīnxiān 新鲜 fresh (experience/ food/ etc.)/freshness
xīnzàng 心脏 heart
xīnán 西南 southwest
xīshēng 牺牲 sacrifice (one's life/ etc.)
xīshōu 吸收 absorb/assimilate
xiū 修 to build/to cultivate/to decorate/to embellish/to repair/to study/to write
xiūgǎi 修改 alter/amend
xiūlǐ 修理 perform maintenance/repair/to fix/to overall
xīyān 吸烟 to smoke
xīyǐn 吸引 attract (interest/ investment/ etc.)
xūxīn 虚心 modest
xiě 血 blood
xǐng 醒 to be awake/to wake up
xīyījī 洗衣机 washer/washing machine
xǔ 许 (surname)/to allow/to permit/to praise
xiān 掀 lift (cover)
xiān 鲜 fresh
xiāng 乡 country/village
xiāng 乡下 country (as opposed to town or city)/rural
xiāng 相 each other/mutually/one another
xiāng 箱子 bin
xiāngcháng 香肠 sausage
xiāngdāng 相当 appropriate(ADJT)/equivalent to(NOUN)
xiāngfǎn 相反 contrary/opposite
xiānghù 相互 each other/mutual
xiāngsì 相似 like/resemblance/similar/similarity/to resemble

xiāngtóng 相同 identical/same
xiāngzào 香皂 perfumed soap/toilet soap
xiānhuā 鲜花 fresh flowers
xiānhòu 先後 early or late/in succession/one after another/priority
xiānjìn 先进 advanced (technology)/to advance
xiānwéi 纤维 fiber
xiāofèi 消费 to consume
xiāohuà 消化 digest/digestion/digestive
xiāomiè 消灭 cause to perish/perish
xiāoshī 消失 disappear/fade away
xiōng 兄弟 brethren/brothers/younger brother
xiōng 胸 bosom/chest/heart/mind/thorax
xiǎn 显得 appear (to be)/seem
xiǎngfǎ 想法 idea/to think of a way (to do sth)/what (someone) is thinking
xiǎngniàn 想念 long to see again/miss/remember with longing
xiǎngshòu 享受 to enjoy (rights/ benefits/ etc.)
xiǎngxiàng 想象 to fancy/to imagine
xiǎngyīng 响应 answer/respond to
xiǎnrán 显然 clear/evident/obvious
xiǎodé 晓得 to know
xiǎohuǒ 小伙子 lad/young fellow/youngster
xiǎomài 小麦 wheat
xiǎopéng 小朋友 children
xiǎoshuō 小说 {CL 部}/fiction/novel
xiǎoxīn 小心 careful
xiǎoxué 小学 primary school
xià 下面 below/below/next/the following/under
xià 吓 to frighten/to intimidate/to scare/to threaten
xiàbān 下班 to come or go or get off work
xiàn 县 a district/county
xiàn 献 to offer
xiàn 线 line(NOUN)
xiàndàihuà 现代化 modernization
xiàng 象 appearance/elephant/form/shape/to be like/to resemble/to seem/to take after
xiàng 项 (surname)/back of neck/item/thing
xiàngmù 项目 item/project/sports event
xiànmù 羡慕 envy(NOUN)/envy(ADJT)/to envy(VERB)
xiànshí 现实 actual/actuality/real/reality
xiànxiàng 现象 appearance/phenomenon
xiànzhì 限制 (impose) restrictions/to bound/to limit/to restrict
xiào 效率 efficiency
xiào 笑话 jest/joke
xiàoguǒ 效果 effect/result
xiàozhǎng 校长 (college/ university) president/school master

xián 闲 enclosure/leisure/not busy/to be unoccupied/to stay idle
xiángxì 详细 detailed/in detail/minute
xióng 雄 heroic/male
xióngmāo 熊猫 panda
xióngwēi 雄伟 grand
xuānbù 宣布 announce/declare
xuānchuán 宣传 publicize
xuǎn 选 to choose/to elect/to pick/to select
xuǎnjǔ 选举 election/to elect
xuǎnzé 选择 to choose/to make a choice/to pick/to select
xuèyè 血液 blood
xué 学问 knowledge/learning
xuéfèi 学费 tuition/tuition fee
xuéqī 学期 semester/term
xuéshù 学术 academic/learning/science
xì 戏 drama/play/show/trick
xìjūn 细菌 bacterial/germ/virus
xìng 性 nature/sex/suffix corresponding to -ness or -ity/surname
xìnggé 性格 character/disposition/nature/temperament
xìngmíng 姓名 name and surname
xìngqù 兴趣 interest (directed towards/ not inherent in something)
xìngzhì 性质 characteristic/nature
xìnxīn 信心 confidence/fai th (in someone or something)
xìtǒng 系统 system(NOUN)/systematically(ADVB)
xìxīn 细心 attentive/careful
xíe 斜 slanting
xíng 行李 luggage
xíngchéng 形成 to form/to take shape
xíngdòng 行动 action/mobile/operation/to move
xíngróng 形容 describe/look or appearance
xíngshì 形势 circumstances/situation/terrain
xíngshì 形式 circumstance/form/shape/situation
xíngxiàng 形象 figure/form/image
xíngzhuàng 形状 form/shape
xùnlìàn 训练 drill/exercise/train/training
xùnsù 迅速 fast/rapid/speedy
xúnzhǎo 寻找 to look for/to seek
yā 压 to keep under (control)/to press/to push down
yāo 腰 waist
yāoqǐng 邀请 invite
yāpò 压迫 oppress/oppression
yībiān 一边 one side
yībàn 一半 half
yīdào 一道 together
yīkào 依靠 depend on/rely on (for support/ etc)

yīncǐ 因此 for that reason/for this reason/that is why/therefore
yīng 应 ought
yīngdāng 应当 should(AUXV)
yīngxióng 英雄 hero
yīngyǒng 英勇 bravery/gallant/valiant
yīnsù 因素 element/factor
yīqí 一齐 at the same time/simultaneously
yīshēng 一生 all one's life/throughout one's life
yīshí 一时 momentary/temporary
yītóng 一同 along/together
yīwùshì 医务室 clinic
yīxià 一下子 all at once/all of a sudden/in a short while
yīxué 医学 medical science/medicine/study of medicine
yīzhì 一致 unanimity(NOUN)/unanimous(ADJT)/unanimously(ADVB)
yōngbào 拥抱 to embrace/to hug
yōnghù 拥护 to endorse/to support
yōudiǎn 优点 merit/strong point
yōujiǔ 悠久 established/long
yōuliáng 优良 fine/good
yōuměi 优美 elegant/fine/graceful
yōuxiù 优秀 excellent/outstanding
yǎn 演 to act/to develop/to evolve/to perform/to play/to practice
yǎn 眼 eye
yǎng 养 give birth/keep (pets)/to bring sb. up/to raise (pig/ etc.)/to support
yǎnjìng 眼镜 eyeglasses/spectacles
yǎnlèi 眼泪 tear
yǎnqián 眼前 now/present
yǎnyuán 演员 actor or actress/performer
yǎo 咬 bite/nip
yǐ 以 abbr. for Israel/according to/because/by/in order to/so as to/to use/with
yǐ 已 afterwards/already/then/to stop
yǐjí 以及 and/as well as/too
yǐlái 以来 since (a previous event)
yǐnèi 以内 less than/within
yǐng 影子 reflection/shadow
yǐnqǐ 引起 to arouse/to cause/to give rise to/to lead to
yǐshàng 以上 above/more than/over/the above-mentioned
yǐwài 以外 apart from/except for/external/other than/outside of
yǐxià 以下 below/following/under
yǒnggǎn 勇敢 brave
yǒngqì 勇气 courage/valor
yǒudeshì 有的是 have plenty of/there's no lack of
yǒudiǎn 有点儿 (adv) slightly; little; somewhat

yǒuguān 有关 concerning/related to/to concern/to have something to do with/to relate to
yǒulì 有利 advantageous/favorable/to have advantages
yǒulì 有力 forceful/powerful/vigorous
yǒuqù 有趣 amusing/fascinating/interesting
yǒushí 有时 now and then/sometimes
yǒuxiào 有效 effective/in effect/valid
yǒuyòng 有用 useful
yǔ 与 (interrog. part.)
yǔdiào 语调 intonation
yǔmáoqiú 羽毛球 badminton
yǔnxǔ 允许 to allow/to permit
yǔqì 语气 manner of speaking/mood/tone
yǔyī 雨衣 raincoat
yǔyīn 语音 voice
yīn'ér 因而 and as a result/.../as a result/therefore/thus
yuē 约 weigh
yuēhuì 约会 appointment/engagement
yuàn 院 courtyard/institution
yuàn 院子 courtyard
yuànwàng 愿望 desire/wish
yuànzhǎng 院长 dean/departments head/president (of a university/ etc.)
yuán 员 employee/member/person
yuánliào 原料 raw material
yuányīn 原因 cause/origin/reason/root cause
yuánzhūbǐ 圆珠笔 ball point pen
yuánzé 原则 principle
yuèdú 阅读 to read
yuèlǎnshì 阅览室 reading room
yàn 咽 narrow pass/throat
yàng 样 appearance/manner/pattern/shape/way
yào jīn 要紧 important/urgent
yá 牙 ivory/tooth
yán 沿 along
yán 盐 salt
yáncháng 延长 extend/prolong
yángguāng 阳光 sunshine
yángé 严格 strict/stringent/tight
yánjiūsuǒ 研究所 research institute
yánsù 严肃 solemn/solemnity
yánzhòng 严重 critical/grave/serious/severe
yáo 摇 shake/to rock
yáshuā 牙刷 toothbrush
yè 叶子 foliage/leaf
yè 夜里 nighttime(NOUN)

yèwǎn 夜晚 night
yèwù 业务 business/profession
yèyú 业馀 spare time(NOUN)
yé 爷爷 (informal) father's father; paternal grandfather
yìcháng 异常 exceptional
yìlùn 议论 discussion/to comment/to discuss/to talk about
yìn 印 mark/print/seal/stamp
yìng 硬 firm/hard/stiff/strong
yìngyòng 应用 applicable/application/to apply/to use
yìnshuā 印刷 print
yìnxìàng 印象 impression
yìwài 意外 unexpected
yìzhì 意志 will
yí 移 to alter/to change/to move/to remove/to shift
yídòng 移动 mobile/movement/to move/to shift
yín 银 silver
yíngjiē 迎接 to greet/to meet/to welcome
yíngyǎng 营养 nourishment/nutrition
yíngyè 营业 to do business/to trade
yíqì 仪器 (scientific/ etc) instrument
yíwèn 疑问 interrogation/interrogative/query
yòng 用处 usefulness
yòngbuzháo 用不着 have no use for/not need
yònggōng 用功 diligent/industrious (in one's studies)
yònglì 用力 exert oneself (physically)/put forth one's strength
yòu 右边 right (as opposed to left)
yóu 油 oil/sly
yóu 由 because of/by/cause/due to/follow/from/it is for...to/reason/to/to leave it (to sb)
yóulǎn 游览 SEE(NOUN)/to go sight-seeing(VERB)
yóuyǒngchí 游泳池 swimming pool
yóuyú 由于 as a result of/because of/due to/owing to/thanks to
yù 遇 meet with
yùbèi 预备 preparation/preparatory/to make ready/to prepare
yùjiàn 遇见 meet
yùmǐ 玉米 corn/maize
yùn 运 fate/fortune/luck/to apply/to move/to transport/to use
yùndòngguì 运动会 a sports competition
yùndòngyuán 运动员 athlete
yùnshū 运输 transit/transport
yùnyòng 运用 to put to use/to use
yú 于 (surname)/at/in
yúshì 于是 as a result/consequently/hence/thereupon/thus
zāi 灾 calamity/disaster
zāihài 灾害 scourge

zāodào 遭到 meet with (something unfortunate)/suffer
zāogāo 糟糕 bad/how terrible/terrible/too bad/what bad luck
zāoshòu 遭受 suffer/sustain (loss/ misfortune)
zēngzhǎng 增长 grow/increase
zīliào 资料 data/material
zīyuán 资源 (natural) resources
zōnghé 综合 composite/synthesized/to integrate/to sum up/to synthesize
zūnjìng 尊敬 respect/respectfully/revere/reverence
zūnshǒu 遵守 comply with/respect (an agreement)
zǎ 咋 gnaw
zǐ 紫 purple
zǐxì 仔细 attentive/careful/cautious
zǒngjié 总结 summarize/summary
zǒnglǐ 总理 premier/prime minister
zǒngtǒng 总统 president (of a country)
zǒudào 走道 footpath/path/pavement/sidewalk/walk
zǔ 组 compose/cord/group/make up/to form/to organize
zhā 扎 to bind/to tie
zhāi 摘 fruit)/to borrow/to pick (flowers/to pluck/to select/to take
zhān 粘 sticky
zhāng 章 (surname)/chapter/seal/section
zhāo 招呼 (v) call out to sb/(v) greet sb/(v) inform sb; instruct sb to do
sth/(v) take care
of sb
zhāodài 招待 reception/to entertain/to receive (guests)
zhāodàihuì 招待会 (press) conference/reception
zhēn 针 injection/needle/pin
zhēnduì 针对 directed towards/in connection with/to aim at/to direct at/to
point against
zhēng 争 fight/struggle
zhēng 睁 to open (eye)
zhēnglùn 争论 argument/contention/controversy/debate/to argue/to contend/to
debate
zhēngqǔ 争取 compete for (a prize)/fight for/to struggle
zhēngqiú 征求 ask for/seek/solicit
zhēnlǐ 真理 truth
zhēnshí 真实 real/true
zhěnggè 整个 entire/total/whole
zhěnglǐ 整理 arrange/list systematically/sort out
zhī 织 weave
zhīchí 支持 backing/support/to back/to be in favor of/to stand by/to support
zhīhòu 之後 after/after(wards)/following/later
zhīqián 之前 ago/before/prior to
zhīshàng 之上 above
zhīxià 之下 beneath/less than/under

zhīyī 之一 one (third/ quarter/ percent/ etc.)/one of (sth)/one out of a multitude
zhīyuán 支援 provide assistance or backing/to back/to support
zhīzhōng 之中 inside
zhōngxīn 中心 center/core/heart
zhōngyāng 中央 center/central /middle
zhōngyào 中药 traditional Chinese medicine(NOUN)
zhōngyú 终于 at last/finally/in the end
zhōu 周到 thoughtful (NOUN)
zhū 株 (a measure word/ use with plants)/trunk of tree
zhǎi 窄 narrow
zhǎnchū 展出 to be on show/to exhibit/to put on display
zhǎng 涨 (rivers)/to rise (of prices)
zhǎnkāi 展开 to be in full swing/to carry out/to launch/to unfold
zhǎnlǎnhuì 展览会 exhibition/show
zhǐ 止 to stop/toe
zhǐchū 指出 to indicate/to point out
zhǐdǎo 指导 (give) directions/to direct/to guide
zhǐhuī 指挥 to command/to conduct/to direct
zhǐshì 只是 but/merely/only/simply
zhǐshì 指示 (give) directives or instructions/point out
zhǐyǒu 只有 only
zhǐyào 只要 if only/so long as
zhǒng 种子 seed
zhǔ 煮 to boil/to cook
zhǔdòng 主动 (to take the) initiative
zhǔguān 主观 subjective
zhǔn 准 accurate/standard/to allow/to grant/to permit
zhǔnquè 准确 accurate/exact/precise
zhǔnshí 准时 on schedule/on time/punctual
zhǔrèn 主任 director/head
zhǔrén 主人 host/master
zhǔxí 主席 chairman/chairperson/premier
zhǔzhāng 主张 assertion/position/proposition/stand/to advocate/to stand for/view/viewpoint
zhuā 抓 to arrest/to catch/to grab/to snatch
zhuājīn 抓紧 grasp
zhuāng 庄稼 (n) farm crops
zhuāngyán 庄严 stately
zhuānjiā 专家 expert/specialist
zhuānmén 专门 customized/specialist/specialized
zhuānxīn 专心 absorption/concentrate/concentrate/concentration/engrossed
zhuānyè 专业 specialized field
zhuī 追 pursue (a problem)/to chase
zhuō 捉 to capture/to clutch/to grab

zhuǎn 转 to convey/to forward (mail)/to shift/to transfer/to turn
zhuǎnbiàn 转变 change/transform
zhuǎngào 转告 communicate/pass on/transmit
zhuàn 转 to convey/to forward (mail)/to shift/to transfer/to turn
zhuàng 撞 to bump against/to bump into/to hit/to meet by accident/to run into/to strike
zhuàngkuàng 状况 condition/situation/state
zhuàngtài 状态 mode/state/state of affairs
zhàndòu 战斗 to battle/to fight
zhàng 丈 ten feet
zhàng 丈夫 husband
zhànshèng 战胜 prevail/surmount
zhànshì 战士 fighter/soldier/warrior
zhànzhēng 战争 conflict/war
zhào 照 according to/in accordance with/photograph/to illuminate/to reflect/to shine
zhàocháng 照常 (business/ etc) as usual
zhàokāi 召开 convene (a conference or meeting)/to call together/to convoke
zhàopiàn 照片 photograph/picture
zháo 着 catch/receive/suffer
zhèbiān 这边 here/this side
zhèn 阵 burst/disposition of troops/short period/spate/spell/wave
zhèngcháng 正常 normal/ordinary/regular
zhèngcè 政策 policy
zhèngzhǎo 正好 by chance/it just so happens that/just (in time)/just enough/just right/to chance
to/to happen to
zhèngmíng 证明 prove
zhèngshì 正式 formal/official
zhé 折 broken (as of rope/stick)
zhéxué 哲学 philosophy
zhì 治 cure/to control/to govern/to harness (a river)/to heal/to manage/to rule/treatment
zhì 至 arrive/most/to/until
zhìdìng 制定 to draw up/to formulate
zhìdìng 制订 formulate/work out
zhìdù 制度 (political) system or institution
zhìjīn 至今 until now
zhìliàng 质量 quality
zhìshǎo 至少 (at the very) least/(to say the) least
zhìxù 秩序 order (orderly)/order (sequence)
zhìzào 制造 to make/to manufacture
zhí 值得 to be worth/to deserve
zhí 直 directly/frank/straight/straightly/upright/vertical
zhídào 直到 until

zhígōng 职工 staff/workers
zhíjiē 直接 direct (opposite of indirect)/immediate
zhíwù 植物 botanical/plant/vegetation
zhíxíng 执行 carry out/implement/to execute/to run
zhíyè 职业 job occupation/profession
zhǒng 种 kind/race (of people)/seed/type/type
zhòngdiǎn 重点 emphasis/focal point
zhòngdà 重大 great/important/major/significant
zhòngliàng 重量 weight
zhòngshì 重视 attach importance to/importance/to pay attention to/value
zhùhè 祝贺 congratulations/to congratulate
zhùyuàn 住院 to be hospitalized/to be in hospital
zhú 竹子 bamboo
zhúbù 逐步 progressively/step by step
zhújiàn 逐渐 gradually
zuān 钻 enter (a hole)/probe
zuānyán 钻研 dig into/study intensively
zuǒ 左边 left
zuǒyòu 左右 about/approximately/around/left and right
zuì 醉 intoxicated
zuìhǎo 最好 (you) had better (do what we suggest)/best
zuòbān 坐班 keep office hours
zuòfǎ 做法 a (regular) practice/a behavior/way of doing things
zuòjiā 作家 author
zuòkè 做客 to be a guest or visitor
zuòmèng 做梦 dream/have a dream
zuòpīn 作品 works (of art)
zuòtán 座谈 have a informal discussion
zuòwèi 座位 seat
zuòwéi 作为 accomplish/action/conduct/to look upon (sth as)/to regard (sth as sth)
zuòwén 作文 composition
zuòyòng 作用 action/actions/activity/acts/effect/to play a role
zuòzhě 作者 author/writer
zànchéng 赞成 approve/endorse
zànshí 暂时 provisional/temporary
zào 造 to build/to invent/to make/to manufacture
zàojiù 造句 sentence-making
zájì 杂技 acrobatics
zé 则 (expresses contrast with a previous sentence or clause)/norm/principle/rule/standard/then/to follow/to imitate
zéren 责任 blame/duty/responsibility
zì 自 from/oneself/self/since
zìcóng 自从 ever since/since (a time)
zìdòng 自动 automatic

zì fèi 自费 (be) at one's own expense
zì jué 自觉 aware/conscious
zì rán 自然 natural/naturally/nature
zì wǒ 自我 self
zì xué 自学 self-study/study on one's own
zì yóu 自由 free/freedom/liberty
ài hào 爱好 hobby/interest/to be fond of/to be keen on/to like
ài hù 爱护 cherish/take good care of/treasure
ài qíng 爱情 love (between man and woman)
àn 岸 bank/beach/coast/shore
àn 按 according to/in the light of/pressing down (brush movement in painting)/to check/to control/to press (with the hand)/to push/to restrain
àn 暗 dark/gloomy/hidden/secret
àn shí 按时 before deadline/on schedule/on time
àn zhào 按照 according to/in accordance with/in the light of/on the basis of