HSK 1 vocabulary list

150 words, with a pinyin reading and an example sentence for each

The 150 words that carry a first term of Mandarin: greetings, numbers, family, food and the verbs you point with.

The list follows the HSK 2.0 vocabulary list, the one used for sittings through 2026. The revised HSK 3.0 lists are longer, so use this as your foundation and check the version on your registration record.

No.	Word	Pinyin	Meaning and example
1	**爱**	ài	love 我爱我的家人。 · I love my family.
2	**八**	bā	eight 我有八本书。 · I have eight books.
3	**爸爸**	bàba	dad/father 爸爸在做饭。 · Dad is cooking.
4	**杯子**	bēizi	cup/glass 请给我一个杯子。 · Please give me a cup.
5	**北京**	Běijīng	Beijing 我去过北京。 · I have been to Beijing.
6	**本**	běn	measure word for books 这是一本书。 · This is a book.
7	**不客气**	bú kèqi	you're welcome 谢谢！ · 不客气！ · Thank you! · You're welcome!
8	**不**	bù	no/not 我不去。 · I won’t go.
9	**菜**	cài	dish/vegetable 这个菜很辣。 · This dish is very spicy.
10	**茶**	chá	tea 我喜欢喝茶。 · I like drinking tea.
11	**吃**	chī	eat 我们吃饭吧。 · Let’s eat.

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12	**出租车**	chūzūchē	taxi
	我们叫一辆出租车吧。 · Let’s call a taxi.		
13	**打电话**	dǎ diànhuà	make a phone call
	他正在打电话。 · He is making a phone call.		
14	**大**	dà	big
	这个房间很大。 · This room is very big.		
15	**的**	de	possessive particle
	这是我的书。 · This is my book.		
16	**点**	diǎn	o'clock/dot
	现在是三点。 · It’s three o’clock.		
17	**电脑**	diànnǎo	computer
	她用电脑工作。 · She works on the computer.		
18	**电视**	diànshì	TV/television
	孩子在看电视。 · The child is watching TV.		
19	**电影**	diànyǐng	movie/film
	我们去看电影吧。 · Let’s go watch a movie.		
20	**东西**	dōngxi	thing/stuff
	这是什么东西? · What is this thing?		
21	**都**	dōu	all/both
	我们都喜欢音乐。 · We all like music.		
22	**读**	dú	read/study
	他在读报纸。 · He is reading the newspaper.		
23	**对不起**	duìbuqǐ	sorry
	对不起，我迟到了。 · Sorry, I’m late.		
24	**多**	duō	many/much
	这里人很多。 · There are many people here.		
25	**多少**	duōshao	how many/how much
	这本书多少钱? · How much is this book?		
26	**儿子**	érzi	son
	他有一个儿子。 · He has a son.		

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27	**二**	èr	two
	二加三等于五。 · Two plus three equals five.		
28	**饭馆**	fànguǎn	restaurant
	我们去饭馆吃饭。 · We’ ll go to a restaurant to eat.		
29	**飞机**	fēijī	airplane
	她坐飞机去上海。 · She flew to Shanghai.		
30	**分钟**	fēnzhōng	minute
	等五分钟。 · Wait five minutes.		
31	**高兴**	gāoxìng	happy/glad
	见到你我很高兴。 · I’ m very happy to see you.		
32	**个**	gè	generic measure word
	一个苹果。 · One apple.		
33	**工作**	gōngzuò	work/job
	他在公司工作。 · He works at a company.		
34	**狗**	gǒu	dog
	我家有一只狗。 · I have a dog at home.		
35	**汉语**	Hànyǔ	Chinese language
	她学汉语两年了。 · She has studied Chinese for two years.		
36	**好**	hǎo	good
	你好！ · Hello!		
37	**喝**	hē	drink
	请喝水。 · Please drink water.		
38	**和**	hé	and/with
	我和朋友去公园。 · My friend and I go to the park.		
39	**很**	hěn	very
	今天很热。 · It’ s very hot today.		
40	**后面**	hòumiàn	behind/back
	车停在房子后面。 · The car is parked behind the house.		
41	**回**	huí	return/go back
	我明天回家。 · I’ ll go home tomorrow.		

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42	**会**	huì	can; will
	我会说一点汉语。 · I can speak a little Chinese.		
43	**火车站**	huǒchēzhàn	train station
	火车站在市中心。 · The train station is in the city center.		
44	**几**	jǐ	how many (small number)
	你家有几口人? · How many people are in your family?		
45	**家**	jiā	home/family
	我爱我的家。 · I love my home.		
46	**叫**	jiào	be called; call
	我叫李明。 · My name is Li Ming.		
47	**今天**	jīntiān	today
	今天是星期一。 · Today is Monday.		
48	**九**	jiǔ	nine
	九减四等于五。 · Nine minus four equals five.		
49	**开**	kāi	open; drive
	请开门。 · Please open the door.		
50	**看**	kàn	look/see
	他在看书。 · He is reading a book.		
51	**看见**	kànjiàn	see
	我看见一只猫。 · I saw a cat.		
52	**块**	kuài	yuan (piece)
	这块糖很甜。 · This piece of candy is very sweet.		
53	**来**	lái	come
	欢迎来中国! · Welcome to China!		
54	**老师**	lǎoshī	teacher
	王老师教汉语。 · Teacher Wang teaches Chinese.		
55	**了**	le	aspect particle
	我吃饭了。 · I’ ve eaten.		
56	**冷**	lěng	cold
	今天很冷。 · It’ s very cold today.		

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57	**里**	lǐ	inside 书在包里。 · The book is in the bag.
58	**零**	líng	zero 温度是零度。 · The temperature is zero degrees.
59	**六**	liù	six 我六点起床。 · I get up at six.
60	**妈妈**	māma	mom/mother 妈妈在厨房做饭。 · Mom is cooking in the kitchen.
61	**吗**	ma	question particle 你好吗？ · How are you?
62	**买**	mǎi	buy 我想买一本书。 · I want to buy a book.
63	**猫**	māo	cat 我家有一只猫。 · I have a cat at home.
64	**没**	méi	not/have not 我没去学校。 · I didn’t go to school.
65	**没关系**	méi guānxi	no problem/it doesn't matter 对不起！ · · 没关系。 · Sorry! · It’s okay.
66	**米饭**	mǐfàn	cooked rice 我吃米饭。 · I eat rice.
67	**明天**	míngtiān	tomorrow 我们明天见。 · We’ll meet tomorrow.
68	**名字**	míngzi	name 你的名字是什么？ · What is your name?
69	**哪（哪儿）**	nǎ (nǎr)	which/where 你在哪儿？ · Where are you?
70	**那（那儿）**	nà (nàr)	that/there 书在那儿。 · The book is there.

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71	**呢**	ne	particle (question/continuation)
	你呢？ · And you?		
72	**能**	néng	can; be able to
	我能游泳。 · I can swim.		
73	**你**	nǐ	you
	你好！ · Hello!		
74	**年**	nián	year
	他今年二十岁。 · He is twenty years old this year.		
75	**女儿**	nǚ'ér	daughter
	她有一个女儿。 · She has a daughter.		
76	**朋友**	péngyou	friend
	他是我的朋友。 · He is my friend.		
77	**漂亮**	piàoliang	pretty/beautiful
	这件衣服很漂亮。 · This dress is very pretty.		
78	**苹果**	píngguǒ	apple
	我喜欢吃苹果。 · I like eating apples.		
79	**七**	qī	seven
	我有七本书。 · I have seven books.		
80	**钱**	qián	money
	我没有钱。 · I don’t have money.		
81	**前面**	qiánmiàn	in front
	车停在前面。 · The car is parked ahead.		
82	**请**	qǐng	please; invite
	请坐。 · Please sit down.		
83	**去**	qù	go
	我要去商店。 · I’m going to the store.		
84	**热**	rè	hot
	今天很热。 · Today is very hot.		
85	**人**	rén	person/people
	他是中国人。 · He is Chinese.		

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86	**认识**	rènshi	know (a person) 我认识他。 · I know him.
87	**日**	rì	day/sun 今天是星期日。 · Today is Sunday.
88	**三**	sān	three 我有三个苹果。 · I have three apples.
89	**商店**	shāngdiàn	shop/store 我们在商店买东西。 · We buy things at the store.
90	**上**	shàng	up/on; go to 书在桌子上。 · The book is on the table.
91	**上午**	shàngwǔ	morning 我上午上课。 · I have class in the morning.
92	**少**	shǎo	few/less 水太少了。 · There’s too little water.
93	**谁**	shéi	who 谁在那儿? · Who is there?
94	**什么**	shénme	what 这是什么? · What is this?
95	**十**	shí	ten 十加五等于十五。 · Ten plus five equals fifteen.
96	**时候**	shíhou	time/when 吃饭的时候，我们聊天。 · We chat during mealtime.
97	**是**	shì	be/is/are 我是学生。 · I am a student.
98	**书**	shū	book 这是一本书。 · This is a book.
99	**水**	shuǐ	water 我喝水。 · I drink water.
100	**水果**	shuǐguǒ	fruit 苹果是水果。 · Apples are fruit.

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101	**睡觉**	shuìjiào	sleep 我晚上十点睡觉。 · I go to sleep at ten p.m.
102	**说话**	shuōhuà	speak/talk 我们用中文说话。 · We speak in Chinese.
103	**四**	sì	four 我有四个朋友。 · I have four friends.
104	**岁**	suì	years old 他五岁了。 · He is five years old.
105	**他**	tā	he/him 他很高。 · He is tall.
106	**她**	tā	she/her 她是老师。 · She is a teacher.
107	**太**	tài	too/very 这杯茶太热了。 · This tea is too hot.
108	**天气**	tiānqì	weather 今天天气很好。 · The weather is nice today.
109	**听**	tīng	listen/hear 请听我说。 · Please listen to me.
110	**同学**	tóngxué	classmate 她是我的同学。 · She is my classmate.
111	**喂**	wèi	hello (on phone) 喂，你好！ · Hello, hi!
112	**我**	wǒ	I/me 我喜欢中文。 · I like Chinese.
113	**我们**	wǒmen	we/us 我们一起去吧。 · Let’ s go together.
114	**五**	wǔ	five 我买了五个苹果。 · I bought five apples.
115	**喜欢**	xǐhuan	like 我喜欢猫。 · I like cats.

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116	**下**	xià	down/next
	请坐下。 · Please sit down.		
117	**下午**	xiàwǔ	afternoon
	我下午三点开会。 · I have a meeting at three p.m.		
118	**下雨**	xià yǔ	rain
	外面在下雨。 · It’ s raining outside.		
119	**先生**	xiānsheng	mister/Mr.
	王先生是老师。 · Mr. Wang is a teacher.		
120	**现在**	xiànzài	now
	我现在很忙。 · I’ m busy now.		
121	**想**	xiǎng	want/think
	我想去公园。 · I want to go to the park.		
122	**小**	xiǎo	small
	这是一个小杯子。 · This is a small cup.		
123	**小姐**	xiǎojiě	miss/young lady
	请问，小姐，这附近有银行吗？ · Excuse me, Miss, is there a bank nearby?		
124	**些**	xiē	some
	我买了一些水果。 · I bought some fruit.		
125	**写**	xiě	write
	他在纸上写字。 · He is writing on paper.		
126	**谢谢**	xièxie	thank you
	谢谢你的帮助！ · Thank you for your help!		
127	**星期**	xīngqī	week
	星期天我休息。 · I rest on Sunday.		
128	**学生**	xuésheng	student
	她是北京大学的学生。 · She is a student at Peking University.		
129	**学习**	xuéxí	study/learn
	我每天学习汉语。 · I study Chinese every day.		
130	**学校**	xuéxiào	school
	孩子们早上七点去学校。 · The children go to school at seven in the morning.		

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131	一	yī	one 我有一本书。 · I have a book.
132	衣服	yīfu	clothes 这件衣服很舒服。 · This piece of clothing is very comfortable.
133	医生	yīshēng	doctor 她是一名医生。 · She is a doctor.
134	医院	yīyuàn	hospital 他昨天去了医院。 · He went to the hospital yesterday.
135	椅子	yǐzi	chair 请坐在这把椅子上。 · Please sit on this chair.
136	有	yǒu	have/there is 桌子上有一杯水。 · There is a glass of water on the table.
137	月	yuè	month/moon 今天是三月五号。 · Today is March 5th.
138	在	zài	at/in; exist 我在家看书。 · I am reading at home.
139	再见	zàijiàn	goodbye 上课结束了，老师说：‘再见！’ · Class ended, and the teacher said: ‘Goodbye!’
140	怎么	zěnme	how 你怎么来学校？ · How do you come to school?
141	怎么样	zěnmeyàng	how about/how is it 这个主意怎么样？ · How about this idea?
142	这（这儿）	zhè (zhèr)	this/here 这是我的书包。 · This is my backpack.
143	中国	Zhōngguó	China 我来自中国。 · I am from China.
144	中午	zhōngwǔ	noon 我们中午一起吃饭吧。 · Let’s eat together at noon.

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145	住	zhù	live/stay
	他们住在北京市中心。 · They live in the center of Beijing.		
146	桌子	zhuōzi	table/desk
	请把书放在桌子上。 · Please put the book on the table.		
147	字	zì	character/word
	这个汉字怎么读? · How do you read this Chinese character?		
148	昨天	zuótiān	yesterday
	昨天我看了电影。 · I watched a movie yesterday.		
149	坐	zuò	sit
	大家请坐下。 · Everyone, please sit down.		
150	做	zuò	do/make
	他在做作业。 · He is doing his homework.		

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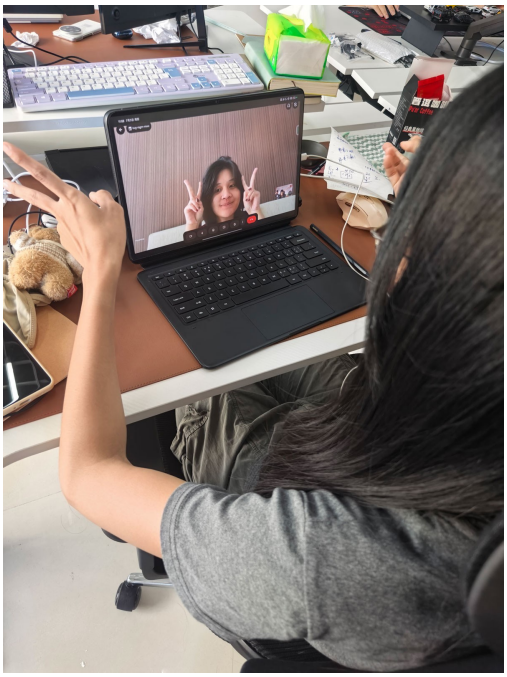

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