

Common Chinese Idioms List

序号	成语	拼音	英文解释
1	半途而废	bàn tú ér fèi	To abandon something halfway through
2	百步穿杨	bǎi bù chuān yáng	To shoot an arrow through the leaf of a poplar tree from a hundred paces away
3	一帆风顺	yī fān fēng shùn	To have smooth sailing, to proceed without any difficulty
4	一石二鸟	yī shí èr niǎo	To kill two birds with one stone, to accomplish two things with a single action
5	一心一意	yī xīn yī yì	With undivided attention, single-mindedly
6	一诺千金	yī nuò qiān jīn	A promise worth a thousand gold, a promise that is highly valued
7	万事俱备	wàn shì jù bèi	Everything is ready, all preparations are complete
8	三人成虎	sān rén chéng hǔ	A rumor or false information can become widely accepted as true if repeated by enough people
9	三姑六婆	sān gū liù pó	A crowd of meddling, chattering women
10	三言两语	sān yán liǎng yǔ	In a few words, briefly
11	不亦乐乎	bù yì lè hū	Isn't it delightful?
12	不可开交	bù kě kāi jiāo	Irreconcilable, impossible to negotiate with
13	画蛇添足	Huà shé tiān zú	Adding feet to a snake; doing something unnecessary that ruins the effect.
14	亡羊补牢	Wáng yáng bǔ láo	Mending the fold after a sheep is lost; taking preventive measures after a problem has occurred.
15	百尺竿头更进一步	Bǎi chǐ gān tóu gèng jìn yī bù	To take another step forward from the top of a hundred-foot pole; to strive for further improvement after achieving a high level of success.
16	塞翁失马焉知非福	Sài wēng shī mǎ yān zhī fēi fú	The old man on the border lost his horse, but who knows if it's not a blessing in disguise; a misfortune may turn out to be a blessing.
17	破釜沉舟	Pò fǔ chén zhōu	To break the cauldron and sink the boats; to cut off all means of retreat, thus making it necessary to fight to the death or win.
1	鹤立鸡群	Hè lì jī qún	A crane standing among chickens; to stand out from

8	群		the crowd, especially in a positive way.
1 9	锦上添花	Jǐn shàng tiān huā	To add flowers to brocade; to make something perfect even better.
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3 3	锦上添花	jǐn shàng tiān huā	To add ornaments to brocade, meaning to further embellish something that is already good
3 4	望梅止渴	wàng méi zhǐ kě	To quench one's thirst by imagining plums, meaning to find solace in imagination when the actual need cannot be met
3 5	三心二意	sān xīn èr yì	To have three hearts and two minds, meaning to be irresolute or undecided
3 6	纸上谈兵	zhǐ shàng tán bīng	To discuss military matters on paper, meaning to make plans without practical experience
3	一鼓作	yī gǔ zuò qì	To strike with one effort, meaning to tackle a task

7	气		with great momentum and vigor
3 8	顺水推舟	shùn shuǐ tuī zhōu	To drift with the current, meaning to go with the flow or take the easy way out
3 9	敲骨吸髓	qiāo gǔ xī suǐ	To extract the marrow by breaking the bones, meaning to extract the essence or core of something
4 0	刻舟求剑	kè zhōu qiú jiàn	To try to retrieve a sword by cutting the boat, meaning to stubbornly adhere to a ineffective course of action
4 1	画龙点睛	huà lóng diǎn jīng	To put the finishing touch on a dragon painting by adding the eyes, meaning to add the crucial final detail that brings the whole work to life
4 2	南腔北调	nán qiāng běi diào	Southern tones and northern accents, meaning a mixture of different styles or dialects
4 3	不可磨灭	bù kě mó miè	Indelible, impossible to erase or forget
4 4	不可企及	bù kě qǐ jí	Unattainable, beyond reach
4 5	不可逾越	bù kě yú yuè	Inviolable, not to be transgressed
4 6	不胜枚举	bù shèng méi jǔ	Too many to enumerate, innumerable
4 7	不言而喻	bù yán ér yù	Implicit, self-evident, needing no explanation
4 8	举一反三	jǔ yī fǎn sān	To deduce the general from the particular, to draw wider implications from a single example
4 9	举手投足	jǔ shǒu tóu zú	Every movement and gesture, all one's actions
5 0	举重若轻	jǔ zhòng ruò qīng	To handle weighty matters with ease, to make difficult things look easy
5 1	乘胜追击	chéng shèng zhuī jī	To press home an advantage, to follow up a victory vigorously
5 2	乘虚而入	chéng xū ér rù	To take advantage of a weakness, to seize an opportunity
5 3	心旷神怡	xīn kuàng shén yí	To feel refreshed and at ease
5 4	开卷有益	kāi juàn yǒu yì	There is benefit in opening a book; reading is always rewarding
5 5	亡羊补牢	wáng yáng bǔ láo	It's never too late to mend your ways
5 6	守株待兔	shǒu zhū dài tù	To wait for good fortune passively
5	画蛇添	huà shé tiān	To spoil something by adding unnecessary

7	足	zú	embellishments
5 8	掩耳盗 铃	yǎn ěr dào líng	To try to cover up one's misdeeds
5 9	指鹿为 马	zhǐ lù wéi mǎ	To call black white or vice versa; to tell a lie
6 0	囫圇吞 枣	hú lún tūn zǎo	To swallow dates whole; to learn mechanically
6 1	井底之 蛙	jǐng dǐ zhī wā	A frog at the bottom of a well; narrow-minded
6 2	杯弓蛇 影	bēi gōng shé yǐng	A snake seen in a wine cup; a false alarm
6 3	画龙点 睛	huà lóng diǎn jīng	The finishing touch
6 4	鹏程万 里	péng chéng wàn lǐ	A journey of ten thousand miles; great prospects
6 5	走马观 花	zǒu mǎ guān huā	To gallop past the flowers; to take a superficial look
6 6	水落石 出	shuǐ luò shí chū	When the water recedes, the stones appear; truth will out
6 7	草菅人 命	cǎo jiān rén mìng	To treat human life as lightly as grass
6 8	车水马 龙	chē shuǐ mǎ lóng	A stream of vehicles and a line of horses; bustling
6 9	顺藤摸 瓜	shùn téng mō guā	To follow the vine to find the melon; to follow clues
7 0	瓜田李 下	guā tián lǐ xià	In a melon patch or under a plum tree; in a compromising position
7 1	画地为 牢	huà dì wéi láo	To draw a prison on the ground; self-imposed restrictions
7 2	望梅止 渴	wàng méi zhǐ kě	To quench thirst by thinking of plums
7 3	金玉满 堂	jīn yù mǎn táng	A hall filled with gold and jade; abundant wealth
7 4	班门弄 斧	bān mén nòng fǔ	To brandish an axe before Lu Ban; to show off before an expert
7 5	不谋而 合	bù móu ér hé	To coincide without planning
7 6	不可救 药	bù kě jiù yào	Beyond redemption
7 7	不以为 然	bù yǐ wéi rán	Not to think it right; to be unconvinced
7	不胫而	bù jìng ér	To walk without legs; to spread rapidly

8	走	zǒu	
7 9	大材小 用	dà cái xiǎo yòng	To use a big talent in a small way; waste of talent
8 0	大公无 私	dà gōng wú sī	To act for the public good without personal motives
8 1	大势所 趋	dà shì suǒ qū	The general trend of things; the prevailing current
8 2	大言不 惭	dà yán bù cán	To make big boasts without blushing; shameless boasting
8 3	当头棒 喝	dāng tóu bàng hè	A sudden shock that awakens one; a rude awakening
8 4	地利人 和	dì lì rén hé	Geographical advantage and people's support
8 5	风雨同 舟	fēng yǔ tóng zhōu	To share the same boat in wind and rain; to share adversity
8 6	风声鹤 唳	fēng shēng hè lì	The sound of the wind and the cry of cranes; ominous sounds
8 7	高山仰 止	gāo shān yǎng zhǐ	To look up to high mountains; admiration for the eminent
8 8	海阔天 空	hǎi kuò tiān kōng	Sea wide and sky high; vast and boundless
8 9	河东狮 吼	hé dōng shī hǒu	The roar of the lioness of the East; a wife's scolding
9 0	黄粱一 梦	huáng liáng yī mèng	A dream of yellow millet; a short-lived illusion
9 1	计日程 功	jì rì chéng gōng	To reckon the success by days; to achieve results soon
9 2	九牛一 毛	jiǔ niú yī máo	One hair of nine oxen; a negligible amount
9 3	口蜜腹 剑	kǒu mì fù jiàn	Honey on the lips and sword in the belly; insincere
9 4	空穴来 风	kōng xué lái fēng	Wind comes from a hollow; there's no smoke without fire
9 5	老生常 谈	lǎo shēng cháng tán	A veteran scholar's usual talk; trite
9 6	临渊羡 鱼	lín yuān xiàn yú	To envy the fish in the abyss; to wish for something distant
9 7	漏网之 鱼	lòu wǎng zhī yú	A fish that escapes the net; a survivor
9 8	南柯一 梦	nán kē yī mèng	A dream of a southern mulberry; an ephemeral dream
9	拍案叫	pāi àn jiào	To bang the table in admiration; to be highly

9	绝	jué	impressed
1 0 0	抛砖引玉	pāo zhuān yǐn yù	To throw a brick to attract jade; to offer something inferior
1 0 1	平步青云	píng bù qīng yún	To advance steadily to a high post; to rise rapidly
1 0 2	强弩之末	qiáng nǚ zhī mò	The end of a powerful crossbow; the last gasp
1 0 3	穷途末路	qióng tú mò lù	At the end of one's tether; at the last gasp
1 0 4	一目了然	yī mù liǎo rán	To understand at a single glance, meaning something is very clear and easy to comprehend
1 0 5	破釜沉舟	pò fǔ chén zhōu	To break the cauldrons and sink the boats, meaning to cut off any route of retreat and commit oneself fully to a course of action
1 0 6	庸人自扰	yōng rén zì rǎo	A mediocre person worries himself, meaning that incompetent people tend to create their own problems
1 0 7	前怕狼, 后怕虎	qián pà láng, hòu pà hǔ	To fear the wolf in front and the tiger behind, meaning to be afraid of dangers on both sides
1 0 8	弃暗投明	qì àn tóu míng	To abandon the dark and turn to the light, meaning to give up evil ways and embrace good
1 0 9	鸡犬不留	jī quǎn bù liú	Not even leaving chickens and dogs, meaning to destroy or eliminate everything completely
1 1 0	心猿意马	xīn yuán yì mǎ	Mind like a monkey, will like a horse, meaning to be restless and distracted
1 1 1	天崩地裂	tiān bēng dì liè	The sky crumbles and the earth splits, meaning a catastrophic event or major upheaval
1 1 2	滴水穿石	dī shuǐ chuān shí	Dripping water wears away stone, meaning that persistence and determination can overcome even the most formidable obstacles
1 1 1	三头六臂	sān tóu liù bì	Three heads and six arms, meaning to have extraordinary capabilities and abilities

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1 1 4	闭月羞花	Bì yuè xiū huā	To eclipse the moon and shame the flowers; used to describe a woman of extraordinary beauty.
1 1 5	沉鱼落雁	Chén yú luò yàn	To cause fish to sink and wild geese to fall; another idiom for describing a woman's stunning beauty.
1 1 6	坐井观天	Zuò jǐng guān tiān	Sitting at the bottom of a well and watching the sky; having a narrow or limited outlook.
1 1 7	狐朋狗友	Hú péng gǒu yǒu	Foxy friends and doggy companions; referring to bad or unreliable friends.
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1 1 9	举案齐眉	Jǔ àn qí méi	To lift a tray to the level of the eyebrows; showing deep respect and affection between husband and wife.
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1 3 7	云开见日	云开见日	yún kāi jiàn rì
1 3 8	云谲波诡	云谲波诡	yún jué bō guǐ
1 3 9	五光十色	五光十色	wǔ guāng shí sè
1 4 0	五湖四海	五湖四海	wǔ hú sì hǎi
1 4 1	五体投地	五体投地	wǔ tǐ tóu dì

1 4 2	井井有条	井井有条	jǐng jǐng yǒu tiáo
1 4 3	亡羊补牢	亡羊补牢	wáng yáng bǔ láo
1 4 4	守株待兔	shǒu zhū dài tù	To guard a tree stump and wait for a rabbit, meaning to passively wait for an opportunity instead of actively pursuing it
1 4 5	刮骨疗毒	guā gǔ liáo dú	To scrape the bone and treat the poison, meaning to take drastic measures to address a deep-rooted problem
1 4 6	望穿秋水	wàng chuān qiū shuǐ	To gaze into the autumn waters, meaning to wait anxiously for a long time
1 4 7	鹬蚌相争	yù bàng xiāng zhēng	The curlew and the clam in conflict, meaning that two parties are fighting while a third party benefits
1 4 8	不入虎穴,焉得虎子	bù rù hǔ xué, yān dé hǔ zǐ	If you don't enter the tiger's lair, how can you get the tiger's cubs? Meaning you have to take risks to achieve your goals
1 4 9	亡羊补牢	wáng yáng bǔ láo	To repair the pen after the sheep are lost, meaning to take remedial action after a problem has occurred
1 5 0	不战而屈人之兵	bù zhàn ér qū rén zhī bīng	To submit the enemy's army without fighting, meaning to achieve victory through strategy rather than force
1 5 1	一石二鸟	yī shí èr niǎo	One stone, two birds, meaning to achieve two goals with a single action
1 5 2	望风而逃	wàng fēng ér táo	To flee at the sign of the wind, meaning to retreat at the first sign of danger
1 5 3	鸡飞狗跳	jī fēi gǒu tiào	Chickens fly and dogs jump, meaning a scene of total chaos and disorder
1 5 4	井蛙不可语以海	jǐng wā bù kě yǔ yǐ hǎi	A well frog cannot be told of the ocean, meaning a person with limited experience cannot understand the vastness of the world
1 5 5	慈不掌兵	cí bù zhǎng bīng	Kindness does not manage troops, meaning that being too soft or lenient can undermine one's authority
1	逆水行	nì shuǐ xíng	To row against the current, meaning to make progress

5 6	舟	zhōu	in the face of difficulties
1 5 7	以毒攻毒	yǐ dú gōng dú	To attack poison with poison, meaning to fight fire with fire or to use unethical means to counter unethical acts
1 5 8	杯弓蛇影	bēi gōng shé yǐng	Cup's bow, snake's shadow, meaning to be overly suspicious and see danger where there is none
1 5 9	一叶知秋	yī yè zhī qiū	One leaf knows autumn, meaning to infer the whole from a small part
1 6 0	以柔克刚	yǐ róu kè gāng	To overcome strength with softness, meaning to use gentleness and flexibility to overcome force
1 6 1	授人以鱼不如授人以渔	shòu rén yǐ yú bù rú shòu rén yǐ yú	To give a man a fish is not as good as teaching him how to fish, meaning it's better to teach someone to be self-reliant than just provide for them
1 6 2	一个巴掌拍不响	yī gè bā zhǎng pāi bù xiǎng	One palm cannot clap, meaning that two parties are required for an interaction to occur
1 6 3	望洋兴叹	wàng yáng xìng tàn	To sigh wistfully towards the ocean, meaning to lament one's inability to achieve a distant goal
1 6 4	人之初, 性本善	人之初, 性本善 rén zhī chū, xìng běn shàn	
1 6 5	人心不古	人心不古 rén xīn bù gǔ	
1 6 6	人心惶惶	人心惶惶 rén xīn huáng huáng	
1 6 7	人山人海	人山人海 rén shān rén hǎi	
1 6 8	人情冷暖	人情冷暖 rén qíng lěng nuǎn	
1 6 9	人财两空	人财两空 rén cái liǎng kōng	
1	人走茶凉	人走茶凉 rén zǒu chá liáng	

7 0	凉		
1 7 1	什么来头	什么来头	shén me lái tóu
1 7 2	人云亦云	rén yún yì yún	To echo others' words; to parrot what others say
1 7 3	如火如荼	rú huǒ rú tú	Like fire and tea; raging like a prairie fire
1 7 4	三令五申	sān lìng wǔ shēn	Three orders and five warnings; repeated instructions
1 7 5	四面楚歌	sì miàn chǔ gē	Surrounded by songs of Chu; to be hemmed in on all sides
1 7 6	五十步笑百步	wǔ shí bù xiào bǎi bù	To laugh at others who have gone further than oneself; to criticize others for doing more
1 7 7	六神无主	liù shén wú zhǔ	Six gods without a master; at a loss
1 7 8	七上八下	qī shàng bā xià	Seven up and eight down; in a state of suspense
1 7 9	八仙过海	bā xiān guò hǎi	Eight immortals crossing the sea; each showing his own skill
1 8 0	九死一生	jiǔ sǐ yī shēng	Nine deaths and one survival; surviving a close call
1 8 1	十全十美	shí quán shí měi	Ten out of ten; perfect
1 8 2	百折不挠	bǎi zhé bù náo	Undaunted by a hundred setbacks; indomitable
1 8 3	千里之堤毁于蚁穴	qiān lǐ zhī dī huǐ yú yǐ xué	A thousand-mile dyke destroyed by an ant hole; a small mistake ruins everything
1 8	万众一心	wàn zhòng yī xīn	A million hearts as one; united

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1 8 5	万象更新	wàn xiàng gēng xīn	All phenomena renewed; a new beginning
1 8 6	万里长城	wàn lǐ cháng chéng	The Great Wall of ten thousand li; a monumental achievement
1 8 7	世外桃源	shì wài táo yuán	A peach-blossom paradise beyond the world; a utopian retreat
1 8 8	天长地久	tiān cháng dì jiǔ	Heaven long and earth enduring; everlasting
1 8 9	地老天荒	dì lǎo tiān huāng	Earth old and heaven desolate; until the end of time
1 9 0	日新月异	rì xīn yuè yì	New every day and different every month; ever-changing
1 9 1	春风得意	chūn fēng dé yì	Riding the spring breeze; successful
1 9 2	夏虫不可以语冰	xià chóng bù kě yǐ yǔ bīng	Summer insects cannot speak of ice; ignorance due to limited experience
1 9 3	秋高气爽	qiū gāo qì shuǎng	High autumn and clear air; pleasant weather
1 9 4	冬寒抱冰	dōng hán bào bīng	Embracing ice in winter cold; suffering in silence
1 9 5	心照不宣	xīn zhào bù xuān	Knowing each other's mind without saying; tacit understanding
1 9 6	手到擒来	shǒu dào qín lái	To catch with one's hand; to achieve easily
1 9 7	前赴后继	qián fù hòu jì	Those in front rush forward, those behind follow after; continuous effort
1 9 8	后发制人	hòu fā zhì rén	To gain the upper hand by striking later; to counterattack

1 9 9	中流砥 柱	zhōng liú dǐ zhù	The pillar in the middle of the stream; a stabilizing force
2 0 0	剑走偏 锋	jiàn zǒu piān fēng	A sword taking an unconventional path; unorthodox tactics
2 0 1	刀光剑 影	dāo guāng jiàn yǐng	Sword flash and saber shadow; fierce fighting
2 0 2	文武双 全	wén wǔ shuāng quán	Both literary and martial talents; versatile
2 0 3	学富五 车	xué fù wǔ chē	Knowledge filling five wagons; erudite
2 0 4	孔雀东 南飞	kǒng què dōng nán fēi	The peacock flies southeast; a poetic departure
2 0 5	子虚乌 有	zǐ xū wū yǒu	Nonexistent; imaginary
2 0 6	小心翼 翼	xiǎo xīn yì yì	With extreme caution; carefully
2 0 7	岂有此 理	qǐ yǒu cǐ lǐ	How can such a thing be?; absurd
2 0 8	多事之 秋	duō shì zhī qiū	A season of many events; a busy period
2 0 9	呆若木 鸡	dāi ruò mù jī	Dumbfounded like a wooden chicken; stunned
2 1 0	喜上眉 梢	xǐ shàng méi shāo	Joy on the eyebrows; visibly delighted
2 1 1	哀鸿遍 野	āi hóng biàn yě	Wailing storks everywhere; widespread distress
2 1 2	怒发冲 冠	nù fā chōng guān	Anger makes the hair stand on end; furious
2	忧国忧	yōu guó yōu	Worried about the country and the people; patriotic

1 3	民	mín	
2 1 4	悲欢离合	bēi huān lí hé	Joy and sorrow, parting and reunion; the vicissitudes of life
2 1 5	恶贯满盈	è guàn mǎn yíng	Evil deeds overflowing; guilt accumulated to the full
2 1 6	患难与共	huàn nàn yǔ gòng	To share weal and woe; solidarity in adversity
2 1 7	惊弓之鸟	jīng gōng zhī niǎo	A bird frightened by arrows; overcautious
2 1 8	暴殄天物	bào tiǎn tiān wù	To squander natural resources; wasteful
2 1 9	晕头转向	yūn tóu zhuǎn xiàng	Dizzy and disoriented; confused
2 2 0	滴水穿石	dī shuǐ chuān shí	A drop of water wears away a stone; perseverance pays off
2 2 1	飞蛾扑火	fēi é pū huǒ	A moth dashing itself against a flame; self-destructive
1 0 1	风起云涌	fēng qǐ yún yǒng	Winds rise and clouds surge; turbulent times
1 0 2	雨后春笋	yǔ hòu chūn sǔn	Bamboo shoots after rain; rapid growth
1 0 3	雪中送炭	xuě zhōng sòng tàn	Sending charcoal in the snow; help in dire need
1 0 4	鸟语花香	niǎo yǔ huā xiāng	Birds singing and flowers fragrant; idyllic scenery
1 0 5	龙飞凤舞	lóng fēi fèng wǔ	Dragons flying and phoenixes dancing; elegant and graceful
1 0	鹤立鸡群	hè lì jī qún	A crane standing among chickens; outstanding

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1 0 7	鹿死谁手	lù sǐ shuí shǒu	Whose hands the deer falls into; uncertain outcome
1 0 8	鱼目混珠	yú mù hùn zhū	Fish eyes mixed with pearls; fake goods among genuine ones
1 0 9	马革裹尸	mǎ gé guǒ shī	To be wrapped in horsehide after death; dying in battle
1 1 0	牛刀小试	niú dāo xiǎo shì	To test a butcher's knife on a calf; to use great ability
1 1 1	虎头蛇尾	hǔ tóu shé wěi	Tiger head, snake tail; strong start, weak finish
1 1 2	狐假虎威	hú jiǎ hǔ wēi	A fox borrowing the might of a tiger; using someone else's power
1 1 3	狗急跳墙	gǒu jí tiào qiáng	A dog jumping over a wall in desperation; desperate measures
1 1 4	羊入虎口	yáng rù hǔ kǒu	A sheep entering the tiger's mouth; walking into danger
1 1 5	猴年马月	hóu nián mǎ yuè	Monkey year, horse month; a remote possibility
1 1 6	猪突豨勇	zhū tū xī yǒng	A pig's rash charge; reckless bravery
1 1 7	鸡鸣狗盗	jī míng gǒu dào	Roosters crowing and dogs stealing; disorderly scene
1 1 8	鸡犬升天	jī quǎn shēng tiān	Chickens and dogs ascending to heaven; all benefit
1 1 9	鸟尽弓藏	niǎo jìn gōng cáng	After the birds are caught, the bow is put away; dispensable
1 2 0	燕雀安知鸿鹄之志	yàn què ān zhī hóng hú zhī zhì	Sparrows how know the aspirations of swans?; ignorance of noble intentions

1 2 1	鸿篇巨制	hóng piān jù zhì	A magnum opus; a large-scale work
1 2 2	鸿鹄将至	hóng hú jiāng zhì	Swans are about to arrive; imminent event
1 2 3	鸡飞蛋打	jī fēi dàn dǎ	Chickens flying and eggs broken; complete chaos
1 2 4	鸡零狗碎	jī líng gǒu suì	Chicken bits and dog scraps; trivial
1 2 5	鸡犬不宁	jī quǎn bù níng	Chickens and dogs not at peace; disturbed
1 2 6	鹤立鸡群	hè lì jī qún	A crane standing among chickens; prominent
1 2 7	鹤发童颜	hè fā tóng yán	White-haired but youthful-looking; ageless
1 2 8	鹤唳风声	hè lì fēng shēng	The cries of cranes in the wind; ominous signs
1 2 9	鹤鸣九皋	hè míng jiǔ gāo	A crane singing in the ninth marsh; a voice heard far away
1 3 0	鹤发鸡皮	hè fā jī pí	White hair and chicken skin; aged and withered
1 3 1	鹤立鸡群	hè lì jī qún	A crane standing among chickens; prominent (repeated)
1 3 2	龙飞凤舞	lóng fēi fèng wǔ	Dragons flying and phoenixes dancing; elegant and graceful (repeated)
1 3 3	龙腾虎跃	lóng téng hǔ yuè	Dragons soaring and tigers leaping; vigorous
1 3 4	龙盘虎踞	lóng pán hǔ jù	Dragons coiling and tigers crouching; strong position
1	龙潭虎	lóng tán hǔ	Dragon pool and tiger den; dangerous place

3 5	穴	xué	
1 3 6	龙马精神	lóng mǎ jīng shén	Dragon-horse spirit; energetic
1 3 7	龙蛇混杂	lóng shé hùn zá	Dragons and snakes mingled; good and bad together
1 3 8	龙争虎斗	lóng zhēng hǔ dòu	Dragons vying and tigers fighting; fierce competition
1 3 9	龙肝豹胎	lóng gān bào tāi	Dragon liver and leopard fetus; rare delicacies
1 4 0	龙凤呈祥	lóng fèng chéng xiáng	Dragons and phoenixes present auspiciousness; good omen
1 4 1	龙行虎步	lóng xíng hǔ bù	A dragon's walk and a tiger's stride; majestic and powerful
1 4 2	龙吟虎啸	lóng yín hǔ xiào	A dragon's roar and a tiger's howl; powerful voices
1 4 3	龙蛇飞动	lóng shé fēi dòng	Dragons and snakes flying; lively and dynamic
1 4 4	龙马精神	lóng mǎ jīng shén	Dragon-horse spirit; energetic (repeated)
1 4 5	龙飞凤舞	lóng fēi fèng wǔ	Dragons flying and phoenixes dancing; elegant and graceful (repeated)
1 4 6	龙蛇混杂	lóng shé hùn zá	Dragons and snakes mingled; good and bad together (repeated)
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1 5 0	龙争虎斗	lóng zhēng hǔ dòu	Dragons vying and tigers fighting; fierce competition (repeated)
1 5 1	一鳞半爪	yī lín bàn zhuǎ	One scale and half a claw, meaning to have only a small part or glimpse of something
1 5 2	一箭双雕	yī jiàn shuāng diāo	One arrow, two falcons, meaning to achieve two goals with a single action
1 5 4	庙小妖 鬼神	miào xiǎo yāo yè shén	In a small temple, a little demon can awe the gods, meaning that even small things can have a big impact
1 5 5	明修棧 道,暗度 陈仓	míng xiū zhàn dào, àn dù chén cāng	Openly constructing a plank road, but secretly going through Chen Cang, means to distract and hide one's true intentions
1 5 6	三言两 语	sān yán liǎng yǔ	Three words, two phrases, meaning to express something concisely
1 5 1	画饼充 饥	huà bǐng chōng jī	Drawing a cake to relieve hunger; empty comfort
1 5 2	画蛇添 足	huà shé tiān zú	Adding feet to a painted snake; superfluous action
1 5 3	画龙点 睛	huà lóng diǎn jīng	Painting the pupils of a dragon; the finishing touch
1 5 4	画地为 牢	huà dì wéi láo	Drawing a prison on the ground; self-imposed restriction
1 5 5	画虎不 成反类 狗	huà hǔ bù chéng fǎn lèi gǒu	Failing to paint a tiger, it looks like a dog; failure to reach the intended goal
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1 5 7	画蛇添 足	huà shé tiān zú	Adding feet to a painted snake; superfluous action (repeated)
1 5 8	画地成 图	huà dì chéng tú	Drawing a map on the ground; creative planning

1 5 9	画中有诗	huà zhōng yǒu shī	There is poetry in the painting; artistic depth
1 6 0	画虎类犬	huà hǔ lèi quǎn	Painting a tiger like a dog; poor imitation
1 6 1	画饼充饥	huà bǐng chōng jī	Drawing a cake to relieve hunger; empty comfort (repeated)
1 6 2	画龙点睛	huà lóng diǎn jīng	Painting the pupils of a dragon; the finishing touch (repeated)
1 6 3	画地为牢	huà dì wéi láo	Drawing a prison on the ground; self-imposed restriction (repeated)
1 6 4	画蛇添足	huà shé tiān zú	Adding feet to a painted snake; superfluous action (repeated)
1 6 5	画虎不成反类狗	huà hǔ bù chéng fǎn lèi gǒu	Failing to paint a tiger, it looks like a dog; failure to reach the intended goal (repeated)
1 6 6	画地成图	huà dì chéng tú	Drawing a map on the ground; creative planning (repeated)
1 6 7	画中有诗	huà zhōng yǒu shī	There is poetry in the painting; artistic depth (repeated)
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1 7 0	画地成图	huà dì chéng tú	Drawing a map on the ground; creative planning (repeated)
1 7 1	画龙点睛	huà lóng diǎn jīng	Painting the pupils of a dragon; the finishing touch (repeated)
1 7 2	画饼充饥	huà bǐng chōng jī	Drawing a cake to relieve hunger; empty comfort (repeated)
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7 3	牢	láo	restriction (repeated)
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1 7 9	画饼充饥	huà bǐng chōng jī	Drawing a cake to relieve hunger; empty comfort (repeated)
1 8 0	岸芷汀兰	àn zhǐ tīng lán	Person of noble character like fragrant grass and orchid
1 8 1	大音希声	dà yīn xī shēng	The greatest sounds are seldom heard; profound wisdom is subtle
1 8 2	月出东斗	yuè chū dōng dòu	Splendid sight of the moon rising from the east
1 8 3	美意延年	měi yì yán nián	A cheerful mind prolongs life
1 8 4	花晨月夕	huā chén yuè xī	Beautiful morning with flowers and night under the moon
1 8 5	林下风致	lín xià fēng zhì	Graceful demeanor of a woman like a breeze in the forest
1 8 6	枕山栖谷	zhěn shān qī gǔ	Living in seclusion among mountains and valleys
1 8 8	引商刻羽	yǐn shāng kè yǔ	Playing music with exquisite skill

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1 8 8	岳峙渊 渟	yuè zhì yuān tíng	Standing firm as a mountain and still as a deep pool
1 8 9	落月屋 梁	luò yuè wū liáng	Moonlight on the roof beam
1 9 0	采采流 水	cǎi cǎi liú shuǐ	Gurgling stream
1 9 1	蓬蓬远 春	péng péng yuǎn chūn	Spring bursting forth
1 9 2	碧桃满 树	bì táo mǎn shù	Peach trees in full bloom
1 9 3	风日水 滨	fēng rì shuǐ bīn	Enjoying the breeze and sun by the water
1 9 4	海风碧 云	hǎi fēng bì yún	Sea breeze and blue sky
1 9 5	夜渚月 明	yè zhǔ yuè míng	Bright moon over the night waters
1 9 6	泛彼浩 劫	fàn bǐ hào jié	Vast expanse of sea
1 9 7	杳然空 踪	yǎo rán kōng zōng	Mysterious and quiet scene
1 9 8	目成心 许	mù chéng xīn xǔ	Mutual understanding through eye contact
1 9 9	和光同 尘	hé guāng tóng chén	In harmony with nature, living a simple life
2 0 0	画龙不 成反类 狗	huà lóng bù chéng fǎn lèi gǒu	Failing to paint a dragon, it looks like a dog; failure to reach the intended goal (repeated)