

People

人	rén	people, human
我	wǒ	I, me
你	nǐ	you
您	nín	you, but in a respectful way
他	tā	he, him
她	tā	she, her
牠	tā	it for living object e.g. dog
它	tā	it for non-living object e.g. desk
们	mén	plural form for subjects / objects
爸爸	bà ba	dad, father
妈妈	mā ma	mum, mother
爸妈 / 爸爸妈妈	bà mā / bà 1am ā ma	parents (casual)
父母	fù mǔ	parents (formal)
夫妻	fū qī	married couple
先生	xiān shēng	1. husband (semi-formal) 2, sir 3.Mr.
丈夫	zhàng fū	husband (formal)
老公	lǎo gōng	husband (casual)
妻子	qī zǐ	wife (formal)
太太	tài tai	1. wife (semi-formal) 2. Mrs
老婆	lǎo pó	wife (casual)
女儿	nǚ ér	daughter
儿子	ér zi	son
哥哥	gē ge	older brother
弟弟	dì dì	younger brother
姐姐	jiě jie	older sister
妹妹	mèi mei	younger sister
爷爷	yé ye	grandpa (dad's side)
奶奶	nǎi nai	grandma (dad's side)
外公	wài gōng	grandpa (mum's side)
外婆	wài pó	grandma (mum's side)

家人	jiā rén	people in the family
小姐	xiǎo jiě	1. Miss (title for younger women); 2. young lady
女士	nǚ shì	1. Ms. (title for mature women); 2 mature lady
男人	nán rén	man (adult)
女人	nǚ rén	woman (adult)
朋友	péng yǒu	friend
小朋友	xiǎo péng yǒu	kid, children
男朋友	nán péng yǒu	boyfriend
女朋友	nǚ péng yǒu	girlfriend
同学	tóng xué	classmate; schoolmate

Occupation

老师	lǎo shī	teacher
学生	xué shēng	student
医生	yī shēng	doctor

Verbs / Nouns (Activities)

有	yǒu	have, has
问	wèn	ask
见	jiàn	see
见面	jiàn miàn	meet
坐	zuò	sit
吃	chī	eat
喝	hē	drink
看	kàn	look, see, read, watch
看见	kàn jiàn	able to see
听	tīng	hear, listen
读	dú	read
说	shuō	say, speak
叫	jiào	call, shout, order, ask
欢迎	huān yíng	welcome
认识	rèn shi	know (often for people)

进	jìn	enter
问候	wèn hòu	greet, greeting (verb/noun)
介绍	jiè shào	introduce, introduction (verb/noun)
上班	shàng bān	go to work
下班	xià bān	get off work
工作	gōng zuò	work (verb/noun); job
回	huí	return
去	qù	go
来	lái	come
做	zuò	make, do
做菜	zuò cài	cook
写	xiě	write
想	xiǎng	want; would like to, think, miss
买	mǎi	buy
住	zhù	live
学	xué	learn; study
学习	xué xí	learn; study (can be placed at the end of sentence)
睡觉	shuì jiào	sleep
打	dǎ	1. call (specifically for phone calls) 2. strike; hit
给	gěi	give; for
爱	ài	love
喜欢	xǐ huān	like; fond of
下雨	xià yǔ	rain (verb); 下 = down 雨 = rain (noun)
开	kāi	open; turn on; start
开车	kāi chē	drive
到	dào	arrive; till

Nouns

名字	míng zì	name, first name
家	jiā	home, house, family
茶	chá	tea

咖啡	kā fēi	coffee
奶	nǎi	milk
饭	fàn	rice; meal
早餐 / 饭	zǎo cān / fàn	breakfast
午餐 / 饭	wǔ cān / fàn	lunch
晚餐 / 饭	wǎn cān / fàn	dinner
米饭	mǐ fàn	cooked rice = 饭
钱	qián	money
汉语	Hàn yǔ	Chinese, Chinese language
中文	Zhōng wén	
字	zì	character, word
汉字	hàn zì	Chinese character
书	shū	book
学校	xué xiào	school
医院	yī yuàn	hospital
电脑	diàn nǎo	computer
电	diàn	electricity, electrical
脑	nǎo	brain
电影	diàn yǐng	movie; film
电视	diàn shì	television
电话	diàn huà	phone
桌子	zhuō zi	desk, table
椅子	yǐ zi	chair
商店	shāng diàn	store
杯子	bēi zi	cup, glass, mug
菜	cài	dish, vegetable, cuisine
天气	tiān qì	weather
身体	shēn tǐ	body; health
水	shuǐ	water
水果	shuǐ guǒ	fruit
号码	hào mǎ	number
车	chē	car; vehicle

出租车	chū zū chē	cab; taxi
飞机	fēi jī	airplane
小学	xiǎo xué	Primary school
中学	zhōng xué	Secondary school
大学	dà xué	University
饭店	fàn diàn	restaurant
衣服	yī fú	clothes
东西	dōng xī	thing; stuff
苹果	píng guǒ	apple

Animals

猫	māo	cat
狗	gǒu	dog

Adjectives

好	hǎo	good, well, fine, nice; very / so
高兴	gāo xìng	happy, glad
忙	máng	busy
累	lèi	tired
久	jiǔ	long time
大	dà	big
小	xiǎo	small, little
多	duō	many; a lot; how/ how much
少	shǎo	little; few
老	lǎo	old
冷	lěng	cold
热	rè	hot
漂亮	piào liàng	pretty

For Questions / Expressions / Numbers related

呢	ne	(expression)
吗	ma	(expression)
吧	ba	(expression)
啊	a	(expression)
什么	shén me	what
谁	shéi	who
几	jǐ	1. how many, how much, what number; 2. a few/several
多少	duō shǎo	how much, how many (for question; = 几)
哪	nǎ	which / where
哪儿	nǎ ér	= 哪; = where
哪里	nǎ li	= 哪; = where
怎么	zěn me	how (to); how come
怎么样	zěn me yàng	How is it; how is (something)
一点儿	yì diǎn ér	a little bit (amount)
有点儿	yǒu diǎn ér	a little bit (for intangible things)
不少	bù shǎo	a lot

General Phrases

请	qǐng	please (normally followed by a verb)
谢谢	xiè xiè	thank you
不客气	bú kè qì	you're welcome
不谢	bú xiè	No, it's fine
再见	zài jiàn	Goodbye, bye, see you
对不起	duì bù qǐ	Sorry
没关系	méi guān xi	It's ok, no worries, not a problem, doesn't matter
喂	wèi	'hello' (only for phone); hey
怎么了	zěn me le	what's up; what's going on?

Adverbs

些	xiē	some
这	zhè	this

这些	zhè xiē	these
这里	zhè li	here
这儿	zhè ér	here
那	nà	that
那些	nà xiē	those
那里	nà li	there
那儿	nà ér	there
一起	yì qǐ	together
这么	zhè me	this / so
那么	nà me	that / so

Tenses / Supportive words / new meanings

了	le	1. change of tense; 2. supporting word; 3. change of state
在	zài	1. in, at (a place); 2. replace -ing (doing something)
会	huì	will, can / know (how to do something)
是	shì	1) is/am/are 2) yes
和	hé	and
也	yě	also, too
都	dōu	all, both
还是	hái shì	or ; still
的	de	of someone/something (possessive), modal particle
非常	fēi cháng	very, so
很	hěn	very / so
太...	tài	too (adjective), very / so / extremely usually 太...(adjective)...了
能	néng	can, able to

Negative words

不	bù	not
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没	méi	not
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Countries

国家	guó jiā	country; nation
中国	Zhōng guó	China
英国	Yīng guó	United Kingdom
美国	Měi guó	United States
法国	Fǎ guó	France
北京	Běi jīng	Beijing

Numbers

零	líng	Zero
一	yī	One
二	èr	Two
三	sān	Three
四	sì	Four
五	wǔ	Five
六	liù	Six
七	qī	Seven
八	bā	Eight
九	jiǔ	Nine
十	shí	Ten
一百	yì bǎi	One hundred
一千	yì qiān	One thousand
一万	yí wàn	Ten thousand
十万	shí wàn	One hundred thousand
一百万	yì bǎi wàn	One million
一千万	yì qiān wàn	Ten million
一亿	yí yì	One hundred million
两	liǎng	two (countable measure only)

Date & Time

现在	xiàn zài	now
年	nián	year
月	yuè	1. month 2 moon
星期	xīng qī	week
天 / 日	tiān / rì	day
日期	rì qī	date
时间	shí jiān	time
时候	shí hòu	time
去年	qù nián	last year
今年	jīn nián	this year
明年	míng nián	next year
后年	hòu nián	the year after next
上个月	shàng gè yuè	last month
这个月	zhè gè yuè	this month
下个月	xià gè yuè	next month
上个星期	shàng gè xīng qī	last week
这个星期	zhè gè xīng qī	this week
下个星期	xià gè xīng qī	next week
周末	zhōu mò	weekend
昨天	zuó tiān	yesterday
今天	jīn tiān	today
明天	míng tiān	tomorrow
后天	hòu tiān	the day after tomorrow
号	hào	number (short form)
小时	xiǎo shí	hour
点	diǎn	o'clock / hour (from the clock)
分钟	fēn zhōng	minute
秒	miǎo	second
半	bàn	half
早上 / 上午	zǎo shàng / shàng wǔ	morning
中午	zhōng wǔ	noon

下午	xià wǔ	afternoon
晚上	wǎn shàng	evening / night

Measure Terms

个	gè	measure term
口	kǒu	1.mouth 2.measure term for family members
岁	suì	years old (measure term)
本	běn	measure word (for books)
块	kuài	unit of money for Chinese currency, = Renminbi

Direction

上	shàng	on, above, on top
下	xià	under, below, down
面	miàn	1.side; face 2.face 3.noodles
上面	shàng miàn	top
下面	xià miàn	bottom
左面	zuǒ miàn	left hand side
右面	yòu miàn	right hand side
前面	qián miàn	front
后面	hòu miàn	back
外面	wài miàn	outside
里面	lǐ miàn	inside