

HSK 2 Vocabulary List

All 151 words this level adds — in frequency order, with pinyin, traditional forms and native notes. From purrlearn.com

151	300	10
words listed	cumulative total	multi-reading characters

Why this order. These words are sorted by how often they actually appear, not alphabetically by pinyin. Studying top-down pays off immediately: the first few dozen entries carry a large share of everything you will read and hear at this level. Every word on this list also has native audio on the web version.

Which HSK is this? This list is the **2012 standard** (HSK 2.0): six levels, 150 / 300 / 600 / 1200 / 2500 / 5000 words cumulatively — still what most textbooks, apps and prep material use. The 2021 standard (HSK 3.0) restructures the system into three stages and nine levels and raises the counts sharply; its Level 1 alone is 500 words. The two are not interchangeable — check which one your test provider specifies.

1	就	jiù	then; at once; just
2	要 多音字	yào, yāo	to want; to need; will/shall demand; request Native note — yāo = to want, to need, will (è ā, è do you want to). yǎo = to demand ā that reading shows up in è æ± yǎoqiǎo (HSK 4), so learn it as part of that word rather than on its own.
3	知道	zhīdao	know; be aware of
4	吧 多音字	ba, bā	particle indicating polite suggestion onomatopoeia bar (serving drinks, providing internet access, etc.) Native note — Neutral-tone ba, a suggestion softener: èµ°ā § let's go, ā½ā § fine then. It turns a command into an invitation. bǎ is only the loanword bar.
5	到	dào	arrive (at a place); until (a time)
6	对	duì 繁 對	correct; a pair; to face
7	也	yě	also; too
8	还 多音字	hái, huán 繁 還	still; yet; in addition repay; to return Native note — hái (still, also, even) is what you need at this level: è æ²;æ not yet, è æ- háiishi or / still. huǎn is a different word meaning to give back ā that è ǎ¹ huǎn shǎ« return a book.
9	让	ràng 繁 讓	ask; let; yield
10	给 多音字	gěi, jǐ 繁 給	to give; to grant; (passive particle) provide Native note — gǎi = to give, and also the passive/benefactive marker (ç»æçççç let me have a look). jǐ is formal-written only, in words like ā¼ç» supply. Say gǎi.
11	过	guò 繁 過	to pass; to cross; go over

12	得 多音字	dé, děi, de	obtain must (complement particle) Native note — Three readings, all common, and the neutral one matters most. de = the complement marker: 说得非常好 speak very well. 得 = must, have to: 我得去 I have to go. 得到 = to obtain: 得到°. If it sits between a verb and a description, it is de.
13	真	zhēn	real; true; genuine
14	着 多音字	zhe, zháo, zhuó 繁 著	-ing (indicating action in progress) to touch; to feel to wear; apply Native note — Three readings, and all three are common. zhe (neutral) marks an ongoing state: 看着 watching, 开着 (it) is open. zháo marks a result achieved: 睡着了 fell asleep, 着急 anxious. zhuó means to wear or apply, as in 穿着. The neutral zhe is by far the most frequent.
15	可以	kěyǐ	can; may; possible
16	别 多音字	bié, biè 繁 別	don't do something; don't depart other; difference; distinguish Native note — bié covers both meanings you need: don't (别去 don't go) and other (别的 other ones). biè only appears in 别扭 awkward, which is rare at this level.
17	走	zǒu	to walk; to go; to move (Kangxi radical 156)
18	告诉	gàosu 繁 告訴	to tell; inform
19	因为	yīnwèi 繁 因為	because
20	再	zài	again; once more
21	快	kuài	fast; quick; swift
22	但是	dànshì	but; however
23	已经	yǐjīng 繁 已經	already
24	为什么	wèishénme 繁 為什麼	why?; for what reason?
25	觉得	juéde 繁 覺得	feel; think
26	它	tā	it
27	从	cóng 繁 從	from; obey; observe
28	找	zhǎo	try to find; look for; seek
29	最	zuì	the most; -est; (indicator for superlative)
30	可能	kěnéng	possible; maybe
31	次	cì	(mw for number of times of occurrence); nth; order
32	出	chū	go out; occur
33	孩子	háizi	child; children; son or daughter
34	所以	suǒyǐ	so; therefore; as a result
35	两 多音字	liǎng 繁 兩	two; 2; both

36	错	cuò 繁 錯	mistake; error; blunder
37	等	děng	to wait; rank; equal
38	题	tí 繁 題	topic; subject; question on a test or assignment
39	问	wèn 繁 問	ask; inquire
40	问题	wèntí 繁 問題	question; problem
41	一起	yìqǐ	together; in the same place
42	开始	kāishǐ 繁 開始	begin; to start; beginning
43	时间	shíjiān 繁 時間	time; period
44	事情	shìqing	matter; affair; thing
45	一下	yíxià	a little bit/while; one time; once
46	非常	fēicháng	extremely; extraordinary; very
47	希望	xīwàng	to hope; wish for; to desire
48	准备	zhǔnbèi 繁 準備	prepare; get ready
49	比	bǐ	compare; (indicates comparison) (Kangxi radical 81); to gesticulate as one talks
50	件	jiàn	(mw for things, clothes, and items)
51	意思	yìsi	meaning; idea; opinion
52	第一	dìyī	first; number 1
53	进	jìn 繁 進	enter; come in
54	大家	dàjiā	everyone
55	新	xīn	new; Xinjiang autonomous region (abbreviation)
56	您	nín	you (polite)
57	穿	chuān	to wear; put on; penetrate
58	送	sòng	deliver; to carry; to give
59	玩	wán	to play; have a good time; visit
60	长 多音字	cháng, zhǎng 繁 長	long; length grow; chief (Kangxi radical 168) Native note — chǎng = long (ㄔㄤˇ, ㄔㄥˊ). zhǎng = to grow, or a chief (ㄓㄤˇ, ㄓㄤˊ). Adjective is chǎng, person-in-charge is zhǎng.
61	小时	xiǎoshí 繁 小時	hour
62	完	wán	to finish; be over; complete
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63	每	mei	each, every

64	公司	gōngsī	company; corporation
65	帮助	bāngzhù 繁 幫助	help; assist; aid
66	晚上	wǎnshang	evening; night
67	说话	shuōhuà 繁 說話	to talk; speak
68	门	mén 繁 門	door; opening; gate (Kangxi radical 169)
69	女	nǚ	woman; female (Kangxi radical 38)
70	忙	máng	busy
71	卖	mài 繁 賣	to sell
72	高	gāo	high; tall (Kangxi radical 189)
73	房间	fángjiān 繁 房間	room
74	路	lù	road; path; journey
75	懂	dǒng	understand; know
76	正在	zhèngzài	in the process of (doing something); currently
77	笑	xiào	to laugh; to smile
78	远	yuǎn 繁 遠	far; distant; remote
79	妻子	qīzi	wife
80	丈夫	zhàngfu	husband; man
81	离	lí 繁 離	leave; depart; go away
82	往	wǎng	to go (in a direction); towards; in the past
83	男	nán	male
84	眼睛	yǎnjīng	eye
85	快乐	kuàilè 繁 快樂	happy
86	虽然	suīrán 繁 雖然	although; even though
87	早上	zǎoshang	(early) morning
88	药	yào 繁 藥	medicine; drug; cure
89	身体	shēntǐ 繁 身體	health; (human) body
90	黑	hēi	black; dark (Kangxi radical 203); Heilongjiang province (abbreviation)
91	咖啡	kāfēi	coffee
92	日	rì	sun, day, date

93	休息	xiūxi	to rest; take a break
94	外	wài	outer; outside; in addition
95	生日	shēngrì	birthday
96	哥哥	gēge	older brother
97	票	piào	ticket; bank note; a vote
98	手机	shǒujī 繁 手機	mobile (cell) phone
99	洗	xǐ	to wash; bathe
100	跳舞	tiào wǔ	to dance
101	弟弟	dìdì	younger brother
102	妹妹	mèimei	younger sister
103	红	hóng 繁 紅	red; symbol of success; bonus
104	慢	màn	slow
105	近	jìn	near; close (to)
106	白 多音字	bái, bó	white; snowy; pure Native note — bǎi = white, and also in vain 白 費 ½è· 費, 白 費 ½ means made the trip for nothing. That second sense catches learners out because nothing about it suggests colour. bǎi is a surname reading.
107	姐姐	jiějie	older sister
108	介绍	jièshào 繁 介紹	to introduce; recommend; introduction
109	鱼	yú 繁 魚	fish (Kangxi radical 195)
110	累 多音字	lèi, lěi, léi	tired accumulate; implicate rope; bind together Native note — lǎi = tired, which is what you need here. lǎi = to accumulate, and it turns up in 累 累 累 累 (HSK 5). Tired is 4th tone, accumulate is 3rd.
111	课	kè 繁 課	class; subject; lesson
112	上班	shàng bān	go to work; be on duty
113	旁边	pángbiān 繁 旁 邊	side, beside
114	运动	yùndòng 繁 運 動	(physical) exercise; movement; sports
115	去年	qùnián	last year
116	报纸	bàozhǐ 繁 報紙	newspaper
117	颜色	yánsè 繁 顏色	color
118	机场	jīchǎng 繁 機場	airport; airfield

119	唱歌	chànggē	sing (a song)
120	千	qiān	one thousand
121	好吃	hǎochī	tasty
122	考试	kǎoshì 繁 考試	test; exam; to give or take a test
123	左边	zuǒbian 繁 左邊	the left side; the left
124	姓	xìng	surname; family name
125	百	bǎi	hundred
126	雪	xuě	snow
127	贵	guì 繁 貴	expensive; noble; honorable
128	生病	shēng bìng	get sick; fall ill
129	游泳	yóuyóng	to swim
130	牛奶	niúnnǎi	cow's milk
131	右边	yòubian 繁 右邊	the right (as opposed to left) side
132	便宜	piányi	cheap
133	公共汽车	gōnggòng qìchē 繁 公共汽車	(public) bus
134	起床	qǐ chuáng	get out of bed
135	打篮球	dǎ lánqiú 繁 打籃球	play basketball
136	鸡蛋	jīdàn 繁 雞蛋	(chicken) egg
137	踢足球	tīzúqiú	to play football/soccer
138	零	líng	zero; remnant
139	手表	shǒubiǎo	wristwatch
140	旅游	lǚyóu	trip; journey; tour
141	服务员	fúwùyuán 繁 服務員	waiter/waitress; server; attendant
142	宾馆	bīnguǎn 繁 賓館	guesthouse; hotel
143	教室	jiàoshì	classroom
144	跑步	pǎo bù	to run; to jog
145	阴	yīn 繁 陰	cloudy (weather); yin (the negative principle of Yin and Yang); secret

146	面条	miàntiáo 繁 面 條	noodles
147	铅笔	qiānbǐ 繁 鉛筆	pencil
148	火车站	huǒchēzhàn 繁 火車站	train station
149	西瓜	xīguā	watermelon
150	羊肉	yáng ròu	mutton; lamb
151	晴	qíng	clear; fine (as of weather)