

A Key to Chinese Speech and Writing

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报	bào	newspaper
报名	bàomíng	to enroll, to sign up
不识字	bù shízi	to be illiterate
不久	bùjiǔ	before long
到	dào	to arrive; until
得到	dédào	to obtain
多久	duō jiǔ	how long?
国画	guó huà	traditional painting
国民	guómín	national
画	huà	to draw; drawing
画画	huà huà	to draw
画图	huà tú	to draw, to design (maps etc.)
画报	huàbào	pictorial, illustrated magazine
画家	huàjiā	painter
画儿	huàr	painting, drawing
家里人	jiā lǐ rén	family member
间	jiān	interval (of time), between
见	jiàn	to see, to notice
教	jiāo	to teach
教书	jiāo shū	to teach
教元	jiāo yuán	[given name]
教	jiào	teaching, education
教师	jiàoshī	lecturer
教学	jiàoxué	education, teaching
教学法	jiàoxué fǎ	pedagogics
近	jìn	near
近东	jìn dōng	the Near East
久	jiǔ	a long time
开张	kāi zhāng	to open (a shop)
看完	kān wán	to finish reading
看见	kànjiàn	to notice, to catch sight of
可以	kěyǐ	O.K. , can, may
里	lǐ	inside
里重	lǐ zhòng	[given name]
里里外外	lǐlǐ wàiwài	inside and outside
两万	liǎngwàn	twenty thousand
美元	měiyuán	U.S. dollar
民	mín	people

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民间	mínjiān	popular
哪里	nǎli	where? It's nothing!
那里	nàli	over there
男朋友	nán péngyou	boyfriend
你好	nǐ hǎo	hello!
女朋友	nǚ péngyou	girlfriend
朋	péng	friend
朋友	péngyou	friend
人间	rénjiān	world
人民	rénmín	the people
认	rèn	to recognise
认生	rèn shēng	to be shy with strangers
认字	rèn zì	to know how to read
认识	rènshi	to know
日报	rìbào	daily newspaper
识	shí	to know
时间	shíjiān	(the concept of) time, (the duration of) time
识字	shízi	to know how to read
说完	shuō wán	to finish speaking
岁	sui	years old
完	wán	to finish
完了	wán le	finished!
万民	wàn mǐn	given name
万岁	wàn suì	Long live...
万一	wàn yī	if by chance, just in case
写完	xiě wán	to finish writing
学报	xué bào	school or college journal
一万	yīwàn	ten thousand
以	yǐ	make use of; use
以上	yǐshàng	more than
以外	yǐwài	except, outside
友	yǒu	friend
友人	yǒu rén	friend
元	yuán	yuan (money unit)
元月	yuán yuè	first month
月报	yuè bào	monthly magazine
再	zài	again
再来	zài lái	to come back, another
再说	zài shuō	to put off, to repeat
再见	zàijiàn	goodbye!
张	zhāng	[Measure word]; family name
张三李四	zhāng sān lǐ sì	any Tom, Dick or Harry

这里	zhèlǐ	here
中间	zhōngjiān	in the middle
重	zhòng	heavy
重点	zhòngdiǎn	important point
重要	zhòngyào	important
走	zǒu	to walk, to leave
走马看花	zǒu mǎ kàn huā	to have a superficial understanding of
最	zuì	the most
最小	zuì xiǎo	the smallest
最大	zuì dà	the biggest
最多	zuì duō	the most (numerous)
最好	zuì hǎo	the best
最近	zuì jìn	recently

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...的话	... de huà	if...
班	bān	class
班长	bān zhǎng	class monitor
半	bàn	half
半天	bàntiān	a long time
不同	bùtóng	different
茶会	chá huì	reception
长	cháng	long
长久	chángjiǔ	a long time
懂	dǒng	to understand
多长时间	duō cháng shíjiān	how long? How much time?
多半儿	duō bàn er	most; mostly
工会	gōnghuì	trade union
虎	hǔ	tiger
虎年	hǔ nián	year of the tiger
话	huà	word
会	huì	association, meeting; can
会话	huì huà	dialogue
会见	huìjiàn	to have an interview
会长	huìzhǎng	president of an association
机会	jīhuì	chance, opportunity
家长	jiāzhǎng	head of a family, parent or guardian
开会	kāi huì	to hold a meeting
可能	kěnéng	maybe, probably
课	kè	Lesson, course
课本	kèběn	textbook
课文	kèwén	text

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老虎	lǎohǔ	tiger
马马虎虎	mǎmǎ hǔ hǔ	so-so (casual)
能	néng	can, to be able to
年会	nián huì	annual meeting
念	niàn	to read aloud
念书	niàn shū	to study, to attend school or university
上班	shàngbān	to go to work
上课	shàngkè	to go to class
上下文	shàngxià wén	context
听到	tīng dào	to hear
听话	tīng huà	to be obedient
听见	tīngjiàn	to hear
同	tóng	same, in common
同时	tóngshí	at the same time, meanwhile
同学	tóngxué	classmate, schoolmate
下	xià	to go down, to get off; below
下班	xiàbān	to finish work
下课	xiàkè	to finish class, class dismissed
下来	xiàlái	to come down
下去	xiàqu	to go down
现	xiàn	present, manifest; to appear
现在	xiànzài	now
一半儿	yībànr	half
一会儿	yíhuìr	a moment
长	zhǎng	to grow; chief
长得	zhǎngde	to look like, to be (in appearance)
长大	zhàngdà	to grow up
正	zhèng	just, right, straight
正在	zhèngzài	in the process of
只	zhǐ	only
只好	zhǐhǎo	to have to
只是	zhǐshì	but, merely, only
中国话	zhōngguó huà	Chinese (language)
昨	zuó	yesterday
昨天	zuótiān	yesterday

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吧	ba	[exclamative particle]
边	biān	side
不用	búyòng	it's no use..., don't bother...
不好吃	bù hǎo chī	not tasty
长江	chángjiāng	the Long River, the Yangtze River

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吃	chī	to eat
吃饭	chīfàn	to eat
川	chuān	river, water course
道	dào	way
道家	dào jiā	Daoist
道教	dàojiào	Daoism
东边	dōng biān	in the east
多少	duōshǎo	how many? how much?
饭	fàn	food, meal
饭馆	fànguǎn	restaurant
行	háng	trade, line of business
好吃	hǎo chī	delicious, good to eat
河	hé	river
河北	hé běi	Hebei Province
河口	hé kǒu	river mouth
河南	hé nán	Henan Province
河山	hé shān	land, territory
湖	hú	lake
湖北	hú běi	Hubei Province
湖南	hú nán	Hunan Province
黄	huáng	yellow
黄的	huáng de	yellow
黄酒	huáng jiǔ	yellow rice wine
黄河	huánghé	the Yellow River
江	jiāng	river
江南	jiāng nán	south of the Yangtze River
江山	jiāng shān	land, territory
江西	jiāngxī	Jiangxi Province
开饭	kāi fàn	to serve food
孔/孔子	kǒng / kǒngzi	[surname] / Confucius
孔家	kǒng jiā	Confucian
筷子	kuàizi	chopsticks
老家	lǎojiā	native place, old home
里边	lǐ biān	in the inside
没有用	méiyǒu yòng	useless
南边	nán biān	in the south
人道	réndào	humanity
上边	shàngbian	above
四川	sìchuān	Sichuan Province
题	tí	subject
题字	tízì	to inscribe, to autograph
同行	tóngháng	colleague

外行	wàiháng	layperson, nonprofessional
问	wèn	to ask
问好	wèn hǎo	to send one's regards to
问候	wèn hòu	to send one's regards to
问题	wèntí	question, problem
五行	wǔ xíng	the five elements
西湖	xīhú	West Lake
下边	xiàbian	below
小吃	xiǎochī	light snack
行	xíng	to go
行不行	xíng bùxíng	O.K. or not?
行书	xíng shū	running style (calligraphy)
行李	xíngli	baggage, luggage
行人	xíng rén	passersby
学问	xuéwèn	learning, knowledge
要饭	yào fàn	to beg
一边...一边...	yī biān... yī biān...	(two things) at the same time
用	yòng	to use; with
用法	yòngfǎ	usage, use
有用	yǒuyòng	useful
知	zhī	to know
知道	zhīdao	to know
知识	zhīshi	knowledge
中饭	zhōngfàn	lunch
自	zì	oneself
自来水	zì lái shuǐ	running water, tap water
自学	zì xué	self-study
自在	zì zài	comfortable, at ease
自行车	zìxíngchē	bicycle
作用	zuòyòng	function, action

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出	chū	to go out
出国	chū guó	to leave a country
出去	chū qù	to go out
出事	chū shì	to have an accident, something gone wrong
出口	chūkǒu	to export
出名	chūmíng	to become famous
出生	chūshēng	to be born
打	dǎ	to hit
打火机	dǎhuǒ jī	lighter
打开	dǎkāi	to open, to turn on

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打听	dǎtīng	to enquire
打字机	dǎzìjī	typewriter
大哥	dàgē	big brother
大楼	dàlóu	building
电	diàn	electricity
电能	diàn néng	electric energy
电报	diànbào	telegram
电车	diànchē	tram, trolleybus
电工	diàngōng	electrician
电话	diànhuà	telephone
电子	diànzǐ	electron
二哥	èr gē	second brother
房	fáng	house
房东	fángdōng	owner, landlord, landlady
房间	fángjiān	room
房子	fángzi	house
干	gān	dry
干杯	gān bēi	Cheers! to drink a toast
干	gàn	to do, to work
干吗	gàn ma	why? how come?
刚	gāng	just
刚刚	gānggang	just
哥们儿	gē menr	buddy
哥哥	gēge	elder brother
给	gěi	to give to
跟	gēn	with, accompanied by
进	jìn	to enter
进去	jìn qù	to go in
进口	jìnkǒu	entrance; to import
进来	jìnlái	to come in
离	lí	away from, from
离开	líkāi	to leave
楼	lóu	building
楼房	lóu fáng	building
没事	méi shì	It doesn't matter. Never mind.
明	míng	clear
明白	míngbai	to understand
明天	míngtiān	tomorrow
明星	míngxīng	celebrity, star
能干	nénggàn	to be capable; able
请	qǐng	please...; to request, to invite
请问	qǐngwèn	Excuse me, may I ask...?

日出	rìchū	sunrise
事	shì	thing, event
书房	shūfáng	study (room in a house)
说明	shuōmíng	to explain; explanation
太	tài	too
太太	tàitai	Mrs. madame
太阳	tàiyáng	sun
同事	tóngshì	colleague
文明	wénmíng	civilisation
息	xī	breath, message
喜事	xǐ shì	happy event, marriage
休	xiū	to rest, to stop
休息	xiūxi	to have a rest
有事	yǒu shì	to be busy
远	yuǎn	far
远东	yuǎndōng	the Far East
住	zhù	to live in / at...
住在	zhù zài	to live in / at...
住房	zhùfáng	lodging, housing

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白	bái	white
白话	bái huà	vernacular
白菜	báicài	Chinese cabbage
白饭	báifàn	rice
白酒	báijiǔ	distilled wine, white spirit
白天	báitiān	daytime
不错	bùcuò	not bad
菜	cài	dish (of food)
菜花	cài huā	cauliflower
错	cuò	wrong, false
错过	cuò guò	to miss, to let slip
大菜	dà cài	a heavy course in a dinner party
大米	dàmǐ	rice
道谢	dàoxiè	to express one's thanks
地位	dìwèi	position, status
点菜	diǎn cài	to order food
多谢	duōxiè	Thank you very much!
饿	è	to be hungry
饭菜	fàn cài	cuisine
份/份儿	fèn/ fènr	part
份儿饭	fènr fàn	set meal

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古	gǔ	ancient
古今中外	gǔ jīn zhōng wài	always and everywhere
古时	gǔ shí	old days, ancient times
古文	gǔ wén	ancient Chinese prose
古老	gǔlǎo	ancient
古老肉	gǔlǎo ròu	caramelised pork
火鸡	huǒ jī	turkey
鸡	jī	chicken
饺	jiǎo	ravioli
饺子	jiǎo zǐ	ravioli
酒菜	jiǔ cài	food and drink (food to go with wine or liquor)
快	kuài	quick
快车	kuài chē	express train
快要	kuài yào	to be about to...
快乐	kuàilè	happy
李白	lǐ bái	Li Bai (Li Po)
凉快	liángkuai	cool
慢	màn	slow
慢车	màn chē	slow bus, slow train
慢慢	màn màn	slowly
慢走	màn zǒu	go slowly! (take care)
没错	méi cuò	That's right! There's no doubt about it!
米	mǐ	rice
米酒	mǐ jiǔ	rice wine
米饭	mǐfàn	cooked rice
面谢	miàn xiè	to thank someone in person
名菜	míng cài	famous dish
牛	niú	cattle
牛肉	niúròu	beef
肉	ròu	meat
山羊	shānyáng	goat
生肉	shēng ròu	raw meat
生菜	shēngcài	raw vegetables
水饺	shuǐ jiǎo	ravioli
水牛	shuǐniú	water buffalo
田鸡	tián jī	frog
听说	tīngshuō	to hear of, to be told...
位	wèi	[Measure word]
位子	wèizi	place, seat
先	xiān	before, first
先天	xiān tiān	inborn, innate
先生	xiānsheng	mister, sir

小米	xiǎo mǐ	millet
写错	xiě cuò	to write incorrectly
谢/谢谢	xiè/ xièxie	to thank / thank you!
学位	xuéwèi	diploma
羊	yáng	sheep
羊肉	yáng ròu	lamb, mutton
鱼	yú	fish
鱼肉	yú ròu	fish (flesh of)
鱼子	yú zǐ	roe
做	zuò	to do, to make
做工	zuò gōng	to work

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安	ān	peace
不安	bùān	nervous, not calm
长安	cháng ān	[place name]
车站	chēzhàn	station, (bus) stop
出门	chū mén	to go out
从	cóng	from
从小	cóng xiǎo	from childhood
从来	cóng lái	never (with negation)
从前	cóng qián	in the past, formerly
道路	dào lù	road, way
法院	fǎ yuàn	law court
方块字	fāng kuài zì	Chinese (square) characters
分	fēn	to divide, a hundredth of a yuan
分工	fēn gōng	division of labour
分会	fēn huì	branch, association
分机	fēn jī	(telephone) extension
分开	fēn kāi	to separate
分	fèn	part
过分	guò fèn	excessive
后	hòu	after, behind
后边	hòu biān	behind
后来	hòu lái	later, afterwards
后年	hòu nián	the year after next
后天	hòu tiān	the day after tomorrow
花钱	huā qián	to spend money
火车站	huǒ chē zhàn	train station
今后	jīn hòu	from now on
就	jiù	so therefore...
开门	kāi mén	to open the door

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看门	kān mén	to guard an entrance
块	kuài	piece [Measure word], one yuan
来往	láiwǎng	dealings, contact
路	lù	road, [Measure word]
路过	lù guò	to pass by
路上	lù shàng	on the way, on the road
马路	mǎlù	road
毛	máo	hair; 10 cents
门	mén	door
门口	ménkǒu	doorway, entrance
汽	qì	steam
汽车	qìchē	car, bus
汽水	qìshuǐ	soda water, soft drink
前	qián	before, in front of
钱	qián	money
前后	qián hòu	around (a certain time)
前门	qián mén	the front gate [a place name]
前天	qián tiān	the day before yesterday
前站	qián zhàn	the next stop, the next station
前年	qiánnián	the year before last
十字路口	shí zì lùkǒu	intersection, 4-way junction
十分	shí fēn	very
天安门	tiānānmén	Tian'anmen
往	wǎng	towards
往后	wǎng hòu	toward
往前	wǎng qián	forward
往下	wǎng xià	downward
往往	wǎngwǎng	often
西四	xī sì	[place name] Xisi
西医	xī yī	(doctor of) Western medicine
西安	xī ān	Xi'an
先后	xiān hòu	one after the other
现钱	xiàn qián	to pay in cash
学院	xuéyuàn	institute
羊毛	yángmáo	wool
医	yī	medicine
一块儿	yīkuàier	together
医生	yīshēng	doctor
医学	yīxué	medical studies
医院	yīyuàn	hospital
以后	yǐ hòu	after, afterwards
以前	yǐqián	before

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有钱	yǒu qián	rich
院	yuàn	establishment, courtyard
院长	yuànzhǎng	president of an institute
院子	yuànzi	internal courtyard
站	zhàn	station; to be standing
站长	zhàn zhǎng	station head
知识分子	zhīshifēnzǐ	an intellectual
中医	zhōng yī	Chinese medicine, doctor of Chinese medicine
住院	zhùyuan	to be hospitalised
走后门	zǒu hòu mén	to have backdoor dealings

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蝴蝶	húdié	butterfly
累	léi	tired
梦	mèng	dream; to dream
梦见	mèngjian	to dream that...
只	qí	[Measure word]
睡	shuì	to sleep
睡着	shuìzhāo	to fall asleep
它	tā	it
醒	xǐng	to wake up
庄	zhuāng	village
庄子	zhuāng zǐ	Zhuangzi
最后	zuì hòu	finally

