



HSK 1 Vocabulary List

150 essential words · pinyin & English

HSK 1 · 150 words

This list covers all 150 words in HSK 1 (old framework, HSK 2.0), grouped by category. Mastering these gives you the foundation for real conversations and HSK 1 exam preparation. From July 2026, HSK 3.0 Level 1 requires approximately 300-500 words — consider this your starting point.

Pronouns

Chinese	Pinyin	English
我	wǒ	I / me
你	nǐ	you
他	tā	he / him
她	tā	she / her
我们	wǒmen	we / us
你们	nǐmen	you (plural)
他们	tāmen	they / them
这	zhè	this
那	nà	that
哪	nǎ	which

Greetings

Chinese	Pinyin	English
你好	nǐ hǎo	hello
再见	zàijiàn	goodbye
谢谢	xièxie	thank you
不客气	bù kèqì	you're welcome
对不起	duìbuqǐ	sorry
没关系	méi guānxi	it's OK / no problem
请	qǐng	please / invite

Numbers

Chinese	Pinyin	English
零	<i>líng</i>	zero
一	<i>yī</i>	one
二	<i>èr</i>	two
三	<i>sān</i>	three
四	<i>sì</i>	four
五	<i>wǔ</i>	five
六	<i>liù</i>	six
七	<i>qī</i>	seven
八	<i>bā</i>	eight
九	<i>jiǔ</i>	nine
十	<i>shí</i>	ten
百	<i>bǎi</i>	hundred

Time

Chinese	Pinyin	English
年	<i>nián</i>	year
月	<i>yuè</i>	month
日	<i>rì</i>	day / date
今天	<i>jīntiān</i>	today
明天	<i>míngtiān</i>	tomorrow
昨天	<i>zuótiān</i>	yesterday
上午	<i>shàngwǔ</i>	morning (AM)
下午	<i>xiàwǔ</i>	afternoon (PM)
现在	<i>xiànzài</i>	now
时候	<i>shíhou</i>	time / moment
点	<i>diǎn</i>	o'clock
分钟	<i>fēnzhōng</i>	minute

Family

Chinese	Pinyin	English
爸爸	<i>bàba</i>	dad / father
妈妈	<i>māma</i>	mum / mother
哥哥	<i>gēge</i>	older brother
姐姐	<i>jiějie</i>	older sister
弟弟	<i>didi</i>	younger brother
妹妹	<i>mèimei</i>	younger sister
儿子	<i>érzi</i>	son
女儿	<i>nǚér</i>	daughter
朋友	<i>péngyou</i>	friend

People

Chinese	Pinyin	English
人	<i>rén</i>	person / people
名字	<i>míngzi</i>	name
学生	<i>xuésheng</i>	student
老师	<i>lǎoshī</i>	teacher
医生	<i>yīshēng</i>	doctor

Food & Drink

Chinese	Pinyin	English
吃	<i>chī</i>	to eat
喝	<i>hē</i>	to drink
饭	<i>fàn</i>	rice / meal
水	<i>shuǐ</i>	water
茶	<i>chá</i>	tea
苹果	<i>píngguǒ</i>	apple
米饭	<i>mǐfàn</i>	cooked rice
面条	<i>miàntiáo</i>	noodles
鸡蛋	<i>jīdàn</i>	egg

Verbs

Chinese	Pinyin	English
是	<i>shì</i>	to be (am / is / are)
有	<i>yǒu</i>	to have / there is
没有	<i>méiyǒu</i>	don't have / there isn't
不	<i>bù</i>	not / no
来	<i>lái</i>	to come
去	<i>qù</i>	to go
回	<i>huí</i>	to return
看	<i>kàn</i>	to look / to watch
听	<i>tīng</i>	to listen
说	<i>shuō</i>	to speak / to say
写	<i>xiě</i>	to write
读	<i>dú</i>	to read
学习	<i>xuéxí</i>	to study / to learn
工作	<i>gōngzuò</i>	to work / work (n)
睡觉	<i>shuìjiào</i>	to sleep
坐	<i>zuò</i>	to sit / to travel by
买	<i>mǎi</i>	to buy
开	<i>kāi</i>	to open / to drive
喜欢	<i>xǐhuan</i>	to like
想	<i>xiǎng</i>	to want / to think
叫	<i>jiào</i>	to be called / to call
认识	<i>rènshi</i>	to know (a person)
知道	<i>zhīdào</i>	to know (a fact)

Adjectives

Chinese	Pinyin	English
好	<i>hǎo</i>	good
大	<i>dà</i>	big / large
小	<i>xiǎo</i>	small / little
多	<i>duō</i>	many / much
少	<i>shǎo</i>	few / little
冷	<i>lěng</i>	cold
热	<i>rè</i>	hot
漂亮	<i>piàoliang</i>	beautiful / pretty
高兴	<i>gāoxìng</i>	happy / pleased
累	<i>lèi</i>	tired

Places & Transport

Chinese	Pinyin	English
中国	<i>Zhōngguó</i>	China
北京	<i>Běijīng</i>	Beijing
上海	<i>Shànghǎi</i>	Shanghai
学校	<i>xuéxiào</i>	school
家	<i>jiā</i>	home / family
饭店	<i>fàndiàn</i>	restaurant / hotel
医院	<i>yīyuàn</i>	hospital
飞机	<i>fēijī</i>	airplane
出租车	<i>chūzūchē</i>	taxi
火车站	<i>huǒchēzhàn</i>	train station

Questions

Chinese	Pinyin	English
什么	<i>shénme</i>	what
谁	<i>shéi</i>	who
哪里	<i>nǎlǐ</i>	where
什么时候	<i>shénme shíhou</i>	when
怎么	<i>zěnmē</i>	how
怎么样	<i>zěnmeyàng</i>	how about / how is it
多少	<i>duōshǎo</i>	how many / how much
为什么	<i>wèishénme</i>	why
吗	<i>ma</i>	question particle
呢	<i>ne</i>	and you? / what about?

Measure Words

Chinese	Pinyin	English
个	<i>gè</i>	general measure word
本	<i>běn</i>	for books
张	<i>zhāng</i>	for flat objects (paper, photos)
杯	<i>bēi</i>	cup / glass of
些	<i>xiē</i>	some (plural measure)

Objects & Daily Life

Chinese	Pinyin	English
书	<i>shū</i>	book
电脑	<i>diànnǎo</i>	computer
手机	<i>shǒujī</i>	mobile phone
电视	<i>diànshì</i>	television
钱	<i>qián</i>	money
衣服	<i>yīfu</i>	clothes
桌子	<i>zhuōzi</i>	table
椅子	<i>yǐzi</i>	chair

Weather

Chinese	Pinyin	English
天气	<i>tiānqì</i>	weather
下雨	<i>xià yǔ</i>	to rain
下雪	<i>xià xuě</i>	to snow

Particles & Adverbs

Chinese	Pinyin	English
都	<i>dōu</i>	all / both
也	<i>yě</i>	also / too
太	<i>tài</i>	too / excessively
很	<i>hěn</i>	very
非常	<i>fēicháng</i>	extremely / very
和	<i>hé</i>	and / with
在	<i>zài</i>	at / in / to be present
的	<i>de</i>	possessive particle
了	<i>le</i>	completion particle
吧	<i>ba</i>	suggestion particle

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