

40 Chinese Antonyms for Beginners

Chinese Antonyms 1-10

1.

dà xiǎo

大 / 小 big/small

Shù shang de píng guǒ yǒu de dà yǒu de xiǎo.

树上的苹果有的大有的小。

The apples on the tree, some are big and some are small.

2.

duō shǎo

多/少 many/few

Chī fàn wò xǐ huan shǎo ròu duō cài.

吃饭我喜欢少肉多菜。

I like eating less meat and more vegetables.

3.

gāo ǎi

高/矮 tall/short

Bān li de tóng xué yǒu de zhǎng de gāo, yǒu de zhǎng de ǎi.

班里的同学有的长得高,有的长得矮。

The classmates in my class, some are tall and some are short.

4.

gāo dī

高/低 high/low

Qì chē zài gāo dī bù píng de lù shang xíng shì.

汽 车在 高低不 平 的路上 行驶。

The car is driving on the rugged road.

5.

cháng duǎn

长 / 短 long/short



Shí gēn shǒu zhǐ, yǒu cháng yǒu duǎn.

十根手指,有长有短。

Ten fingers, some are long and some are short.

6.

cū xì

粗 / 细 thick/thin

Zhè xiē zhú zi yǒu de cū, yǒu de xì.

这 些 竹子有 的粗, 有的细。

Some of these bamboos are thick and some are thin.

7.

kuān zhǎi

宽 / 窄 wide/narrow

Chéng shì de jiē dào kuān zhǎi bù yī.

城 市的街道 宽 窄 不一。

The streets in cities vary in width.

8.

yuǎn jìn

远 / 近 far/near

Zhōng quó yǒu jù sú yǔ: yuǎn qīn bù rú jìn lín.

中 国有句俗语:远亲不如近邻。

There is a Chinese proverb: A near neighbor is better than a distant cousin.

9.

lěng rè

冷 / 热 cold/hot

Shēn zhèn de xià tiān hěn rè, dōng tiān què bù lěng.

深 圳 的夏天很热,冬天却不冷。

Shenzhen is very hot in summer, but not cold in winter.

10.

kuài màn

快 / 慢 fast/slow

Wū guī pá de màn, tù zi pǎo de kuài.

乌龟爬得慢、兔子跑得快。

Turtles crawl slowly, but rabbits run fast.



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11.

shàng xià

上 / 下 up/down; above/below

Shuāng céng bā shì fēn wéi shàng céng hé xià céng.

双 层巴士分为上层和下层。

A double-decker bus is divided into upper and lower decks.

12.

zuŏ yòu

左 / 右 left/right

Zhōng guó qì chē de fāng xiàng pán zài zuǒ biān,

中 国汽车的方向盘在左边,

Yīng quó qì chē de fāng xiàng pán zài yòu biān.

英 国汽车的方 向 盘 在 右 边。

The steering wheel of Chinese cars is on the left, while that of British cars is on the right. 13.

qián hòu

前 / 后 front/back

Wăng qián kàn, bú yào wăng hòu kàn!

往前看,不要往后看!

Look ahead, don't look back!

14.

dong xī

东 / 西 east/west

Shàng hải zài Zhōng guó de dōng bù, Lán zhōu zài Zhōng guó de xī bù.

上 海在中 国的东部, 兰州 在中 国的西部。

Shanghai is in the east of China, and Lanzhou is in the west of China.

15.

nán běi

南 / 北 south/north

Běi jīng wèi yú Zhōng quó de běi fāng, Shēn zhèn wèi yú Zhōng quó de nán fāng.

北京位于中国的北方、深圳位于中国的南方。

Beijing is located in the north of China, and Shenzhen is located in the south of China.



16.

hēi bái

黑 / 白 black/white

Nǐ xǐ huan chī hēi qiǎo kè lì hái shì bái qiǎo kè lì?你喜欢吃黑巧克力还是白巧克力?Do you like dark chocolate or white chocolate?

h**ǎo** huài

好/坏 good/bad

Guān yú zhè běn shū de píng jià, hǎo huài dōu yǒu. 关 于这本书的评价,好坏都有。 There are good and bad reviews of this book. 18.

zhēn jiǎ

真/假 true/false

Tā shuō de shì zhēn hái shì jiǎ, wǒ wú fǎ fēn biàn. 他说的是真还是假,我无法分辨。 What he said is true or false, I can't tell it. 19.

duì cuò

对/错 right/wrong

Zhè dào tí nǐ zuò duì le, wǒ zuò cuò le. 这 道 题 你 做 对 了, 我 做 错 了。 You got this right, and I got it wrong. 20.

xīn jiù

新/旧 new/old

Nǐ zhè shuāng xié tài jiù le, gāi mǎi yì shuāng xīn de le. 你这双鞋太旧了,该买一双新的了。 Your shoes are too old. It's time to get a new pair.

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21.

pàng shòu

胖 / 瘦 fat/thin

Wǒ yǐ qián hěn pàng, xiàn zài biàn shòu le.

我以前 很胖, 现在变瘦了。

I used to be fat and now I become thinner.

22.

pián yi guì

便宜 / 贵 cheap/expensive

Zhè jiàn máo yī tài guì le, rú guǒ néng pián yi diǎnr wǒ jiù mǎi.

这件毛衣太贵了,如果能便宜点儿我就买。

This sweater is too expensive, I'll buy it if it is cheaper.

23.

ruăn yìng

软 / 硬 soft/hard

Ruǎn táng, yìng táng wǒ dōu ài chī.

软 糖、硬糖 我都爱吃。

I like both soft and hard candies.

24.

lǎo nián qīng

老 / 年 轻 old/young

Suī rán tā lǎo le, dàn shì tā yǒu yì kē nián qīng de xīn.

虽然她老了,但是她有一颗年轻的心。

Despite of her age, she is young at heart.

25.

nán nů

男/女 man/woman; male/female

Huì yì shì li zuò zhe liǎng ge nán rén hé sān ge nǚ rén.

会议室里坐着两个男人和三个女人。

There are two men and three women sitting in the conference room.

26.

qīng zhòng

轻 / 重 light/heavy

Zhè xiāng huò qīng, nà xiāng huò zhòng.

这箱货轻,那箱货重。



This box of goods is light, and that box of goods is heavy.

27.

kū xiào

哭/笑 cry/smile

Tā gāng gāng hái zài kū, xiàn zài yòu xiào gǐ lái le.

她 刚 刚 还在哭,现在又笑起来了。

She was crying and now she is smiling again.

28.

zhèng fǎn

正 / 反 front/back; positive/negative

Yí ge yìng bì yǒu zhèng fǎn liǎng miàn.

一个硬币有 正反 两面。

A coin has two sides.

29.

yíng shū

赢 / 输 win/lose

Wú lùn nǐ shì yíng hái shì shū, bú yào tài zài yì jié guǒ.

无论你是赢还是输,不要太在意结果。

No matter you win or lose, don't care too much about the result.

30.

qiáng ruò

强 / 弱 strong/weak

Hóng duì de shí lì qiáng yì xiē, lán duì de shí lì ruò yì xiē.

红 队的实力强一些,蓝队的实力弱一些。

The red team is stronger and the blue team is weaker.

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31.

máng xián

忙 / 闲 busy/free

Tā zǒng shì hèn máng, dōu méi yǒu xián de shí hou.

他 总 是 很 忙, 都 没 有 闲 的 时 候。

He is always busy and has no free time at all.

32.



kǔ tián

苦/甜 bitter/sweet

Kǔ guā shì kǔ de, xī guā shì tián de.

苦瓜是苦的,西瓜是甜的。

Bitter melon is bitter, and watermelon is sweet.

33.

shēng shú

生 / 熟 raw/cooked

Zhè ge niú pái yǒu diǎn shēng, wǒ xǐ huan shú yì diǎn de.

这个牛排有点生,我喜欢熟一点的。

This steak is a bit raw. I like it well-done.

34.

ān jìng chǎo nào

安静 / 吵闹 quiet/noisy

Zhè li tài chảo nào le, wǒ men zhảo ge ān jìng de dì fang xué xí ba.

这 里太吵闹了,我们 找 个 安 静 的 地方 学习吧。 It's too noisy here. Let's find a quiet place to study.

35.

gāo xìng shāng xīn

高 兴 / 伤 心 happy/sad

Gāo xìng jiù xiào, shāng xīn jiù kū, méi shén me dà bù liǎo.

高 兴 就 笑, 伤 心 就 哭, 没 什 么 大 不 了。

Smile when you are happy, and cry when you are sad. It's not a big deal.

36.

ān quán wēi xiǎn

安全/危险 safety/danger

Wǒ men yào zhù yì ān quán, yuǎn lí wēi xiǎn.

我们要注意安全, 远离危险。

We should keep safe and away from danger.

37.

yǒu qù wú liáo

有趣 / 无聊 interesting/boring

Wǒ men dōu xǐ huan kàn yǒu qù de shū, wú liáo de shéi yě bù xǐ huan.

我 们 都喜欢 看 有 趣的书, 无聊 的 谁也不喜 欢。

We all like to read interesting books. No one likes boring books.



38.

pín qióng fù yù

贫穷/富裕 poor/rich

Wú lùn shì pín qióng hái shì fù yù, wǒ men huì yǒng yuǎn zài yì qǐ.

无论是贫穷还是富裕,我们会永远在一起。

No matter poor or rich, we'll be together forever.

39.

xū xīn jiāo'ào

虚 心/骄傲 modesty/conceit

Xū xīn shǐ rén jìn bù, jiāo'ào shǐ rén luò hòu.

虚心使人进步,骄傲使人落后。

Modesty helps one go forward, whereas conceit makes one lag behind.

40.

cū xīn xì xīn

粗心/细心 careless/careful

Kǎo shì de shí hou yào xì xīn, cū xīn huì diū fēn.

考试的时候要细心,粗心会丢分。

Be careful in exams, carelessness will let you lose marks.