

33 group of Chinese Conjunctions

汉语中常用的 33 组关联词

Examples

Part 1: Coordinate relations

yòu.....yòu.....

1. 又.....又..... both.....and.....

(Often used to describe a thing comprehensively in spoken Chinese.)

Nà ge yòu gāo yòu shuài de rén shì shéi?

那个又高又帅的人是谁?

Who is that tall and handsome man?

Zhè ge xī guā yòu dà yòu tián.

这个西瓜又大又甜。

This watermelon is big and sweet.

jìyòu.....

2. 既.....又..... both.....and.....

(Emphasis various aspects of things; Used more in written Chinese than spoken Chinese)

Zhè ge gōng zuò jì néng zhuàn qián, yòu néng xué dào dōng xī.

这个工作既能赚钱,又能学到东西。

This job can make money, and you can learn something from it also.

Zhè ge fāng fǎ jì jiǎn dān, yòu yǒu yòng.

这个方法既简单,又有用。

This method is simple and useful.

jì bù.....yě bù.....

3. 既不.....也不..... neither.....nor.....

Wǒ jì bù xǐ huan chī xiāng jiāo, yě bù xǐ huan chī píng guǒ.

我既不喜欢吃香蕉,也不喜欢吃苹果。

I don't like to eat bananas nor apples.

Bà ba jì bú huì shuō Yīng yǔ, yě bú huì shuō Fǎ yǔ.

爸爸既不会说英语,也不会说法语。

My father can speak neither English nor French.

yì biān.....yì biān.....

4. 一边.....一边..... indicating two actions taking place at the same time

Wǒ xǐ huan yì biān xǐ zǎo, yì biān chàng gē.

我喜欢一边洗澡,一边唱歌。

I like singing while taking a bath.

Wǒ dì dì jīng cháng yì biān kàn diàn shì, yì biān chī líng shí.

我弟弟经常一边看电视,一边吃零食。

My brother often eats snacks while watching TV.

yǒu de.....yǒu de.....

5. 有的.....有的..... some.....some.....

Xià kè le, tóng xué men yǒu de zài liáo tiān, yǒu de zài xiě zuò yè.

下课了,同学们有的在聊天,有的在写作业。

Class is over, some students are chatting, and some are doing homework.

Wǒ de xué sheng yǒu de lái zì Ōu zhōu, yǒu de lái zì Fēi zhōu.

我的学生有的来自欧洲,有的来自非洲。

Some of my students are from Europe and some are from Africa.

yí huìr.....yí huìr.....

6. 一会儿.....一会儿.....for a while,.....for a while

Hái zi zǒng shì yí huìr kū, yí huìr xiào .

孩子总是 一会儿哭, 一会儿笑。

Children always cry for a while, and laugh for a while.

Jīn tiān tiān qì zhēn qí guài, yí huìr lěng, yí huìr rè.

今天天气真奇怪, 一会儿冷, 一会儿热。

The weather is really strange today, cold for a while, hot for a while.

yì fāng miàn.....yì fāng miàn.....

7. 一 方 面.....一 方 面..... on the one hand....., on the other hand.....

Mā ma yì fāng miàn yào gōng zuò, yì fāng miàn yào zhào gù wǒ hé bà ba.

妈 妈 一 方 面 要 工 作, 一 方 面 要 照 顾 我 和 爸 爸。

My mother has to work on the one hand and take care of me and my father on the other hand.

Tā yì fāng miàn xiǎng xué hǎo Yīng yǔ, yì fāng miàn yòu bù xiǎng bèi dān cí.

他 一 方 面 想 学 好 英 语, 一 方 面 又 不 想 背 单 词。

On the one hand he wants to learn English well, on the other hand he doesn't want to memorize words.

Part 2: Continue relations

yī.....jiù.....

8. 一.....就..... as soon as

Wǒ yì huí dào jiā jiù gěi nǐ dǎ diàn huà.

我 一 回 到 家 就 给 你 打 电 话。

I'll call you as soon as I get home.

Wǒ yí xià bān jiù huí jiā.

我 一 下 班 就 回 家。

I'll go home as soon as I get off work.

xiān.....rán hòu.....

9. 先.....然 后..... first.....then.....

Wǒ men xiān chī fàn, rán hòu qù kàn diàn yǐng.

我 们 先 吃 饭, 然 后 去 看 电 影。

We'll eat first and then go to the movies.

Xià bān hòu, wǒ xiān qù chāo shì mǎi cài, rán hòu huí jiā zuò fàn.

下 班 后, 我 先 去 超 市 买 菜, 然 后 回 家 做 饭。

After work, I go to the supermarket to buy food first and then go home to cook.

Part 3: Progressive relations

bú dàn.....ér qiě.....

10. 不但.....而且..... not only.....but also.....

Tā bú dàn zhǎng de piào liang, ér qiě hěn cōng míng.

她不但长得漂亮, 而且很聪明。

She is not only beautiful, but also smart.

Zhè dào cài bú dàn hǎo chī, ér qiě hái hěn yǒu yíng yǎng.

这道菜不但好吃, 而且还很有营养。

This dish is not only delicious, but also nutritious.

bù jǐn.....hái.....

11. 不仅.....还..... not only.....but also.....

Wǒ bù jǐn xǐ huan chàng gē, hái xǐ huan tiào wǔ.

我不仅喜欢唱歌, 还喜欢跳舞。

I like not only singing but also dancing.

Yào xué hǎo Hànyǔ, bù jǐn yào duō dú, hái yào duō shuō.

要学好汉语, 不仅要多读, 还要多说。

To learn Chinese well, we should not only read more, but also speak more.

chú le.....hái.....

12. 除了.....还..... besides.....

Jiào shì li chú le lǎo shī, hái yǒu xué shēng.

教室里除了老师, 还有学生。

Besides teacher, there are students in the classroom.

Wǒ chú le xǐ huan kàn diàn yǐng, hái xǐ huan kàn shū hé lǚ yóu.

我除了喜欢看电影, 还喜欢看书和旅游。

Besides watching movies, I also like reading books and traveling.

Part 4: Adversative relations

suī rán.....dàn shì.....

13. 虽然.....但是..... although.....but.....

(In Chinese, both "although" and "but" are appearing in a sentence.)

Suī rán jīn tiān tiān qì hěn bù hǎo, dàn shì tā hái shì lái le.

虽然今天天气很不好,但是他还是来了。

Although the weather is not good today, he still comes.

Suī rán wáng lǎo shī bù shū fu, dàn shì tā yì zhí jiān chí gěi wǒ men shàng kè.

虽然王老师不舒服,但是他一直坚持给我们上课。

Although teacher Wang was not feeling very well, he insisted on teaching us.

jǐn guǎn.....kě shì.....

14. 尽管.....可是..... although.....but.....

Jǐn guǎn tā cái shí suì, kě shì tā yǐ jīng huì shuō sì zhǒng yǔ yán le.

尽管他才十岁,可是他已经会说四种语言了。

Although he is only ten years old, he can speak four languages.

Jǐn guǎn hàn yǔ hěn nán, kě shì tā yì zhí méi yǒu fàng qì.

尽管汉语很难,可是他一直没有放弃。

Although Chinese is difficult, he never gives up.

bú shì.....ér shì

15. 不是.....而是..... it's not.....but.....

Bú shì wǒ bù bāng nǐ, ér shì wǒ yě méi yǒu bàn fǎ.

不是我不帮你,而是我也没有办法。

It's not that I don't want to help you, but that I have no idea.

Wǒ bú shì bù xiǎng qù lǚ yóu, ér shì méi yǒu shí jiān qù lǚ yóu.

我不是不想去旅游,而是没有时间去旅游。

It's not that I don't want to travel, but that I don't have time to travel.

bú dàn bù.....fǎn'ér.....

16. 不但 不.....反而..... instead of....., (something opposite).

Shé bú dàn bù gǎn xiè nóng fū jiù le tā, fǎn'ér yǎo sǐ le nóng fū.

蛇 不但 不 感谢 农 夫 救了它, 反而 咬死了 农 夫。

Instead of thanking the farmer for saving him, the snake killed him.

Gē ge bú dàn bù bāng wǒ, fǎn'ér hé bié rén yì qǐ cháo xiào wǒ.

哥哥 不但 不 帮 我, 反而 和 别 人 一起 嘲笑 我。

Instead of helping me, my brother laughed at me with others.

Part 5: Hypothetical relations

rú guǒ.....jiù.....

17. 如果.....就..... if.....then.....

Rú guǒ míng tiān bú xià yǔ, wǒ men jiù qù pá shān.

如果 明 天 不 下 雨, 我 们 就 去 爬 山。

If it doesn't rain tomorrow, then we'll go hiking.

Rú guǒ nǐ méi yǒu xiě wán zuò yè, jiù bù néng kàn diàn shì.

如果 你 没 有 写 完 作 业, 就 不 能 看 电 视。

If you haven't finished your homework, then you can't watch TV.

jí shǐ.....yě.....

18. 即使.....也..... even if.....still.....

Jí shǐ nǐ xiàng wǒ dào qiàn, wǒ yě bú huì yuán liàng nǐ.

即使 你 向 我 道 歉, 我 也 不 会 原 谅 你。

Even if you apologize to me, I won't forgive you.

Jí shǐ jīn tiān bú shuì jiào, wǒ yě yào bǎ zhè běn shū kàn wán .

即使 今 天 不 睡 觉, 我 也 要 把 这 本 书 看 完。

Even if I don't sleep today, I'll still finish this book.

Part 6: Selective relations

bú shì.....jiù shì.....

19. 不是.....就是..... either.....or.....

(Usually used to indicate someone's subjective guess based on objective facts)

Mā ma shàng bān bú shì kāi chē qù jiù shì zuò dì tiě qù.

妈妈上班不是开车去就是坐地铁去。

Mother goes to work either by car or by subway.

Zhè cì kǎo shì de dì yī míng bú shì tā jiù shì wǒ.

这次考试的第一名不是他就是我。

The person who come out the first of this examination is either him or me.

yào me.....yào me.....

20. 要么.....要么..... either.....or.....

(When it used to indicate someone's subjective guess, it can exchange with “不是.....就是.....”. In addition, it can be used to give options, and ask for advice from others.)

Nǐ yào me xiě zuò yè, yào me kàn shū, bié dǎ rǎo wǒ.

你要么写作业, 要么看书, 别打扰我。

You can either do your homework or read a book, but don't bother me.

Jīn tiān wǎn shàng yào me chī jiǎo zi, yào me chī miàn tiáo.

今天晚上要么吃饺子, 要么吃面条。

Either have dumplings or have noodles tonight.

yǔ qíbù rú.....

21. 与其.....不如..... rather than.....it's better.....

Yǔ qí ràng wǒ cāi, bù rú nǐ zì jǐ gào sù wǒ.

与其让我猜, 不如你自己告诉我。

Rather than let me guess, it's better you tell me.

Jīn tiān tiān qì zhè me hǎo, yǔ qí zài jiā shuì jiào, bù rú chū qù wán.

今天天气这么好, 与其在家睡觉, 不如出去玩。

The weather is so nice today, rather than sleep at home, it's better to hang out .

nìng kě.....yě bù.....

22. 宁可.....也不..... would rather.....than.....

Tā nìng kě bèi wù huì, yě bú yuàn yì shuō chū zhēn xiàng.

他宁可被误会, 也不愿意说出真相。

He would rather be misunderstood than tell the truth.

Nǐ nìng kě xiāng xìn bié rén, yě bù xiāng xìn wǒ ma?

你宁可相信别人, 也不相信我吗?

Would you rather trust others than me?

Part 7: Causal relations

yīn wèi.....suǒ yǐ.....

23. 因为.....所以..... because.....therefore.....

(In Chinese, both "because" and "therefore" are appearing in a sentence.

Used in both written Chinese and spoken Chinese.)

Yīn wèi míng tiān huì xià yǔ, suǒ yǐ míng tiān de huó dòng qǔ xiāo le.

因为明天会下雨, 所以明天的活动取消了。

Because it will rain tomorrow, the activity is canceled.

Yīn wèi wǒ men shì péng you, suǒ yǐ wǒ yí dìng huì bāng nǐ.

因为我们是朋友, 所以我一定会帮你。

Because we are friends, I will definitely help you.

yóu yú.....yīn cǐ.....

24. 由于.....因此..... because.....therefore.....

(always used in written Chinese)

Yóu yú wǒ méi kàn guò zhè ge diàn yǐng, yīn cǐ wǒ bù fā biǎo píng lùn.

由于我没看过这个电影, 因此我不发表评论。

I haven't seen the film, so I don't comment it.

Yóu yú wǒ de hù zhào diū le, yīn cǐ wǒ zàn shí bù néng chū guó.

由于我的护照丢了, 因此我暂时不能出国。

Because I lost my passport, I can't go abroad for the moment.

zhī suǒ yǐ.....shì yīn wèi.....

25. 之所以.....是因为..... the reason why.....is that.....

Tā zhī suǒ yǐ néng chéng gōng, shì yīn wèi tā yì zhí hěn nǔ lì.
他之所以能成功, 是因为他一直很努力。
The reason why he succeeded is that he worked hard all the time.
wǒ zhī suǒ yǐ rèn shí tā, shì yīn wèi wǒ men yǐ qián shì lín jū.
我之所以认识他, 是因为我们以前是邻居。
The reason why I know him is that we used to be neighbors.

jì rán.....nà me.....

26. 既然.....那么..... since.....then.....

Jì rán nǐ yǐ jīng míng bái le, nà me wǒ jiù bù jiě shì le.
既然你已经明白了, 那么我就不解释了。
Since you understand, I will not explain it.
Jì rán nǐ lái le xué xiào, nà me jiù yīng gāi rèn zhēn xué xí.
既然你来了学校, 那么就应该认真学习。
Since you're in school, you should study hard.

Part 8: Conditional ratios

zhǐ yào.....jiù.....

27. 只要.....就..... as long as.....then.....

Zhǐ yào yǒu shí jiān, wǒ men jiù qù lǚ yóu.
只要有时间, 我们就去旅游。
As long as we have time, we will go to travel.
Zhǐ yào nǐ jiān chí xià qù, jiù huì yǒu xī wàng.
只要你坚持下去, 就会有希望。
As long as you keep at it, there will be hope.

zhǐ yǒu.....cái.....

28. 只有.....才..... only if.....then.....

Fǎ lǜ guī dìng, zhǐ yǒu shí bā suì yǐ shàng de rén cái kě yǐ kāi chē.
法律规定, 只有十八岁以上的人才可以开车。
The law stipulates that only people who is over eighteen can drive.
Zhǐ yǒu zuì yōu xiù de yǎn yuán cái néng ná dào zhè ge jiǎng.
只有最优秀的演员才能拿到这个奖。

Only the best actors can get the prize.

fán shì.....dōu.....

29. 凡是.....都..... indicate anything in a range has a common feature

Fán shì bāng zhù guò wǒ de rén, wǒ dōu huì jì zhù tā.

凡是帮助过我的人, 我都会记住他。

Anyone who has helped me, I will remember him.

Fán shì nǐ sòng gěi wǒ de lǐ wù, wǒ dōu tè bié xǐ huan.

凡是 你送 给我的礼物, 我都 特别 喜欢。

Whatever you give me, I like very much.

wú lùn.....dōu.....

30. 无论.....都..... no matter.....(result).....

Wú lùn bié rén shuō shén me, wǒ dōu huì jiān chí wǒ de mèng xiǎng.

无论别人说什么, 我都会坚持我的梦想。

No matter what others say, I will persist in my dream.

Wú lùn pín qióng hái shì fù yǒu, wǒ men dōu bú huì lí kāi duì fāng.

无论贫穷还是富有, 我们都不会离开对方。

Whether poor or rich, we will never leave each other.

chú fēi.....fǒu zé.....

31. 除非.....否则..... unless.....otherwise.....

Chú fēi nǐ hé wǒ yì qǐ qù, fǒu zé wǒ bú qù.

除非你和我一起去, 否则我不去。

Unless you go with me, otherwise I won't go.

Chú fēi nǐ zhēn de bú zài hu zì jǐ de jiàn kāng, fǒu zé bú yào zhè yàng zuò.

除非你真的不在乎自己的健康, 否则不要这样做。

Unless you really don't care about your health, otherwise don't do this.

yí dàn.....jiù.....

32. 一旦.....就..... once.....then.....

Huán jìng yí dàn bèi pò huài, jiù hěn nán huī fù le.

环境一旦被破坏, 就很难恢复了。

Once the environment is destroyed, it is difficult to recover.

Yí dàn què dìng le mù biāo, jiù bú yào qīng yì fàng qì.

一旦确定了目标, 就不要轻易放弃。

Once you've set your goals, don't give up easily.

chú le(yǐ wài), dōu.....

33. 除了..... (以外) , 都..... except.....other all.....

Chú le Xiǎo míng (yǐ wài), suǒ yǒu rén dōu lái le.

除了小明(以外), 所有人都来了。

Everyone were came except Xiaoming.

Chú le shí tóu (yǐ wài), zhè zuò shān shàng shén me dōu méi yǒu.

除了石头(以外), 这座山上什么都没有。

There is nothing on this mountain except stones.
