

Top 25 Chinese Phrases

Examples

nǐ hǎo

你好

Hello [HSK 1]

Nǐ hǎo, hěn gāo xìng rèn shí nǐ!

A: 你好，很高兴认识你！

Hello! Nice to meet you!

Wǒ yě shì!

B: 我也是！

Me too!

wǒ yě shì

我也是

Me too [HSK 1]

Wǒ xǐ huan lǚ yóu.

A: 我喜欢旅游。

I like traveling.

Wǒ yě shì.

B: 我也是。

Me too.

Wǒ yào yì bēi chá.

A: 我要一杯茶。

I want a cup of tea.

Wǒ yě shì.

B: 我也是。

Me too.

xiè xie

谢谢

Thank you [HSK 1]

Nǐ de kā fēi.

A: 你的咖啡。

Your coffee, here you are.

Xiè xie!

B: 谢谢!

Thank you!

Xiè xie!

A: 谢谢!

Thank you!

Bú kè qì!

B: 不客气!

You're welcome!

hǎo de

好的

okay [HSK 1]

Qǐng gěi wǒ yì bēi shuǐ.

A: 请给我一杯水。

Please give me a glass of water.

Hǎo de.

B: 好的。

Okay.

Míng tiān wǒ men yì qǐ qù tú shū guǎn ba.

A: 明天我们一起去图书馆吧。

Let's go to the library tomorrow.

Hǎo de.

B: 好的。

Okay.

tài hǎo le
太好了
great [HSK 1]

Xià xīng qī bà ba dài wǒ men qù lǚ yóu.
A: 下星期爸爸带我们去旅游。

Dad will take us on a trip next week.

Tài hǎo le!

B: 太好了!

Great!

Jīn tiān wǎn shàng chī jiǎo zi.
A: 今天晚上吃饺子。

We will have dumplings tonight.

Tài hǎo le! Wǒ zuì xǐ huan chī jiǎo zi le.

B: 太好了! 我最喜欢吃饺子了。

Great! Dumpling is my favorite.

duì bu qǐ
对不起
sorry [HSK 1]

Duì bu qǐ, wǒ chí dào le.

对不起, 我迟到了。

Sorry, I'm late.

Duì bu qǐ!

A: 对不起!

Sorry.

Méi guān xi.

B: 没关系。

It doesn't matter.

zài jiàn

再见

goodbye [HSK 1]

Wǒ yào huí jiā le, zài jiàn!

A: 我要回家了，再见！

I'm going home, goodbye!

Zài jiàn!

B: 再见！

Goodbye!

wǒ xiǎng

我想

I want [HSK 1]

Wǒ xiǎng chī píng guǒ.

我想吃苹果。

I want to eat apples.

Wǒ xiǎng qù yóu yǒng.

我想去游泳。

I want to go swimming.

zěn me yàng

怎么样

how is it [HSK 1]

Zhè jiàn yī fu zěn me yàng?

A: 这件衣服怎么样？

How about this clothes?

Zhēn piào liang!

B: 真漂亮！

It's so beautiful!

Dàn gāo zěn me yàng?

A: 蛋糕怎么样?

How about the cake?

Hǎo chī!

B: 好吃!

It's delicious!

zěn me le

怎么了

what's wrong [HSK 2]

Nǐ zěn me le?

A: 你怎么了?

What's wrong with you?

Wǒ tóu téng.

B: 我头疼。

I have a headache.

Zěn me le? Nǐ wèi shén me kū?

A: 怎么了? 你为什么哭?

What's wrong? Why are you crying?

Wǒ nǎi nai bìng le.

B: 我奶奶病了。

My grandmother is sick.

bù hǎo yì si

不好意思

Excuse me [HSK 2]

Bù hǎo yì si, qǐng wèn cè suǒ zài nǎ li?

不好意思, 请问厕所在哪里?

Excuse me, could you tell me where is the toilet?

Bù hǎo yì si, wǒ zhǎo Wáng xiān sheng.

不好意思，我找王先生。

Excuse me, I want to speak to Mr. Wang.

yǒu yì si

有意思

interesting [HSK 2]

Zhè běn shū hěn yǒu yì si.

这本书很有意思。

This book is very interesting.

Xué xí Hàn yǔ zhēn yǒu yì si!

学习汉语真有意思！

It's interesting to learn Chinese.

zǎo shang hǎo

早上好

good morning [HSK 2]

Wáng lǎo shī, zǎo shang hǎo!

A: 王老师，早上好！

Good morning, teacher Wang.

Zǎo shang hǎo!

B: 早上好！

Good morning!

wǎn'ān

晚安

good night [HSK 2]

Wǎn' ān, bǎo bèi.

A: 晚安, 宝贝。

Good night, baby!

Mā ma, wǎn' ān.

B: 妈妈, 晚安。

Good night, Mom!

qǐng wèn

请问

may I ask [HSK 2]

Qǐng wèn xiàn zài jǐ diǎn le?

A: 请问现在几点了?

May I ask what time is it?

Xiàn zài shí diǎn.

B: 现在十点。

Ten o'clock.

Qǐng wèn Wáng xiān sheng zài jiā ma?

A: 请问王先生在家吗?

May I ask if Mr. Wang is at home?

Tā bú zài.

B: 他不在。

No, he's not.

zǒu ba

走吧

let's go [HSK 2]

Wǒ men yì qǐ qù hē kā fēi, zěn me yàng?

A: 我们一起去喝咖啡, 怎么样?

Shall we go for coffee?

Zǒu ba.

B: 走吧。

Let's go.

Zǒu ba, bà ba zài gōng yuán děng wǒ men.
走吧，爸爸在公园等我们。
Let's go, dad is waiting for us in the park.

wǒ jué de
我觉得
I think [HSK 2]

Wǒ jué de jīn tiān tiān qì zhēn hǎo!
我觉得今天天气真好！
I think it's a nice day today.

Wǒ jué de tā hěn piào liang.
我觉得她很漂亮。
I think she is beautiful.

fàng xīn
放心
don't worry [HSK 3]

Xià yǔ le, nǐ dài sǎn le ma?
A: 下雨了，你带伞了吗？
It's raining. Have you brought your umbrella?
Fàng xīn, wǒ dài le.
B: 放心，我带了。
Don't worry, I have brought it.

Fàng xīn, wǒ huì zhào gu hǎo zì jǐ.
放心，我会照顾好自己。
Don't worry. I'll take care of myself.

suí biàn

随便

up to you [HSK 4]

Nǐ xiǎng chī shén me?

A: 你想吃什么?

What would you like to eat?

Suí biàn.

B: 随便。

It's up to you.

Nǐ xiǎng kàn shén me diàn yǐng?

A: 你想看什么电影?

What movie would you like to watch?

Suí biàn.

B: 随便。

It's up to you.

jiā yóu

加油

go for it [HSK 4]

Wǒ míng tiān yào cān jiā lán qiú bǐ sài.

A: 我明天要参加篮球比赛。

I'm going to take part in the basketball game tomorrow.

Jiā yóu!

B: 加油!

Go for it!

Wǒ hěn dān xīn míng tiān de Hànyǔ kǎo shì.

A: 我很担心明天的汉语考试。

I'm worried about the Chinese exam tomorrow.

Bié dān xīn, jiā yóu! Nǐ kě yǐ de.

B: 别担心, 加油! 你可以的!

Don't worry, go for it! You can do it!

gōng xǐ

恭喜

congratulations [HSK 5]

Wǒ xià ge yuè jié hūn.

A: 我下个月结婚。

I'm getting married next month.

Gōng xǐ gōng xǐ.

B: 恭喜恭喜。

Congratulations.

Gōng xǐ nǐ tōng guò le Hànyǔ kǎoshì.

恭喜你通过了汉语考试。

Congratulations on your passing the Chinese exam.

tiān na

天哪

oh my god [HSK 3]

Tiān na , nǐ mā ma zhēn nián qīng!

天哪, 你妈妈真年轻!

Oh my god, your mother is so young!

Tiān na, zhè ge shǒu jī tài guì le!

天哪, 这个手机太贵了!

Oh my god, this cellphone is too expensive!

zěn me bàn

怎么办

what to do [HSK 3]

Wǒ méi yǒu dài qián, zěn me bàn?

A: 我没有带钱, 怎么办?

I have no money with me. What should I do?

Wǒ jiè gěi nǐ.

B: 我借给你。

I'll lend some to you.

Rú guǒ xià yǔ, zěn me bàn?

A: 如果下雨, 怎么办?

What should we do in case of rain tomorrow?

Rú guǒ xià yǔ, jiù bú qù le.

B: 如果下雨, 就不去了。

If it rains, we won't go.

mǎi dān

买单

pay the bill [HSK 3]

Fú wù yuán, mǎi dān!

服务员, 买单!

Waiter, check, please.

Lǎo bǎn, mǎi dān!

老板, 买单!

I would like to settle my bill, please.

méi shì

没事

it doesn't matter; nothing much [HSK 2]

Duì bu qǐ, wǒ bú shì gù yì de.

A: 对不起, 我不是故意的。

Sorry, I didn't mean to.

Méi shì.

B: 没事。

It doesn't matter.

Xiè xie nǐ qǐng wǒ chī fàn!

A: 谢谢你请我吃饭!

Thank you for your meal!

Méi shì, bié kè qì.

B: 没事, 别客气。

It doesn't matter, never mind.
