

HSK 3 vocabulary list — all 500 words

The new HSK 3.0 syllabus: the new words of the level. Characters, pinyin, meaning. With audio: nomto.app/hsk/hsk-3

People and personality

阿姨	āyí	aunt; older woman
叔叔	shūshu	uncle; older man
邻居	línjū	neighbor
老	lǎo	old; long-standing
老人	lǎorén	elderly person
大人	dàren	adult
年轻	niánqīng	young
男人	nánrén	man
女人	nǚrén	woman
男生	nánshēng	male student, guy
女生	nǚshēng	female student, girl
别人	biérén	other people
咱们	zánmen	we (you and I)
身高	shēngāo	height (in numbers)
米	mǐ	meter; rice (grain)
矮	ǎi	short (in height)
胖	pàng	fat, chubby
瘦	shòu	thin
脸	liǎn	face
头发	tóufa	hair
耳朵	ěrdou	ear
嘴	zuǐ	mouth
牙	yá	tooth
腿	tuǐ	leg
脚	jiǎo	foot
像	xiàng	look like

长	zhǎng	grow
一样	yíyàng	same
姐妹	jiěmèi	sisters
认得	rènde	recognize, know (by sight)
聪明	cōngming	smart
可爱	kěài	cute
热情	rèqíng	warm, hospitable
认真	rènzhēn	serious, diligent
喜爱	xǐài	love, adore
开心	kāixīn	happy, cheerful
难过	nánguò	sad, upset
生气	shēngqì	get angry
哭	kū	cry
感到	gǎndào	feel
心里	xīnli	at heart, inside
着急	zháojí	worry; be in a hurry
怕	pà	fear, be afraid
害怕	hàipà	be afraid, fear
担心	dānxīn	worry
放心	fàngxīn	not worry, rest assured
关心	guānxīn	care about
结婚	jiéhūn	get married
夫妻	fūqī	husband and wife
爱人	àiren	spouse
出生	chūshēng	be born
照顾	zhàogù	take care of

Home and daily life

房子	fángzi	house, apartment
小区	xiǎoqū	residential complex

层	céng	floor, layer (measure word)
楼梯	lóutī	stairs

电梯	diàntī	elevator
附近	fùjìn	nearby
屋子	wūzi	room
室	shì	room
卫生间	wèishēngjiān	bathroom
沙发	shāfā	sofa
中间	zhōngjiān	middle, between
安静	ānjìng	quiet, calm
安全	ānquán	safe
方便	fāngbiàn	convenient
环境	huánjìng	environment, surroundings
干净	gānjìng	clean
脏	zāng	dirty
冰箱	bīngxiāng	refrigerator
空调	kōngtiáo	air conditioner
洗衣机	xǐyījī	washing machine
电	diàn	electricity
用	yòng	use
把	bǎ	"take and..." preposition; measure word
放	fàng	put, place
带	dài	bring, take along

Food and dining

饿	è	hungry
渴	kě	thirsty
饱	bǎo	full (after eating)
挺	tǐng	quite, rather
极	jí	extremely
方便面	fāngbiànmiàn	instant noodles
尝	cháng	taste
甜	tián	sweet
新鲜	xīnxiān	fresh
香蕉	xiāngjiāo	banana

身边	shēnbiān	by one's side
纸	zhǐ	paper
关	guān	close; turn off
灯	dēng	lamp, light
关机	guānjī	turn off (phone)
开机	kāijī	turn on (phone)
干	gàn	do (colloq.)
搬	bān	move, carry
箱子	xiāngzi	suitcase, box
搬家	bānjiā	move (house)
丢	diū	lose
不见	bújiàn	go missing; not see each other
洗澡	xǐzǎo	bathe, shower
刷	shuā	brush
牙刷	yáshuā	toothbrush
打扫	dǎsǎo	clean (a room)
扫	sǎo	sweep; scan
分开	fēnkāi	separate; split up
生活	shēnghuó	life; live
习惯	xíguàn	habit; get used to
养	yǎng	keep (pets), raise
帮助	bāngzhù	help; to help
面前	miànqián	in front of (someone)

西瓜	xīguā	watermelon
蛋糕	dàngāo	cake
又	yòu	again; both... and...
饮料	yǐnliào	drink, beverage
酒	jiǔ	alcohol, liquor
啤酒	píjiǔ	beer
或者	huòzhě	or
矿泉水	kuàngquánshuǐ	mineral water
冰	bīng	ice
或	huò	or (lit.)

比较	bǐjiào	fairly; compare
特别	tèbié	especially; special
冰激凌	bīngjīlíng	ice cream
更	gèng	even more
糖	táng	sugar; candy
难看	nánkàn	ugly
难听	nántīng	unpleasant to hear
碗	wǎn	bowl
盘子	pánzi	plate, dish
筷子	kuàizi	chopsticks
勺子	sháozi	spoon
瓶子	píngzi	bottle
斤	jīn	jin (half a kilo)
公斤	gōngjīn	kilogram
种	zhǒng	kind, type (measure word)

Shopping and things

衬衫	chènshān	shirt
大衣	dàyī	coat
上衣	shàngyī	jacket, top
裙子	qúnzi	skirt, dress
短裤	duǎnkù	shorts
短	duǎn	short
鞋	xié	shoes
双	shuāng	pair (measure word)
伞	sǎn	umbrella
雨衣	yǔyī	raincoat
张	zhāng	measure word (sheets, tables, tickets)
旧	jiù	old (of things)
试	shì	try, try on
合适	héshì	suitable
大小	dàxiǎo	size
换	huàn	change, exchange
满意	mǎnyì	be satisfied

好多	hǎoduō	a lot of
一共	yíòng	in total
加	jiā	add
牛	niú	cow, ox
羊	yáng	sheep
鸡	jī	chicken
菜单	càidān	menu
除了	chúle	except, besides
以外	yǐwài	besides, beyond
请客	qǐngkè	treat, pick up the tab
客人	kèrén	guest
做客	zuòkè	be a guest
一块儿	yíkuàir	together (colloq.)
服务	fúwù	serve; service
外卖	wàimài	takeout, delivery

别的	biéde	other, else
蓝	lán	blue
黄色	huángsè	yellow
其他	qítā	others, other
选	xuǎn	choose
选择	xuǎnzé	choose; choice
怎样	zěnyàng	how, in what way
毛	máo	mao (0.1 yuan, colloq.)
角	jiǎo	jiao (0.1 yuan)
差	chà	poor, bad; be short of
以上	yǐshàng	above, more than
以下	yǐxià	below, less than
卡	kǎ	card (plastic)
银行	yínháng	bank
银行卡	yínhángkǎ	bank card
信用卡	xìnyòngkǎ	credit card
只	zhǐ	only

只能	zhǐnéng	can only; have no choice but
大概	dàgài	roughly; probably
差不多	chàbùduō	almost; about the same
几乎	jīhū	almost
只是	zhǐshì	merely; only
一定	yídìng	definitely, surely
礼物	lǐwù	gift
收	shōu	receive, accept

City and travel

东	dōng	east
南	nán	south
西	xī	west
北	běi	north
方向	fāngxiàng	direction
向	xiàng	toward
地图	dìtú	map
东北	dōngběi	northeast
东南	dōngnán	southeast
西北	xīběi	northwest
西南	xīnán	southwest
北方	běifāng	the north (of a country)
南方	nánfāng	the south (of a country)
东方	dōngfāng	the East
西方	xīfāng	the West
街	jiē	street
马路	mǎlù	street, road
路口	lùkǒu	intersection
路边	lùbiān	roadside
红绿灯	hónglǜdēng	traffic light
经过	jīngguò	pass by; through
城市	chéngshì	city
市	shì	city (in names)
外地	wàidì	another city, out-of-town
地方	dìfang	place

相机	xiàngjī	camera
耳机	ěrjī	headphones
电子书	diànzǐshū	e-book
借	jiè	borrow, lend
还	huán	return (give back)
如果	rúguǒ	if
的话	dehuà	"if" (end of condition)
需要	xūyào	need

地点	dìdiǎn	location (of an event)
到处	dàochù	everywhere
中	zhōng	middle; in, among; Chinese
园	yuán	garden, park
公园	gōngyuán	park
花园	huāyuán	garden
动物园	dòngwùyuán	zoo
图书馆	túshūguǎn	library
体育馆	tǐyùguǎn	gym, sports arena
汽车	qìchē	car, automobile
自行车	zìxíngchē	bicycle
骑	qí	ride (a bike, a horse)
辆	liàng	measure word (vehicles)
司机	sījī	driver
站	zhàn	stand
地	dì	ground, floor
高铁	gāotiě	high-speed train
船	chuán	ship, boat
起飞	qǐfēi	take off
晚点	wǎndiǎn	be delayed (transport)
检票	jiǎnpiào	check tickets
起	qǐ	rise; starting from
出发	chūfā	set off
离开	líkāi	leave

行李	xíngli	luggage
护照	hùzhào	passport

宾馆	bīnguǎn	hotel
游客	yóukè	tourist

Seasons and time

春天	chūntiān	spring
夏天	xiàtiān	summer
秋天	qiūtiān	autumn
冬天	dōngtiān	winter
季节	jìjié	season
四季	sìjì	four seasons
季	jì	season
风	fēng	wind
刮	guā	blow (wind); scrape, shave
太阳	tàiyáng	sun
月亮	yuèliang	moon
凉快	liángkuai	cool, pleasantly cool
越	yuè	the more... the more...
山	shān	mountain
树	shù	tree
河	hé	river
海	hǎi	sea
草	cǎo	grass
草地	cǎodì	lawn
开花	kāihuā	bloom
周末	zhōumò	weekend
平时	píngshí	usually, ordinarily
动物	dòngwù	animal
大熊猫	dàxióngmāo	giant panda
马	mǎ	horse
假期	jiàqī	vacation, holidays
以前	yǐqián	before; previously
以后	yǐhòu	after; later

后来	hòulái	later, afterwards
最近	zuìjìn	recently
最后	zuihòu	last; in the end
过去	guòqù	the past
刚	gāng	just (now)
刚才	gāngcái	just now
刚刚	gānggāng	just barely, just now
前天	qiántiān	day before yesterday
后天	hòutiān	day after tomorrow
前年	qiánnián	year before last
后年	hòunián	year after next
新年	xīnnián	New Year
节日	jiérì	holiday, festival
过节	guòjié	celebrate a holiday
节	jié	measure word (classes); festival
先	xiān	first
然后	ránhòu	then
刻	kè	quarter (hour)
久	jiǔ	long (time)
好久	hǎojiǔ	a long time
不久	bùjiǔ	soon; not long
半天	bàntiān	half a day; a long time
才	cái	only (then); just
直到	zhídào	until
马上	mǎshàng	right away
一直	yìzhí	all along; straight
突然	tūrán	suddenly; sudden
终于	zhōngyú	finally

Studying

初中	chūzhōng	middle school (grades 7–9)
年级	niánjí	grade (year of study)
班级	bānjí	class (at school)
校园	xiàoyuán	campus, schoolyard
校长	xiàozhǎng	principal, rector
难	nán	difficult
容易	róngyì	easy
简单	jiǎndān	simple
数学	shùxué	math
历史	lìshǐ	history (subject)
难题	nántí	difficult problem
黑板	hēibǎn	blackboard
清楚	qīngchū	clear, distinct
讲	jiǎng	tell, explain
明白	míngbai	clear; understand
回答	huídá	answer; to answer
懂得	dǒngde	understand, know how
课本	kèběn	textbook
页	yè	page
课文	kèwén	lesson text
段	duàn	section, paragraph (measure word)
句	jù	sentence (measure word)
句子	jùzi	sentence
遍	biàn	time (from start to finish)
记	jì	write down; remember
忘记	wàngì	forget

笔记	bǐjì	notes
笔记本	bǐjìběn	notebook; laptop
铅笔	qiānbǐ	pencil
查	chá	look up, check
词典	cídiǎn	dictionary
字典	zìdiǎn	character dictionary
练	liàn	practice, drill
练习	liànxí	exercise; practice
作业	zuòyè	homework
复习	fùxí	review (material)
一边	yìbiān	while (一边...一边)
对话	duìhuà	dialogue; talk
成绩	chéngjì	grade, result
水平	shuǐpíng	level
提高	tígāo	raise, improve
努力	nǔlì	try hard; hardworking
只要	zhǐyào	as long as
留学	liúxué	study abroad
留学生	liúxuéshēng	international student; student abroad
外语	wàiyǔ	foreign language
语言	yǔyán	language
文化	wénhuà	culture
放学	fàngxué	get out of school
学期	xuéqī	semester
放假	fàngjià	go on vacation
迟到	chídào	be late
请假	qǐngjià	ask for time off

Work and business

会	huì	meeting
开会	kāihuì	hold a meeting
办公室	bàngōngshì	office
经理	jīnglǐ	manager

同事	tóngshì	coworker
工作日	gōngzuòrì	workday, weekday
会议	huìyì	meeting, conference
应该	yīnggāi	should

得	děi	have to
必须	bìxū	must
参加	cānjiā	take part, join
不用	búyòng	no need
完成	wánchéng	complete, finish
结束	jiéshù	end
打算	dǎsuàn	plan to; plan
决定	juéding	decide; decision
该	gāi	should; it's time to
愿意	yuànyì	be willing, want
同意	tóngyì	agree
行	xíng	OK, fine
不行	bùxíng	not allowed; no good
信	xìn	letter; believe
封	fēng	measure word (letters)
发	fā	send; issue
邮件	yóujiàn	email
收到	shōudào	receive (a letter, parcel)
邮箱	yóuxiāng	mailbox, email address
号码	hàomǎ	number
接	jiē	meet, pick up; answer (the phone)
网站	wǎngzhàn	website
关于	guānyú	about, concerning

Leisure, sports, culture

网球	wǎngqiú	tennis
羽毛球	yǔmáoqiú	badminton
球场	qiúchǎng	sports ground, court
体育	tǐyù	physical education, sports
跳	tiào	jump
锻炼	duànliàn	work out, exercise
健康	jiànkāng	healthy; health
坚持	jiānchí	persist, keep at it
爬	pá	climb

根据	gēnjù	according to
要求	yāoqiú	demand; requirement
发生	fāshēng	happen
发现	fāxiàn	discover, find
怎么办	zěnmē bàn	what to do?
办法	bànfǎ	way, solution
解决	jiějué	solve (a problem)
办	bàn	handle, arrange
被	bèi	passive marker: "by"
认为	rènwéi	think, believe
以为	yǐwéi	thought (mistakenly)
相信	xiāngxìn	believe, trust
机会	jīhuì	opportunity, chance
重要	zhòngyào	important
主要	zhǔyào	main; mainly
变	biàn	change, become
变成	biànchéng	turn into
变化	biànhuà	change; change, vary
发展	fāzhǎn	develop; development
影响	yǐngxiǎng	influence; affect
为	wèi	for, for the sake of
为了	wèile	for the sake of; in order to

比赛	bǐsài	competition, match
运动会	yùndònghuì	sports meet
员	yuán	suffix: staff member
运动员	yùndòngyuán	athlete
得	dé	get, receive
得分	défēn	score points; score
得到	dédào	get, obtain
音乐	yīnyuè	music
晚会	wǎnhuì	evening party, gala
节目	jiémù	program, show

表演	biǎoyǎn	perform; performance
声音	shēngyīn	sound, voice
声	shēng	voice; sound (measure word)
兴趣	xìngqù	interest
感兴趣	gǎn xìngqù	be interested
新闻	xīnwén	news
报纸	bàozhǐ	newspaper
故事	gùshi	story
听说	tīngshuō	I heard that...; they say
见面	jiànmiàn	meet
聊	liáo	chat
聊天儿	liáotiānr	chat, talk
欢迎	huānyíng	welcome; greet
国家	guójiā	country, state
来自	láizì	come from

Health and wrap-up

感冒	gǎnmào	cold; catch a cold
好像	hǎoxiàng	seem; it looks like
发烧	fāshāo	have a fever
看来	kànlái	it seems, apparently
小心	xiǎoxīn	careful; be careful
奇怪	qíguài	strange
最好	zuìhǎo	best; had better
检查	jiǎnchá	check, examine
病人	bìngrén	patient
注意	zhùyì	pay attention
急	jí	urgent; be in a hurry, be anxious
住院	zhùyuàn	be hospitalized
出院	chūyuàn	be discharged from hospital
休假	xiūjià	be on vacation
名单	míngdān	list of names
只有	zhǐyǒu	only if; only

照片	zhàopiàn	photo
拍照	pāizhào	take photos
照	zhào	take (a photo); shine
照相	zhàoxiàng	have a photo taken, take photos
有名	yǒumíng	famous
画家	huàjiā	painter, artist
名人	míng rén	celebrity
世界	shìjiè	world
受	shòu	receive, undergo
受到	shòudào	receive (influence, welcome)
不但	búdàn	not only
而且	érqiě	but also; moreover
游戏	yóuxì	game
其实	qíshí	actually, in fact
当然	dāngrán	of course

常常	chángcháng	often, frequently
常	cháng	often (short form)
总是	zǒngshì	always
总	zǒng	always (short form); total
一般	yìbān	ordinary; usually
常见	chángjiàn	common, often seen
常用	chángyòng	commonly used
可是	kěshì	but
可	kě	but; (emphasis particle)
方法	fāngfǎ	method, way
有用	yǒuyòng	useful
比如	bǐrú	for example
不同	bùtóng	different, differ
关系	guānxì	relationship, connection
有关	yǒuguān	be related to; about
关注	guānzhù	follow, keep an eye on

了解	liǎojiě	know, understand (in depth)
遇到	yùdào	run into, encounter

遇见	yùjiàn	meet (by chance)
子	zi	noun suffix