HSK 3 vocabulary list: 500 words (2025 exam syllabus)

HSK 3 has 500 new words in the HSK exam syllabus released in November 2025 (HSK 3.0), so 1,000 words in total from HSK 1 to HSK 3. It is a beginner level. Every word below opens a page that splits it into its parts and strokes, with pinyin and example sentences, and the list is split into 50 groups of 10 you can learn and test for free.

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Group 1

阿姨 **āyí** aunt	矮 **ǎi** short (of a person)	爱人 **àiren** husband or wife	安静 **ānjìng** quiet
安全 **ānquán** safe	把 **bǎ** marks the object	班级 **bānjí** class (of students)	搬 **bān** to move (sth heavy)
搬家 **bānjiā** to move house	办 **bàn** to do		

Group 2

办法 **bànfǎ** way	办公室 **bàngōngshì** office	半天 **bàntiān** half a day	帮助 **bāngzhù** to help
饱 **bǎo** full (after eating)	报纸 **bàozhǐ** newspaper	北 **běi** north	北方 **běifāng** the north
被 **bèi** by (marks the passive)	比较 **bǐjiào** fairly		

Group 3

比如 **bǐrú** for example	比赛 **bǐsài** match	笔记 **bǐjì** notes	笔记本 **bǐjìběn** notebook
必须 **bìxū** must	变 **biàn** to change	变成 **biànchéng** to turn into	变化 **biànhuà** change
遍 **biàn** measure word for times (start to finish)	表演 **biǎoyǎn** to perform		

Group 4

别的 **biéde** other	别人 **biéren** other people	宾馆 **bīnguǎn** hotel	冰 **bīng** ice
冰激凌 **bīngjīlíng** ice cream	冰箱 **bīngxiāng** refrigerator	病人 **bìngrén** patient	不但 **bùdàn** not only (... but also ...)
不见 **bújiàn** to not see	不久 **bùjiǔ** soon		

Group 5

不同 **bùtóng** different	不行 **bùxíng** not OK	不用 **bùyòng** no need	才 **cái** talent
菜单 **càidān** menu	参加 **cānjiā** to take part in	草 **cǎo** grass	草地 **cǎodì** lawn
层 **céng** floor (of a building)	查 **chá** to check		

Group 6

差 **chà** poor	差不多 **chàbuduō** almost	尝 **cháng** to taste	常 **cháng** often
常常 **chángcháng** often	常见 **chángjiàn** common	常用 **chángyòng** commonly used	衬衫 **chènshān** shirt
成绩 **chéngjì** grades	城市 **chéngshì** city		

Group 7

迟到 **chídào** to be late	出发 **chūfā** to set off	出生 **chūshēng** to be born	出院 **chūyuàn** to leave hospital
初中 **chūzhōng** junior high school	除了 **chúle** except	船 **chuán** boat	春天 **chūntiān** spring (season)
词典 **cídiǎn** dictionary	聪明 **cōngming** clever		

Group 8

打扫 **dǎsǎo** to clean	打算 **dǎsuàn** to plan	大概 **dàgài** probably	大人 **dàren** adult
大小 **dàxiǎo** size	大熊猫 **dàxióngmāo** giant panda	大衣 **dàyī** overcoat	带 **dài** to bring
担心 **dānxīn** to worry	蛋糕 **dàngāo** cake		

Group 9

当然 **dāngrán** of course	到处 **dàochù** everywhere	得 **dé** to get	得到 **dédào** to get
得分 **défēn** to score	的话 **dehuà** if (after a clause)	得 **děi** to have to	灯 **dēng** lamp
地 **dì** ground	地点 **dìdiǎn** location		

Group 10

地方 **dìfang** place	地图 **dìtú** map	电 **diàn** electricity	电梯 **diàntī** elevator
电子书 **diànzǐshū** e-book	丢 **diū** to lose	东 **dōng** east	东北 **dōngběi** northeast
东方 **dōngfāng** the east	东南 **dōngnán** southeast		

Group 11

冬天 **dōngtiān** winter	懂得 **dǒngde** to understand	动物 **dòngwù** animal	动物园 **dòngwùyuán** zoo
短 **duǎn** short	短裤 **duǎnkù** shorts	段 **duàn** section	锻炼 **duànliàn** to exercise
对话 **duìhuà** dialogue	饿 **è** hungry		

Group 12

而且 **érqiě** and also	耳朵 **ěrduo** ear	耳机 **ěrjī** headphones	发 **fā** to send
发烧 **fāshāo** to have a fever	发生 **fāshēng** to happen	发现 **fāxiàn** to find	发展 **fāzhǎn** to develop
方便 **fāngbiàn** convenient	方便面 **fāngbiànmiàn** instant noodles		

Group 13

方法 **fāngfǎ** method	方向 **fāngxiàng** direction	房子 **fángzi** house	放 **fàng** to put
放假 **fàngjià** to have a holiday	放心 **fàngxīn** to be at ease	放学 **fàngxué** to finish school for the day	分开 **fēnkāi** to separate
风 **fēng** wind	封 **fēng** measure word for letters		

Group 14

夫妻 **fūqī** husband and wife	服务 **fúwù** to serve	附近 **fùjìn** nearby	复习 **fùxí** to review
该 **gāi** should	干净 **gānjìng** clean	感到 **gǎndào** to feel	感冒 **gǎnmào** to catch a cold
感兴趣 **gǎn xìngqù** to be interested (in)	干 **gàn** to do		

Group 15

刚 **gāng** just	刚才 **gāngcái** just now	刚刚 **gānggang** just now	高铁 **gāotiě** high-speed rail
根据 **gēnjù** according to	更 **gèng** more	工作日 **gōngzuòrì** workday	公斤 **gōngjīn** kilogram
公园 **gōngyuán** park	故事 **gùshi** story		

Group 16

刮
guā
to blow, of wind

关
guān
to close

关机
guānjī
to turn off (a phone, computer etc.)

关系
guānxi
relationship

关心
guānxīn
to care about

关于
guānyú
about

关注
guānzhù
to pay attention to

国家
guójiā
country

过节
guòjié
to celebrate a festival or holiday

过去
guòqù
the past

Group 17

海
hǎi
sea

害怕
hàipà
to be afraid

好多
hǎoduō
a lot of

好久
hǎojiǔ
a long time

好像
hǎoxiàng
to seem

号码
hàomǎ
number

合适
héshì
suitable

河
hé
river

黑板
hēibǎn
blackboard

红绿灯
hónglǜdēng
traffic lights

Group 18

后来 **hòulái** later	后年 **hòunián** the year after next	后天 **hòutiān** day after tomorrow	护照 **hùzhào** passport
花园 **huāyuán** garden	画家 **huàjiā** painter	欢迎 **huānyíng** to welcome	还 **huán** to give back
环境 **huánjìng** environment	换 **huàn** to change		

Group 19

黄色 **huángsè** yellow	回答 **huídá** to answer	会 **huì** can	会议 **huìyì** meeting
或 **huò** or	或者 **huòzhě** or	几乎 **jīhū** almost	机会 **jīhuì** chance
鸡 **jī** chicken	极 **jí** extremely		

Group 20

急 **jí** anxious	记 **jì** to remember	季 **jì** season	季节 **jìjié** season
加 **jiā** to add	假期 **jiàqī** holiday	坚持 **jiānchí** to keep on	检查 **jiǎnchá** to check
检票 **jiǎnpiào** to check tickets	简单 **jiǎndān** simple		

Group 21

见面 **jiànmiàn** to meet	健康 **jiànkāng** healthy	讲 **jiǎng** to speak	角 **jiǎo** corner
脚 **jiǎo** foot	接 **jiē** to pick up (sb)	街 **jiē** street	节 **jié** measure word for classes
节目 **jiémù** program	节日 **jiérì** festival		

Group 22

结婚 **jiéhūn** to get married	结束 **jiéshù** to end	姐妹 **jiěmèi** sisters	解决 **jiějué** to solve
借 **jiè** to borrow	斤 **jīn** jin (unit of weight, half a kilogram)	经过 **jīngguò** to pass by	经理 **jīnglǐ** manager
久 **jiǔ** long (time)	酒 **jiǔ** alcohol		

Group 23

旧 **jiù** old	句 **jù** measure word for sentences	句子 **jùzi** sentence	决定 **juédìng** to decide
卡 **kǎ** card	开花 **kāihuā** to bloom	开会 **kāihuì** to have a meeting	开机 **kāijī** to turn on (a phone, computer etc.)
开心 **kāixīn** happy	看来 **kànlai** it seems		

Group 24

可 **kě** but	可爱 **kě'ài** cute	可是 **kěshì** but	渴 **kě** thirsty
刻 **kè** quarter (of an hour)	客人 **kèrén** guest	课本 **kèběn** textbook	课文 **kèwén** lesson text
空调 **kōngtiáo** air conditioner	哭 **kū** to cry		

Group 25

筷子 **kuàizi** chopsticks	矿泉水 **kuàngquánshuǐ** mineral water	来自 **láizì** to come from	蓝 **lán** blue
老 **lǎo** old	老人 **lǎorén** old person	离开 **líkāi** to leave	礼物 **lǐwù** gift
历史 **lìshǐ** history	脸 **liǎn** face		

Group 26

练
liàn
to practice

练习
liànxí
to practice

凉快
liángkuai
nice and cool

辆
liàng
measure word for vehicles

聊
liáo
to chat

聊天儿
liáotiānr
to chat

了解
liǎojiě
to understand

邻居
línjū
neighbor

留学
liúxué
to study abroad

留学生
liúxuéshēng
international student

Group 27

楼梯
lóutī
stairs

路边
lùbiān
roadside

路口
lùkǒu
intersection

马
mǎ
horse

马路
mǎlù
road

马上
mǎshàng
immediately

满意
mǎnyì
satisfied

毛
máo
hair

米
mǐ
rice

面前
miànqián
in front of

Group 28

名单 **míngdān** list of names	名人 **míngrén** celebrity	明白 **míngbai** to understand	男人 **nánrén** man
男生 **nánshēng** boy	南 **nán** south	南方 **nánfāng** the south	难 **nán** difficult
难过 **nánguò** sad	难看 **nánkàn** ugly		

Group 29

难题 **nántí** difficult problem	难听 **nántīng** unpleasant to hear	年级 **niánjí** grade	年轻 **niánqīng** young
牛 **niú** cow	努力 **nǔlì** to work hard	女人 **nǚren** woman	女生 **nǚshēng** girl
爬 **pá** to climb	怕 **pà** to be afraid of		

Group 30

拍照 **pāizhào** to take a photo	盘子 **pánzi** plate	胖 **pàng** fat	啤酒 **píjiǔ** beer
平时 **píngshí** usually	瓶子 **píngzi** bottle	其实 **qíshí** actually	其他 **qítā** other
奇怪 **qíguài** strange	骑 **qí** to ride (a bike, horse etc.)		

Group 31

起 **qǐ** to get up	起飞 **qǐfēi** to take off (of a plane)	汽车 **qìchē** car	铅笔 **qiānbǐ** pencil
前年 **qiánnián** the year before last	前天 **qiántiān** day before yesterday	清楚 **qīngchu** clear	请假 **qǐngjià** to ask for leave
请客 **qǐngkè** to treat	秋天 **qiūtiān** autumn		

Group 32

球场 **qiúchǎng** sports field	裙子 **qúnzi** skirt	然后 **ránhòu** then	热情 **rèqíng** warm
认得 **rènde** to know	认为 **rènwéi** to think	认真 **rènzhēn** serious	容易 **róngyì** easy
如果 **rúguǒ** if	伞 **sǎn** umbrella		

Group 33

扫 **sǎo** to sweep	沙发 **shāfā** sofa	山 **shān** mountain	上衣 **shàngyī** jacket
勺子 **sháozi** spoon	身边 **shēnbiān** by one's side	身高 **shēngāo** height (of a person)	生活 **shēnghuó** life
生气 **shēngqì** angry	声 **shēng** sound, voice		

Group 34

声音 **shēngyīn** sound	世界 **shìjiè** world	市 **shì** city	试 **shì** to try
室 **shì** room	收 **shōu** to receive	收到 **shōudào** to receive	受 **shòu** to receive
受到 **shòudào** to receive	瘦 **shòu** thin		

Group 35

叔叔 **shūshu** uncle	树 **shù** tree	数学 **shùxué** mathematics	刷 **shuā** to brush
双 **shuāng** pair	水平 **shuǐpíng** level	司机 **sījī** driver	四季 **sìjì** the four seasons
太阳 **tàiyang** sun	糖 **táng** sugar		

Group 36

特别 **tèbié** especially	提高 **tígāo** to raise	体育 **tǐyù** sports	体育馆 **tǐyùguǎn** gym
甜 **tián** sweet	跳 **tiào** to jump	听说 **tīngshuō** to hear	挺 **tǐng** quite
同事 **tóngshì** colleague	同意 **tóngyì** to agree		

Group 37

头发 **tóufa** hair (on the head)	突然 **tūrán** suddenly	图书馆 **túshūguǎn** library	腿 **tuǐ** leg
外地 **wàidì** another part of the country	外卖 **wàimài** takeout	外语 **wàiyǔ** foreign language	完成 **wánchéng** to complete
晚点 **wǎndiǎn** late	晚会 **wǎnhuì** evening party		

Group 38

碗
wǎn
bowl

网球
wǎngqiú
tennis

网站
wǎngzhàn
website

忘记
wàngjì
to forget

卫生间
wèishēngjiān
bathroom

为
wèi
for

为了
wèile
in order to

文化
wénhuà
culture

屋子
wūzi
room

西
xī
west

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西北
xīběi
northwest

西方
xīfāng
the West

西瓜
xīguā
watermelon

西南
xīnán
southwest

习惯
xíguàn
habit

洗衣机
xǐyījī
washing machine

洗澡
xǐzǎo
to take a bath

喜爱
xǐ'ài
to like

夏天
xiàtiān
summer

先
xiān
first

Group 40

相信 **xiāngxìn** to believe	香蕉 **xiāngjiāo** banana	箱子 **xiāngzi** box	向 **xiàng** towards
相机 **xiàngjī** camera	像 **xiàng** to look like	小区 **xiǎoqū** residential community	小心 **xiǎoxīn** to be careful
校园 **xiàoyuán** campus	校长 **xiàozhǎng** headmaster		

Group 41

鞋 **xié** shoe	心里 **xīnli** in one's heart	新年 **xīnnián** New Year	新闻 **xīnwén** news
新鲜 **xīnxiān** fresh	信 **xìn** letter	信用卡 **xìnyòngkǎ** credit card	行 **xíng** OK
行李 **xíngli** luggage	兴趣 **xìngqù** interest		

Group 42

休假 **xiūjià** to take a vacation	需要 **xūyào** to need	选 **xuǎn** to choose	选择 **xuǎnzé** to choose
学期 **xuéqī** term	牙 **yá** tooth	牙刷 **yáshuā** toothbrush	羊 **yáng** sheep
养 **yǎng** to raise (animals)	要求 **yāoqiú** to ask		

Group 43

页 **yè** page	一般 **yībān** usually	一边 **yībiān** one side	一定 **yīdìng** certainly
一共 **yīgòng** in total	一块儿 **yīkuàir** together	一样 **yīyàng** same	一直 **yīzhí** straight
以后 **yǐhòu** after	以前 **yǐqián** before		

Group 44

以上 **yǐshàng** above	以外 **yǐwài** besides	以为 **yǐwéi** to think (mistakenly)	以下 **yǐxià** below
音乐 **yīnyuè** music	银行 **yínháng** bank	银行卡 **yínhángkǎ** bank card	饮料 **yǐnliào** drink
应该 **yīnggāi** should	影响 **yǐngxiǎng** to influence		

Group 45

用 **yòng** to use	邮件 **yóujiàn** email	邮箱 **yóuxiāng** email address	游客 **yóukè** tourist
游戏 **yóuxì** game	有关 **yǒuguān** related to	有名 **yǒumíng** famous	有用 **yǒuyòng** useful
又 **yòu** again	羽毛球 **yǔmáoqiú** badminton		

Group 46

雨衣 **yǔyī** raincoat	语言 **yǔyán** language	遇到 **yùdào** to meet	遇见 **yùjiàn** to meet
园 **yuán** garden	员 **yuán** member	愿意 **yuànyì** to be willing	月亮 **yuèliang** moon
越 **yuè** to cross	运动会 **yùndònghuì** sports meet		

Group 47

运动员 **yùndòngyuán** athlete	咱们 **zánmen** we	脏 **zāng** dirty	怎么办 **zěnme bàn** what to do
怎样 **zěnyàng** how	站 **zhàn** station	张 **zhāng** measure word for flat things	长 **zhǎng** to grow
着急 **zháojí** worried	照 **zhào** to shine		

Group 48

照顾
zhàogu
to take care of

照片
zhàopiàn
photo

照相
zhàoxiàng
to take a photo

直到
zhídào
until

只
zhǐ
only

只能
zhǐnéng
can only

只是
zhǐshì
just

只要
zhǐyào
as long as

只有
zhǐyǒu
only

纸
zhǐ
paper

Group 49

中
zhōng
middle

中间
zhōngjiān
middle

终于
zhōngyú
finally

种
zhǒng
kind

重要
zhòngyào
important

周末
zhōumò
weekend

主要
zhǔyào
main

住院
zhùyuàn
to be in hospital

注意
zhùyì
to pay attention to

子
zi
noun suffix

Group 50

自行车 **zìxíngchē** bicycle	字典 **zìdiǎn** dictionary	总 **zǒng** always	总是 **zǒngshì** always
嘴 **zuǐ** mouth	最好 **zuìhǎo** best	最后 **zuìhòu** last	最近 **zuìjìn** recently
作业 **zuòyè** homework	做客 **zuòkè** to be a guest		

HSK 3 questions

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