

GLOSSARY



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| 1. bǎ | 把 | CV: (bring object to front of main verb)
(He sold your car.) |
| Tā bǎ nǐde qìchē mài le. | | |
| 2. -bēi | 一杯 | M: a cup of (for coffee, tea, milk, etc.) |
| a. bēizi | 杯子 | N: cup |
| b. chá bēi | 茶杯 | N: teacup |
| 3. cài dān | 菜单 | N: menu |
| Zhèi jiā fànguǎn r yǒu Zhōngwén cài dān. | | (This restaurant has Chinese menus.) |
| 4. chá | 茶 | N: tea |
| a. huāchá | 花茶 | N: scented tea, jasmine tea |
| b. huā | 花 | N: flower |
| c. hóngchá | 红茶 | N: black tea |
| d. hóng | 红 | SV: red |
| 5. cuò | 错 | SV: wrong, mistaken, erroneous |
| Tā zhīdao tā cuò le. | | (He knows that he is wrong.) |
| a. cuòr | 错儿 | N: a mistake, an error |
| b. búcuò | 不错 | IE/SV: not bad/to be correct, right, pretty good |
| 6. chuándá | 传达 | N: building custodian, concierge |
| 7. dàshīfu | 大师傅 | N: chef |
| 8. děng | 等 | V: to wait (for) |
| Nǐ děng shénme?
Wǒ děng huǒchē. | | (What are you waiting for?)
(I'm waiting for the train.) |
| děngyīděng | 等一等 | V: to wait for a moment |
| 9. fàngxīn | 放心 | SV: to rest assured, to feel easy |

- búfàngxīn 不放心 SV: to be uneasy
- Xiǎoháizi zuò fàn, wǒ
búfàngxīn. (I feel uneasy when the
children cook.)
10. fúwùyuán 服务员 N: clerk, attendant, waiter
(hotel or restaurant)
11. huòshi 或是 CONJ: or, either (in statements
only)
Zhèige huòshi nèige dōu
xíng. (Either this or that is OK.)
12. jìde 记得 V: to remember
- Wǒ jìde lǎoshī shuō, yào
qǐng wǒmen chī Zhōngguó
fàn. (I remember that the teacher
said he would invite us to
a Chinese meal.)
13. jiē diànhuà 接电话 VO: to answer the telephone
- Wǒmen jiā xiǎo háizi bùkěyǐ
jiē diànhuà. (In our house the children
are not permitted to answer
the telephone.)
- jiē 接 V: to answer (telephone)
14. júzi 橘子 N: orange
- júzhīshuǐ 橘子水 N: orange juice
15. jùzi 句子 N: sentence
- Zhèige jùzi wǒ bùdǒng. (I don't understand this
sentence.)
- jù 一句 M: (for sentence)
- Zhèi wǔjù huà dōu shì
nǐ xiěde ma?) (Did you write all five of
these sentences?)
16. kāfēi 咖啡 N: coffee
17. lùyīnjī 录音机 N: tape recorder
- a. lùyǐngjī/lùxiàngjī 录影机/录像机 N: video recorder
- b. lùxiàlai 录下来 V: to record (on tape)
18. māma 妈妈 N: mama, mother
- bàba 爸爸 N: papa, father

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| 19. ná | 拿 | V: to take, to bring (hold in the hand) |
| Nǐ nǎzhe shénme ne? | | (What are you holding now?/ What are you carrying?) |
| a. nálai | 拿来 | V: to bring (it) here |
| Qǐng ná liǎngbei kāfēi lai. | | (Please bring two cups of coffee.) |
| b. náqu | 拿去 | V: to take (it) away, to take (it) over there |
| Zhèige dōngxī, wǒ búyàole, nǐ kéyǐ náqu. | | (I don't want this thing anymore; you may take it away.) |
| 20. pèi | 配 | V: to mate, to mix, to compound, to match, to arrange (select dishes to suit one's taste) |
| Wǔkuài qián yíge rén, qǐng dàshǐfu gěi wǒmen pèi wǔge cài yíge tāng. | | (For five dollars a person, ask the chef to arrange five dishes and one soup that complement each other.) |
| 21. qíguài | 奇怪 | SV: to be strange, odd, peculiar |
| Nèige hái'zi zhēn qíguài, tā wǎnshàng búshuǐjiào. | | (That child is really strange; he won't go to sleep at night.) |
| 22. sùshè | 宿舍 | N: dormitory |
| 23. wàng | 忘 | V: to forget |
| Tā wàngle tā zìjǐ xìng shénme. | | (He has forgotten his own surname.) |
| 24. wèi (or wéi) | 喂 | IE: hello (used in telephone greeting) |
| 25. Xiǎomèi | 小妹 | IE: Little Sister |
| 26. xiěxiàlaile | 写下来了 | RV: to have written down (actual-positive case) |
| méixiěxiàlai | 没写下来 | RV: to have not written down (actual-negative case) |
| 27. Zhēnmíng | 珍明 | N: (given name of a person) |

OLD WORDS WITH NEW USAGES

28. diǎn 点
 Wǒmen yíge rén diǎn yíge cài, hǎo ma?
 V: to order (select) dishes from a menu
 (We'll each order one dish; how about it?)
29. guānshang 关上
 Wǒmen yào shuìjiào, qǐng bǎ shōuyīnjī guānshang.
 V: to turn off (electric switch, radio, etc.)
 (We want to go to sleep; please turn off the radio.)
30. jiào 叫
 Nǐmen xiǎng jiào jǐge cài?
 V: to order (dishes in a restaurant)
 (How many dishes do you want to order?)
31. kāikai 开开
 Nǐ kāi mén, wǒ kāikai shōuyīnjī.
 V: to turn on (electric switch), to open
 (You open the door; I'll turn on the radio.)
32. yī ... jiù 一 ... 就
 Tā yí jīnlai nǐ jiù guānshang mén.
 PT: as soon as
 (As soon as he comes in, close the door.)
33. zuìhǎo 最好 MA/A-SV: the best
 Nǐ zuìhǎo shǎo shuōhuà./
 Zuìhǎo nǐ shǎo shuōhuà.
 (The best [thing you can do] is to keep your mouth shut.)