

中文詞彙

Characters	Pinyin	English	Notes
阿兵哥	a1bing1ge1	Soldier-boy, army man	
愛犬	ai4quan3	Family dog, a beloved dog	
愛心傘	ai4xin1san3	Public-use umbrella, umbrella that everyone uses, umbrella that you don't mind getting stolen	
安樂死	an1le4si3	euthanasia	
熬	ao2	To simmer	熬現寶 to show off one's treasures, to fish for compliments, to put on airs
百分點	bai3fen1dian3	Percentage point	
板機	ban3ji1	The trigger of a gun	扣板機
磅秤	bang4cheng4	Scales, platform scale	台秤
傍晚	bang4wan3	dusk	
包	bao1	A bump on the head	
包袱	bao1fu4	A burden, a debt	
包含	bao1han2	To put up with, to forgive	對不起，這種服務我們沒有，請多多包含
剝皮	bo1pi2	To skin something, to flay someone	
包皮	bao1pi2	foreskin	
牙	bao1ya2	bucktooth	
包裝	bao1zhuang1	Wrapping, packaging	
寶塔	bao3ta3	Pagoda	Also 寶骨塔
貝兒	bei4er2	Mentally retarded child? "Special" child?	
奔騰	ben1teng2	To gallop, to surge forward, to roll on in waves	
奔命	ben4ming4	To be in a desperate hurry, to rush about on errands, to be kept on the run	
笨拙	ben4zhuo2	Clumsy, stupid	
屌	bi1	cunt	臭屌
逼真	bi1zhen1	Realistic, lifelike	
鼻屎	bi2shi2	Boogers, snot	鼻涕 擤鼻涕 挖鼻孔
鼻涕	bi2ti4	Snot (liquid only)	擤鼻涕 鼻屎
筆名	bi3ming2	Pen-name, nom de plume	
敝殺	bi4sha1	To execute, to send to the firing squad	
扁平足	bian3ping2zu2	Flat-footed	
便池			
變數	bian4shu4	Variable, unknown quantity	
(不一樣)	biang4	Cool, amazing, great	Southern Min, not Mandarin Sometimes written as 不一樣 as one character
別針	bie2zhen1	A long ladies' pin, a hatpin?	

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病歷	bing4li4	Medical history, case records	
剝削	bo1xue1	To skin, to peel	
駁斥	bo2chi4	To reject (a law case or appeal); to refute, to disprove	駁回
駁回	bo2hui2	To reject, to turn down, to overrule (a legal request)	駁斥
柏油	bo2you2	(pine) tar	
不進則退	bu2jin4 ze2tui4	It you don't keep moving forward, you'll fall behind; you have to keep running just to stand still	
不孕婦	bu2yun4fu4	An infertile woman	
步調	bu4diao4	Pace. speed	這麼快的步調我跟不上
部隊	bu4dui4	Troop, squad, group	
部落	bu4luo4	tribe	
不爽	bu4shuang3	Pissed off, angry, turned off	我真不爽
不為人知	bu4wei2ren2zhi1	Unknown, mysterious, undiscovered	
不予置評	bu4yu2zhi4ping2	No comment, I cannot make a statement at this time	
不折不扣	bu4zhe2bu4kou4	A complete..., a total...	他是一個不折不扣的壞蛋
布置	bu4zhi4	To fix up, to decorate	
彩色筆	cai3se4bi3	Marker, colored marker	麥克筆 亮光筆
彩排	cai3pai2	Rehearse; rehearsal, dress rehearsal	
菜鳥	cai4niao3	Rookie, spring chicken	老鳥
餐盤	can1pan2	Tray, meal tray	
殘忍	can2ren3	Cruel, mean	
草稿	cao3gao3	A first draft	原稿 手稿
草率	cao3shuai4	To treat callously	
鏟子	chan3zi3	shovel	
車軸	che1zhou2	axle	
扯平	che3ping2	To get even with	
秤	cheng2	scale	
承擔	cheng2dan4	To take responsibility for (something bad)	Somewhat passive
成果	cheng2guo3	Results, fruits (of one's labors)	後果
成見	cheng2jian4	prejudice	偏見
秤量	cheng2liang4	To measure, to weigh	
城區部	cheng2qu1bu4	The city branch of (a school), downtown campus	
撐傘	cheng2san3	To open an umbrella, to share an umbrella?	
程式	cheng2shi4	Computer program	
吃醋	chi1cu4	To be bitter about something, to be jealous	
充電	chong1dian4	To recharge (literally or figuratively), to recharge	
衝浪	chong1lang4	To surf	

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抽紗	chou1sha1	To get a run in (a stocking)	
籌備	chou2bei4	To prepare, to get set up for something	
醜	chou3	ugly	
臭	chou4	stinky	
臭鼬	chou4you4	skunk	
出爐	chu1lu3	To come out of the oven; freshly made and ready to go; ready to be put into action	香蒜麵包剛剛出爐了！
出毛病	chu1mao2bing4	To be out of order, to be screwed up, to go haywire	
出門見山	chu1men2jian4shan1	To come out of one's hole and see the world; to finally see what one's is talking about	
出人頭地	chu1ren2tou2di4	To make a name for oneself, to make one's mark in the world	
出色	chu1se4	To be exemplary, to be better than the rest	
觸角	chu4jiao3	Feelers, tentacles, antennae	
踹	chuai4	To kick, to kick strongly, to give the boot to	
傳教士	chuan2jiao4shi4	missionary	
垂直	chui2zhi2	vertical	
垂直起飛	chui2zhi2qi3fei1	Vertical takeoff and landing (aircraft)	
刺青	ci4qing1	Tattoo (usually a noun)	紋身
次元	ci4yuan2	Dimension (3 rd dimension, etc.)	
粗心	cu1xin1	carelessness	
捉迷藏	cu4mi2cang1	Hide-and-seek	
促銷	cu4xiao1	To promote (a product), to market	
促銷品	cu4xiao1pin3	Promotional items, giveaways	
挫折	cuo4zhe2	Setback, failure	
搭檔	da1dang2	A pairing, a team	
大亨	da1heng1	Tycoon, mogul	
打草驚蛇	da3cao3jing1she2	Beat the grass to scare the snakes, to warn the enemy	
打哈欠	da3ha1qian4	To yawn	
打蠟	da3la4	To wax (a car or surfboard)	
打噴嚏	da3pen1ti4	To sneeze	
打屁	da3pi4	To shoot the shit, to bullshit	你們只是打打屁
大小聲			
逮捕	dai4bu3	To take into custody, to arrest	拘留
代客	dai4ke4	To do something for one's customers as a service	代客拍車 代客送花
代課	dai4ke4	To take over a class, to substitute for someone	
貸款	dai4kuan3	Loan, to take out a loan	
單親	dan1qin1	Single parent	

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單條	dan1tiao2	One-on-one, mano a mano	
膽小鬼	dan4xiao3gui3	A chicken, a scaredy-cat, a wuss, a wimp	
當心	dang1xin1	To be careful	Somewhat formal
擋機	dang4ji1	To crash (of computers)	
盪鞦韆	dang4qiu1qian1	To swing on a swing	
搗蛋	dao3dan4	To make trouble, to play tricks	
低能兒	di1neng2er2	A 'slow' person, a mentally retarded person	貝兒
底細	di1xi4	The basic facts, the poop, the inside scoop, the basics	
地步	di4bu4	Stage, state of affairs, situation	到了這麼一個地步，該怎麼辦？
地平線	di4ping2xian4	horizon	
典禮	dian3li3	ceremony	儀式
典型	dian3xing2	Classic, typical	
顛復	dian4fu4	To overturn, to deconstruct, to undermine, to capsize?	
吊	diao3	(Well) hung	好屌
吊橋	diao4qiao2	Suspension bridge	
定理	ding4li3	theorem	
東山再起	dong1shan1 zai4qi3	The East shall rise again; to come back stronger than ever	
動靜	dong4jing4	A sound to stir the silence; 'something happening'	
動脈	dong4mai4	arteries	動脈 微血管 靜脈
動彈不得	dong4tan2bu4de2	Can't budge a whisker, can't move forwards or backwards, slow as molasses (of traffic)	
逗留	dou4liu2	To loiter, to hang around	喂，你們這些小子 不能在這邊逗留！
獨角獸	du2jiao3shou4	unicorn	
度量	du4liang4	Ability to take criticism	
段章去意	duan4zhang1qu4yi4	To take things out of context, to deliberately misinterpret someone, to misinterpret	
鈍	dun4	Dull (as in a knife), blunt?	
燉	dun4	To stew	紅燒燉肉
惡意	e4yi4	Ill-intentioned, ill-meaning	善意
發生關係	fa1sheng1 guan1xi4	To have carnal relations, to have intercourse, to have sex (euphemistic, formal)	
髮簪	fa1zan1	Hairpin, hairclasp	
乏味	fa2wei4	Negative, derogatory	
番薯	fan1shu3	Yam; a person from Taiwan (colloq., euphemistic)	
反感	fan3gan3	Hackles, resistance, rebelliousness, negativity	
反輸	fan3shu2	Feedback (noise)	
反彈	fan3tan2	Ricochet, to bounce back	

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飯糰	fan4tuan3	Rice ball; slimy, oily, a smooth character (colloquial)	
方向盤	fang1xiang4pan2	Steering wheel	
放鴿子	fang4ge1zi3	To blow someone off, to stand someone up	
飛船	fei1chuan2	Flying boat, dirigible, zeppelin	
非凡	fei1fan2	Uncommon, exceptional	
非營利	fei1ying2li4	Non-profit, not for profit	非營利劇團
粉刺			
分泌	fen1mi4	Secretions; to secrete	內分泌
粉刷	fen3shua1	To whitewash, to plaster over	
風水輪流轉	feng1shui3lun2liu2zhuan3	Time and tide; the winds of fortune change	
負擔	fu4dan1	Load (metaphorical), stress, pressure, responsibilities	
膚淺	fu1qian3	Skin-deep	
敷衍	fu1yan2	To give lipservice to, to just go through the motions, to do something perfunctorily, to be perfunctory	
服役	fu2yi4	To serve (in the military)	
復古	fu4gu3	Retro (of style)	
附身	fu4shen1	To be in two places at the same time through mystical powers; doppelganger	
附聲	fu4sheng1	ventriloquism	
赴湯蹈水	fu4tang1dao3shui3	To go through hell or high water. To go to the ends of the earth for something	
富裕	fu4yu4	rich	
負責	fu4ze2	To take responsibility for something	
複製人	fu4zhi4ren2	clone	
感受	gan3shou4	Feelings, how one takes something	你有沒有考慮到我的感受？
搞不好是	gao3bu4hao3shi4	It could be... It might be...	
格格不入	ge2ge2bu4ru4	A square peg in a round hole, to not fit in anywhere, to be out of sorts?	
跟... 沒有兩樣	gen1... mei2you3liang3yang4	Is exactly the same as..., is no different from...	
跟... 是兩回事	gen1... shi4 liang3hui2shi4	Is completely different from..., is unrelated to ...	
跟會	gen1hui4	An association where every puts in their money and one randomly gets to use the pot every month	標~ maybe also 老鼠會？
更改	geng1gai3	To change, to alter	
更年期	geng1nian2qi2	menopause	
工讀生	gong1du3sheng1	A trainee, a part-time worker	實習生
狗改不了吃屎	gou3gai3bu4liao3chi1shi3	You can't stop a dog from eating shit, old habits are hard to break, you can't teach an old dog new tricks	
狗腿	gou3tui3	To toady, to hang around too much	
孤僻	gu1pi4	Alone, faraway	

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故意	gu4yi4	Intentional, on purpose	我不是故意的!!
掛念	gua1nian4	To think of someone for a long time, to pine after	
掛	gua4	Euphemistically: To die, to give up, to collapse from exhaustion, to crash (of computers)	我快掛了
掛斷			
怪叔叔	guai4shu1shu1	A dirty old man, a weird old guy, an old pervert	
關說	guan1shuo1	A legal opinion, a judge's ruling	
龜毛	gui1mao2	Anal retentive, excessively concerned with little things	他很龜毛 & slangy Very colloquial 機扯 挑
果粒	guo3li4	Pulp, fruit pulp, meat	
過動兒	guo4dong4er2	Hyperactive child	
海拔	hai3ba2	Elevation above sea level	海拔 3000 公尺
海帶	hai3dai4	kelp	海藻 海苔
海量			
海苔	hai3tai2	seaweed	海藻 海帶
海藻	hai3zao3	seaweed	海苔 海帶
寒舍	han2she4	My humble abode	
寒酸	han2suan1	Tawdry, shabby	邋遢
含意	han2yi4	Implied meaning, implicit meaning	
航空母艦	hang2kong1mu3jian4	Aircraft carrier	
好彩頭	hao3cai3tou2	Profitable, lucky?	
耗材	hao4cai2	Consumables, supplies	電腦耗材
耗電	hao4dian4	To use electricity, to consume electricity	
浩瀚	hao4han4	vast	
好奇	hao4qi2	curious	
好奇心	hao4qi2xin	curiosity	
耗油	hao4you2	To consume gas, to burn oil	
核分裂	he2fen1lie4	Fission, nuclear fission	
核融合	he2rong2he2	Fusion, nuclear fusion	
河堤	he2ti2	A levee	
鴻門宴	hong1men1yan4	A date with the devil	
後果	hou4guo3	Consequences; negative results on one's actions	成果
後院	hou4yuan4	backyard	
呼喚	hu1huan4	To call upon, to call out	
狐假虎威	hu2jia3hu3wei1	The fox borrows the lion's ferocity; to make oneself look meaner through association with another	
葫蘆	hu2lu	Candied tomatoes-on-a-stick	
護貝	hu4bei4	To laminate, laminated	

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花癡	hua1chi2	A gadfly, a flirt	
滑鼠	hua2shu3	Mouse (computers)	
緩後	huan3hou4	To get someone's back, to back someone up	
緩慢	huan3man4	slow	
換句話說	huan4ju4hua4shuo1	In other words	也就是說
黃牛	huang2niu2	Scalped (tickets)	賣黃牛票
回饋	hui2kui4	To repay a gift, to give something back	
賄賂	hui4lu4	Bribery, bribe	
婚照	hun1zhao4	Wedding photos	結婚照
活力	huo2li4	Vitality, energy, verve	
豁然開朗	huo4ran2kai1lang2	"The valley opens wide"; a great realization; Eureka!	
基本上	ji1ben3shang4	basically	
機扯	ji1che3	Unreasonable, excessively demanding	He is very motorcycle! Very colloquial & slangy
機構	ji1gou4	Structure, organization	組織
雞皮疙瘩	ji1pi2ge1da2	One's neck hairs standing on end; goosebumps	毛骨悚然
乩童	ji1tong2	Danggi; Taiwanese spirit mediums	dang2gi1
及時行樂	ji2shi2 xing2le4	Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we shall die; make hay while the sun shines	
騎兵	ji4bing1	cavalry	
計較	ji4jiao4	To nit-pick, to niggle,	逃毛病
計算	ji4suan4	Plans, calculations	
家庭主夫	jia1ting2zhu3fu4	Housewife, housekeeper	
家庭主婦	jia1ting2zhu3fu4	housewife	
佳餚	jia1yao2	Delicacies, excellent dishes	
家長	jia1zhang3	Parents	
家長作風	jia1zhang3zuo4feng1	Patronizing airs	Not really Chinese
假仙	jia3xian1	hypocrite	偽君子
煎	jian1	To fry on a griddle	
堅若磐石	jian3ruo4pan2shi2	As solid as bedrock	
賤貨	jian4huo4	Damaged goods (euphemically), whore, 'public bus'	
見面	jian4mian4	To see each other, to meet up, to meet	
賤人	jian4ren2	Bitch	
健忘	jian4wang4	Forgetful, having a bad memory	
健忘症	jian4wang4zheng4	Forgetfulness, amnesia	
交叉	jiao1cha1	To cross (of roads), to intersect	
交叉口	jiao1cha1kou3	Intersection	
嚼	jiao2	To chew, to masticate	請勿嚼口香糖或檳榔

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筊	jiao3	Bui – little crescent-shaped wooden things used in shrines in Taiwan to tell fortunes <i>bua bui</i>	Buil bua3buil
攪拌	jiao3ban4	To mix, to stir, to agitate	
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教堂	jiao4tang2	Church, cathedral	
焦糖	jiao1tang2	caramel	
矯正	jiao3zheng4	To correct, to straighten, to rectify, to put right	
教練	jiao4lian4	Coach (n.), trainer	
教訓	jiao4xun4	To teach someone a lesson, to punish someone	
結帳	jie2zhang4	To pay the bill, to make up the bill?	買單
解剖	jie3pou1	To dissect	剖析
借花獻佛	jie4hua1xian4fo2	To borrow flowers to praise the Buddha; robbing Peter to pay Paul	挖東牆補西牆
津貼	jin1tie1	An allowance, a subsidy, Social Security, a pension?	
浸	jin4	To soak, to steep, to baptize, to marinate	
勁暴	jin4bao4	Cool, amazing, spectacular, a blast	
盡力	jin4li4	To try one's hardest	
進展	jin4zhan3	Progress, headway	
驚悚	jing1song3	Scary, terrifying	
經銷商	jing1xiao1shang1	Marketer	
靜脈	jing4mai4	veins	動脈 微血管 靜脈
敬香			
也就是說	jiu4shi4shuo1	That is to say, in other words	
就算	jiu4suan4	Even if..., even if it were true that...	
狙擊	ju1ji2	To snipe, to be a guerrilla (?)	
拘留	ju1liu2	To detain, to take into	逮捕
拘束	ju1shu4	To tie down, to restrict, to be awkward, to feel ill at ease	約束
焗	ju2	Au gratin? To cook with something else covering it?	
覺悟	jue2wu4	To make a realization, to figure something out, to become aware	啓蒙
抉擇	jue2ze2	A choice	
開銷	kai1xiao1	Business expenses	消費
看凱一點	kan4kai3yi1dian3	To look on the bright side, to take something in stride	
看門狗	kan4men2gou3	watchdog	
看在老天份上	kan4zai4lao3tian1fen4shang4	In the name of God, for the sake of God	
慷慨	kang1kai3	Generous, liberal	
慷慨	kang3kai3	Generous, having a big heart	
烤焦	kao3jiao1	Burnt, scorched	

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烤箱	kao3xiang1	Oven (Western-style)	
刻板印象	ke1ban3 yin4xiang4	stereotype	
刻意	ke1yi4	Intentional, willful	故意
空虛	kong1xu1	Empty, devoid of meaning	
口頭禪	kou3tou2chan2	A phrase one often says, a catch-phrase	
口香糖	kou3xiang1tang2	Gum, chewing gum	
扣上高帽	kou4shang4gao1mao4	To put someone on a pedestal, to give someone high praise	捧場
跨性	kua4xing4	transgender	
跨越	kua4yue4	To go over, to jump over	跨年活動
快感	kuai4gan3	Excitement (sexual), arousal	
啦啦隊	la1la1dui4	Cheerleading squad	
邋遢	la1ta1	Tawdry, shabby, beat-up, decrepit	寒酸
嘮叨	lao2dao1	To natter on, to talk one's ear off, to gripe and groan	
老大	lao3da4	The boss, the big man, el jefe	Usually has criminal implications
老鳥	lao3niao3	Old bird, old-timer	菜鳥
老饕	lao3tao1	A glutton, a gourmand	
老套	lao3tao4	The same old crap, something clichéd, the same old same old	
撈跑	lao4pao3	To go on a wild turkey hunt, to run around for nothing, to go missing, to run off for no reason	
勒死	le4si3	To strangle, to throttle	
里程碑	li3cheng2bei1	Milestone (literal or figurative)	
理解	li3jie3	To understand deeply, to thoroughly get something	
立場	li4chang3	Perspective, way of looking at something	角度
戀母情節	lian4mu3qing2jie2	Oedipus complex	
亮光筆			投影筆 彩色筆
靈光乍現	ling2guang1zha4xian4	A sudden insight; the inspiration hits	開門見山
另請高明	ling4qing3gao1ming2	To look for other help, to turn somewhere else for help	那我就只好另請高明
流滑堤	liu2hua2ti2	To slide on a slide	
流行感冒	liu2xing2gan3mao4	Flu, influenza	
留意	liu2yi4	To take notice of, to pay attention to, to look out for	Usually used with bad things — "you should watch out for him"
壟斷	long3duan4	Monopoly; to monopolize	
路過	lu4guo4	To walk past, to go past	
亂來	luan4lai2	To act foolishly or recklessly	
亂數	luan4shu4	Random number	
落伍	luo4wu3	Anachronistic, out-of-date	

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鋁	lǔ3	aluminum	鋁罐 易開罐
麻痺	ma2bi4	Paralysis, paralyzed	
麻布	ma2bu4	canvas	
麻木	ma2mu4	Numb; apathetic, insensitive	肉麻
馬鐙	ma3deng4	stirrups	
馬克杯	ma3ke4bei1	mug	
麥克筆	mai4ke4bi2	Marker, felt tip	彩色筆
賣身	mai4shen1	To sell oneself	
賣藝	mai4yi4	To busk	
賣藝	mai4yi4	to busk	
賣主	mai4zhu3	A seller, someone selling something	
毛發	mao2fa1	Hair, fine hair on the face, etc.	
毛骨悚然	mao2gu3song3ran2	Scared half to death;	雞皮疙瘩
毛囊	mao2nang3	Hair follicle; the part that actually grows the hair	毛細孔
毛手毛腳	mao2shou3mao2jiao3	To try to feel someone up, to play touchy-feely with someone	
毛細孔	mao2xi4kong3	Hair follicle; the whole area	毛囊
門閥	men1fa2	valve	
悶騷	men1sao1		
燜	men4	To cover and cook slowly	
密度	mi4du4	density	
密集	mi4ji2	Intensive (of a class)	
免疫	mian3yi4	immunity	
面額	mian4e2	Denomination (of money)	
面臨	mian4lin2	To face, to come face-to-face with	
描述	miao3shu4	To describe	
渺小	miao3xiao3	Tiny, not worth thinking about	
名譽	ming2yu4	Reputation	
名譽	ming2yu4	Reputation, fame	
明智	ming2zhi4	Sagacious, wise, sensible	
摩擦	mo2ca1	To rub, to rub against	
模組	mo2zu3	module	模塊
沒收	mo4shou1	To confiscate, to foreclose (?)	
木匠			
木已成舟	mu4yi3cheng2zhou1	The wood is already a boat; there's nothing we can do about it; it's out of our hands now	
那個	na4ge	Euphemistically: either menstrual period or penis	我的那個來了 他的那個很大
納悶	na4men4	To feel depressed, to feel mopey, to feel down in the dumps	
難以下嚥	nan2yi3xia4yan4	Hard to swallow, disgusting	

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鬧鬼	nao4gui3	To be haunted	那個房子有鬧鬼
內分泌	nei4fen1mi4	Endocrinology, endocrine	分泌
內涵	nei4han2	Depth (of personality), interest (of personality)	
內線	nei4xian4	An inside source, a man on the inside	
內向	nei4xiang4	introverted	
嫩	nen4	Tender (of skin or meat)	
能幹	neng2gan4	Competent, able to do one's job	
娘家	niang2jia1	A married woman's family	回娘家 初二的習俗
釀	niang4	To ferment	
捏陶的人	nie1tao2deren2	A potter	No better word for this?
擰	ning2	To wring (a towel, a rag, etc.)	
濃縮	nong2suo1	concentrated	
暖爐	nuan3lu2	Heater, space heater	
排檔	pai2dang3	A gear (of a car); a pairing, a match, a partnership	搭檔
排水管	pai2shui3guan3	sewer	
判斷力	pan4duan4li4	Judgment	
叛逆	pan4ni4	To go against, to rebel, to be contrary	
叛徒	pan4tu2	Traitor, Benedict Arnold	
徬徨	pang2huang2	To wander aimlessly, to pace up and down	
拋錨	pao1mao2	To break down, to stop working	
跑道	pao3dao4	Runway (airport)	
泡妞	pao4niu1	To go cruising for chicks	
	pei2	To bake	
培養	pei2yang3	To nurture	
配備	pei4bei4	Equipment, facilities, peripherals	週邊配備
盆栽	pen2zai1	bonsai	
捧場	peng3chang3	To praise someone, to talk someone up	扣上高帽
碰面	peng4mian4	To meet up with, to happen across someone	
批准	pi1zhun3	To allow, to give approval to	
偏見	pian1jian4	Bias	成見
偏僻	pian1pi4	Secluded, distant, faraway	
騙勾	pian4ju2	A scam, a fraud, a hoax, a trick, a crock, bogus	
頻道	pin2dao4	Channel (TV or radio)	
平手	ping2shou3	To tie, to be even with	
魄力	po4li4	Spirit, vigor, energy	
剖腹產	pou1fu4chan3	Caesarian section	
剖析	pou1xi1	To examine, to dissect	解剖

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旗艦	qi2jian4	flagship	
其實	qi2shi2	actually	實際上 事實上 基本上
啓蒙	qi3meng2	To enlighten	覺悟
起訴	qi3su4	To bring suit against, to sue	
企圖	qi4tu2	To attempt, to try, to scheme	試圖
企業	qi4ye4	Enterprise, business	
氣閘室	qi4zha2shi4	Airlock, pressure chamber	
翹課	qiao4ke4	To skip class	
竊聽	qie4ting1	To bug, to eavedrop	
清澈	qing1che4	Clear, limpid	Of water or pools
傾盆大雨	qing1pen2da4yu3	Raining cats and dogs, coming down in buckets	
傾全力	qing1quan2li4	To try one's hardest, to do one's utmost	全力以赴 盡量 盡力
青蛙腿	qing1wa1tui3	Bow-legged	
情侶	qing2lü3	Romantic partner	
情形	qing2xing2	Situation, a general problem	
曲別針	qu1bie2zhen1	paper clip	別針
驅逐艦	qu1zhu2jian4	destroyer	
屈尊	qu1zun1	To condescend	
取決於	qu3jue2yu2	It depends on...	
全額	quan2e2	The total price	
蜷曲	quan2qu1	To curl up, to roll into a ball	
人工流產	ren2gong1 liu2chan3	Artificial miscarriage; induced abortion	Semi-euphemistic
人際	ren2ji4	interpersonal	
人際關係	ren2ji4 guan1xi4	Interpersonal relationships	
人體工學	ren2ti3gong1xue2	Ergonomics, ergonomically-designed	
人文	ren2wen2	Humanities (academic)	
人渣	ren2zha3	Scum, low-life, a dirty rat	
認輸	ren4shu1	To admit defeat	
仍然	reng3ran2	Still, yet	
融入	rong2ru4	To mesh with, to fit into	格格不入
肉麻	rou4ma2	Mushy, sentimental, cheesy	
肉眼	rou4yan3	The naked eye	肉眼能見 visible to the naked eye
閏年	run4nian2	Leap year, leap day?	
潤滑油			
撒嬌	sa1jiao1	To play cutesy, to act girlish	
三合會	san1he2hui4	A Triad	
喪禮	sang1li3	funeral	
嗓子	sang1zi3	Singing voice, strength of voice	

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騷包	sao1bao1	A goofball, a clown	
掃興	sao3xing4	To ruin the mood, to be a stick in the mud	
善意	shan4yi4	Well-intentioned. Well-meaning	惡意
善有善報，惡有惡報	shan4you3shan4bao4, e4you3e4bao4	Good is rewarded with good, evil is rewarded with evil; getting one's just rewards	
社交	she4jiao1	Social, interpersonal	
社團	she4tuan3	A group, a society, a social group, a club	
伸攔腰	shen1lan2yao1	To stretch one's back	
生理期	sheng1li3qi2	Menstrual cycle	
失靈	shi1ling2	To lose one's potency (usually of a machine, process, etc.)	
石膏	shi2gao1	A cast (medical), plaster of paris cast	
實際上	shi2ji4shang4	In actuality, actually	
食量	shi2liang4	Appetite, ability to eat a lot	
十年河東，十年河西	shi2nian2he2dong1, shi2nian2he2xi1	Sometimes you get the bear, sometimes the bear gets you; shit happens; these things happen	
時數	shi2shu4	Number of hours, hour count (for pay)	
實習	shi2xi2	To do an internship, to be in training	
實習生	shi2xi2sheng1	intern	
事關生死	shi4guan1sheng1si3	It's a matter of life and death	
事實上	shi4shi2shang4	In fact	
試圖	shi4tu2	To attempt, to try	企圖
事業	shi4ye4	Enterprise, career	
事有先後	shi4you3xian1hou4	First things first, let's do this the right way	
手扶梯	shou3fu2ti1	escalator	
手稿	shou3gao3	A handwritten draft	草稿 原稿
手機	shou3ji1	Cell phone, handy phone	
手巾	shou3jin1	Hand napkin	紙巾
手氣	shou3qi4	Luck of the draw, luck (at gambling)	
鼠輩	shu3bei4	Rat, ratfink, jerk	
刷包	shua1bao1	To be silly, to goof around	
雙節棍	shuang1jie2gun4	numchucks	
水母	shui3mu3	jellyfish	
水培	shui3pei2	Hydroponically grown	
睡過頭	shui4guo4tou2	To oversleep	
撕	si1	To tear, to rip	
甦醒	su1xing1	To come back to consciousness	
素描	su4miao3	To sketch, to draw roughly	
訴訟	su4song4	lawsuit	

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酸	suan1	Sore, achy, painful	我的背很酸 腰酸
算帳	suan4zhang4	To get even with, to pay someone back for something	我要跟你算帳 扯平
歲月	sui4yue4	Years (span of time), years of age	
台詞	tai2ci2	Lines, stage lines (of a drama)	
貪婪	tan1lan2	Greed, greediness	
忐忑不安	tan2te4bu4an1	Nervous and restless	
檀香山	tan2xiang1shan1	Honolulu	
淘氣	tao2qi4	Childish, rambunctious	孩子氣
特寫	te4xie3	A special report, a special bulletin	
特意	te4yi4	To go out of one's way to..., Intentional, specifically	
體格	ti3ge2	Build, physical stature	
替...著想	ti4... zhao2xiang3	To consider someone, to think of someone	
天大	tian1da4	Huge, gigantic	天大的錯誤
天馬行空	tian1ma3xing2kong1	Roaming free as the heavenly horse; roaming all over the place (of conversation, etc.)	
挑毛病	tiao2mao2bing4	To nit-pick	計較 挑
貼心	tie1xin1	Considerate, thoughtful, caring	
鐵定	tie3ding4	Ironclad, for sure, unalterable	
聽不進去	ting1bu4jin4qu4	Won't listen, doesn't penetrate	
銅板	tong2ban3	Copper coin, penny	
同人誌	tong2ren2zhi4	Cosplayers, manga-lovers	
頭盔	tou2kui1	Helmet (armor)	安全帽
投影筆	tou1ying3bi3	Overhead projector pen	亮光筆
土木	tu3mu4	Civil engineering	
兔凱子	tu4kai3zi3	A fool, a jerk, a dork, a dumb bunny	
推理	tui1li3	To use deductive reasoning, to figure something out	
退步	tui4bu4	To regress, to get worse (of ability, readiness, etc.)	
挖鼻孔	wa1bi2kong3	To pick one's nose	擤鼻涕 鼻屎
挖東牆補西牆	wa1dong1qiang2 bu3xi1qiang2	To dig into the east wall to fix the west wall; robbing Peter to pay Paul	借花獻佛
挖土機	wa1tu3ji1	An earthmover, a steamshovel	
外交豁免民權	wai4jiao1 huo4min2quan2	Diplomatic immunity	
外向	wai4xiang4	Extroverted, outgoing	
晚輩	wan3bei4	Junior, lower-caste, lesser in rank	
萬劫不復	wan4jie2 bu2fu4	"Will not happen again in 10,000 kalpas"; an extremely rare occurrence	
忘恩負義	wang4en1fu4yi4	To look a gift-horse in the mouth	
	wei2	To bake (in a brick oven)	

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偉大	wei2da4	Great, amazing, wonderful	你真偉大
圍裙	wei2qun2	apron	
微血管	wei2xue4guan3	Capillary blood vessels, capillaries	動脈 微血管 靜脈
尾牙	wei2ya3	Year-end company party	
委婉	wei3wan3	Tactful, roundabout, indirect (of communication)	
委婉語	wei3wan3yu3	euphemism	
猥褻	wei3xie4	Obscene, disgusting (sexually), salacious, dirty, nasty	
未婚夫	wei4hun1fu1	fiancé	
未婚婦	wei4hun1fu4	fiancée	
偽君子	wei4jun1zi3	hypocrite	假仙
溫馨	wen1xing1	Warm, touchy-feely. Warm n' cozy, warm fuzzy	
紋身	wen2shen1	To get a tattoo	刺青
窩囊廢	wo1nang1fei4	A waste-case, a loser	
臥底	wo4di3	Undercover (agent)	
污垢	wu1gou4	Dirt, crud	
物以類據	wu4yi3lei4ju4	Birds of a feather flock together	
細心	xi4xin1	carefulness	
下不爲例	xia4bu2wei2li4	It won't happen again, I won't do it again	
下屬	xia4shu3	Underlings, those who work under you	屬下
下載	xia4zai3	download	
纖維	xian1wei2	Fiber, fabric	
先知	xian1zhi1	prophet	
閒晃	xian2huang4	To roam around with nothing to do	
顯示器	xian3shi4qi4	Monitor, computer screen	螢幕
限制	xian4zhi4	Restricted, adult (movie)	
相關	xiang1guan1	Related, relevant	
相容	xiang1rong2	To be compatible (usually of mechanical things)	
相容性	xiang1rong2xing4	Compatibility (often used with computers)	這兩個的相容性不高
祥和	xiang2he2	Pleasant, prosperous	
享樂主義	xiang3le4 zhu3yi4	hedonism	
想歪	xiang3wai1	To think wrong, to have the wrong idea, to be off-base	你想歪了! You're screwed in the head! You're totally off-base! You're way off!
像樣	xiang4yang4	To be as it should; to be right	
小孩子氣	xiao3hai2zi3qi4	Childish, bratty	
笑果	xiao4guo3	Laugh-effect; funniness	Pun on xiao4guo3 'effect'
效果	xiao4guo3	results	
效力	xiao4li4	Results, effectiveness	

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協會	xie2hui4	Association, club, group	
邂逅	xie4hou4	To meet unexpectedly, to meet by chance	
擤鼻涕	xing3bi2ti4	To blow one's nose	鼻涕 鼻屎
行屍走肉	xing2shi1zou3rou4	The walking dead, tired enough that you feel like a zombie, to be dead on one's feet	
幸災樂禍	xing4zai1le4huo4	Schadenfreude; to take pleasure from others' misfortune	
胸口	xiong1kou3	The pit of the stomach	你要大開胸口
胸口	xiong2kou3	One's heart, one's soul (to open ~ to someone)	
虛構	xu1gou4	A fiction, an untruth, a made-up story	
喧嘩	xuan1hua2	Noise	
懸疑	xuan3yi2	suspense	
炫	xuan4	Cool, hip	遜
巡洋艦	xun2yang2jian4	Cruiser (naval vessel)	
遜	xun4	Crappy, sad, lame	炫
壓抑	ya1yi4	To feel ill at ease, to feel uneasy, to feel uncomfortable, to feel repressed	
訝異	ya3yi4	Surprised, amazed, flabbergasted	
醃	yan1	To pickle, to salt	
演歌	yan3ge1	Enga; Japanese balladic singing	
眼屎	yan3shi2	Eye crud, sleep	
夭折	yao1zhe2	To die before one's time, to die at an unfortunate age	
搖頭丸	yao2tou2wan2	Ecstasy, X	
衣櫥	yi1chu2	Clothes-closet, closet	
衣櫃	yi1gui4	closet	
衣架	yi1jia4	Coat-hanger	
一目十行，過目不忘	yi1dan4shi2hang2, guo4mu4bu2wang4	Ten lines with a single glance, and the passing eye never forgets; able to memorize a lot at once; having a photographic memory	
一份耕耘，一份收穫	yi1fen4geng1yun2, yi1fen4shou1huo4	A time to reap, a time to sow	
一舉一動	yi1ju3yi1dong4	Every movement, every action	他在看你的一舉一動
一盤散沙	yi1pan2san3sha1	A plate of scattered sand; a lost cause, a fractured mess	
一言為定	yi1yan2 wei2ding4	It is agreed; we have a deal	
儀式	yi2shi4	ritual	典禮
易開罐	yi4kai1guan4	Can, easy-open can,	鋁罐
義肢	yi4zhi1	Artificial, prosthetic (limb)	
意旨	yi4zhi3	Will, intent, intention	
隱瞞	yin2man3	To deceive someone	
吟詩作對	yin2shi1zuo4dui4	To recite poems and make couplets	At Chinese New Year
引渡	yin3du4	extradite	

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引述	yin3shu4	To quote	描述
應徵	ying1zheng1	To apply for (a job)	
營帳	ying2zhang4	tent	
硬幣	ying4bi4	Coin	
優困	you1kun4		
油垢	you2gou4	Grime, oily dirt	
郵購	you2gou4	To purchase by mail; mail-order	
油條	you2tiao2	Doughnut sticks; slimy, slick, smarmy (colloquial)	
郵資	you2zi1	postage	
有機	you3ji1	Organic, organically grown	
有錢沒錢，討個老婆好	you3qian2mei2qian2, tao3ge lao3po1 hao3	Whether you've got money or not, it's good to have a wife	
有一點小遠	you3yi1dian3xiao3yuan3	It's a little far (very colloquial)	
預防	yu4fang2	Defense; to defend against	
玉女	yu4nü3	A precious lady, a kept woman, a Jewish princess	
預算	yu4suan4	budget	
預言	yu4yan2	prophecy	
寓言	yu4yan2	proverb	
原稿	yuan2gao3	An original draft	草稿 手稿
約束	yue1shu4	To feel ill at ease, to be restricted, to restrain, to bind	不要約束
雜音	za2yin1	Noise, static	嘈音
宰相肚里能撐船	zai3xiang4du4li3 neng2 cheng2 chuan2	"The executioner's stomach can hold a boat"; able to take a lot of criticism, to have a thick skin	
贊助	zan4zhu4	To help, to assist	
葬禮	zang4li3	Funeral rites, burial rites, funeral	
灶神	zao4shen2	The Kitchen God	
曾送	zeng1song4	To give, to give away, to give away free	
戰列艦	zhan4lie4jian4	battleship	
長輩	zhang3bei4	Senior, elder, higher in rank	
著涼	zhao2liang2	To get cold, to catch a cold	
遮羞費	zhe2xiu1fei4	Hush money	
這副德性	zhe4fu4de2xing4	A mess, a sorry state of affairs	
真的假的	zhen1de jia3de	Really? No shit? Are you for real?	真的假的?? 真假的? 還真假?
真理	zhen1li3	A truth, the truth	絕對真理, 相關真理
振興	zhen3xing1	To excite, to stir	
振作	zhen4zuo4	To rouse, to come to one's senses, to rise to the challenge, to get back on one's feet	
爭取	zheng1qu3	To fight over, to grapple over	

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整	zheng3	To straighten someone out, to give someone a dressing-down, to kick someone's ass?	
正點	zheng4dian3	Cool, hip, da bomb	
支援	zhi1yuan2	To support	
植物人	zhi2wu4ren2	A vegetable, someone in a vegetative state	
紙巾	zhi3jin1	Paper napkin	手巾
制裁	zhi4zai3	Sanctions (economic, diplomatic, etc.)	
鐘點	zhong1dian3	hours	
鐘點費	zhong1dian3fei4	Hourly fee	
種甚麼因，得甚麼果	zhong3 shen2me yin1, de2 shen2me guo3	You reap what you sow	
中意	zhong4yi4	To be to one's liking, to be suitable	
週到	zhou1dao4	Attentive, all-encompassing (of service)	服務很週到
蛛絲馬跡	zhu1si1ma3ji1	Hide nor hair, a tiny clue, a hint of someone's presence	
豬油	zhu1you2	Lard; pork fat	
主力艦	zhu3li4jian4	Main ship; primary combatant	
主流	zhu3liu2	Mainstream, popular	
跼	zhuai3	Stuck-up, condescending, arrogant?	屈尊
專欄	zhuan1lan2	A newspaper column	
轉告	zhuan3gao4	To tell someone (on behalf of someone else), to relay a message	
卓越	zhuo1yue4	To excel, to surpass	
自戀	zi4lian4	Narcissistic, vain	
自言自語	zi4yan2 zi4yu3	To talk to oneself, to mumble to oneself	
自己以為是	zi4yi3wei2shi4	You think you're all that, you think you got it going on	
自尊	zi4zun1	Self-respect, pride	
總裁	zong3cai2	The president (of a company)	
總動員	zong3dong4yuan2	An alert	
走私	zou3si1	To smuggle	Apparently transitive
做愛做的事	zuo4ai4zuo4deshi4	To make love, to make whoopee	Vaguely euphemistic
作風	zuo4feng1	A way of doing something, a style of action	家長作風
作祟	zuo4sui4	Acting up, taking effect (of disease, bad tendencies, etc.)	
做作	zuo4zuo4	Fake, false, ersatz	