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HSK 2: Old vs New Vocabulary

HSK 2.0 word list (2015 edition) vs HSK 3.0 exam syllabus (Nov 2025)

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At a glance

	HSK 2.0	HSK 3.0
Words introduced at Level 2	150	198 (200 entries)*
Total you need for Level 2 (Levels 1–2)	300	497 (500 entries)*

* The 3.0 list gives some words two numbered entries for different meanings (for example 花1 "to spend" and 花2 "flower"). Here they count as one word.

Comparing everything you need for Level 2 (Levels 1–2): 280 words are in both lists, **217** words are new in 3.0, and **20** old words are no longer in 3.0 Levels 1–2.

Words new to you at Level 2 in 3.0: 125. These are in the 3.0 Level 2 list but not in the 2.0 Levels 1–2 list (Section 1). Moving to 3.0 Level 2 also means learning the **92** new words from the lower 3.0 level(s) (see the Level 1 sheet).

How the lists count. In both official lists each word appears once, at the level where it is first introduced. An exam at Level N tests that level plus all the levels below it, so the totals above are cumulative. Words are matched by how they are written. Part-of-speech notes in the 2.0 list, such as 喂（叹词）, are ignored.

Abbreviations: n. noun · v. verb · adj. adjective · adv. adverb · pron. pronoun · num. numeral · m.w. measure word · prep. preposition · conj. conjunction · part. particle · interj. interjection · onom. onomatopoeia · phrase: no part of speech given in the syllabus. A part of speech in brackets, and a level printed like **1（4）**, are shown exactly as the 3.0 syllabus prints them. The syllabus does not explain this notation, but it appears to mean that some uses of the word belong to the bracketed level.

1. New words to learn: in HSK 3.0 Level 2, not in HSK 2.0 Levels 1–2 (125)

1a. Words that were not in the HSK 2.0 lists at all (90)

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level
1	**白色**	báisè	n.	2
2	**帮**	bāng	v.	2
3	**本子**	běnzi	n.	2
4	**笔**	bǐ	n., (m.w.)	2（5）
5	**不错**	búcuò	adj.	2
6	**不好意思**	bù hǎoyìsi	phrase	2
7	**车站**	chēzhàn	n.	2
8	**出国**	chūguó	v.	2
9	**出来**	chūlái	v.	2
10	**出门**	chūmén	v.	2
11	**出去**	chūqù	v.	2
12	**床**	chuáng	n.	2
13	**词**	cí	n.	2
14	**从小**	cóngxiǎo	adv.	2
15	**打1**	dǎ	v.	2
16	**打车**	dǎchē	v.	2
17	**打开**	dǎkāi	v.	2
18	**但**	dàn	conj., (adv.)	2（7-9）
19	**但是**	dànshì	conj.	2
20	**动**	dòng	v.	2
21	**饭馆**	fànguǎn	n.	2
22	**飞**	fēi	v.	2
23	**高中**	gāozhōng	n.	2
24	**公交车**	gōngjiāochē	n.	2
25	**过来**	guòlái	v.	2
26	**过年**	guònián	v.	2
27	**黑色**	hēisè	n.	2
28	**红茶**	hóngchá	n.	2
29	**红色**	hóngsè	n.	2
30	**回来**	huílái	v.	2
31	**回去**	huíqù	v.	2
32	**机票**	jīpiào	n.	2
33	**间**	jiān	m.w., (n.)	2（4）

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level
34	**进来**	jìnlái	v.	2
35	**进去**	jìnqù	v.	2
36	**酒店**	jiǔdiàn	n.	2
37	**开学**	kāixué	v.	2
38	**考**	kǎo	v.	2
39	**快要**	kuàiyào	adv.	2
40	**篮球**	lánqiú	n.	2
41	**里面**	lǐmiàn	n.	2
42	**路上**	lùshang	n.	2
43	**绿茶**	lǜchá	n.	2
44	**绿色**	lǜsè	n., (adj.)	2（4）
45	**没意思**	méi yìsi	phrase	2
46	**门口**	ménkǒu	n.	2
47	**门票**	ménpiào	n.	2
48	**面1**	miàn	suffix, (v.), n., (m.w.)	2（5）
49	**名**	míng	n., m.w.	2
50	**那么**	nàme	pron., conj.	2
51	**那样**	nàyàng	pron.	2
52	**奶茶**	nǎichá	n.	2
53	**男孩儿**	nánháir	n.	2
54	**女孩儿**	nǚháir	n.	2
55	**跑**	pǎo	v.	2
56	**球**	qiú	n.	2
57	**肉**	ròu	n.	2
58	**商场**	shāngchǎng	n.	2
59	**上来**	shànglái	v.	2
60	**上面**	shàngmiàn	n.	2
61	**上去**	shàngqù	v.	2
62	**时**	shí	n., (m.w.)	2（6）
63	**手**	shǒu	n.	2
64	**书包**	shūbāo	n.	2
65	**虽然**	suīrán	conj.	2
66	**所以**	suǒyǐ	conj.	2
67	**踢**	tī	v.	2
68	**头**	tóu	n., (m.w.), (adj.)	2（3）（5）
69	**外国**	wàiguó	n.	2
70	**外面**	wàimiàn	n.	2

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level
71	**网上**	wǎngshang	n.	2
72	**忘**	wàng	v.	2
73	**下来**	xiàlái	v.	2
74	**下面**	xiàmiàn	n.	2
75	**下去**	xiàqù	v.	2
76	**小孩儿**	xiǎoháir	n.	2
77	**小时候**	xiǎoshíhou	n.	2
78	**姓名**	xìngmíng	n.	2
79	**药店**	yàodiàn	n.	2
80	**因为**	yīnwèi	prep., conj.	2
81	**游**	yóu	v.	2
82	**有时**	yǒushí	adv.	2
83	**有意思**	yǒu yìsi	phrase	2
84	**右**	yòu	n.	2
85	**这么**	zhème	pron.	2
86	**这样**	zhèyàng	pron.	2
87	**周**	zhōu	n., (m.w.)	2（6）
88	**走路**	zǒulù	v.	2
89	**足球**	zúqiú	n.	2
90	**左**	zuǒ	n.	2

1b. Words moved down from a higher HSK 2.0 level (35)

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level	Was in 2.0
1	**啊**	a	part.	2	Level 3
2	**爱好**	àihào	v., n.	2	Level 3
3	**班**	bān	n., (m.w.)	2（5）	Level 3
4	**帮忙**	bāngmáng	v.	2	Level 3
5	**包**	bāo	v., n., m.w.	2	Level 3
6	**地**	de	part.	2	Level 3
7	**地铁**	dìtiě	n.	2	Level 3
8	**个子**	gèzi	n.	2	Level 3
9	**跟**	gēn	prep., conj., (n.), (v.)	2（5）	Level 3
10	**过去1**	guòqù	v.	2	Level 3
11	**还是**	háishi	adv., conj.	2	Level 3
12	**花1**	huā	v.	2	Level 3
13	**画**	huà	v., n.	2	Level 3
14	**坏**	huài	adj.	2	Level 3

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level	Was in 2.0
15	**记得**	jìde	v.	2	Level 3
16	**教**	jiāo	v.	2	Level 3
17	**经常**	jīngcháng	adv.	2	Level 3
18	**裤子**	kùzi	n.	2	Level 3
19	**楼**	lóu	n.	2	Level 3
20	**拿**	ná	v.	2	Level 3
21	**奶奶**	nǎinai	n.	2	Level 3
22	**鸟**	niǎo	n.	2	Level 3
23	**起来**	qǐlái	v.	2	Level 3
24	**上网**	shàngwǎng	v.	2	Level 3
25	**舒服**	shūfu	adj.	2	Level 3
26	**疼**	téng	adj., (v.)	2（6）	Level 3
27	**条**	tiáo	m.w., (n.)	2（5）	Level 3
28	**万**	wàn	num.	2	Level 3
29	**位**	wèi	m.w.	2	Level 3
30	**洗手间**	xǐshǒujiān	n.	2	Level 3
31	**爷爷**	yéye	n.	2	Level 3
32	**一会儿**	yíhuìr	num.+m.w., (adv.)	2（3）	Level 3
33	**站1**	zhàn	n.	2	Level 3
34	**自己**	zìjǐ	pron.	2	Level 3
35	**正**	zhèng	adv., (adj.)	2（5）	Level 5

2. Old Level 2 words that are no longer in HSK 3.0 Levels 1–2 (18)

#	Word (2.0)	Where it is in HSK 3.0	Related 3.0 entries
1	白	Level 5 (bái)	—
2	帮助	Level 3 (bāngzhù)	—
3	报纸	Level 3 (bàozhǐ)	—
4	宾馆	Level 3 (bīnguǎn)	—
5	唱歌	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	唱 (Level 1), 歌 (Level 1)
6	打篮球	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	篮球 (Level 2), 打 (Level 2)
7	第一	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	第 (Level 1)
8	服务员	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	服务 (Level 3)
9	公共汽车	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	公交车 (Level 2)
10	黑	Level 5 (hēi)	—
11	红	Level 5 (hóng)	—
12	火车站	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	火车 (Level 1), 车站 (Level 2)

#	Word (2.0)	Where it is in HSK 3.0	Related 3.0 entries
13	铅笔	Level 3 (qiānbǐ)	—
14	虽然……但是……	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	虽然 (Level 2), 但是 (Level 2)
15	踢足球	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	足球 (Level 2), 踢 (Level 2)
16	西瓜	Level 3 (xīguā)	—
17	羊肉	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
18	因为……所以……	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	因为 (Level 2), 所以 (Level 2)

"Related 3.0 entries" are 3.0 words that appear inside the old word (for example 火车 and 车站 in 火车站), the two halves of an old sentence pattern such as 因为……所以……, or a close replacement chosen by the author (for example 公交车 for 公共汽车). Each one is in the official 3.0 list at the level shown; they are not official equivalents. Words such as 北京 and 羊肉 are simply not listed.

3. Old Level 2 words you now meet earlier, in a lower 3.0 level (62)

#	Word	Pinyin	Now in 3.0
1	吧	ba	Level 1
2	百	bǎi	Level 1
3	穿	chuān	Level 1
4	大家	dàjiā	Level 1
5	到	dào	Level 1
6	弟弟	dìdi	Level 1
7	对	duì	Level 1
8	房间	fángjiān	Level 1
9	非常	fēicháng	Level 1
10	哥哥	gēge	Level 1
11	给	gěi	Level 1
12	公司	gōngsī	Level 1
13	贵	guì	Level 1
14	还	hái	Level 1
15	孩子	háizi	Level 1
16	好吃	hǎochī	Level 1
17	鸡蛋	jīdàn	Level 1
18	件	jiàn	Level 1
19	姐姐	jiějie	Level 1
20	觉得	juéde	Level 1
21	可以	kěyǐ	Level 1
22	课	kè	Level 1
23	两	liǎng	Level 1
24	零	líng	Level 1

#	Word	Pinyin	Now in 3.0
25	卖	mài	Level 1
26	忙	máng	Level 1
27	妹妹	mèimei	Level 1
28	面条 (3.0 spelling: 面条儿)	miàntiáor	Level 1
29	男	nán	Level 1
30	您	nín	Level 1
31	牛奶	niúnǎi	Level 1
32	女	nǚ	Level 1
33	便宜	piányi	Level 1
34	起床	qǐchuáng	Level 1
35	千	qiān	Level 1
36	去年	qùnián	Level 1
37	日	rì	Level 1
38	上班	shàngbān	Level 1
39	生病	shēngbìng	Level 1
40	时间	shíjiān	Level 1
41	手机	shǒujī	Level 1
42	说话	shuōhuà	Level 1
43	它	tā	Level 1
44	外	wài	Level 1
45	玩	wán	Level 1
46	晚上	wǎnshang	Level 1
47	问	wèn	Level 1
48	问题	wèntí	Level 1
49	小时	xiǎoshí	Level 1
50	新	xīn	Level 1
51	休息	xiūxi	Level 1
52	雪	xuě	Level 1
53	要	yào	Level 1
54	也	yě	Level 1
55	一下	yíxià	Level 1
56	再	zài	Level 1
57	早上	zǎoshang	Level 1
58	找	zhǎo	Level 1
59	真	zhēn	Level 1
60	正在	zhèngzài	Level 1
61	只	zhī	Level 1

#	Word	Pinyin	Now in 3.0
62	知道	zhīdào	Level 1

4. Old Level 2 words that are still Level 2 in 3.0 (70)

比、别、长、出、次、从、错、得、等、懂、高、告诉、过、机场、教室、介绍、进、近、就、咖啡、开始、考试、可能、快、快乐、累、离、路、旅游、慢、每、门、旁边、跑步、票、妻子、晴、让、身体、生日、事情、手表、送、题、跳舞、完、往、为什么、希望、洗、笑、姓、颜色、眼睛、药、一起、已经、意思、阴、游泳、右边、鱼、远、运动、丈夫、着、准备、走、最、左边

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