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HSK 3: 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 3	299	499 (500 entries)*
Total you need for Level 3 (Levels 1–3)	595	988 (1000 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 3 (Levels 1–3): 560 words are in both lists, **428** words are new in 3.0, and **35** old words are no longer in 3.0 Levels 1–3.

Words new to you at Level 3 in 3.0: 252. These are in the 3.0 Level 3 list but not in the 2.0 Levels 1–3 list (Section 1). Moving to 3.0 Level 3 also means learning the **176** new words from the lower 3.0 level(s) (see the Level 1–2 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 3, not in HSK 2.0 Levels 1–3 (252)

1a. Words that were not in the HSK 2.0 lists at all (199)

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level
1	**爱人**	àiren	n.	3
2	**班级**	bānjí	n.	3
3	**搬家**	bānjiā	v.	3
4	**办**	bàn	v.	3
5	**半天**	bàntiān	num.+m.w.	3
6	**北**	běi	n.	3
7	**笔记**	bǐjì	n.	3
8	**变**	biàn	v.	3
9	**变成**	biànchéng	v.	3
10	**别的**	biéde	pron.	3
11	**冰**	bīng	n., (v.)	3（5）
12	**病人**	bìngrén	n.	3
13	**不但**	búdàn	conj.	3
14	**不见**	bújiàn	v.	3
15	**不久**	bùjiǔ	adj.	3
16	**不同**	bù tóng	phrase	3
17	**不行**	bùxíng	v., adj.	3
18	**不用**	búyòng	adv.	3
19	**才1**	cái	adv.	3
20	**草地**	cǎodì	n.	3
21	**查**	chá	v.	3
22	**常**	cháng	adv.	3
23	**常常**	chángcháng	adv.	3
24	**常见**	cháng jiàn	phrase	3
25	**常用**	cháng yòng	phrase	3
26	**出院**	chūyuàn	v.	3
27	**初中**	chūzhōng	n.	3
28	**春天**	chūntiān	n.	3
29	**大人**	dàren	n.	3
30	**大小**	dàxiǎo	n.	3
31	**大熊猫**	dàxióngmāo	n.	3
32	**大衣**	dàyī	n.	3
33	**得到**	dédào	v.	3

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level
34	**得分**	défēn	v., n.	3
35	**的话**	dehuà	part.	3
36	**电**	diàn	n., (v.)	3（5）
37	**电子书**	diànzǐshū	n.	3
38	**东北**	dōngběi	n.	3
39	**东方**	dōngfāng	n.	3
40	**东南**	dōngnán	n.	3
41	**冬天**	dōngtiān	n.	3
42	**懂得**	dǒngde	v.	3
43	**动物园**	dòngwùyuán	n.	3
44	**短裤**	duǎnkù	n.	3
45	**而且**	érqiě	conj.	3
46	**耳机**	ěrjī	n.	3
47	**方便面**	fāngbiànmiàn	n.	3
48	**房子**	fángzi	n.	3
49	**放假**	fàngjià	v.	3
50	**放学**	fàngxué	v.	3
51	**分开**	fēnkāi	v.	3
52	**风**	fēng	n.	3
53	**封**	fēng	m.w., (v.)	3（6）
54	**夫妻**	fūqī	n.	3
55	**服务**	fúwù	v.	3
56	**该1**	gāi	v.	3
57	**感到**	gǎndào	v.	3
58	**刚刚**	gānggāng	adv.	3
59	**高铁**	gāotiě	n.	3
60	**工作日**	gōngzuòrì	n.	3
61	**刮**	guā	v.	3
62	**关机**	guānjī	v.	3
63	**关注**	guānzhù	v.	3
64	**过节**	guòjié	v.	3
65	**海**	hǎi	n.	3
66	**好多**	hǎoduō	num.	3
67	**好久**	hǎojiǔ	adj.	3
68	**河**	hé	n.	3
69	**红绿灯**	hóng-lǜdēng	n.	3
70	**后年**	hòunián	n.	3

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71	**后天**	hòutiān	n.	3
72	**花园**	huāyuán	n.	3
73	**画家**	huàjiā	n.	3
74	**黄色**	huángsè	n.	3
75	**或**	huò	conj., (adv.)	3（6）
76	**鸡**	jī	n.	3
77	**急**	jí	adj., v.	3
78	**记**	jì	v.	3
79	**季**	jì	n.	3
80	**加**	jiā	v.	3
81	**假期**	jiàqī	n.	3
82	**检票**	jiǎnpiào	v.	3
83	**街**	jiē	n.	3
84	**姐妹**	jiěmèi	n.	3
85	**斤**	jīn	m.w.	3
86	**酒**	jiǔ	n.	3
87	**句**	jù	m.w.	3
88	**卡**	kǎ	n.	3
89	**开花**	kāihuā	v.	3
90	**开会**	kāihuì	v.	3
91	**开机**	kāijī	v.	3
92	**看来**	kànlái	v.	3
93	**可**	kě	conj., (adv.)	3（5）
94	**课本**	kèběn	n.	3
95	**课文**	kèwén	n.	3
96	**老人**	lǎorén	n.	3
97	**练**	liàn	v.	3
98	**聊**	liáo	v.	3
99	**留学生**	liúxuéshēng	n.	3
100	**楼梯**	lóutī	n.	3
101	**路边**	lùbiān	n.	3
102	**路口**	lùkǒu	n.	3
103	**马路**	mǎlù	n.	3
104	**面前**	miànqián	n.	3
105	**名单**	míngdān	n.	3
106	**名人**	míngrén	n.	3
107	**男人**	nánrén	n.	3

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108	**男生**	nánshēng	n.	3
109	**南方**	nánfāng	n.	3
110	**难看**	nánkàn	adj.	3
111	**难题**	nántí	n.	3
112	**难听**	nántīng	adj.	3
113	**牛**	niú	n., (adj.)	3（5）
114	**女人**	nǚrén	n.	3
115	**女生**	nǚshēng	n.	3
116	**爬**	pá	v.	3
117	**怕**	pà	v., (adv.)	3（4）
118	**拍照**	pāizhào	v.	3
119	**起**	qǐ	v., (m.w.)	3（5）
120	**汽车**	qìchē	n.	3
121	**前年**	qiánnián	n.	3
122	**前天**	qiántiān	n.	3
123	**请客**	qǐngkè	v.	3
124	**秋天**	qiūtiān	n.	3
125	**球场**	qiúchǎng	n.	3
126	**认得**	rènde	v.	3
127	**扫**	sǎo	v.	3
128	**山**	shān	n.	3
129	**上衣**	shàngyī	n.	3
130	**身边**	shēnbiān	n.	3
131	**身高**	shēngāo	n.	3
132	**声**	shēng	n., m.w.	3
133	**市**	shì	n.	3
134	**室**	shì	n.	3
135	**收到**	shōudào	v.	3
136	**受**	shòu	v.	3
137	**刷**	shuā	v.	3
138	**四季**	sìjì	n.	3
139	**体育馆**	tǐyùguǎn	n.	3
140	**跳**	tiào	v.	3
141	**听说**	tīngshuō	v.	3
142	**外地**	wàidì	n.	3
143	**外卖**	wàimài	v., n.	3
144	**外语**	wàiyǔ	n.	3

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145	**晚点**	wǎndiǎn	v.	3
146	**晚会**	wǎnhuì	n.	3
147	**西北**	xīběi	n.	3
148	**西方**	xīfāng	n.	3
149	**西南**	xīnán	n.	3
150	**洗衣机**	xǐyījī	n.	3
151	**喜爱**	xǐ'ài	v.	3
152	**夏天**	xiàtiān	n.	3
153	**箱子**	xiāngzi	n.	3
154	**相机**	xiàngjī	n.	3
155	**小区**	xiǎoqū	n.	3
156	**校园**	xiàoyuán	n.	3
157	**鞋**	xié	n.	3
158	**心里**	xīnlǐ	n.	3
159	**新年**	xīnnián	n.	3
160	**信**	xìn	v., n.	3
161	**行李**	xíngli	n.	3
162	**兴趣**	xìngqù	n.	3
163	**休假**	xiūjià	v.	3
164	**选**	xuǎn	v.	3
165	**牙**	yá	n.	3
166	**牙刷**	yáshuā	n.	3
167	**羊**	yáng	n.	3
168	**养**	yǎng	v.	3
169	**一块儿**	yíkuàir	n., adv.	3
170	**以后**	yǐhòu	n.	3
171	**以上**	yǐshàng	n.	3
172	**以外**	yǐwài	n.	3
173	**以下**	yǐxià	n.	3
174	**银行卡**	yínhángkǎ	n.	3
175	**邮件**	yóujiàn	n.	3
176	**邮箱**	yóuxiāng	n.	3
177	**游客**	yóukè	n.	3
178	**有关**	yǒuguān	v., prep.	3
179	**有用**	yǒuyòng	adj.	3
180	**雨衣**	yǔyī	n.	3
181	**遇见**	yùjiàn	v.	3

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182	园	yuán	n.	3
183	员	yuán	suffix	3
184	运动会	yùndònghuì	n.	3
185	运动员	yùndòngyuán	n.	3
186	怎么办	zěnme bàn	phrase	3
187	怎样	zěnyàng	pron.	3
188	照相	zhàoxiàng	v.	3
189	直到	zhídào	v.	3
190	只能	zhǐ néng	phrase	3
191	只是	zhǐshì	adv., conj.	3
192	只有	zhǐyǒu	conj.	3
193	纸	zhǐ	n.	3
194	中	zhōng	n.	3
195	住院	zhùyuàn	v.	3
196	子	zi	suffix	3
197	字典	zìdiǎn	n.	3
198	总	zǒng	adv., (v.), (adj.)	3（5）
199	做客	zuòkè	v.	3

1b. Words moved down from a higher HSK 2.0 level (53)

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level	Was in 2.0
1	安全	ānquán	adj.	3	Level 4
2	比如	bǐrú	v.	3	Level 4
3	遍	biàn	m.w.	3	Level 4
4	表演	biǎoyǎn	v.	3	Level 4
5	差不多	chàbuduō	adj., adv.	3	Level 4
6	出发	chūfā	v.	3	Level 4
7	出生	chūshēng	v.	3	Level 4
8	大概	dàgài	adj., adv., (n.)	3（6）	Level 4
9	到处	dàochù	adv.	3	Level 4
10	地点	dìdiǎn	n.	3	Level 4
11	丢	diū	v.	3	Level 4
12	对话	duìhuà	v.	3	Level 4
13	发生	fāshēng	v.	3	Level 4
14	发展	fāzhǎn	v.	3	Level 4
15	方法	fāngfǎ	n.	3	Level 4
16	方向	fāngxiàng	n.	3	Level 4

#	Word	Pinyin	Part of speech	3.0 level	Was in 2.0
17	干	gàn	v.	3	Level 4
18	刚	gāng	adv.	3	Level 4
19	好像	hǎoxiàng	v., adv.	3	Level 4
20	号码	hàomǎ	n.	3	Level 4
21	合适	héshì	adj.	3	Level 4
22	坚持	jiānchí	v.	3	Level 4
23	节	jié	m.w., n., (v.)	3（4）	Level 4
24	开心	kāixīn	adj.	3	Level 4
25	可是	kěshì	conj.	3	Level 4
26	矿泉水	kuàngquánshuǐ	n.	3	Level 4
27	来自	láizì	v.	3	Level 4
28	凉快	liángkuai	adj.	3	Level 4
29	毛	máo	m.w., (n.)	3（5）	Level 4
30	平时	píngshí	n.	3	Level 4
31	沙发	shāfā	n.	3	Level 4
32	勺子	sháozi	n.	3	Level 4
33	生活	shēnghuó	n., v.	3	Level 4
34	收	shōu	v.	3	Level 4
35	受到	shòudào	v.	3	Level 4
36	糖	táng	n.	3	Level 4
37	挺	tǐng	adv., (v.)	3（7-9）	Level 4
38	网球	wǎngqiú	n.	3	Level 4
39	网站	wǎngzhàn	n.	3	Level 4
40	卫生间	wèishēngjiān	n.	3	Level 4
41	行	xíng	v., adj.	3	Level 4
42	学期	xuéqī	n.	3	Level 4
43	页	yè	m.w.	3	Level 4
44	以为	yǐwéi	v.	3	Level 4
45	羽毛球	yǔmáoqiú	n.	3	Level 4
46	语言	yǔyán	n.	3	Level 4
47	咱们	zánmen	pron.	3	Level 4
48	脏	zāng	adj.	3	Level 4
49	照	zhào	v.	3	Level 4
50	只要	zhǐyào	conj.	3	Level 4
51	最好	zuìhǎo	adv.	3	Level 4
52	冰激凌	bīngjīlíng	n.	3	Level 5
53	屋子	wūzi	n.	3	Level 5

2. Old Level 3 words that are no longer in HSK 3.0 Levels 1–3 (20)

#	Word (2.0)	Where it is in HSK 3.0	Related 3.0 entries
1	鼻子	Level 4 (bízi)	—
2	不但……而且……	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	不但 (Level 3), 而且 (Level 3)
3	春	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
4	电子邮件	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	邮件 (Level 3)
5	冬	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
6	多么	Level 4 (duōme)	—
7	刮风	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
8	黄河	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
9	街道	Level 4 (jiēdào)	—
10	绿	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
11	帽子	Level 4 (màozi)	—
12	爬山	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
13	皮鞋	Level 4 (píxié)	—
14	秋	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
15	刷牙	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
16	夏	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
17	行李箱	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	行李 (Level 3)
18	熊猫	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	—
19	照相机	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	照相 (Level 3), 相机 (Level 3)
20	只有……才……	Not listed as a word (Levels 1–9)	只有 (Level 3), 才 (Level 3)

"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 3 words you now meet earlier, in a lower 3.0 level (45)

#	Word	Pinyin	Now in 3.0
1	啊	a	Level 2
2	爱好	àihào	Level 2
3	班	bān	Level 2
4	半	bàn	Level 1
5	帮忙	bāngmáng	Level 2
6	包	bāo	Level 2
7	超市	chāoshì	Level 1
8	地	de	Level 2

#	Word	Pinyin	Now in 3.0
9	地铁	dìtiě	Level 2
10	分	fēn	Level 1
11	个子	gèzi	Level 2
12	跟	gēn	Level 2
13	过	guò	Level 2
14	过去	guòqù	Level 2
15	还是	háishi	Level 2
16	花	huā	Level 2
17	画	huà	Level 2
18	坏	huài	Level 2
19	还	hái	Level 1
20	记得	jìde	Level 2
21	教	jiāo	Level 2
22	经常	jīngcháng	Level 2
23	口	kǒu	Level 1
24	裤子	kùzi	Level 2
25	楼	lóu	Level 2
26	面包	miànbāo	Level 1
27	拿	ná	Level 2
28	奶奶	nǎinai	Level 2
29	鸟	niǎo	Level 2
30	起来	qǐlái	Level 2
31	上网	shàngwǎng	Level 2
32	舒服	shūfu	Level 2
33	疼	téng	Level 2
34	条	tiáo	Level 2
35	万	wàn	Level 2
36	位	wèi	Level 2
37	洗手间	xǐshǒujiān	Level 2
38	爷爷	yéye	Level 2
39	一会儿	yíhuìr	Level 2
40	元	yuán	Level 1
41	站	zhàn	Level 2
42	长	cháng	Level 2
43	只	zhī	Level 1
44	中文	Zhōngwén	Level 1
45	自己	zìjǐ	Level 2

4. Old Level 3 words that are still Level 3 in 3.0 (234)

阿姨、矮、安静、把、搬、办法、办公室、饱、北方、被、比较、比赛、笔记本、必须、变化、别人、冰箱、菜单、参加、草、层、差、尝、衬衫、成绩、城市、迟到、除了、船、词典、聪明、打扫、打算、带、担心、蛋糕、当然、灯、地方、地图、电梯、东、动物、短、段、锻炼、饿、耳朵、发、发烧、发现、方便、放、放心、附近、复习、干净、感冒、感兴趣、刚才、根据、更、公斤、公园、故事、关、关系、关心、关于、国家、害怕、黑板、后来、护照、欢迎、环境、换、回答、会议、或者、几乎、机会、极、季节、检查、简单、见面、健康、讲、角、脚、接、节目、节日、结婚、结束、解决、借、经过、经理、久、旧、句子、决定、可爱、渴、刻、客人、空调、哭、筷子、蓝、老、离开、礼物、历史、脸、练习、辆、聊天 (3.0 spelling: 聊天儿)、了解、邻居、留学、马、马上、满意、米、明白、南、难、难过、年级、年轻、努力、盘子、胖、啤酒、瓶子、其实、其他、奇怪、骑、起飞、清楚、请假、裙子、然后、热情、认为、认真、容易、如果、伞、生气、声音、世界、试、瘦、叔叔、树、数学、双、水平、司机、太阳、特别、提高、体育、甜、同事、同意、头发、突然、图书馆、腿、完成、碗、忘记、为、为了、文化、西、习惯、洗澡、先、相信、香蕉、向、像、小心、校长、新闻、新鲜、信用卡、需要、选择、要求、一般、一边、一定、一共、一样、一直、以前、音乐、银行、饮料、应该、影响、用、游戏、有名、又、遇到、愿意、月亮、越、张、着急、照顾、照片、中间、终于、种、重要、周末、主要、注意、自行车、总是、嘴、最后、最近、作业

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