

# GLOSSARY



1. a	啊	P: (marker for seeking approval, agreement on suggestion)
a. hǎo a!	好啊!	IE: That's good! That's O.K.
2. bānzhǎng	班长	N: class or section monitor
a. bān	班	M/N: class (of students), squad (military unit)
b. -zhǎng	一长	N: leader, monitor, commander, head
Zhèibān xuésheng de bānzhǎng shì shéi?		(Who is the monitor in this class?)
c. xiàozhǎng	校长	N: head of a school
Zhèige xuéxiào de xiàozhǎng xìng Chén.		(The head of this school is surnamed Chen.)
3. bào	报	N: newspaper (M: fèn[r])
a. bàoshang	报上	N: in the newspaper
b. bàozhǐ	报纸	N: newspaper
Bàoshang shuō: Yǒu yige nánrén yǒu sāngē tàitai.		(In the newspaper it says, "There is a man who has three wives.")
4. cài	菜	N: vegetables, cooked dishes, courses in a banquet
a. sìge cài	四个菜	N: four-course meal, four dishes
5. chāzi	叉子	N: fork
6. chī	吃	V: to eat
a. chīfàn/chī fàn	吃饭	VO: to eat (meals, food), to eat cooked rice
7. -cì	一次	M: (of number of occasions, times, etc.)
a. zhèicì	这次	PH: this time

- b. nèicì 那次 PH: that time
- c. nēicì 哪次? PH: which time?
- Yǒu yíci lǎoshī shuō ... (On one occasion the teacher said ...)
8. dàjiā 大家 N: all, everybody, everyone
- a. wǒmen dàjiā 我们大家 N: all of us
- b. nǐmen dàjiā 你们大家 N: all of you
- c. tāmen dàjiā 他们大家 N: all of them
9. dāozi 刀子 N: knife
- a. dāo-chā 刀叉 N: silverware, cutlery, knives and forks
10. Dōnghǎilóu 东海楼 N/PW: name of a restaurant (House of the Eastern Sea)
11. fànguǎnr 饭馆儿 N: restaurant
- a. fàn 饭 N: food, meal, cooked rice
- b. fànwǎn 饭碗 N: rice bowl
- c. -guǎn(r) 一馆(儿) BF: ending for various public buildings, halls, etc.
12. -fèn(r) 一份(儿) M: for newspaper (a complete issue)  
Zhèifèn bào yǒu sānshíliù zhāng. (This newspaper has thirty-six sheets/pages.)
13. gàosong/gàosu 告诉 V: to tell, to let know  
Wǒ gàosong nǐ, wǒmen de bān-zhǎng yǒu sān ge nǚ péngyou. (I tell you, our class monitor/squad leader has three girl friends.)
14. gěi 给 V: to give
- a. mài gei 卖给 V: to sell to...  
Wǒ yào mài gei tā sān zhī qiānbǐ. (I want to sell him three pencils.)
- b. jiāo gei 交给 V: to hand over to, to give to  
Wǒ xiǎng jiāo gei tā liǎng fēn bào. (I intend to hand over to him two newspapers.)

15. jiùshì 就是  
Zhèi jiùshì nǐde shū.  
A-EV: exactly, precisely (used for emphasis)  
(This is your book.)
16. kuàizi 筷子  
N: chopsticks (M: shuāng)
17. kěyǐ 可以  
AV: can (permissible), O.K.
18. lǎoshī 老师  
N: teacher
19. měirén 每人  
N: each person, everyone
- a. měi 每  
SP: each, every
- b. měige 每个  
SP-M: each one
- c. měiwèi 每位  
SP-M: each person (polite form.  
-wèi polite measure for individuals)
- d. měitiān 每天  
SP-M: every day
20. ò! 哦  
EX: Oh!
21. qù 去  
V: to go, to go to  
Nǐ qù fànguǎnr, wǒ qù xuéxiào.  
(You go to the restaurant; I'll go to the school.)  
Nǐ qù nǎr?  
(Where are you going?)
22. sháo 勺儿  
N: spoon
- a. fànsháo 饭勺儿  
N: spoon for serving rice
- b. tāngsháo 汤勺儿  
N: soup spoon (ladle or small spoon)
23. shuō 说  
V: to speak, to talk, to say  
Tā xiànzài shuō shénme?  
(What is he saying now?)
- a. shuōhuà 说话  
VO: to speak, to talk, to say  
Zhèige hái'zi tài xiǎo, búhuì shuōhuà.  
(This child is too little; he/she can't talk.)
- b. huà 话  
N: speech, language  
Wǒ huì shuō zhōngguó huà.  
(I can speak Chinese.)
24. tāng 汤  
N: soup

25. -wèi 一位 M: polite for persons, individuals  
Zhèiwèi xiānsheng xìng Zhāng.  
(This gentleman is surnamed Zhang.)
26. xīcān 西餐 N: Western-style food (meals)
27. xīnwén 新闻 N: news  
Bàoshang yǒu shénme xīnwén?  
(What news is there in the newspaper?)
28. yàojǐn 要紧 SV: to be important  
a. búyàojǐn 不要紧 SV/IE: to be unimportant/It doesn't matter
29. yīnggāi/yīngdāng 应该/应当 AV: should, ought to, have to
30. zěnmē? 怎么? QW: How?  
Nǐ zěnmē zhīdao?  
Wǒ bùzhīdao zěnmē qù.  
(How do you know?)  
(I don't know how to go there.)
31. zhǐ 纸 N: paper
32. Zhōngcān 中餐 N: Chinese-style food (meals)

## OLD WORDS WITH NEW MEANING/FUNCTIONS

33. zài...ne 在...呢 PT: ... are in, ... are on, are at ...  
Xuésheng dōu zài xuéxiào ne.  
(The students are all in school.)  
Tā mǔqīn zài Fàguó ne.  
(Her mother is in France now.)