

MINIMUM CORE VOCABULARY LIST FOR TOPIC AREAS A, B & C

A2 SCHOOL ROUTINE		
Places in a school; people in school; objects found in school		
白板	bái bǎn	whiteboard
办公室	bàn gōng shì	office
本子	běn zi	writing book
笔	bǐ	pen
笔友	bǐ yǒu	pen pal
表	biǎo	watch
操场	cāo chǎng	playground
尺子	chǐ zi	ruler
词典	cí diǎn	dictionary
大学	dà xué	university
地图	dì tú	map
钢笔	gāng bǐ	fountain pen
黑板	hēi bǎn	blackboard
交换学生	jiāo huàn xué shēng	exchange student (noun.)
教室	jiào shì	classroom
老师	lǎo shī	teacher
礼堂	lǐ táng	assembly hall; auditorium
练习本	liàn xí běn	exercise-book
留学生	liú xué shēng	international student
毛笔	máo bǐ	Chinese calligraphy brush
墨水儿	mò shuǐr	ink
年级	nián jí	year; grade (Year 8=八年级)
朋友	péng you	friend
铅笔	qiān bǐ	pencil
球场	qiú chǎng	football pitch; basketball court; tennis court, etc.
设备	shè bèi	equipment
实验	shí yàn	experiment
实验室	shí yàn shì	laboratory
食堂	shí táng	canteen
书	shū	book
书包	shū bāo	school bag
宿舍	sù shè	dormitory
体育场	tǐ yù chǎng	sports ground
体育馆	tǐ yù guǎn	sports stadium
同学	tóng xué	classmate
图书馆	tú shū guǎn	library
文具	wén jù	stationery
系	xì	department
橡皮	xiàng pí	rubber; eraser
小卖部	xiǎo mài bù	tuck shop

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小学	xiǎo xué	primary school
校园	xiào yuán	campus
校长	xiào zhǎng	principal; headmaster
学费	xué fèi	tuition fees
学生	xué shēng	student
学校	xué xiào	school
学院	xué yuàn	college
游泳池	yóu yǒng chí	swimming pool
幼儿园	yòu ér yuán	kindergarten
圆珠笔	yuán zhū bǐ	ball pen
杂志	zá zhì	magazine
纸	zhǐ	paper
中学	zhōng xué	secondary school
Describing a school day; exams; school holidays		
毕业	bì yè	graduate
放假	fàng jià	have a holiday
放学	fàng xué	be dismissed from school
寒假	hán jià	winter holiday
家长会	jiā zhǎng huì	parent teacher meeting
假期	jià qī	holiday ; vacation
教学	jiào xué	teaching
教育	jiào yù	education
节	jié	period (of lessons)
考生	kǎo shēng	candidate
考试	kǎo shì	exam
课	kè	subject; lesson
课本	kè běn	textbook
课程	kè chéng	curriculum
课程表	kè chéng biǎo	timetable; class schedule
课外活动	kè wài huó dòng	extra-curriculum activity
上课	shàng kè	have a lesson
上学	shàng xué	go to school
暑假	shǔ jià	summer holiday
下课	xià kè	be dismissed from a lesson
夏令营	xià lìng yíng	summer camp
学期	xué qī	school term
作业	zuò yè	homework

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School subjects; learning Chinese		
笔画	bǐ huà	stroke
笔顺	bǐ shùn	stroke order
词	cí	word
词语	cí yǔ	vocabulary
德文	dé wén	German (specifically the written form)
德语	dé yǔ	German (specifically the spoken form)
地理	dì lǐ	Geography
发音	fā yīn	pronunciation
法语	fǎ yǔ	French (specifically the spoken form)
法文	fǎ wén	French (specifically the written form)
国语	guó yǔ	official language of a country; Mandarin.
汉语	hàn yǔ	Mandarin Chinese (specifically the spoken form)
汉字	hàn zì	Chinese characters
化学	huà xué	chemistry
技术	jì shù	technology
句子	jù zì	sentence
科目	kē mù	subject
科学	kē xué	science
口音	kǒu yīn	accent
口语	kǒu yǔ	spoken language
历史	lì shǐ	history
美术	měi shù	visual art
拼音	pīn yīn	phonetic spelling system of Mandarin Chinese
普通话	pǔ tōng huà	Mandarin
日文	rì wén	Japanese (specifically the written form)
日语	rì yǔ	Japanese (specifically the spoken form)
生词	shēng cí	new words
生物	shēng wù	biology
声调	shēng diào	tone
数学	shù xué	math
体育	tǐ yù	physical education
听力	tīng lì	listening comprehension
听写	tīng xiě	dictation
外文	wài wén	foreign languages (specifically the written form)
外语	wài yǔ	foreign languages (specifically the spoken form)

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物理	wù lǐ	physics
写作	xiě zuò	writing
音乐	yīn yuè	music
英文	yīng wén	English (specifically the written form)
英语	yīng yǔ	English (specifically the spoken form)
语法	yǔ fǎ	grammar
语文	yǔ wén	language and literature
语言	yǔ yán	languages
中文	zhōng wén	Chinese (specifically the written form)
字	zì	characters
Opinions about school		
不错	bú cuò	not bad
差	chà	poor (in terms of quality, performance, etc.)
成绩	chéng jì	score
对...感兴趣	duì...gǎn xìng qù	be interested in
还可以	hái kě yǐ	so-so
好玩儿	hǎo wánr	fun
进步	jìn bù	make progress; progress
困难	kùn nán	difficulty
没意思	méi yì si	boring
难	nán	difficult
容易	róng yì	easy
水平	shuǐ píng	level
提高	tí gāo	improve
有趣	yǒu qù	interesting
有意思	yǒu yì si	interesting
Travel to and from school		
车	chē	car; vehicle (in general)
迟到	chí dào	to be late
堵车	dǔ chē	traffic jam; get stuck in the traffic.
火车站	huǒ chē zhàn	railway station
挤	jǐ	crowded
交通	jiāo tōng	transport
骑自行车	qí zì xíng chē	ride bicycle
汽车	qì chē	car
站	zhàn	stop (noun)
准时	zhǔn shí	on time
走路	zǒu lù	walk