

- de (0) --> of/~'s (possessive particle)/(used after an attribute)/(used to form a nominal expression)/(used at the end of a declarative sentence for emphasis)/also pr. [di4] or [di5] in poetry and songs // see 的士[di1 shi4] // really and truly // aim/clear :: tā zhēn de xiǎng jiàn nǐ . --> He really wants to meet you. / zhēn de ? --> Is that true? / bùshì zhēn de ! --> It's not true!
- shì (1) --> surname Shi // life/age/generation/era/world/lifetime/epoch/descendant/noble // archaic variant of 世[shi4] // variant of 事[shi4] // matter/thing/item/work/affair/CL:件[jian4], 樁|桩[zhuang1], 回[hui2] // to serve as an official/an official/the two chess pieces in Chinese chess guarding the "general" or "king" 將|将[jiang4] // to serve/to attend upon // power/influence/potential/momentum/tendency/trend/situation/conditions/outward appearance/sign/gesture/male genitals // old variant of 世[shi4] // addicted to/fond of/stem corresponding to -phil or -phile // to devour/to bite // surname Shi // member of the senior ministerial class (old)/scholar (old)/bachelor/honorific/soldier/noncommissioned officer/specialist worker // surname Shi // majestic manner/red/angry // surname Shi // room/work unit/grave/scabbard/family or clan/one of the 28 constellations of Chinese astronomy // market/city/CL:個|个[ge4] // type/form/pattern/style // to murder a superior/to murder one's parent // accustomed to/habit // extravagant/luxurious // to rely on/mother (formal) // to gather/old variant of 埴[zhi2] // door pivot // to wipe // to hold/to grasp // is/are/am/yes/to be // variant of 是[shi4]/(used in given names) // old variant of 柿[shi4] // persimmon // (tree) // clan name/maiden name // see 月氏[Yue4 zhi1] and 閼氏|阼氏[yan1 zhi1] // bank/shore/name of a river // old variant of 視|视[shi4] // variant of 視|视[shi4]/variant of 示[shi4] // to show/to reveal // divine by stalk // to lick/to lap (up) // old variant of 舐[shi4] // (literary) (of a bee or spider etc) to sting or bite // (of a bee or spider etc) to sting or bite/(of an irritant) to make (one's eyes or skin) sting // see 襪襪|襪襪[bo2 shi4] // to look at/to regard/to inspect // to test/to try/experiment/examination/test // oath/vow/to swear/to pledge // to examine/to judge // posthumous name or title/to confer a posthumous title // variant of 諡|谥[shi4] // smiling face // to borrow/to buy on credit/to rent out // crossbar in carriage front // see 李适[Li3 Kuo4] // (of time) to pass/to die // surname Shi // to fit/suitable/proper/just (now)/comfortable/well/to go/to follow or pursue // Japanese variant of 釋|释 // to explain/to release/Buddha (abbr. for 釋迦牟尼|释迦牟尼[Shi4 jia1 mou2 ni2])/Buddhism // cerium (chemistry) // decoration/ornament/to decorate/to adorn/to hide/to conceal (a fault)/excuse (to hide a fault)/to play a role (in opera)/to impersonate // anchovy :: shì . --> Yes. / hǎo , duì , shì . --> Good, right, yes. / wǒ shì --> I am.
- le (2) --> (completed action marker)/(modal particle indicating change of state, situation now)/(modal particle intensifying preceding clause) // to finish/to achieve/variant of 瞭|了[liao3]/to understand clearly // see 餒餒|餒餒[he2 le5] :: jī diǎn le ? --> What time is it? / wǒ bìng le . --> I'm sick. / wǒ men méi yóu le . --> We've run out of gas.
- zài (3) --> old variant of 戴[dai4] // load/cargo/old variant of 載|载[zai4]/to transport/to deliver/to bear/to support // again/once more/re-/second/another/then (after sth, and not until then)/no matter how ... (followed by an adjective or verb, and then (usually) 也[ye3] or 都[dou1] for emphasis) // (located) at/(to be) in/to exist/in the middle of doing sth/(indicating an action in progress) // old variant of 在[zai4] // to record in writing/to carry (i.e. publish in a newspaper etc)/Taiwan pr. [zai4]/year // to carry/to convey/to load/to hold/to fill up/and/also/as well as/simultaneously :: zài jiàn ! --> Bye! / wǒ wǎn yī diǎn zài dǎ . --> I will call back a bit later. / nín zài gōngzuò . --> You are at work.
- nǐ (4) --> archaic variant of 你[ni3]/you // variant of 你[ni3] // (dialect) I/my/we/our // you (informal, as opposed to courteous 您[nin2]) // doubtful/suspicious/variant of 擬|拟[ni3]/to emulate/to imitate // old variant of 你[ni3] // to plan to/to draft (a plan)/to imitate/to assess/to compare/pseudo- // fluttering of flags // (tree)/to stop // surname Mi // memorial tablet in a temple commemorating a deceased father // luxuriant (of plants) // nihonium (chemistry) // variant of 璽|玺 ruler's seal :: nǐ duō gāo ? --> How tall are you? / nǐ ní ? --> How about you? / tā méi nǐ gāo . --> He's not as tall as you are.
- tā (5) --> he or him/(used for either sex when the sex is unknown or unimportant)/(used before sb's name for emphasis)/(used as a meaningless mock object)/other/another // to collapse/to droop/to settle down // she // it // (third person pronoun for a divine being) // surname Ta/see also 禡[ta1] :: fàng kāi tā ! --> Let go of him! / tā gāo . --> He is tall. / tā méi nǐ gāo . --> He's not as tall as you are.

- wǒmen (6) :: wǒmen méi shuǐ . --> We don't have any water. / tāmen méi kàndào wǒmen . --> They didn't see us. / lái jiān wǒmen ba . --> Join us.
- yī (7) --> one/1/single/a (article)/as soon as/entire/whole/all/throughout/"one" radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 1)/also pr. [yao1] for greater clarity when spelling out numbers digit by digit // surname Yi/abbr. for 伊拉克[Yi1 la1 ke4], Iraq/abbr. for 伊朗[Yi1 lang3], Iran // (old) third person singular pronoun ("he" or "she")/second person singular pronoun ("you")/(May 4th period) third person singular feminine pronoun ("she")/(Classical Chinese) introductory particle with no specific meaning/that (preceding a noun) // to depend on/to comply with or listen to sb/according to/in the light of // variant of 嘤[yi1] // (onom.) to squeak // yeah (interjection of approval)/to belch // Japanese variant of 壹[yi1] // one (banker's anti-fraud numeral) // archaic variant of 壹 banker's anti-fraud numeral one // to greet by raising clasped hands // interjection // variant of 醫|医[yi1] // licentious, libertine, dissipate // old name of a river in Henan, now written 伊河 // ripple // to blaze/(used in given names) // (interj.) // a black stone like jade/jet // excellent/precious/rare/fine/(used in given names) // interj./sighing sound // woodlouse // clothes/CL:件[jian4]/Kangxi radical 145 // to dress/to wear/to put on (clothes) // variant of 噫, yeah (interjection of approval)/to belch // medical/medicine/doctor/to cure/to treat // iridium (chemistry) // wigeon (Anas penelope, a Eurasian duck)/seagull (arch.) // black and shining ebony :: wǒ men yī yán bù fā dì zuò zhù . --> We sat in total silence. / shuō huà dà shēng yī diǎn ! --> Speak louder! / kuài yī diǎn ! --> Hurry up!
- wǒ (8) --> I/me/my :: wǒ ! --> Me! / jiù wǒ ! --> Save me! / wǒ gè zǐ gāo . --> I am tall.
- bù (9) --> (negative prefix)/not/no // variant of 布[bu4]/to announce/to spread // see 噴|喷[Gong4 bu4] // wharf/dock/jetty/trading center/port/place name // wharf/port/pier // cloth/to declare/to announce/to spread/to make known // terror/terrified/afraid/frightened // old variant of 怖[bu4] // to make progress // surname Bu // a step/a pace/walk/march/stages in a process/situation // old variant of 步[bu4] // old variant of 步[bu4] // sieve-like utensil // a book/a register/account-book // cycle of 76 years/shade // ministry/department/section/part/division/troops/board/classifier for works of literature, films, machines etc // metal plate // plutonium (chemistry) (Tw) :: bù . --> No. / bù kè qì . --> You are welcome. / wǒ men yī yán bù fā dì zuò zhù . --> We sat in total silence.
- zhègè (10) :: wǒ shǐyòng zhègè . --> I use this. / zhègè zhēn hǎochī . --> This is really delicious. / é . . . zhègè zěnyāo yòng ? --> Er, how do you use this?
- jiù (11) --> hire/to rent // old variant of 厓[jiu4] // fault/to blame/to punish/calamity/misfortune // at once/right away/only/just (emphasis)/as early as/already/as soon as/then/in that case/as many as/even if/to approach/to move towards/to undertake/to engage in/to suffer/subjected to/to accomplish/to take advantage of/to go with (of foods)/with regard to/concerning // stable/barn // variant of 廐|厩[jiu4] // variant of 廐|厩[jiu4] // variant of 救[jiu4] // to save/to assist/to rescue // bier // Tallow tree/Sapium sebiferum // chronic disease/guilt/remorse // mortar // maternal uncle // old/opposite: new 新/former/worn (with age) // vulture :: jiù wǒ ! --> Save me! / tāng mǔ wú kě jiù yào . --> Tom is incorrigible. / tàiyáng yī chūlái , wù jiù sǎn le . --> As the sun rose, the fog disappeared.
- zhè (12) --> Chinese ground beetle (Eupolyphaga sinensis) // a thorny tree/sugarcane/Cudrania triloba/three-bristle cudrania (Cudrania tricuspidata)/Chinese mulberry (Cudrania) // abbr. for Zhejiang 浙江 province in east China // sugar cane // locust/Chinese ground beetle (Eupolyphaga sinensis) // this/these/(commonly pr. [zhei4] before a classifier, esp. in Beijing) // partridge/Francolinus chinensis :: zhè xūyào shíjiān . --> It takes time. / zhè shì huā ma ? --> Is this a flower? / zhè shì hú shuō . --> This is gibberish.
- kěyǐ (13) --> can/may/possible/able to/not bad/pretty good :: kěyǐ . --> That's okay. / nǐ kěyǐ jìn lái . --> You can come in. / sān diǎn zhōng kěyǐ ma ? --> Would three o'clock be all right?
- huì (14) --> to remit/to converge (of rivers)/to exchange // plants // beak/snout/mouth/to pant // shrill sound/twinkling // a room/the wall of a house/a man's name // broom // class/collection // rage // Japanese variant of 惠[hui4] // surname Hui // favor/benefit/to bestow/(literary) benevolence/(honorific) // intelligent // last day of a lunar month/dark/night // can (i.e. have the skill, know how to)/likely to/sure to/to meet/to get together/meeting/gathering/union/group/association/a moment (Taiwan pr. for this sense is [hui3]) // to balance an account/accountancy/accounting // coffin // old variant of 潰|溃[kui4]/to fester/to ulcerate // variant of 匯|汇[hui4] // vast/expansive (as of water) // to braise/to cook in soy and vinegar/braised/cooked in

soy and vinegar // jade ornament in the seams of cap // dirt/filth // variant of 彗[hui4] // Japanese variant of 繪| 绘 // multi-color/to draw // to draw/to paint // noise of bird's wings // Coumarouna odorata // to flourish/luxuriant growth // (cicada)/Platypleura kaempferi // to teach/to instruct/to induce // to avoid mentioning/taboo word/name of deceased emperor or superior // bribe/bribery // three edged spear/(used in given names) // of flourishing appearance/sound of a bicycle bell // gate of market // (of food) rotten and smelly :: bù hùi ba . --> Oh no! / xìng hùi . --> It is a privilege to meet you. / bùshì , nǐ wù hùi le . --> No, you misunderstood.

- yǒu (15) --> old variant of 酉[you3] // wine container // friend // grievous/relaxed // to have/there is/there are/to exist/to be // ritual bonfire // the vitreous glaze on china, porcelain etc // to enlighten/lattice window // to lead // Setaria viridis/vicious // larva // 10th earthly branch: 5-7 p.m., 8th solar month (8th September-7th October), year of the Rooster/ancient Chinese compass point: 270° (west) // europium (chemistry) // black/dark green :: yǒu ma ? --> Do you have any? / yǒu huǒ ma ? --> Have you got a light? / jīntiān yǒu fēng . --> It is windy today.

- hé (16) --> surname He // what/how/why/which/carry // to impeach // 100 ml/one-tenth of a peck/measure for dry grain equal to one-tenth of sheng 升 or liter, or one-hundredth dou 斗 // to close/to join/to fit/to be equal to/whole/together/round (in battle)/conjunction (astronomy)/1st note of pentatonic scale/old variant of 盒[he2] // old variant of 和[he2] // surname He/Japanese (food, clothes etc) // and/together with/with/sum/union/peace/harmony/Taiwan pr. [han4] when it means "and" or "with" // to compose a poem in reply (to sb's poem) using the same rhyme sequence/to join in the singing/to chime in with others // to complete a set in mahjong or playing cards // to combine a powdery substance (flour, plaster etc) with water/Taiwan pr. [huo4] // to mix (ingredients) together/to blend/classifier for rinses of clothes/classifier for boilings of medicinal herbs // old variant of 和[he2] // why/how/when/what/where // pit/stone/nucleus/nuclear/to examine/to check/to verify // river/CL: 條| 条[tiao2], 道[dao4] // to dry/to dry up // variant of 盍[he2] // why not // small box/case // cereal/grain // knot // tassels // quill // a hoe/to hoe/to loosen the soil with a hoe/Taiwan pr. [he2] // Holland/the Netherlands/abbr. for 荷蘭| 荷兰[He2 lan2] // lotus // to carry on one's shoulder or back/burden/responsibility // He river in Shandong // (Tw) oyster (Taiwanese, Tai-lo pr. [ô]) // variant of 蠍| 蝎[xie1] // brown/gray or dark color/coarse hemp cloth/Taiwan pr. [he2] // variant of 核[he2]/to investigate // raccoon dog (Nyctereutes procyonoides)/raccoon of North China, Korea and Japan (Japanese: tanuki)/also pr. [hao2] // old term for northern peoples/silent // name of a person // small bell // obstruct // door/to close/whole // buskin/name of a tribe/turban // maxilla and mandible // spoiled/sour/moldy // crossbill/long-tailed pheasant // (literary) to gnaw/to bite // old variant of 和[he2]/harmonious :: tā men dù hé qián jìn . --> They made their way across the river. / wǒ qián rù le hé lǐ . --> I dived into the river. / hé mǎ xīhuān shuǐ . --> Hippopotamuses love water.

- gè (17) --> individual/this/that/size/classifier for people or objects in general // each/every // that (Cantonese)/Mandarin equivalent: 那[na4] // variant of 個| 个[ge4] // flea // chromium (chemistry) :: wǒ gè zǐ gāo . --> I am tall. / gè sī qí shì . --> Let everyone take care of their own affairs. / tāng mǔ bùshì gè duō hǎode rén . --> Tom isn't a very nice guy.

- lái (18) --> to come/to arrive/to come round/ever since/next // last // name of a mountain in Sichuan // see 招徠| 招徠[zhao1 lai2] // see 栳木| 栳木[lai2 mu4] // brook/ripple // (bamboo) // name of weed plant (fat hen, goosefoot, pigweed etc)/Chenopodium album // name of a country in Spring and Autumn period in modern Shandong, destroyed by Qi 齊| 齐 // rhenium (chemistry) // mare // to confer/to bestow on an inferior/to reward :: nǐ kěyǐ jìn lái . --> You can come in. / kuài lái ba ! --> Come quick! / jìn lái ba ! --> Come on in!

- miàn (19) --> variant of 麵| 面[mian4]/rice noodles/rice fragments // face/side/surface/aspect/top/classifier for objects with flat surfaces such as drums, mirrors, flags etc // variant of 面[mian4] // flour/noodles/(of food) soft (not crunchy)/(slang) (of a person) ineffectual/spineless // old variant of 麵| 面[mian4] :: ràng wǒ men hēnkuài dì zàicì jiàn miàn . --> Let's meet again soon. / ràng wǒ men yī diǎn zhōng jiàn miàn ba . --> Let's meet at one o'clock. / wǒ men méi miàn bāo le . --> We don't have any more bread.

- yīgè (20) :: huà yīgè quān . --> Draw a circle. / tā ràng wǒ děng le yīgè duō xiǎoshí . --> He kept me waiting for more than an hour. / wǒ wēn shū wēn le yīgè xiǎoshí . --> I studied for one hour.

- dào (21) --> to (a place)/until (a time)/up to/to go/to arrive/(verb complement denoting completion or result