

GLOSSARY



1. Běijīng-Dàxué 北京大学 N: Beijing University (see note)
- a. dàxué 大学 N: university
- b. zhōngxué 中学 N: middle school (high school)
- c. xiǎoxué 小学 N: elementary school
2. -biàn 一遍 M: (for occurrences, times, etc.)
 Nèiběn shū wǒ kànle sānbiàn. (I've read that book three times.)
 Nèijù huà nǐ shuōle sānshí-biàn le, bié zài shuōle. (You've said that sentence thirty times [already]; don't say it any more.)
3. chá 查 V: to check, to inspect, to consult (a dictionary)
- a. cháchūlai 查出来 V: to find out
- b. méicháchūlai 没查出来 RV: failed to find out
 Nèige zì, wǒ chá zìdiǎn, méicháchūlai. (I looked for that word in the dictionary, and failed to find it.)
- c. cháchūlaile 查出来了 RV: have found out (through investigation)
 Hòulai tā chá nèiběn dà zì-diǎn, cháchūlaile. (Later, he consulted the big dictionary, and found it.)
4. cídiǎn 辞典 N: dictionary
5. děngděng 等等 N: and so on, and so forth, etc.
 Zhèixiē shū, bào, děngděng, dōu shì tāde. (All these books, newspapers, etc., are his.)
- shénmede 什么的 N: and so on
 Wǒ bǎ biǎo, zhōng, bǐ, shénmede, dōu mài le. (I sold my watch, clock, pens, and so on.)

Note: Beijing University is the oldest university in China. Originally it was inside Beijing City. After 1949, it took over the beautiful campus of Yenching University (donated by Rockefeller) in the western outskirts of Beijing.

6. dìxia 地下 N: on the ground, on the floor
 Qǐng bǎ zhèixiē dōngxi dōu fàngzai dìxia. (Please place all these things on the floor.)
- dìshang 地上 N: on the ground, on the floor
 Dìshangde shū shì nǐde ma? (Are the books on the floor yours?)
7. hàomǎ(r) 号码(儿) N: number
 diànhuà hàomǎ(r) 电话号码(儿) N: telephone number
 Zài Měiguó, rénren dōu yǒu yíge zuì yàojǐnde hàomǎ. (In the United States, everyone has a most important number.)
8. huán 还 V: to return, to give back (something borrowed)
 huángěi 还给 V: to return to
 Tā měiyuè huángěi wǒ wǔshí kuài qián. (He pays me back \$50.00 each month.)
9. jiè 借 V: to borrow, to lend
 Hǎo jiè hǎo huán, zài jiè bùnnán. (If you borrow and return in good faith, it will not be difficult to borrow again.)
- a. jiègěi 借给 V: to lend to
 Zuótiān tā jiègěi wǒ yībǎi kuài qián. (Yesterday, he lent me \$100.00.)
- b. gēn ... jiè 跟 ... 借 V: to borrow from
 Zuótiān wǒ gēn tā jièle yībǎi kuài qián. (Yesterday, I borrowed \$100.00 from him.)
10. míngbai 明白 SV/V/RVE: to be clear, obvious, plain/ to understand, realize, know
 Nǐ shuōde hěn míngbai. (What you said is very clear.)
 Wǒmen dōu míngbai tāde yìsi. (All of us understand [the meaning of] what he said.)
 Nǐ shuō, nimen dōu shuō-míngbaile. (You said that you said it all clearly.)
 Tā shuō, nimen méishuō-míngbai. (He says you didn't say it clearly.)

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| 11. rén rén | 人人 | N: everyone, everybody |
| 12. shǒu | 手 | N: hand (human) (M: -zhǐ 只) |
| Tā shǒuli nǎzhe yìzhǐ bǐ. | | (He's holding a pen in his hand.) |
| jiǎo | 脚 | N: foot (M: -zhǐ 只) |
| Rénrén dōu yǒu liǎngzhǐ shǒu,
liǎngzhǐ jiǎo. | | (Everyone has two hands and two feet.) |
| 13. shūmíng | 书名 | N: title of a book, book title |
| Nèiběn shū yǒu Zhōngwén shū-
míng, yě yǒu Yīngwén shūmíng. | | (That book has a Chinese title and also an English title.) |
| 14. túshūguǎn | 图书馆 | N: library |
| túshūguǎn guǎnlǐyuán | 图书馆
管理员 | N: librarian |
| Nèige túshūguǎn yǒu sānbǎi-
wúshíduōwànběn shū. | | (That library has [a collec-
tion of] more than 3,500,000
books.) |
| 15. yíhuìr | 一会儿 | TW: a moment, a short while |
| yíhuìr jiàn | 一会儿见 | IE: See you later., See you in a
moment. |
| 16. yìsi | 意思 | N: meaning, idea |
| Wǒ bùdǒng nǐde yìsi. | | (I don't understand your
idea [what you're saying].) |
| a. yǒu yìsi | 有意思 | SV/VO: to be interesting, fun/has
meaning, meaningful |
| b. méi yisi | 没意思 | SV/VO: to be dull, no fun/meaning-
less |
| Hējiǔ zuì méi yìsi. | | (Drinking is the most unin-
teresting thing to do.) |
| 17. zhěnggè(r) | 整个(儿) | SP: the whole (thing) |
| Qǐng nǐ bǎ zhěnggè(r)de
shìqing gàosong wǒmen. | | (Please tell us the whole
story [the whole thing].) |