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CHINESE

CHARACTERS

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Chinese Made Easier

— A —

a	阿	(a particle); (used before someone's name)	68
ài	爱	to love (to), be fond of, like to; love, affection	70
ān	安	peaceful, quiet; to pacify, console; to put, to place	62
àn	按	to press (with the fingers or hand); according to	160

— B —

ba	吧	(sentence suffix indicating suggestion or probability)	37
bā	八	8	6
bā	巴	used in transliterating foreign names; general noun suffix	320
bǎ	把	a handle or hold; to watch over; a handful	61
bà	爸	dad	29
bái	白	white, bright; clear, pure; futile (effort)	40
bǎi	百	hundred ; all	7
bài	拜	to worship	18
bài	败	to (be) defeat(ed), to fail, to lose	320
bān	班	a class (in school); (Measure for scheduled transport)	55
bān	搬	to move (something), to transport (goods)	46
bān	般	kind, sort, class (of)	320
bǎn	板	boards or planks; rigid, stiff	320
bǎn	版	edition; printing plate; household register	320
bàn	半	half (a)	37
bàn	办	to manage/handle (a matter)	39
bāng	帮	to help, assist	60
bāo	包	to wrap (up); a parcel or package	43
bǎo	保	to protect, to guard; to care for; to guarantee	65
bǎo	宝	treasure; precious, valuable; honorable	320
bào	报	newspaper; to report; to recompense	48
bēi	杯	cup, glass, mug	17
bēi / bèi	背	to carry (on one's back) / to memorize; back (of the body)	160
běi	北	north	20
bèi	倍	-times, -fold; to double (in number/price)	320
bèi	被	by (indicates the Passive); bed quilt	49
bèi	备	to prepare, be ready for	51
běn	本	volume (of books); our, this; the root, origin, source; based on	13

bǐ	比	to compare; compared with; to compete	38
bǐ	笔	pen (general term for writing instruments); sum (of money)	9
bì	必	must, have to, necessarily, most certainly	50
bì	毕	to complete, to finish; the whole, total	160
bì	币	currency, money	320
biān	边	side	27
biàn / pián	便	convenient, handy	25
biàn	变	to change, alter; uncommon; accident, tragedy	160
biàn	遍	time(s); everywhere, throughout	320
biāo	标	to show, to label; a model, paragon; a symbol, mark, label	320
biǎo	表	a blank form, chart, meter; to show; relatives	54
bié	别	other; different; do not (imperative)	37
bīng	冰	ice	160
bīng	兵	soldier, troops; arms, weapons; pawn (Chinese chess)	320
bǐng	饼	cookie, biscuit	47
bìng	并	and, also, at the same time; even, equal with	160
bìng	病	illness, sickness, disease, to be sick; blemish, defect	60
bō	波	waves, breakers; to undulate; to implicate	320
bó	博	wide, extensive; erudite, learned, well-read	61
bó	伯	one's father's elder brother; a count (nobility)	320
bǔ	补	supplementary; nutritious; to mend, patch up	55
bù	不	not; (the negative)	8
bù	步	a pace or step; to walk; on foot	57
bù	部	part, section; department; cabinet ministry	46
bù	布	cloth, textiles; to declare, proclaim; to disseminate	320

— C —

cái	才	only, just; just now; not until; natural talent	45
cái	财	wealth, riches	160
cǎi	彩	variegated colors; prize money	320
cài	菜	vegetable; dish (of food)	21
cān	餐	a meal; food	46
cān / sān	参	to participate in; to visit, to call on / 3 (sān)	63
cǎo	草	draft (copy); a Chinese script; grass, herb, straw	160
cè	策	plan, strategy; orders of appointment; to spur on, to urge	320
céng	层	storey (in a building); a layer; stratum	160

céng / zēng	曾	previously, (to have experienced) before	160
chā / chà	差	difference; mistake / nearly, approx.; differ, fall short	40
chá	查	to examine, to inspect, to check; to look up/into	69
chá	茶	tea	32
chá	察	to investigate, examine, survey, scrutinize	52
chāi	差	to dispatch (someone on a mission or errand)	40
chǎn	产	to produce, bring about; to bear (offspring)	160
cháng/zhǎng	长	long	40
cháng	常	often, frequently; usually; common, ordinary	31
chǎng	场	arena/ground; act/performance (of a play or movie)	21
chǎng	厂	factory, workshop	160
chàng	唱	to sing, to chant	160
chāo	超	to exceed, be more than, surpass; to overtake	49
cháo / zhāo	朝	to face (in a direction); dynasty; imperial court	320
chǎo	炒	to stir-fry, to roast	47
chē	车	vehicle (general word)	22
chén	陈	(a Chinese family name)	15
chēng	称	to weigh; to call or name; to claim that or declare that	320
chéng	承	to succeed (another in a task); undertake (responsibilities)	320
chéng	程	a schedule; an (educational) course; extent; journey	320
chéng	成	to become; to achieve; accomplished	64
chéng	城	city	160
chéng	诚	honest, sincere; true, real	160
chī	吃	to eat	21
chí	持	to maintain, uphold; to hold or grasp; to preside over	320
chǐ	尺	a foot ruler; a unit of Chinese measurement	160
chōng	充	full, sufficient; to fill; to fake, to pretend	320
chōng	冲	to wash away, rinse; infuse; soar upwards; empty, void	320
chóng	虫	insects, worms	320
chóng/zhòng	重	to repeat, to do again	49
chū	出	out, exit; to (re)produce; to happen, occur	39
chū	初	first, original, initial; junior, elementary	320
chú	除	except, besides; to get rid of; (in math) to divide	49
chǔ	楚	clear, distinct; neat; distress, suffering	54
chǔ / chù	处	deal with; be faced with / a place, location; a department	160
chuān	穿	to wear or put on (clothes/shoes)	33

chuān	川	river, stream; Sichuan (province)	320
chuán	船	boat, ship	160
chuán/zhuàn	传	to propagate, spread, pass on	160
chuāng	窗	window	57
chuáng	床	a bed	160
chuàng/chuāng	创	to create, initiate, establish; original / a wound	320
chūn	春	Spring (season)	44
cí	词	words, phrases, expressions; a part of speech	160
cǐ	此	this, these, such; if so, in this case; here	160
cì	次	times; occasion; next in order; inferior, lower	41
cóng	从	from (a place or time)	28
cūn	村	village, hamlet	160
cún	存	to exist, to survive, to live; to deposit	320
cuò	错	wrong, incorrect	53

— D —

dá / (dā)	答	to answer, reply (to); to reciprocate	160
dá	达	reach, arrive at; intelligent, smart; prominent, successful	320
dǎ	打	to make (a phone call); to hit, beat, fight; to do; to get	19
dà	大	big, large; very, greatly; great, famous; full-grown, adult	17
dài	带	to take (along), to bring (along); to lead; a belt, tie	39
dài	代	generation, era, dynasty; to be a substitute (for)	160
dài / dāi	待	to treat (someone); await (for) / stay (at a place); later on	320
dān	单	a slip of paper; a list; odd (numbers); single, only	48
dàn	但	but, however; only, merely	26
dàn	淡	weak (liquids); light (in color); tasteless (flavor)	160
dàn	蛋	egg	160
dàn / tán	弹	bullet, bomb	320
dāng/dàng	当	ought to; the very same; to undertake / to regard as	60
dǎng	党	(political) party, faction, clique	320
dāo	刀	knife, blade, sword	160
dǎo	导	to guide, to lead, to direct	320
dǎo	岛	an island	320
dǎo / dào	倒	to collapse / pour out; on the contrary; turn upside down	160
dào	道	Taoism; a way/principle; road, path	34

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dào	到	to (a place/time); to arrive at	16
de	的	(Noun/Verb suffix of possession or modification)	9
dé / de	得	to get, to obtain / (a grammar particle)	26
dé	德	German; morals, virtues	53
děi	得	must, ought to	26
dēng	灯	light, lamp, lantern, burner	160
dēng	登	to climb, ascend; to register; to board (plane/boat)	320
děng	等	to wait (for); when, until; etc., and so on	40
dī	低	low, to lower	160
dǐ	底	underside, bottom, base; the end or final part	320
dì	帝	emperor, ruler; imperial; god	320
dì	地	place, location; ground, earth	28
dì	弟	younger brother	29
dì	第	(ordinalizing prefix to numbers)	39
diǎn	典	a rule, statute; a tale, story; to mortgage	160
diǎn	点	o'clock; (M for hours of the clock); point; a drop, spot, dot	11
diàn	店	shop, store, commercial establishment	43
diàn	电	electricity	27
diào	掉	to fall, drop; to lose; to change, substitute; turn; off (RVE)	320
diào / tiáo	调	to transfer; a tune, melody	320
dīng	丁	4th of the 10 Celestial Stems; population; cubes	320
dǐng	顶	the top, summit; extremely, very; Measure for hats	320
dìng	订	reserve (room, seat); suscribe (to a mag.); edit, revise	320
dìng	定	definite, fixed; certainly; to decide or fix	38
diū	丢	to lose; to get rid of, to reject	160
dōng	东	east	20
dōng	冬	winter; 10th-12th month (of the lunar calendar)	160
dǒng	懂	to understand	36
dòng	动	to move	51
dōu / dū	都	all, both; always / capital, big city	10
dòu	豆	beans, peas	47
dú	读	to read aloud; to read, to study	160
dú	毒	poison, toxin; to poison	320
dú	独	alone, single, solitary; only	320
dù	度	degree; (number of) times; to pass (through)	54
duǎn	短	short	40

duàn	段	section, division; paragraph	160
duàn	断	sever, cut apart; to judge, decide on; to break; absolutely	320
duì	队	a team; troops	320
duì	对	to be correct, right; to(wards); a pair (of); with regard to	17
duō	多	much, many; more than, over (a certain number); how ...!	12

— E —

ér / r	儿	son; child	13
ér	而	but, and yet, nevertheless; also, and	45
ěr	耳	the ear	160
ěr	尔	thou (literary); used in transliterating foreign names	320
èr	二	2	6

— F —

fā / fà	发	to start; to emit, give out / hair (on the head)	50
fǎ	法	French; law, legal; method, ways	53
fān	翻	to translate; to capsize, turn over	320
fán	烦	to annoy, to trouble, to worry, to be vexed	62
fǎn	反	reverse, opposite; to return (something)	160
fàn	饭	cooked rice; a meal; food	21
fāng	方	place, region; square shape; (a Chinese name)	28
fáng	房	house, building; a room	46
fàng	放	put, place; let go of; play (music); show(slides)	44
fēi	非	Africa; not, non-	53
fēi	飞	to fly	22
fèi	费	expenses; to waste, to use more than is needed	68
fēn	分	minute (of time); cent; to divide up	30
fěn	粉	powder	43
fèn	份	a part or portion; (Measure for gifts & newspapers)	68
fēng	封	to seal, close up completely; (Measure for letters)	60
fēng	风	wind, breeze; customs, practice; scene, style	58
fēng	丰	abundant, plentiful; a crop or harvest; good-looking	320
fēng	峰	peak, summit	320
fó	佛	Buddha, Buddhism	160

fǒu	否	no, not; to negate	320
fū	夫	man, male adult; husband; a master	63
fú	服	clothing; to obey, yield to	23
fú	福	blessing, good fortune, happiness	160
fǔ	俯	to bow down, to stoop; to condescend	160
fǔ	腐	to decay, to rot; corrupt; old, worn-out	47
fù	父	father	29
fù	付	to pay (money); to consign (to)	320
fù	副	secondary, auxiliary; deputy, vice-; to assist; a set (of)	320
fù	复	to recover (to normal); answer, reply; complex; repeat	320
fù	妇	a woman, a female; a wife	320
fù	富	wealthy, affluent; abundant, plentiful	320
fù	负	to bear, to sustain; to be defeated; minus, negative	320
fù	附	rely on, be dependent on; attach, enclose, append; near to	320

— G —

gāi	该	ought to, should	38
gǎi	改	to change, to alter; to modify, to transform	160
gài	概	general, overall, roughly	160
gān / gàn	干	dry; clean / capabilities, talents; to do, manage; the main part	47
gǎn	感	to feel, perceive; to affect, be moved; feeling, emotion	160
gǎn	赶	to hurry, rush; to pursue; to expel, drive out	160
gāng	刚	just now, just this moment	32
gǎng	港	harbor, port; (short for) Hong Kong	59
gāo	高	high, tall; (a Chinese family name)	31
gǎo	搞	to do or be engaged in; to make a mess of, to mix up	320
gào	告	to tell, to inform; to accuse	39
ge / gè	个	(general Measure) / individual, (my)self	7
gē	哥	elder brother	29
gē	歌	song; to sing, to chant	160
gé	格	to adjust or regulate; a square frame or blank	320
gè	各	each, every; all	160
gěi	给	to give (to); for (the benefit of); to let, allow; the Passive	9
gēn	跟	together with; to follow	28
gēn	根	root (of a plant); foundation; M for stick-like objects	320

gèng/gēng	更	still more, even more / to change, alter	31
gōng	功	effort; function; merit; usefulness	63
gōng	工	work, job; labor, laborer; engineering	55
gōng	公	public, open to all	22
gōng	宫	a palace	320
gōng/gòng	供	to supply, contribute to / offer in worship; to confess	320
gòng	共	common, same, collectively, all; to work together	50
gòu	够	enough, sufficient	35
gòu	构	to constitute, to form, to establish	320
gǔ	古	ancient, old, antiquated	160
gù	故	former; previous; cause, reason; incident, event; intentional	160
gù	顾	to concern oneself about, care for, look after	320
guā	瓜	melon, gourd, cucumber	160
guài	怪	strange, odd, peculiar; to blame; a monster or ghost	320
guān	官	government official; (body) organ	160
guān	观	to observe, to view; point of view; appearance, view	63
guān	关	to close (up), to shut; relationship	35
guǎn	管	to manage, to control; to take heed to; a tube, pipe	62
guǎn	馆	hotel, restaurant; official residence or office	52
guàn	惯	accustomed to; habitual, customary	55
guāng	光	light, brightness; to exhaust; bare; alone; glossy	63
guǎng	广	broad, extensive; to stretch, to extend; Canton	160
guī	规	to plan, to scheme; rules, regulations	160
guī	归	to return, come back; to return (something); to belong to	320
guǐ	鬼	ghosts, demons; cunning, crafty; sinister, evil	320
guì	贵	expensive; your esteemed (surname, country, company, etc.)	12
guì	柜	cabinet, cupboard; shop counter	64
guó	国	country	20
guǒ	果	fruit; effect, result, consequence	21
guò	过	to pass, cross over; (particle of past experience)	30

— H —

hái	孩	child, children	23
hái / huán	还	still, yet, also; or	28
hǎi	海	sea, ocean	160

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hài	害	to injure, to damage; harm, detriment; to kill	320
hàn	汉	Chinese (people or language); Han (dynasty)	20
háng / xíng	行	a trade; a row of	52
háng	航	to navigate; ship, boat, vessel	160
hǎo / hào	好	good, well; okay / to love to, be fond of	9
hào	号	day (of month); number (of house); size (of clothing)	18
hē	喝	to drink	42
hé	合	to join, to combine; to close, to shut	61
hé	和	and; peace, harmony	35
hé	河	river, waterway	160
hé	何	what, how, why, where	160
hēi	黑	black; dark; evil, sinister	160
hěn	很	very	12
hóng	红	red (color)	33
hòu	后	rear of, back of; afterwards; descendants	26
hòu	候	period; to await	26
hū	呼	to call (out) or shout; to cry (out); to exhale	320
hú	湖	a lake	320
hǔ	虎	tiger; fierce, savage; brave; vigorous	320
hù	互	mutually, each other, reciprocally	320
hù	护	to protect, to guard, to shield, to defend	320
hù	户	door; household, family	160
huā	花	to spend (money/time); flower	36
huá	华	China, Cathay; prosperous; splendid, majestic	160
huà	划	to plan, to design; to unify; to lay boundaries	160
huà	画	to draw/paint (pictures); (Chinese character) stroke	160
huà	话	(spoken) words, speech; language	24
huà	化	to convert, to transform, to change; chemistry	70
huái	怀	bosom; to hold/harbor (thoughts); recollect; to conceive	320
huài	坏	bad, vicious, evil (persons); out of order; rotten, decaying	320
huān	欢	joyful, glad, be pleased with	19
huán / hái	还	to return (items borrowed)	28
huán	环	surroundings; to encircle, surround; a ring or bracelet	320
huàn	换	to change, to exchange; to alter; to substitute	160
huáng	黄	yellow (color) / (a Chinese family name)	15
huáng	皇	imperial, royal; an emperor	320

huí	回	to return; to reply to; number of times/repetitions	28
huì	汇	to remit money; collect (materials); categorize, classify	320
huì / kuài	会	will, shall; can (i.e. know how to); an association; a moment	19
hūn	婚	marriage, wedding	58
huó	活	to live, to be alive; active, lively; movable, mobile	42
huǒ	火	fire	22
huò	或	or (used in statements), either; perhaps, may be	56
huò	货	goods, cargo, freight; currency, money; to bribe, bribery	320

— J —

jī	机	machine; opportunity	22
jī	鸡	chicken	32
jī	基	foundation, base; origin, root, basis; on the basis of	160
jī	急	urgent, hurried; quick(ly); anxious, worried	160
jí	级	grade or year (in school); degree or rank	49
jí	即	promptly, immediately; even if/though; then, accordingly	320
jí	集	collection of works (e.g. poems); assemble, gather together	320
jí	及	and, as well as; reach, attain; just at the moment, timely	320
jǐ / jī	几	how many?; a few, some; which? / nearly, almost	11
jǐ	己	self, oneself	33
jì	记	to remember; to recollect; to record (in writing)	35
jì	寄	to mail	34
jì	际	border; boundary	160
jì	既	since (that); already, de facto	160
jì	计	to calculate; a plan, a scheme; to scheme, to plot	160
jì	纪	age (of a person); a century; historical record	160
jì	季	a season; a quarter of a year	320
jì	技	skill, special ability, ingenuity	320
jì	济	to aid or relieve (e.g. the poor)	320
jì	继	to continue, to carry on; to inherit, to succeed to	320
jiā	加	to add (to), to increase	51
jiā	家	home; family; specialist	25
jiǎ	甲	1st of the 10 Celestial Stems; first (e.g. Grade A); shell	320
jià	架	a rack, frame; to prop up, support; M for planes & pianos	320
jià / jiǎ	假	vacation, holiday / false, not real; supposing if	44

jià	价	price, cost, value	66
jiān	间	the space between; (Measure for rooms)	37
jiān	坚	strong & durable; resolute, determined; solid & firm	320
jiǎn	减	to decrease, to reduce, to subtract, to deduct, to cut	320
jiǎn	简	simple, concise, succinct, brief	48
jiǎn	检	to examine, to inspect, to search	69
jiàn	件	(Measure for items, things, clothing)	23
jiàn	见	to meet; to see; to visit or call on; perceive (RVE)	34
jiàn	建	to build, construct, establish; to propose, suggest	160
jiàn	渐	gradually, little-by-little	320
jiāng	江	a large river; the Yangtze River	320
jiāng / jiàng	将	about to, going to; = 把 / a general, an admiral	62
jiǎng	讲	to speak, to talk; to explain; to be fussy about	66
jiàng	强	obstinate, stubborn	320
jiàng / xiáng	降	to descend; to drop, decline; to lower	320
jiāo / jiào	教	to teach / to educate; a religion	24
jiāo	交	to deliver, to hand in/over; to exchange; to meet	67
jiāo	蕉	banana	59
jiǎo	脚	the feet; leg or base (of something)	320
jiǎo / jué	角	(animal) horn; a corner; an angle	160
jiào / (jiǎo)	较	comparatively; to compare; to compete	38
jiào	叫	to be called (by a name); to tell/order (someone); to shout out	14
jiào / jué	觉	a sleep or a nap	36
jiē	街	street	30
jiē	接	to receive, accept; to join, connect; to welcome	160
jiē	阶	grade or rank; flight of steps or stairs	320
jié	结	to unite, to connect; to tie, to knot; result, outcome	58
jié	节	festival, season	44
jiě	解	to loosen, to untie; to understand; to explain clearly	64
jiě	姐	elder sister; young lady	14
jiè	借	to lend/borrow	36
jiè	界	to demarcate, to delimit; domain, territory	160
jiè	介	to lie between; upright (of character)	160
jīn	金	gold; money, wealth; metal	67
jīn	今	now, the present	11
jīn	斤	<i>jīn</i> (= 500 gm.)	34

jǐn	仅	only; barely, scarcely	320
jǐn	紧	tight, tense, firm; urgent, critical, pressing	320
jǐn / jìn	尽	to one's greatest extent; exhaust, use up; accomplish; all	320
jìn	近	near (to), close (to) (in space and time)	59
jìn	进	to go ahead, advance, proceed; to improve	57
jīng	京	capital (of a country)	20
jīng	经	to pass through; classic books; to manage, to plan	38
jīng	精	ghosts, spirits; male sperm; essence, essentials	160
jǐng	景	scenery, view; circumstances, situation	160
jǐng	警	to warn, caution; to guard, keep watch	52
jǐng	井	a well	320
jìng	境	a boundary, border; a place, area; a state, circumstances	320
jìng	敬	to respect, honor, esteem, revere	320
jìng	竟	to finish, to terminate; somewhat unexpectedly	320
jìng	静	quiet & peaceful; motionless, calm; virtuous, chaste	160
jiū	究	to examine, to investigate; finally, after all	66
jiǔ	九	9	7
jiǔ	久	long (in time)	27
jiǔ	酒	wine, liquor; alcoholic drink	160
jiù	旧	old, ancient, past	160
jiù	救	to save, to rescue	160
jiù	就	then, thereupon; only, just; right away	25
jū	居	to reside, to abode	69
jú	局	office, bureau; a situation, state of affairs	27
jǔ	举	to lift, raise; to recommend; entire, whole, all; manner	320
jù	句	a sentence	320
jù	据	according to, on the basis of; proof, evidence	320
jù	聚	to come or put together; to assemble, to gather	320
jù	具	utensil, tool, equipment	56
jué	绝	to sever, break off; to renounce; to run out of, used up	320
jué	决	to decide, to judge; certain, sure	64
jué / jiào	觉	to feel that; to realise that	36
jué / jiǎo	角	role or part (in a play)	160
jūn	军	military, corps, armed services	160
jūn	君	a sovereign, king, monarch; you (polite/formal)	320

— K —

kǎ	卡	a card; cardboard	48
kāi	开	to open (up); to leave (of trains and scheduled buses)	22
kàn / kān	看	to see; to visit; to read; to look at / to keep an eye on	24
kǎo	考	to test or examine	44
kào	靠	to lean on, against; near to; to rely upon	160
kē	科	department, section; class/variety (of)	160
kě	可	may, can; but, however; indeed, certainly	19
kè	客	guest, stranger; spectator; alien, non-native	46
kè	课	lesson	27
kè	克	to overcome, to conquer; a gram	320
kè	刻	to carve, engrave; quarter of an hour; a moment; harsh	320
kōng / kòng	空	empty, vacant; sky or space / to have free/spare time	56
kǒng	孔	a hole, opening, aperture; Confucianism	320
kǒng	恐	to fear, to dread; to be afraid that ...	320
kǒu	口	mouth; oral; an opening; (Measure for people)	57
kū	哭	to cry, to weep, to sob	320
kǔ	苦	bitter; miserable, hard, difficult	160
kuài	快	fast, quick; about to, soon; happy	36
kuài	块	dollar; a piece or lump (of)	12
kuài / huì	会	to compute, to do accounting	19
kuǎn	款	a fund, a sum of money; to treat well; sincere(ly)	320
kuàng	况	situation, conditions, circumstances; moreover	320
kuò	括	to include, comprise of, to enclose	320

— L —

lā	拉	to pull, to drag; to lengthen, to elongate	160
lái	来	to come (to); the future; a little more than (used with numbers)	11
lán	兰	orchid	320
làng	浪	waves, billows, breakers; dissolute, debauched	320
láo	劳	to labor, toil; meritorius deeds; to trouble, to bother	320
lǎo	老	old (in years), elderly; always; 'dear' (friend, etc.); # child	16
le / liǎo	了	(suffix of change in situation <i>or</i> action completed)	25
lè / yuè	乐	happy, joyful, glad	57

lèi	类	a species, a class, a category; similar, alike	320
lèi / lěi	累	tired, tiring, weary / to accumulate, pile up	55
lěng	冷	cold (literally & figuratively)	160
lí	离	from (i.e. distance from); to leave, depart	42
lǐ	李	(a Chinese family name); plum	15
lǐ	理	reason, cause; law, principle; to govern, regulate	61
lǐ	里	in(side), within	13
lǐ	礼	courtesy, polite; rites, ceremony; a gift or present	18
lì	例	an example; regular, routine; regulation, custom, practice	320
lì	历	a calendar; an era, an age; to calculate	320
lì	利	profit; advantage; to benefit; sharp	160
lì	丽	beautiful, fine, elegant	160
lì	力	strength, power; might; vigorously	160
lì	立	to stand (erect); immediately; to establish, to erect	160
lián	连	to connect or join (up); even	41
lián	联	to unite, connect, join up; allied (forces), joint (effort)	320
liǎn	脸	the face (physically & figuratively)	320
liàn	练	to practice, train, exercise	55
liáng	良	good, fine; very; inborn, innate	320
liáng / liàng	量	to measure / a quantity; capacity; to estimate	320
liǎng	两	2 (must be followed by a Measure)	7
liàng	亮	bright, radiant, luminous	58
liáo	聊	to chat	65
liǎo / le	了	(RVE indicating possibility, ability or completion)	25
liào	料	material, stuff; to conjecture, reckon; infer, anticipate	320
liè	列	a series (of); to arrange in a line; enumerate; to display	320
lín	临	on the point of; approaching; temporary, provisional	320
lín	林	(a Chinese family name); a forest, woods	15
líng	零	zero; a small amount; retail	66
lǐng	领	the neck; a collar; to lead, head up; to receive, to get	320
lìng	令	a directive, order; to cause, make; your (formal speech)	320
lìng	另	another, besides, in addition to	45
liú	刘	(a Chinese family name)	15
liú	留	to keep, preserve; to stay (behind), remain; to detain (someone)	69
liú	流	to flow, to wander; a division, rank; unsettled, unfixed	160
liù	六	6	6

lóng	龙	dragon; imperial, the emperor	320
lóu	楼	(number of the) floor (in a building); storied building	46
lù	陆	land, terra firma; land transport; 6 (in formal script)	160
lù	路	road, path; way, route	30
lù	录	to record (sound); to take down (notes)	57
lǚ	旅	traveler, passenger; to travel; to lodge	52
lǜ	律	a law or regulation, a statute	320
lǜ / shuài	率	ratio (in maths); rate, proportion	320
lǜ / (lǜ)	绿	green	320
lùn / lún	论	to discuss, to argue, to debate / a theory	65
luò	落	to fall, to decline, to wither; few & far-spaced	320

— M —

ma	吗	(interrogative sentence particle)	8
mā	妈	mom	29
má	麻	hemp, sisal; numb; pock-marked	62
mǎ	马	horse; (a Chinese family name)	27
mǎ	码	a code, sign or thing indicating number	320
mǎi	买	to buy	12
mài	卖	to sell	12
mǎn	满	full; the whole of; abundant; Manchu	66
màn	慢	slow, unhurried	48
máng	忙	busy, in haste, short of time	25
máo	毛	(body) hair, fur; 10 cents, a dime; woolen	160
mào	贸	to trade, to barter; rashly; mixed	320
me	么	(interrogative particle)	10
méi	没	not	9
měi	每	each, every	33
měi	美	beautiful; America	28
mèi	妹	younger sister	29
men	们	(Noun suffix indicating the plural)	8
mén	门	door, gate	40
mǐ	米	(uncooked) rice; metre (linear measurement)	43
miǎn	免	to avoid, evade; to exempt, forego; dismiss (from office)	320
miàn	面	side, face; to face (something); noodles, flour	13

mín	民	the people (as opposed to the government)	160
míng	名	name; given name; reputation, fame	14
míng	明	light, bright; clear, understandable; Ming (dynasty)	11
mìng	命	life; fate, destiny; order, command	160
mò	末	last, final; late, end; trivial, unimportant	320
mǒu	某	a certain (person or thing)	320
mǔ	母	mother; female	29
mù	木	wood, timber; senseless, stupid, dumb-witted	160
mù	目	the eye; to look, to see; category, division	160

— N —

ná	拿	to take hold of or carry (smaller items)	41
nǎ	哪	which?	10
nà	那	that	10
nǎi	奶	milk; grandma; breasts	58
nán	男	male (of humans)	23
nán	南	south	20
nán / nàn	难	difficult, hard (to do), unpleasant (to do) / disaster, calamity	39
nǎo	脑	the brain	68
ne	呢	(used in questions <i>or</i> to indicate ongoing action)	41
nèi	内	within, inner; interior, domestic (e.g. flights); wife	160
néng	能	can (= 'be able to'); capability, talent; (atomic) energy	19
nǐ	你	you	8
nián	年	year	11
niàn	念	to read <i>aloud</i> ; to study	24
niáng	娘	mother; girls or women	320
niǎo	鸟	bird	160
nín	您	you (polite form)	160
níng / nìng	宁	serene, tranquil / would rather	320
niú	牛	cow, ox, cattle, bull	32
nóng	农	farming, farmer, agricultural	63
nòng	弄	to handle, to do; to play with; to make fun of	68
nǚ	女	female (of humans)	23

— O —

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— P —

pà 怕 to be afraid of; to fear, to dread; maybe, perhaps 160
 pái 排 a row or line (of); to expel, reject 60
 pái 牌 tablet, signboard; tag, label; brand(name); bulletin board 320
 pài 派 to dispatch; a school (of art); a party, faction; a tributary 320
 pán 盘 a plate, dish, tray; entwined; interrogate, investigate 320
 páng 旁 side (door, way); by the side of 160
 pǎo 跑 to run; to flee 57
 péi 陪 to accompany, keep company 320
 pèi 配 to pair, to mate; to match, fit, suit; to dispense (medicine) 160
 péng 朋 friend 23
 pí 皮 skin, leather, fur, hide, bark, rind; naughty 64
 piān / piàn 片 photograph / a piece or slice 48
 pián / biàn 便 cheap 25
 piào / piǎo 漂 pretty, attractive / to bleach / to float (piāo) 58
 piào 票 ticket 33
 pǐn 品 a commodity; personality; to rate, to grade 160
 píng 平 peaceful; level, even; equality 62
 píng 瓶 bottle, jug, vase 320
 pō 坡 a slope, bank, hillside 320
 pò 破 to break; dilapidated, ruined; defeat, beat (the enemy) 320
 pǔ 普 general, universal, widespread 67

— Q —

qī 七 7 6
 qī 妻 wife 68
 qī 期 a period of time; to expect, to hope (for) 18
 qí / jī 奇 strange, uncanny; wonderful / odd (numbers) 160
 qí 其 he, she, it, they; this that, the 70
 qí 骑 to ride (straddle) 42

qǐ	起	to arise, to get up; to rise	30
qǐ	企	to hope, long for, expect	320
qì	器	an implement, tool, utensil, instrument	320
qì	汽	steam, gas, vapor	51
qì	气	air, gas, breath; anger	35
qiān	千	1,000	7
qiān	筭	to sign (one's name); bamboo (divination) slips; a label	320
qián	前	front; previous, former	26
qián	钱	money	12
qiáng/qiǎng	强	strong, powerful / to force, compel, strive	320
qiáo	桥	a bridge	320
qiē / qiè	切	to cut, to slice / to be in close contact (with)	160
qiě	且	furthermore, moreover, still	45
qīn	亲	parents, relatives	29
qín	琴	a musical stringed instrument	320
qīng	轻	light (in weight); simple, easy; mild, gentle	67
qīng	青	green, blue, black; young, youth(ful)	50
qīng	清	clear, pure, clean; virtuous, honest; Qing (dynasty)	54
qíng	情	fact, detail; feeling, emotion; love, affection	45
qǐng	请	to ask/request to ...; to invite; please ...	9
qìng	庆	to celebrate or congratulate; festivity, joy	320
qiū	秋	autumn	160
qiú	求	to beg or plead for; to seek for; to demand; to covet	320
qiú	球	a ball, a globe, ball-shaped	60
qū	区	to distinguish; district, area, zone	160
qū / qǔ	曲	bent, winding, twisted / a piece of music, a song	320
qǔ	取	to collect, obtain; to select, choose; to marry	160
qù	去	to go (to)	11
qù	趣	interesting, funny; interest, fun	50
quán	全	perfect; complete, whole; absolute(ly)	160
quán	权	power, authority, inherent rights	320
quē	缺	deficient, lacking; incomplete, defective; a (job) vacancy	320
què	确	sure, certain, true, valid; firm(ly)	320
què	却	still, but, yet; to refuse to accept; to retreat, withdraw	160
qún	群	multitude, crowd, swarm (of), a flock, herd, large number	320

— R —

r / ér	儿	Noun suffix	13
rán	然	nevertheless, but, although	26
rǎn	染	to dye; to soil, pollute; to get infected, catch a disease	320
ràng	让	to give way (to), to yield, to concede; to permit, to allow	160
rè	热	hot, to heat; earnest, zealous, enthusiastic	47
rén	人	man, person, people	7
rén	仁	benevolence, kindness	320
rèn	认	to recognize; to admit; to resign oneself to	49
rèn	任	duty, office, post; to bear (a burden); to let one act at will	160
réng	仍	still, yet	320
rì	日	day; sun; Japan	18
róng	容	easy; to contain or hold; face, expression	25
ròu	肉	meat, flesh	32
rú	如	if, supposing; as, be like	41
rù	入	to enter; receipts, income; to arrive at, to reach	160
ruò	若	if, supposing (that), provided that	320

— S —

sài	赛	to compete, to contest; a tournament, match or race	320
sān	三	3	6
sè	色	a color; sensuality, lust; appearance, looks	40
shā	杀	to kill, slaughter, destroy	320
shān	山	mountain, hill	35
shāng	伤	wound, injury; to injure; grief, distress; to hurt (feelings)	320
shāng	商	trade, commerce, business; to discuss, confer	43
shàng	上	on, up, above; ascend, get into; last (week/month)	13
shāo	稍	somewhat, rather; slightly, a little	320
shāo	烧	to burn; to roast (meat)	47
shǎo/shào	少	little (in quantity), few; less / young, youthful	17
shào	绍	to bring together, connect, join; to continue	160
shè	舍	an inn or house	51
shè	社	society, community, an organization	64
shè	射	to shoot (e.g. an arrow); to emit (light/heat)	320

shè	设	to establish, set up; to lay out, display; to provide	320
shéi	谁	who?	18
shēn	身	the body; in person, oneself	69
shēn	深	deep (water); dark (colors); profound (ideas)	160
shén	神	god, spirit; divine, mystical; look, expression	160
shén	什	what?	10
shēng	生	to be born; to live; to breed; uncooked, unripe; unfamiliar	14
shēng	声	voice, sound; to make known; reputation, fame	160
shēng	升	to rise, ascend; promote, advance to a higher level; liter	320
shěng / xǐng	省	a province; to be economical	160
shèng	胜	to triumph, excel, win; victory, success; scenic view	320
shī	师	teacher, tutor, specialist	16
shī	失	to lose; to neglect, let slip; an omission, mistake	320
shī	施	to act, do, make; to bestow, grant; apply (ointment)	320
shī	诗	poetry, poems; Book of Odes	320
shí	石	rocks, stones, minerals	320
shí	食	food, meal; to eat	320
shí	实	real, true, actual; practical; tangible, solid	70
shí	十	10; complete(ly), perfect(ly)	7
shí	时	time; era, age	26
shí	识	to recognize, to know	49
shǐ	始	beginning, start	36
shǐ	使	to make, to act; to use, to employ; to send envoys	160
shǐ	史	history, historical	320
shì	示	to show, indicate; to notify; instruct; to demonstrate	320
shì	视	to look at, to observe, to watch, to inspect	320
shì	释	to explain, to interpret; to set free; to disperse, dispel	320
shì	世	world; generation	160
shì	式	model, style, mode, pattern	160
shì	室	a room	67
shì	适	just right, exactly; appropriate, fit; at ease with self	61
shì	市	market; city, municipality	21
shì	事	matter, item of business; job, task	33
shì	士	scholar, man of learning; soldier	53
shì	是	to be; yes, right	9
shì	试	to test or examine; to have a try at	44

shōu	收	to gather, collect; to retrieve; to accept, receive	160
shǒu	手	hand; a skilled person	63
shǒu	守	to guard, protect; to keep (secrets); to abide by (laws)	320
shǒu	首	the first, the beginning; chief, leader; M for poems, songs	320
shòu	受	to receive, to accept; to endure, to suffer; pleasant	70
shòu	授	to teach, to tutor	46
shū	书	book; a document, certificate; a style of calligraphy	13
shū	舒	to relax; to unfold, stretch; slow, leisurely	53
shú	熟	ripe (fruit); well-cooked (food); very familiar	320
shǔ	属	to belong to; be governed by; a category	320
shǔ / shù	数	to count, enumerate / number, quantity, amount	320
shù	术	a skill; a way or method to do something	320
shù	树	tree; to plant, to cultivate; to erect, to establish	320
shuài / lǜ	率	to lead (troops); frank, straightforward; handsome	320
shuāng	双	a pair, a couple; even (as distinct from odd numbers)	160
shuǐ	水	water, liquid	21
shuì	税	tax, duties (on commodities)	320
shuì	睡	to sleep	45
shùn	顺	smooth-going; to submit to, to follow, to obey	160
shuō	说	to say, to speak; to say that	16
sī	司	to be in charge of	37
sī	思	to think, consider; to remember, recall	37
sī	私	private, personal; secret, clandestine; contraband; selfish	320
sǐ	死	to die; extremely (RVE)	68
sì	似	to resemble, to seem; like, as if	320
sì	四	4	6
sōng	松	lax, slack; to relax, to loosen	67
sòng	送	to give (gifts); to send/deliver (goods); to see off (guests)	59
sù	素	vegetarian diet; plain, simple; up to the present	320
sù	速	fast, speed(y), prompt	320
sù	宿	to stay overnight, to lodge	51
sù	诉	to tell, to inform; to accuse, to file a complaint	39
suàn	算	to calculate, to compute; to plan (to); to regard, consider as	19
suī	虽	although	26
suí	随	to listen to, submit (to); to accompany; to follow on after	160
suì	岁	years old, age (of a person)	160

sūn	孙	grandchild; a descendant	320
suǒ	所	that which; place, location; building or office	31
— T —			
tā	他	he, him; other, another (e.g. person)	8
tā	她	she, her	8
tā	它	it (neuter gender)	160
tái	台	raised platform; (Meas. for electrical equip./machines)	43
tài	态	attitude; manner, bearing; situation, circumstances	320
tài	太	too, excessively	12
tán	谈	to chat, to converse, to talk over	56
tán / dàn	弹	to play (stringed instrument); to rebound	320
tāng	汤	soup; hot water	160
táng	唐	Tang (dynasty)	320
táng	堂	hall, meeting or reception room; relatives of same grandfather	160
tǎo	讨	to demand, to beg for; to examine into	65
tào	套	a set/suit (of); to wear/slip on (clothes); a case, wrapping	320
tè	特	special, unique, unusual, outstanding	66
tí	题	topic, subject (for discussion)	42
tí	提	to lift by hand, pull up, carry; mention, suggest; deliver	320
tǐ	体	the body; shape, form	69
tiān	天	day; sky, heaven; nature, natural; weather; Nature, God	11
tián	田	fields, cultivated land, rice fields, agricultural land	160
tiáo	条	(Measure for long, narrow objects); clause (in a law or treaty)	43
tiáo / diào	调	to adjust; to blend, to mix	320
tiào	跳	to jump, to leap; to throb, to pulsate; to skip (over)	320
tiě	铁	iron; firm, unyielding	320
tīng	厅	a hall; main room of a house; government agency	320
tīng	听	to listen to, to hear; to obey	42
tíng	庭	a hall; a yard; the imperial court; court of justice	320
tíng	停	to stop; to park (a vehicle)	60
tōng	通	to interchange; to lead/reach to; flow unobstructed	67
tóng	同	same, identical; together; equal; to agree	62
tǒng	统	wholly, totally; to unify, unite; to govern, to rule	160
tòng	痛	painful; aching; sorrowful; bitter(ly); heartily	320

tóu	投	to throw, toss; to present (as a gift); to submit to, join	320
tóu	头	the head; top, first, chief; (localizer suffix)	34
tū	突	abrupt, sudden; to break through; to jut out	320
tú	途	a way or road	320
tú	图	a picture, chart, diagram, map; intention, aim, purpose	320
tǔ	土	earth, soil; land, territory; local, native; rustic; unrefined	320
tuán	团	a group, a club, an organization; a mass, a lump	64
tuī	推	to push; to infer, to deduce; to shirk (responsibilities)	320
tuì	退	to retreat, withdraw; to retire; send back (for a refund)	320
tuō	脱	to undress; to abandon, cast off; to escape from	320

— W —

wài	外	outside; foreign	33
wān	湾	a bay, gulf or cove; bend of a stream	320
wán	完	to finish, to complete; whole, perfect	46
wán	玩	to play or amuse oneself (at or with)	56
wǎn	晚	evening; late	40
wǎn	碗	(rice) bowl, a bowl (of)	60
wàn	万	10,000; myriads (of); all; very, extremely	7
wáng	王	king; (a Chinese family name)	15
wǎng	往	to go towards (a given direction); in the past	59
wàng	忘	to forget	70
wàng	望	to view, to watch; to hope, to expect	65
wēi	微	very small, minute, slight; low, humble	320
wēi	危	danger(ous), perilous, precarious	320
wéi	违	to disobey, defy, go against	320
wéi	围	to surround, encircle, hem in; surroundings, environment	320
wěi	伟	extraordinary, great, gigantic	320
wěi	委	to deputize (for); to commission; frustrated	320
wěi	尾	the tail, the rear; last, final; remaining	320
wèi	卫	to guard, protect; a guard, keeper; a state in Chou Dynasty	320
wèi	味	taste, flavor; smell, odor	320
wèi	未	not yet; not	320
wèi / wéi	为	for, on behalf of / to be; to do, to handle	31
wèi	位	(polite Measure for people); position, rank; location; seat	16

wēn	温	warm; mild; temperature; to review (materials studied)	320
wén	闻	to smell; to hear, have heard; make known; reputation	320
wén	文	written language	24
wèn	问	to ask (a question), to inquire	10
wǒ	我	I, me	8
wū	屋	house; room	320
wú	无	not, no, none; without, to lack; no matter what	65
wú	吴	(a Chinese family name)	15
wǔ	五	5	6
wǔ	午	noon	31
wǔ	武	military; martial, warlike	320
wǔ	舞	to dance; to wave, brandish	320
wù	务	duty, affairs; must, necessary; be engaged in, attend to	320
wù	物	thing, matter; the physical world, nature	61

— X —

xī	希	to hope, to desire, to long for; rare, strange	65
xī	西	west	20
xī	息	to stop, to end; news, tidings	44
xī	吸	to inhale, absorb, imbibe; to attract, to draw	160
xī	惜	to pity, to regret; to cherish	160
xí	席	a feast, banquet; a seat; a mat	320
xí	习	to practice, learn; habit, custom	55
xǐ	洗	to wash	42
xǐ	喜	joyful, glad, be pleased with	19
xì	系	to relate to; system, series; (university) department	70
xì	戏	a drama or play; a game; to jest, make fun (of)	320
xì	细	tiny; thin, slender, slim; exquisite; detailed, trifling	320
xià	下	down, below; descend, go down; next (week/month)	13
xià	夏	summer; a dynasty in Chinese history	160
xiān	先	first	14
xiān	鲜	fresh; bright, attractive	59
xiǎn	险	dangerous, danger; obstructed	160
xiǎn	显	evident, clear; eminent; to manifest, show, display	320
xiàn	县	county or prefecture	320

xiàn	线	thread, wire; a line	320
xiàn	限	boundary; limit, restriction; to limit or restrict	320
xiàn	现	now, at the present time; to emerge, appear; ready, available	27
xiāng/xiàng	相	reciprocal, one another, mutual / facial features	56
xiāng	香	tasty, delicious; fragrant; incense, balm	59
xiāng	箱	a box, chest, trunk	160
xiāng	乡	countryside, rural; a village; one's native home	320
xiáng / jiàng	降	to surrender, submit to	320
xiǎng	响	to make a sound; (of bells) to ring; a noise or sound	320
xiǎng	想	to think (that/about), to think (of doing)	16
xiàng	项	an item, matter, article; the back of the neck	320
xiàng	向	to face towards (a given direction); until now	59
xiàng	像	such as; to be like, seem like, to resemble	53
xiāo	消	to vanish, disappear, die out; disperse, remove, eliminate	320
xiāo	销	to be marketed, to sell; to melt	320
xiǎo	小	small, little, trivial; young (in age)	14
xiào	效	effective(ness), efficacy; to imitate, mimic	320
xiào	笑	to laugh, to smile; to ridicule, to deride	66
xiào	校	school	16
xiē	些	a few, some; (the plural Measure)	21
xié	鞋	shoes, footwear	64
xié	协	to assist, to aid; be united; coordinate; an agreement	320
xiě	写	to write	24
xiě / (xuè)	血	blood	160
xiè	谢	to thank; (a Chinese family name)	17
xīn	心	the mind; the heart or core; intention, idea	47
xīn	新	new	28
xìn	信	letter (mail); to believe or trust (in); news, a message	34
xīng	星	star or planet	18
xíng / háng	行	okay, alright; to walk; baggage	52
xíng	型	a style, fashion; pattern, model; mould (for casting)	320
xíng	形	form, shape, appearance	320
xǐng / shěng	省	to be introspective, to examine (oneself), to reflect on	160
xìng	幸	well-being & happiness; fortunately, luckily	320
xìng / xīng	兴	cheerful, happy; interests / to prosper, to thrive	50
xìng	姓	to be surnamed, surname	14

xìng	性	nature, temper, disposition; sex	160
xiū	休	to rest, to pause, to cease, to stop	44
xiū	修	to prune, to cut; long, slender; to repair; to study	61
xū	需	to need (to), needs	45
xū	须	have to, must; a beard	320
xǔ	许	perhaps, may be; permit, allow; (Chinese family name)	53
xù	续	to continue, renew, extend	63
xuān	宣	to announce, declare; to propagate, circulate	320
xuǎn	选	to select, choose; to elect, elections	320
xué	学	to study, learn, to learn how to	16
xuě	雪	snow; snow-white; to wash/wipe away	320
xùn	训	to instruct, train, lecture; (serve as) a lesson or model	320

— Y —

yā	压	to press (down); to oppress, suppress; to crush	320
yá	牙	teeth; ivory articles	320
yà	亚	Asia; second (in excellence)	160
yān	烟	smoke, fumes; tobacco, cigarette; vapor, mist	320
yán	严	stern, strict, severe, rigorous, solemn	320
yán	言	speech, words; language, dialect; to speak, to talk	320
yán	研	to investigate, to research	66
yǎn	演	to perform, act; expound; to exercise, practice; to evolve	320
yǎn	眼	the eye; a look, glance; an aperture, opening	320
yàn	验	to examine, analyze; to verify, to prove	320
yáng	杨	(a Chinese family name)	17
yáng	阳	the sun, solar; male, masculine; positive (electricity)	160
yǎng	养	to breed, to raise; to bear (a child); to nourish	65
yàng	样	kind, variety (of); style, pattern; appearance, looks	41
yào	药	medicine; drugs	320
yào / yāo	要	to want; want to, going to; will (= future tense) / to demand	8
yé	爷	father; master, sir	58
yě	也	also, too	10
yè	夜	night, dark	160
yè	业	work, trade, occupation; estate, property	160
yè	叶	a leaf or petal	320

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yī	一	1; single, alone; whole, all; throughout; just as soon as	6
yī	衣	clothing	23
yī	医	(medical) doctor, physician; to heal, treat diseases	54
yí	宜	right, proper	25
yǐ	已	already	38
yǐ	以	because of, by means of	19
yì	易	easy, lenient; Book of Changes	25
yì	意	meaning; intention; idea	37
yì	义	justice, righteousness; meaning; philanthropy, charity	320
yì	议	to discuss, debate, negotiate; opinion, viewpoint	320
yì	亿	100 million	320
yì	艺	art, skill, craft, talent	320
yīn	因	because (of), for; cause, reason	31
yīn	音	sound, voice; a musical note; news/information	57
yín	银	silver; money, wealth	52
yǐn	引	to attract; to guide; to quote; to cause, to make	320
yìn	印	to print, imprint; a seal or chop, imprint, mark	54
yīng / yìng	应	ought to, should / to respond to; to deal with	38
yīng	英	English; British; handsome; outstanding	24
yíng	营	military barracks; camp; battalion; to administer, manage	320
yíng	迎	to welcome, receive, greet	320
yǐng	影	shadow, image, reflection; to copy & imitate	54
yǒng	永	eternal, everlasting, permanent	160
yòng	用	to use; use (Noun); with, using	30
yóu	油	oil, fat, grease; inflammable liquid	43
yóu	邮	postal, mail	27
yóu	游	to tour, to travel; to swim, to float	160
yóu	由	reason, cause; from; up to (someone); by, through	320
yǒu	友	friend, friendly	23
yǒu	有	there is/are; to have	9
yòu	又	again, also	41
yòu	右	right (side)	50
yú	鱼	fish	32
yú	于	then, than, to; in, on, at, by, from	70
yǔ	语	spoken language	24
yǔ	雨	rain	160

yǔ / yù	与	and, together with; give, impart / participate in, take part	320
yù	玉	jade; gems or precious stones	320
yù	遇	to meet, run into, encounter; treatment, to treat; a chance	320
yù	育	to educate; to breed, to beget; to raise (children)	69
yù	浴	to bathe	67
yù	预	to prepare; in advance; reserve (funds)	160
yuán	元	dollar; the beginning; Yuan (dynasty)	58
yuán	园	park, garden	36
yuán	原	origin, source, beginning; originally	160
yuán	员	member (of staff or an organization)	160
yuán	源	source; head (of a stream)	320
yuǎn	远	far away, distant	45
yuàn	院	courtyard, yard; hall, court, college	54
yuàn	愿	be willing to, be desirous of; an aspiration	49
yuē	约	a contract; approx.; a date, appointment; to bind, restrain	320
yuè	越	the more; even more; to cross over	62
yuè / lè	乐	music	57
yuè	月	month; moon	18
yùn	运	to transport (goods); to utilize; luck, fortune	51

— Z —

zá	杂	to mix or blend; miscellaneous; petty & numerous	320
zài	再	again (future), more (i.e. additionally); still, further	32
zài	在	to be (located) at; in, at, on; to be alive; (present progressive)	13
zán	咱	I, me; (in the plural = <u>inclusive</u>) we	160
zǎo	早	early; ago, before; Good Morning!	34
zào	造	to create; to manufacture, to produce; to build	320
zé	则	but, however; a rule, regulation, law, norm	320
zé	责	one's duty or obligation; to upbraid, reprimand	320
zěn	怎	how? why? in what way? how is it that ...?	35
zēng / céng	曾	older/younger by three generations; (Chinese family name)	160
zēng	增	to add to, increase, enlarge, grow	320
zhǎn	展	to spread out, to unfold, to open	320
zhàn	战	war, battle; to contest, to fight; to shudder, shiver	320
zhàn	站	to stand; a (train) station, a (bus) stop	22

zhāng	张	(M for stamps & flat objects); (Chinese name); to open (mouth)	15
zhāng	章	chapter; emblem; a system	160
zhǎng/cháng	长	to grow; senior, elder	40
zhàng	丈	an elder, a senior; (a unit of measurement)	68
zhāo	招	to beckon (with one's hand); to recruit, enlist; to attract	320
zhāo / cháo	朝	(early) morning	320
zhào/zhāo	着	(RVE of successful attainment) / worried, anxious	41
zhǎo	找	to look for, 'hunt' for	36
zhào	照	to shine upon; to care for; license, certificate	56
zhào	赵	(a Chinese family name)	17
zhe	着	(verb suffix indicating continuing of action)	41
zhě	者	those who; (particle used to form adverbials)	160
zhè	这	this	10
zhēn	真	really, truly; real, true	38
zhēng	争	to contend, struggle, strive for; to dispute, argue	320
zhěng	整	whole, complete; orderly, tidy; to set in order	61
zhèng	证	to prove, to confirm; evidence, proof	69
zhèng	正	in the middle of (doing something); exactly	37
zhèng	政	government; politics; administration	160
zhī	知	to know	34
zhī	织	to weave, to knit	320
zhī	支	to disburse (\$); to support, sustain; a branch, subdivision	320
zhī	之	of (possessive particle similar to 的)	320
zhí	职	profession, vocation; an office or official duties; to govern	320
zhí	值	price (of commodities), value; be worth; be on duty	320
zhí	直	straight; direct; continuous; outspoken, frank	160
zhǐ / zhī	只	only, just / (Meas. for animals & birds; one of a pair)	52
zhǐ	纸	paper	48
zhǐ	止	to stop, to cease, to halt; to prohibit	320
zhǐ	指	to indicate, refer to; to point, to direct; the finger	320
zhǐ	址	a location, a foundation, a site, (an address)	320
zhì	志	will, purpose, determination; an ideal, ambition, desire	320
zhì	智	wise, intelligent, capable, talented	320
zhì	治	to administer, govern, rule; to treat (diseases); to punish	320
zhì	置	to put, to place; to establish, set up; to purchase	320
zhì	至	to arrive at, reach (a destination); extremely	320

zhì	制	to produce, manufacture, create	320
zhì	质	matter, substance; one's disposition, temperament	320
zhōng/zhòng	中	middle; China / to hit (the target or bullseye)	20
zhōng	钟	o'clock; a clock; bells (which toll)	42
zhōng	终	the end, conclusion; to die, pass away; finally, at last	320
zhǒng/zhòng	种	kind or sort (of); seeds (of grains) / to plant, sow	48
zhòng	众	many, numerous; multitude, crowd, the masses	320
zhòng/chóng	重	heavy, weighty; severe; important	49
zhōu	州	county (in old China); a state (in America)	52
zhōu	周	all around, everywhere; complete; to aid; Chou Dynasty	320
zhū	猪	pig	32
zhú	竹	bamboo	320
zhǔ	主	lord, master, host, leader, chief; to officiate at	160
zhù	住	to live, to reside; to stop; (RVE)	30
zhù	助	to assist, to help, to aid	160
zhù	注	to concentrate; be engrossed in; to pour (liquid); annotate	320
zhù	祝	to offer good wishes; to congratulate; to celebrate	320
zhù	著	to write, to author; writings, books; outstanding	320
zhuān	专	concentrate, focus on; exclusive; specialize; monopolize	320
zhuǎn	转	to turn; to change, to shift; to transfer, pass on to	320
zhuàn/chuán	传	a biography	160
zhuāng	装	install; pack, load; pretend, feign; decorate; to store, keep	320
zhuàng	状	appearance, form; state, condition; certificate	320
zhǔn	准	a standard or norm; accurate; to approve, to allow	51
zhuō	桌	table (for eating)	56
zi / zǐ	子	(Noun suffix) / son; a person; a seed	17
zī	资	wealth, capital; expenses; one's qualifications; to assist	320
zì	字	word; written (Chinese) character	14
zì	自	self, oneself, personally; from	33
zōng	宗	ancestor or clan; religion or sect; to believe in	320
zǒng	总	chief, central; always; overall, total	160
zǒu	走	to depart, to leave; to walk; to go (by way of)	30
zū	租	to rent, to let, to lease; rent	160
zú	族	tribe, clan, relatives; race (of people); class/group (of)	320
zú	足	the foot or leg; base (of an object); sufficient, adequate	320
zǔ	祖	ancestors; one's grand-father/mother; founder, originator	320

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zǔ	组	a group, a team; to organize, to arrange, to form	160
zuǐ	嘴	the mouth; a nozzle	320
zuì	最	the most, -est (= the superlative)	31
zūn	尊	to honor, revere, esteem, respect	320
zuó	昨	yesterday	39
zuǒ	左	left (side)	50
zuò	作	to do, make, write, compose, act the part of	55
zuò	坐	to sit; to ride or go by (a conveyance with seats)	22
zuò	做	to do, to make, to engage in	35
zuò	座	a seat; a stand, base, pedestal; Measure for mountains	160