

HSK Level Upon Completion	Course Name	Characters/ Words Upon Completion	Language Ability Upon Completion
			Definition According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
HSK 1 Elementary	A1	Characters: 178	Can understand and use familiar Chinese everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.
		Words: 150	
HSK 2 Elementary with Honors	A2	Characters: 349	Can understand sentences and frequently used Chinese expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
		Words: 300	
HSK 2 to 3	B1	Characters: 485	Can understand and express basic life topics clearly and understands sentence patterns, like forming a question, comparing things or describing objects.
		Words: 450	
HSK 3 Intermediate with Honors	B1+	Characters: 623	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
		Words: 600	
HSK 4 Upper Intermediate	B2 to B2++	Characters: 1071	Can understand the main ideas of complex Chinese text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
		Words: 1200	
HSK 5 Advanced	C1 to C1++ +	Characters: 1709	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer mandarin texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
		Words: 2500	
HSK 6 Advanced with Honors	C2 to C2++ +++	Characters: 2633	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources of Chinese language, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations.
		Words: 5000	