

# GCSE CHINESE (SPOKEN MANDARIN)

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Specification

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### 3.4 Vocabulary

The minimum core vocabulary lists are primarily intended as a guide for teachers to assist in the planning of schemes of work.

The assessment tasks at Foundation Tier will require students to understand and respond to common or familiar and/or forms of words that are not on the vocabulary list.

The assessment tasks at Higher Tier will require students to understand and respond to words and/or forms of words that are not on the vocabulary list and which are less common or familiar than those used in relation to Foundation Tier assessments.

Vocabulary listed under a particular theme should be considered transferable, as appropriate, to the other themes.

#### 3.4.1 General vocabulary

Students will be expected to use and understand the general vocabulary listed below. This vocabulary is not restricted to specific settings and can occur in any of the themes listed in the specification.

##### 3.4.1.1 Measure words

Chinese	English
个	general measure word
口	for members of the family
本	for books
张	for flat things
只	for animals and birds
件	for clothes and glasses
杯	for cups
碗	for bowls
瓶	for bottles
双	for pairs of
条	for long things

## 3.4.1.2 Verbs

Chinese	English
是	to be

  

Chinese	English
有	to have
问	to ask
吃	to eat
喝	to drink
知道	to know (a fact)/to be aware of (a person)
认识	to know (a person)
叫	to call/to be named
学	to learn/to study
懂/明白	to understand
说	to say/speak
要	to want
想	to want to/to think
觉得	to feel
写	to write
画	to draw/to paint
住	to live
坐	to sit
玩	to play
睡觉	to sleep
用	to use

希望	to hope
来	to come
去	to go
回	to return
Chinese	English
买	to buy
卖	to sell
换	to change
试	to try
发	to send (an email)
寄	to send (a letter)
忘	to forget
记得	to remember
洗	to wash
找	to look for/to find
参观	to visit
参加	to take part in
穿	to wear (clothes)
戴	to wear (accessories)

### 3.4.1.3 Adjectives

Chinese	English
好	good
坏	bad
快	quick
慢	slow

漂亮	beautiful
难看	ugly
有意思	interesting
没意思	boring
Chinese	English
干净	clean
脏	dirty
忙	busy
累	tired
饿	hungry
渴	thirsty
高兴	happy
好吃	delicious
强	strong
弱	weak
旧/老	old
新	new
贵	expensive
便宜	cheap

#### 3.4.1.4 Comparisons

Chinese	English
一样	the same
跟/和 。 。 。 一样	...is the same as...
跟/和 。 。 。 不一样	...is not the same as...
没有 。 。 。 那么好	...is not as good as...

比	to compare
。。。比。。。好	...is better than...
比较好	quite good
最好	best
Chinese	English
最坏/最差	worst
更好	even better

### 3.4.1.5 Conjunctions and connectives

Chinese	English
除了。。。以外。。	apart from ...and also...
虽然。。。但是。。	although...but...
要是/如果。。。就。。	if ...then...
又。。。又。。	both...and...
越。。。越。。	more and more
的时候	when
因为。。。所以。。	because...therefore...
可是/但是	but
不过	however
而且	moreover
。。。或者。。。	or... (statement)
。。。还是。。。	or... (question)
因此	because of this
一边。。。一边。。。	on the one hand...on the other hand...
一。。。就。。。	as soon as ...then...
第一	firstly

第二	secondly
第三	thirdly
却	but

### 3.4.1.6 Negatives

Chinese	English
不	not
没有	has not
不。。。了	no longer

### 3.4.1.7 Money

Chinese	English
现金	cash
块	kuai (spoken)
元	yuan (written)
毛	mao (spoken)
角	jiao (written)
零用钱	pocket money
换钱	to change money

### 3.4.1.8 Asking questions

Chinese	English
什么时候	when?
为什么	why?
怎么样	how about it?
什么	what?
哪	which?
谁	who?
哪儿	where?

多长	how long? (length)
多久/多长时间	how long? (time)
Chinese	English
几岁	how old?
多大	how old?
几点	what time?
多少/几	how much/many?
怎么	how?
从哪儿	where from?
去哪儿	where to?
和/跟谁一起	who with?
星期几	what day of the week?
几月几日	what month and what day?
哪年	what year?

#### 3.4.1.9 Greetings and exclamations

Chinese	English
你好	hello
早上好	good morning
晚上好	good evening
你好吗	how are you?
你属什么	what year were you born in?
您贵姓	what is your name? (polite)
你叫什么	what is your name?
谢谢	thank you
对不起/没关系	sorry/it's okay



新年快乐	Happy New Year
欢迎	welcome
Chinese	English
祝好	best wishes/good luck
再见	goodbye
干杯	cheers
太好了	that's great!
真糟糕	that's awful!

### 3.4.1.10 Opinions

Chinese	English
喜欢	to like
觉得/以为/想	to think/to feel
非常好	excellent
舒服	comfortable
一定	definite(ly)/certain(ly)
胡说	nonsense, rubbish
同意	to agree
反对	(to be) against/opposed to something
比较喜欢	to prefer
对。。。有兴趣	to be interested in...
不对	that's not right/correct
高兴/快乐	happy/glad/pleased
相信	to believe
恨	to hate
有用	useful

没有用	useless
安全	safe
Chinese	English
重要	important
希望	to wish

### 3.4.1.11 Expressions of time

#### Seasons

Chinese	English
季节	season
春天	spring
夏天	summer
秋天	autumn
冬天	winter

#### Months of the year

Chinese	English
年	year
月	month
日/号	day

#### The clock

Chinese	English
点	o'clock
小时	hour
分钟	minute
半	half
刻	quarter
慢	to be slow

快	to be fast
Chinese	English
晚	late
早	early
几点了	what time is it?

### Other expressions of time

Chinese	English
星期一	Monday
星期二	Tuesday
星期三	Wednesday
星期四	Thursday
星期五	Friday
星期六	Saturday
星期日/星期天	Sunday
早上	early morning
上午	morning
中午	midday
下午	afternoon
晚上	evening
每天早上	every morning
每天晚上	every evening
每天	every day
每个月	every month
每年	every year
今天	today

明天	tomorrow
Chinese	English
昨天	yesterday
前天	the day before yesterday
后天	the day after tomorrow
常常/经常	often
快	soon
最近	recently
周末	weekend
到底	in the end
马上	immediately
总是	always
现在	now
有时候	sometimes
已经	already
很少	seldom/rarely

#### 3.4.1.12 Location and distance

Chinese	English
这儿	here
那儿	there
近	close by
远	far
上	on top of
下	below
往	towards

对面	opposite
Chinese	English
后	behind
前	in front
里	inside
外	outside
中间	in the middle of
旁边	next to
离	away from
左	left
右	right
附近	near by
在	to be situated (in)

### 3.4.1.13 Weights and measures

Chinese	English
斤	jin (old Chinese weight, 0.5kg)
公斤	kilogram
公里	kilometre
米	metre
公分	centimetre
升	litre
多	many
少	few
窄	narrow
瘦	thin

高	tall/high
Chinese	English
矮	short (height)
一点	a little
一些	some/a few
差不多	about/roughly
瓶	bottle
杯	cup/glass

#### 3.4.1.14 Access

Chinese	English
关	to close
开	to open
入口	entrance (building)
出口	exit (building)
有人	occupied, engaged
门票	entrance ticket
免费	free

#### 3.4.2 Theme based vocabulary (Foundation Tier)

##### 3.4.2.1 Identity and culture

##### Me, my family and friends

Chinese	English
家	family
爸爸	dad
父亲	father
妈妈	mum
母亲	mother

Chinese	English
哥哥	older brother
弟弟	younger brother
姐姐	elder sister
妹妹	younger sister
儿子	son
女儿	daughter
奶奶	grandmother (paternal family)
爷爷	grandfather (paternal family)
孙子	grandson (paternal family)
孙女	granddaughter (paternal family)
阿姨	auntie (maternal family)
叔叔	uncle (maternal family)
结婚	married
年纪	age
岁	years old
胖	fat
瘦	thin
聪明	clever
友好	friendly
安静	quiet
亲切	kind
美丽	pretty
幽默	humorous

有名	famous
Chinese	English
护照	passport
参观	to visit
笔友	pen friend
孩子	child
朋友	friend
男孩	boy
女孩	girl
宠物	pet
猫	cat
狗	dog
马	horse
兔子	rabbit
鸟	bird
我	I/me
你	you
他	he/him
她	she/her
它	it
我们	we
你们	you (plural)
他们	they
我的	my/mine



你的	your/yours
他的	his
Chinese	English
她的	her/hers
它的	its
我们的	our/ours
你们的	your/yours (pl)
他们的	their/theirs
头发	hair
眼睛	eyes
嘴	mouth
耳朵	ears
手	hand
脚	foot
客人	guest
生日	birthday
电话号码	telephone number
地址	address
我很喜欢	I like... (very much)
我很讨厌	I can't stand.../I don't like...

### Technology in everyday life

Chinese	English
网站	website
电脑	computer
网页	web page

上网	to go online
电子邮件	email
Chinese	English
手机	mobile phone
打电话	to make a telephone call
用	to use
打字	to type
聊天	to chat
网民	internet user
网友	internet friend
收	to receive
发	to send
计算器	calculator
社交媒体/社交网站	social media

#### Free time activities

Chinese	English
踢足球	to play football
打羽毛球	to play badminton
玩滑板	to skateboard
打太极拳	to practice taiqi
跑步	to run
爬山	to climb hills
钓鱼	to go fishing
游泳	to swim
弹吉他	to play the guitar

看小说	to read a novel
遛狗	to walk a dog
Chinese	English
看电视	to watch TV
听音乐	to listen to music
交朋友	to make friends
看电影	to watch a film
看京剧	to watch Beijing opera
去电影院	to go to the cinema
唱歌	to sing
跳舞	to dance
请	to invite
流行歌曲	pop song
电视节目	TV programme
电视剧	TV drama
动画片	cartoon
新闻	news
购物中心	shopping centre
赛马	horse racing
名人	celebrity
花钱	to spend money
照相/拍照	to take a photo
照片	photograph
网吧	internet café

有空	to have free time
比赛	competition
队员	team member

Chinese	English
参加	to participate
买票	to buy a ticket
杂志	magazine
报纸	newspaper
书	book
爱好	hobby
茶	tea
咖啡	coffee
牛奶	milk
水	water
汽水	fizzy drink
果汁	fruit juice
酒	wine
汤	soup
米饭	rice
面条	noodles
面包	bread
牛肉	beef
猪肉	pork
鸡肉	chicken

鱼	fish
海鲜	seafood
饺子	dumpling
鸡蛋	egg
Chinese	English
肉	meat
鸭肉	duck
烤	roast
蔬菜/青菜	vegetable
蛋糕	cake
水果	fruit
早饭	breakfast
午饭	lunch
晚饭	dinner
点心	snack/dim sum
菜单	menu
饭馆	restaurant
咖啡厅	cafe
点	to order food
做饭	to cook food
筷子	chopsticks

### Customs and festivals in Chinese-speaking countries/communities

Chinese	English
春节/中国新年	Chinese New Year
饺子	dumplings

红包	red envelopes
舞狮	lion dance
舞龙	dragon dance
中秋节	Mid-autumn festival
Chinese	English
月饼	moon cake
圣诞节	Christmas
收	to get/to receive
感谢	to thank
请	to invite
邀请	invitation
送礼物	to give a present
节日	festival/celebration
客人	guest
礼物	present

### 3.4.2.2 Local, national, international and global areas of interest

#### Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Chinese	English
饭厅	dining room
客厅	lounge
书房	study
卧室	bedroom
厨房	kitchen
厕所	toilet
浴室	bathroom

花园	garden
桌子	table
椅子	chair
床	bed

Chinese	English
电视	TV
电话	telephone
门	door
灯	light
书架	bookcase
电脑	computer
冰箱	fridge
洗衣机	washing machine
炉子	cooker
空调	air conditioning
钟	clock
银行	bank
邮局	post office
超市	supermarket
电影院	cinema
汽车站	bus stop
公园	park
体育馆	sports centre
学校	school

美术馆	art gallery
动物园	zoo
明信片	postcard
城市	city
海边	seaside

Chinese	English
农村	countryside
山区	mountain area
树	tree
空气	air
新鲜	fresh
安静	quiet
湖	lake
河	river
商店	shop
苹果	apple
桔子	orange
衣服	clothes
夹克/大衣	jacket
衬衣	shirt
裤子	trousers
领带	tie
裙子	skirt
毛衣	sweater



皮带	belt
袜子	socks
鞋	shoes
帽子	hat
颜色	colour
黑	black
Chinese	English
白	white
红	red
黄	yellow
蓝	blue
绿	green
橙	orange
紫	purple
粉红	pink
灰	grey
棕	brown

### Social issues

Chinese	English
抽烟/吸烟	to smoke
烟	cigarette
胖	fat
瘦	thin
健康	healthy
交朋友	make friends

男朋友	boyfriend
女朋友	girlfriend
爱	to love
医院	hospital
病	illness
药	medicine
Chinese	English
疼	pain
年轻	young
结婚	marry
网上约会	internet dating

#### Global issues

Chinese	English
环境	environment
垃圾	rubbish
浪费	wastage
失业	unemployed
穷	poor
富	rich
人口	population
增加	increase
住房	housing
小偷	thief
社会	society
生活	life

有害的	harmful
罪行	crime
交通	traffic
是阴天	overcast/cloudy
有雾	foggy
下雪	snow
Chinese	English
下大雪	heavy snow
下雨	rain
下小雨	showery
有风	windy
有云	cloudy
凉快	cool
热	hot
暖和	warm
冷	cold
是晴天	bright/fine/clear/fair
星星	star
月亮	moon
气候	climate
天气预报	weather forecast

### Travel and tourism

Chinese	English
设备	equipment
单人房	single room

双人房	double room
单程票	single ticket
往返票	return ticket
度假	to have a holiday
旅行	to travel
买纪念品	to buy souvenirs

Chinese	English
晒太阳	to sunbathe
向右拐	turn right
向左拐	turn left
向前走	go ahead
请问。。。	excuse me, may I ask...?
去。。。怎么走	how do you get to...
在旁边	beside
汽车	car
公共汽车	bus
旅游车	coach
飞机	plane
火车	train
地铁	underground
船	ship
出租车	taxi
自行车	bike
开车	to drive a car

公路	road
十字路口	crossroads
红绿灯	traffic lights
见面	to meet
等	to wait for
英国	England
中国	China
Chinese	English
法国	France
德国	Germany
美国	America
台湾	Taiwan
香港	Hong Kong
新加坡	Singapore
旅行袋	travel bag
护照	passport
安全带	seat belt
地图	map
故宫	Forbidden City
鸟巢	Bird's Nest
天安门	Tiananmen
天坛	Temple of Heaven
长城	Great Wall

### 3.4.2.3 Current and future study and employment

#### My studies

Chinese	English
老师	teacher
学生	student
科目	subject
校长	headteacher
作业	homework
聪明	clever/intelligent
Chinese	English
教	to teach
学	to learn
课	lesson

#### Life at school/ college

Chinese	English
英文	English
汉语	Chinese
法文	French
意大利语	Italian
数学	Maths
科学	Science
美术	Art
历史	History
体育	PE
音乐	Music
地理	Geography
手工	DT

电脑	IT
节	measure word for lessons
礼堂	assembly hall
教室	classroom
办公室	office
食堂	dining hall/canteen
操场	playing field
Chinese	English
体育馆	stadium/gymnasium
走廊	corridor
图书馆	library
卫生间/厕所 /洗手间	toilets
休息	break time
上学	to go to school
放学	to finish school
小学	primary school
中学	secondary school
校服	school uniform
笔	pen
毛笔	Chinese writing brush
尺子	ruler
橡皮	rubber
书包	school bag
钟	clock

## Education post-16

Chinese	English
大学生	university student
大学	university
毕业	to graduate
工作	to work/work
社会实践	work experience
申请	to apply for



Chinese	English
信	letter
学期	term

### Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Chinese	English
能力	skills
名片	business card
机会	opportunity
同事	colleague
广告	advert
联系	to make contact
工资	wage/salary
理想	dream/ideal
赚钱	to earn money
目标	aim
办公室	office
家庭妇女	housewife
厨师	chef/cook
护士	nurse
医生	doctor
司机	driver
科学家	scientist
作家	writer
售货员	shop assistant

工程师	engineer
Chinese	English
服务员	waiter
演员	actor

### 3.4.3 Theme based vocabulary (Higher Tier)

#### 3.4.3.1 Identity and culture

##### Me, my family and friends

Chinese	English
亲戚	relatives
未婚	unmarried
离婚	divorced
婚礼	wedding
严肃	serious
严格	strict
有礼貌	polite
身份证	identity card
独生子	only child
成人	adult/grown-up
出生日期	date of birth
出生地点	place of birth
性别	sex/gender

##### Technology in everyday life

Chinese	English
博客	blog
下载	to download

上载	to upload
Chinese	English
复制	to copy
删除	to delete
坏处	disadvantage
好处	advantage
浪费时间	waste time
影响	influence/to affect

#### Free time activities

Chinese	English
练体操	to practice gymnastics
去健身房	to go to the gym
参观博物馆	to visit a museum
滑雪	to ski
滑冰	to ice skate
弹钢琴	to play the piano
乐器	musical instrument
赛车	car racing
写日记	to write a diary
得奖牌	to win a medal
演出	to perform
成功	to succeed
影迷	film fan

#### Customs and festivals in Chinese-speaking countries/communities

Chinese	English
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鞭炮	firecrackers
Chinese	English
灯笼	lantern
端午节	Dragon Boat Festival
龙舟	dragon boat
粽子	rice dumplings
复活节	Easter

### 3.4.3.2 Local, national, international and global areas of interest

#### Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Chinese	English
博物馆	museum
地铁站	underground station
展览馆	exhibition hall/gallery
郊区	suburb
小镇	small town
热闹	bustling
吵	noisy
浅	light (colour)/shallow
深	dark (colour)/deep

#### Social issues

Chinese	English
戒烟	to stop smoking
饮食习惯	eating habits
减肥	to lose weight
超重	overweight

针灸	acupuncture
Chinese	English
中药	Chinese medicine
西药	Western medicine
上瘾	to be addicted (to something)
毒品	drugs
谈恋爱	to date

#### Global issues

Chinese	English
风险	risk/hazard
污染	pollution/to pollute
洪水	flooding
乞丐	beggar
战争	war
饥饿	hunger
全球变暖	global warming
气候变化	climate change

#### Travel and tourism

Chinese	English
省钱	save money/economical
方便	convenient
麻烦	troublesome
订飞机票	to book a flight ticket
登记表	registration form
暑假	summer holiday

寒假	winter holiday
Chinese	English
站台	platform
目的地	destination
出发	departure
到达	arrival
丢	to lose
欧洲	Europe
亚洲	Asia
非洲	Africa
北美洲	North America
南美洲	South America
信用卡	credit card
现金	cash
迷路	to lose the way

### 3.4.3.3 Current and future study and employment

#### Life at school/ college

Chinese	English
生物	Biology
物理	Physics
化学	Chemistry
经济	Economics

#### Education post-16

Chinese	English
高考	university entrance exams/A-level exams

压力	pressure
Chinese	English
兼职	part time job
义工	voluntary work

#### Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Chinese	English
个人简历	CV
流利	fluent
背景	background
面试	job interview
面谈	to discuss face to face
经验	experience
职业	career
警察	policeman
兼职	part time job