

Appendix 1

The Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)

| HSK Test Rank | Characters (cumulative) | Words (cumulative) | CEF | Description |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| Level 6 | 2,633 | 5,000 | C2 | Designed for learners who can easily understand any information communicated in Chinese and are capable of smoothly expressing themselves in written or oral form. |
| Level 5 | 1,709 | 2,500 | C1 | Designed for learners who can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, watch Chinese films and are capable of writing and delivering a lengthy speech in Chinese. |
| Level 4 | 1,071 | 1,200 | B2 | Designed for learners who can discuss a relatively wide range of topics in Chinese and are capable of communicating with Chinese speakers at a high standard. |
| Level 3 | 623 | 600 | B1 | Designed for learners who can use Chinese to serve the demands of their personal lives, studies and work, and are capable of completing most of the communicative tasks they experience during their Chinese tour. |
| Level 2 | 349 | 300 | A2 | Designed for learners who can use Chinese in a simple and direct manner, applying it in a basic fashion to their daily lives. In HSK 2 all characters are provided along with Pinyin as well. |
| Level 1 | 178 | 150 | A1 | Designed for learners who can understand and use some simple Chinese characters and sentences to communicate, and prepares them for continuing their Chinese studies. In HSK 1 all characters are provided along with Pinyin. |

CEF: A Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment
Entry level: HSK 2 (300 vocabulary + recognition of characters learned in Happy Chinese)