

TOPIC VOCABULARY · 254 ENTRIES

NCEA Level 2

中文主题词汇表

NCEA Level 2 Chinese Vocabulary

2025 revised list grouped for reading and listening 阅读与听力复习

ABOUT THIS LIST

关于本表

This reference reorganises all 254 entries in the supplied revised list into 16 practical sections. Each entry has a unique number, Chinese, tone-marked pinyin and an English meaning. Learners are also expected to recognise Level 1 vocabulary; use the Level 1 list alongside this one.

HOW TO STUDY

学习方法

Cover the pinyin or English column to practise recall. Revisit words in short messages, notices and conversations.

PRACTISE ONLINE

线上练习

Reinforce this list with the companion *Build the Words* game.

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01 家庭朋友与人际关系

Family friends and relationships

Follow family details, friendship, care and homesickness.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-001	阿姨	ā yí	auntie
L2-002	爱心	ài xīn	compassion, a caring heart
L2-003	爱护	ài hù	to cherish, to care for, to protect
L2-004	别人	bié rén	other people, others
L2-005	出生	chū shēng	to be born
L2-006	从小	cóng xiǎo	from childhood
L2-007	大人	dà ren	adult
L2-008	儿童	ér tóng	children, kids
L2-009	关系	guān xi	relationship
L2-010	关心	guān xīn	to care about
L2-011	交朋友	jiāo péng you	to make friends
L2-012	家长	jiā zhǎng	parent(s)
L2-013	邻居	lín jū	neighbour
L2-014	全家	quán jiā	whole family
L2-015	人们	rén men	people
L2-016	认识	rèn shi	to know (a person), to recognise
L2-017	叔叔	shū shu	uncle
L2-018	想／想念	xiǎng / xiǎng niàn	to miss; to think of with longing
L2-019	想家	xiǎng jiā	to be homesick
L2-020	兄弟姐妹	xiōng dì jiě mèi	siblings
L2-021	友善	yǒu shàn	friendly

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-022	照顾	zhào gù	to take care of, to look after
L2-023	祖先	zǔ xiān	ancestor

ALSO USE section 02 for feelings; section 13 for gatherings.

02 性格情绪与态度

Personality feelings and attitudes

Recognise how people behave, feel and respond to others.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-024	安静	ān jìng	quiet
L2-025	聪明	cōng míng	smart, clever
L2-026	大方	dà fāng	generous
L2-027	感动	gǎn dòng	to be moved, to be touched
L2-028	好运	hǎo yùn	good luck (e.g. 祝你好运)
L2-029	哭	kū	to cry
L2-030	难过	nán guò	to feel sad
L2-031	怕	pà	to be afraid of
L2-032	期待	qī dài	to look forward to, to expect
L2-033	亲切	qīn qiè	kind, warm
L2-034	热情	rè qíng	enthusiastic, enthusiasm
L2-035	失望	shī wàng	disappointed
L2-036	相信	xiāng xìn	to believe, to trust
L2-037	小气	xiǎo qì	stingy
L2-038	信心	xìn xīn	confidence
L2-039	兴奋	xīng fèn	excited, exciting

ALSO USE section 01 for relationships; section 16 for opinions.

03 学校学习与考试

School learning and assessment

Read school messages and follow learning experiences and results.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-040	成绩	chéng jì	achievement, score, result
L2-041	迟到	chí dào	to be late, to arrive late
L2-042	读	dú	to read; to study at (a school)
L2-043	复习	fù xí	to review, to revise
L2-044	高中	gāo zhōng	high school, secondary school
L2-045	好学	hào xué	to be fond of learning, to be eager to learn
L2-046	记	jì	to remember, to write down
L2-047	交作业	jiāo zuò yè	to hand in homework
L2-048	及格	jí gé	to pass (an exam)
L2-049	期末	qī mò	end of the term
L2-050	生词	shēng cí	new words
L2-051	退步	tuì bù	to regress, to fall behind; a decline in performance
L2-052	问题	wèn tí	question, problem
L2-053	校长	xiào zhǎng	school principal
L2-054	选课	xuǎn kè	to choose subjects or courses
L2-055	学期	xué qī	school term, semester
L2-056	语言	yǔ yán	language
L2-057	字典	zì diǎn	dictionary
L2-058	作业	zuò yè	homework, assignment
L2-059	法语	Fǎ yǔ	French (language)

ALSO USE section 14 for timing; section 15 for information.

04 工作职业与金钱

Work jobs and money

Understand jobs, services, earnings and money decisions.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-060	办公室	bàn gōng shì	office
L2-061	打工	dǎ gōng	to do a part-time job, to work as an employee
L2-062	当	dāng	to work as (e.g. 当老师); when...
L2-063	电商	diàn shāng	e-commerce, online business
L2-064	服务	fú wù	service; to provide a service
L2-065	服务员	fú wù yuán	waiter, waitress
L2-066	工程师	gōng chéng shī	engineer
L2-067	工人	gōng rén	worker
L2-068	公司	gōng sī	company
L2-069	零花钱	líng huā qián	pocket money
L2-070	零钱	líng qián	small change
L2-071	银行	yín háng	bank
L2-072	挣钱	zhèng qián	to earn money

ALSO USE section 07 for shopping; section 16 for decisions.

05 日常作息与家居

Daily routines and home

Follow routines and recognise home spaces and household objects.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-073	窗户	chuāng hu	window
L2-074	大门	dà mén	gate, main entrance
L2-075	放	fàng	to put, to place
L2-076	房间	fáng jiān	room
L2-077	房子	fáng zi	house
L2-078	干净	gān jìng	clean
L2-079	坏了	huài le	broken
L2-080	生活	shēng huó	life; to live
L2-081	午休	wǔ xiū	lunch break
L2-082	洗澡	xǐ zǎo	to have a bath or shower
L2-083	椅子	yǐ zi	chair
L2-084	脏	zāng	dirty
L2-085	桌子	zhuō zi	desk, table
L2-086	作息時間	zuò xī shí jiān	daily schedule, personal timetable

ALSO USE section 11 for health; section 14 for routine times.

06 饮食餐馆与口味

Food eating out and flavours

Read menus and identify food choices, orders and tastes.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-087	饱	bǎo	full (after a meal)
L2-088	冰淇淋	bīng qí lín	ice cream
L2-089	菜单	cài dān	menu
L2-090	好吃	hǎo chī	tasty
L2-091	筷子	kuài zi	chopsticks
L2-092	辣	là	spicy, hot
L2-093	酸奶	suān nǎi	yoghurt
L2-094	糖	táng	sugar, lolly
L2-095	甜点	tián diǎn	dessert
L2-096	外卖	wài mài	takeaway, delivery
L2-097	咸	xián	salty
L2-098	香	xiāng	fragrant, aromatic
L2-099	猪肉	zhū ròu	pork

ALSO USE section 07 for purchases; section 14 for quantities.

07 购物衣物与物品

Shopping clothes and belongings

Recognise clothing, item descriptions and shopping actions.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-100	超市	chāo shì	supermarket
L2-101	差	chà	to fall short of (e.g. 差一块钱); poor, bad (e.g. 服务很差)
L2-102	大衣	dà yī	coat, overcoat
L2-103	短	duǎn	short (length)
L2-104	厚	hòu	thick
L2-105	借	jiè	to borrow, to lend
L2-106	试	shì	to try, to test
L2-107	手表	shǒu biǎo	wristwatch
L2-108	袜子	wà zi	socks
L2-109	鞋	xié	shoes
L2-110	颜色	yán sè	colour
L2-111	找	zhǎo	to look for (e.g. 找工作); to give change (e.g. 找钱)
L2-112	还	huán	to return (something borrowed)

ALSO USE section 04 for money; section 16 for comparisons.

08 旅行交通与住宿

Travel transport and accommodation

Follow travel plans, departures, documents and accommodation.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-113	船	chuán	boat
L2-114	出发	chū fā	to set off, to depart
L2-115	登机	dēng jī	to board a plane
L2-116	地铁	dì tiě	subway, underground train
L2-117	公里	gōng lǐ	kilometre
L2-118	护照	hù zhào	passport
L2-119	假期	jià qī	holiday, vacation
L2-120	酒店	jiǔ diàn	hotel
L2-121	离开	lí kāi	to leave, to depart
L2-122	旅游	lǚ yóu	to travel, tourism
L2-123	签证	qiān zhèng	visa
L2-124	停车场	tíng chē chǎng	car park
L2-125	行李	xíng li	luggage
L2-126	游客	yóu kè	tourist, visitor

ALSO USE section 09 for locations; section 10 for weather; section 14 for timing.

09 城市社区与地域

Cities communities and geography

Identify locations, local communities and regional information.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-127	北半球	běi bàn qiú	northern hemisphere
L2-128	长江	Cháng jiāng	Yangtze River
L2-129	城市	chéng shì	city
L2-130	对面	duì miàn	opposite, across from
L2-131	广场	guǎng chǎng	square, plaza
L2-132	黄河	Huáng hé	Yellow River
L2-133	家乡	jiā xiāng	hometown
L2-134	南半球	nán bàn qiú	southern hemisphere
L2-135	南方	nán fāng	the south
L2-136	全国	quán guó	nationwide
L2-137	人口	rén kǒu	population
L2-138	社区	shè qū	community
L2-139	市中心	shì zhōng xīn	city centre
L2-140	天安门	Tiān'ān mén	Tiananmen, the Gate of Heavenly Peace in Beijing
L2-141	到处	dào chù	everywhere

ALSO USE section 08 for travel; section 10 for nature.

10

天气自然与动物

Weather nature and animals

Recognise conditions, landscapes, seasons and animals.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-142	冰	bīng	ice
L2-143	草地	cǎo dì	lawn, grassland
L2-144	大海	dà hǎi	ocean, sea
L2-145	度	dù	degree (temperature, level)
L2-146	多云	duō yún	cloudy, partly cloudy
L2-147	刮风	guā fēng	to be windy
L2-148	猴子	hóu zi	monkey
L2-149	湖	hú	lake
L2-150	季节	jì jié	season
L2-151	空气	kōng qì	air
L2-152	老虎	lǎo hǔ	tiger
L2-153	老鼠	lǎo shǔ	mouse, rat
L2-154	凉快	liáng kuai	pleasantly cool
L2-155	淋雨	lín yǔ	to get caught in the rain
L2-156	龙	lóng	dragon
L2-157	鸟	niǎo	bird
L2-158	晴天	qíng tiān	sunny day
L2-159	蛇	shé	snake
L2-160	树	shù	tree
L2-161	树林	shù lín	woods, forest
L2-162	太阳	tài yáng	sun
L2-163	温度	wēn dù	temperature
L2-164	星星	xīng xing	star

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-165	阴天	yīn tiān	overcast (weather)
L2-166	月亮	yuè liang	moon
L2-167	猪	zhū	pig

ALSO USE section 08 for travel; section 11 for safety.

11 健康身体与照护

Health body and care

Understand health, body descriptions and advice about safety.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-168	安全	ān quán	safe, safety
L2-169	肚子	dù zi	stomach, tummy
L2-170	感冒	gǎn mào	a cold; to have a cold
L2-171	个子	gè zi	height (of a person)
L2-172	护士	hù shi	nurse
L2-173	急	jí	urgent; anxious
L2-174	小心	xiǎo xīn	to be careful, watch out
L2-175	西医	xī yī	Western medicine
L2-176	牙	yá	tooth, teeth
L2-177	牙医	yá yī	dentist
L2-178	眼睛	yǎn jīng	eye
L2-179	中医	zhōng yī	Chinese medicine
L2-180	长	zhǎng	to grow; head, leader (e.g. 班长)

ALSO USE section 05 for routines; section 02 for feelings.

12 兴趣运动与休闲

Interests sport and leisure

Choose activities and follow sporting and leisure experiences.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-181	比赛	bǐ sài	competition, match
L2-182	队	duì	team (e.g. 橄榄球队)
L2-183	划船	huá chuán	to row a boat, boating
L2-184	健身	jiàn shēn	to work out
L2-185	健身房	jiàn shēn fáng	gym
L2-186	节目	jié mù	programme (TV or performance)
L2-187	球队	qiú duì	(ball sports) team
L2-188	全黑队	Quán hēi duì	All Blacks (New Zealand rugby team)
L2-189	散步	sàn bù	to take a walk
L2-190	网球	wǎng qiú	tennis
L2-191	野餐	yě cān	picnic
L2-192	照片	zhào piàn	photo
L2-193	照相	zhào xiàng	to take a photo

ALSO USE section 10 for weather; section 13 for participation.

13 节庆聚会与问候

Festivals gatherings and greetings

Understand invitations, celebrations, guests and greetings.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-194	参加	cān jiā	to participate, to join in
L2-195	过年	guò nián	to celebrate the New Year
L2-196	欢迎	huān yíng	to welcome, welcome
L2-197	客人	kè rén	guest, customer
L2-198	圣诞节	Shèng dàn jié	Christmas
L2-199	晚安	wǎn ān	good night
L2-200	晚会	wǎn huì	evening party
L2-201	祝	zhù	to wish (e.g. 祝你生日快乐)

ALSO USE section 01 for relationships; section 14 for timing.

14 时间数量与频率

Time quantities and frequency

Track when, how often, how much and for how long.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-202	不少	bù shǎo	quite a few, quite a lot
L2-203	从来	cóng lái	always, all along (often with a negative, e.g. 从来不 = never)
L2-204	大概	dà gài	approximately, roughly, probably
L2-205	低	dī	low
L2-206	多数	duō shù	majority
L2-207	刚才	gāng cái	just now
L2-208	公斤	gōng jīn	kilogram
L2-209	够	gòu	enough, sufficient
L2-210	经常	jīng cháng	often, frequently
L2-211	少数	shǎo shù	minority, a small number
L2-212	同时	tóng shí	at the same time
L2-213	一会 (儿)	yí huì(r)	a moment, for a while
L2-214	亿	yì	one hundred million
L2-215	一直	yì zhí	all along, continuously; straight
L2-216	有空 (儿)	yǒu kòng(r)	to have free time, to be available

ALSO USE section 16 for certainty and comparison.

15 通讯信息与表达

Communication information and messages

Follow messages, introductions, stories and information exchange.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-217	短信	duǎn xìn	text message
L2-218	发	fā	to send (e.g. 发短信)
L2-219	发现	fā xiàn	to discover, to find out; discovery
L2-220	故事	gù shi	story
L2-221	讲	jiǎng	to talk, to say, to explain
L2-222	讲话	jiǎng huà	to give a speech, to talk
L2-223	建议	jiàn yì	to suggest, suggestion
L2-224	接	jiē	to receive (a call), to pick up (a person), to catch
L2-225	介绍	jiè shào	to introduce, introduction
L2-226	接受	jiē shòu	to accept
L2-227	收到	shōu dào	to receive (messages, letters, gifts, deliveries)
L2-228	网站	wǎng zhàn	website

ALSO USE section 03 for learning; section 16 for viewpoints.

16

比较评价与通用表达

Comparisons opinions and general expressions

Identify comparison, evaluation, intention and certainty across topics.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-229	安排	ān pái	to arrange, arrangement
L2-230	别的	bié de	other
L2-231	比如	bǐ rú	for example
L2-232	不错	bú cuò	not bad, pretty good
L2-233	不够	bú gòu	not enough
L2-234	不同	bù tóng	different, not the same
L2-235	差不多	chà bu duō	almost, nearly; about the same
L2-236	成功	chéng gōng	to succeed, success
L2-237	成为	chéng wéi	to become
L2-238	当然	dāng rán	of course
L2-239	打算	dǎ suàn	to plan to, plan
L2-240	非常	fēi cháng	very, extremely
L2-241	好处	hǎo chù	benefit, advantage
L2-242	坏处	huài chù	disadvantage, harm
L2-243	机会	jī huì	chance, opportunity
L2-244	可能	kě néng	possible, maybe, possibly
L2-245	让	ràng	to let, to allow; to make (someone do something)
L2-246	认为	rèn wéi	to think, to consider
L2-247	特别	tè bié	special, especially
L2-248	同样	tóng yàng	similarly, the same (adverb)
L2-249	同意	tóng yì	to agree
L2-250	相同	xiāng tóng	identical, the same (adjective)

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L2-251	一定	yí dìng	certainly, definitely
L2-252	影响	yǐng xiǎng	to influence, influence
L2-253	原来	yuán lái	original, originally; as it turns out
L2-254	愿意	yuàn yì	to be willing to

ALSO USE section 14 for time and quantity.



Teacher and learner notes

教师与学习者说明

Scope and use 范围与使用

The 254 numbered entries match the 254 rows in the supplied revised list, including grouped alternatives. Source order has changed; entry numbers L2-001 to L2-254 belong to this edition. Cross-references connect sections without lengthening the word tables.

Use these groups to practise finding who, what, where, when, feelings and reasons. Combine a topic section with the general expressions in section 16 when reading or listening. Recognising isolated words is one step; follow-up work should require understanding the whole message and explaining it in context.

English meanings have been checked and lightly standardised: verbs take “to”, examples use “e.g.”, New Zealand spelling is used, and incomplete glosses are extended with their common core sense. No source rows have been added or removed.

Pronunciation and definitions 发音与释义

Pinyin is separated by syllable for readability. Unmarked syllables are neutral tones. Capital letters identify proper names. Parenthesised r marks optional 儿化 and is not an extra syllable. 一 and 不 are shown with their contextual tones, such as yí dìng and bú cuò; full-sentence recordings should use natural tone changes.

L2-018	想(念) is expanded as 想／想念. In this row it means missing a person or place, rather than wanting to do something.
L2-039	兴奋 is xīng fèn; the source prints xìngfèn.
L2-086	The source misplaces the tone mark in shíjiān. Corrected to shí jiān.
L2-125	行李 is shown as xíng li with a neutral second syllable; the source prints xíng lǐ.
L2-128	长江, 黄河 and 天安门 (L2-140) are capitalised as proper names; Tiān'ān mén uses an apostrophe to mark the syllable break.
L2-170	感冒 means a cold; flu is more specifically 流感. The source groups cold and flu together.
L2-213	一会(儿) and 有空(儿) (L2-216) take an optional 儿化 ending, not a separate ér syllable.
L2-243	机会 also appears in the Level 3 list (L3-034).

Source and context checks 来源与核对

Primary vocabulary source: the supplied NZALT easy-print edition of NCEA Level 2 Chinese Mandarin Revised Vocabulary List 2025, 7 pages. The source identifies the Ministry of Education as the vocabulary-list owner. This document is a teaching reorganisation and is not an official NZQA publication.

興奮 pronunciation check (MOE Concise Dictionary)

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