

TOPIC VOCABULARY · 129 ENTRIES

NCEA Level 3

中文主题词汇表

NCEA Level 3 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 129 entries in the supplied revised list into 12 practical sections. Each entry has a unique number, Chinese, tone-marked pinyin and an English meaning. Learners are also expected to recognise Level 1 and Level 2 vocabulary; use those lists 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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Categories support teaching and revision; they are not an official NZQA topic list or a frequency ranking.

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01 家庭关系与情绪

Family relationships and feelings

Identify relationships, emotional responses and reassurance.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-001	爱情	ài qíng	romantic love
L3-002	父亲	fù qīn	father
L3-003	感谢	gǎn xiè	to thank, gratitude
L3-004	放心	fàng xīn	to be at ease, to stop worrying
L3-005	感觉	gǎn jué	to feel; feeling
L3-006	害怕	hài pà	to be afraid
L3-007	满意	mǎn yì	satisfied
L3-008	心情	xīn qíng	mood
L3-009	幸福	xìng fú	happy, happiness
L3-010	温暖	wēn nuǎn	warm; to warm

ALSO USE section 02 for attitudes; section 06 for cultural identity.

02 个性态度与成长

Personality attitudes and growth

Recognise personal qualities, attitudes and impressions.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-011	变化	biàn huà	change; to change
L3-012	乐观	lè guān	optimistic
L3-013	年轻	nián qīng	young
L3-014	努力	nǔ lì	to make an effort; hard-working
L3-015	认真	rèn zhēn	conscientious, serious; carefully
L3-016	态度	tài dù	attitude, manner
L3-017	自信	zì xìn	self-confident, self-confidence
L3-018	幸运	xìng yùn	lucky, good luck
L3-019	印象	yìn xiàng	impression

ALSO USE section 03 for learning; section 04 for aspirations.

03 学校学习与语言

School learning and language

Understand learning methods, communication and progress.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-020	查	chá	to look up, to check
L3-021	声音	shēng yīn	sound, voice
L3-022	报名	bào míng	to sign up, to enrol
L3-023	方法	fāng fǎ	method
L3-024	经验	jīng yàn	experience (knowledge gained)
L3-025	交流	jiāo liú	to communicate, to exchange; exchange
L3-026	聊天 (儿)	liáo tiān(r)	to chat
L3-027	流利	liú lì	fluent
L3-028	明白	míng bai	to understand; clear
L3-029	能力	néng lì	ability
L3-030	忘记	wàng jì	to forget
L3-031	水平	shuǐ píng	level, standard
L3-032	社会	shè huì	Social Studies (school subject)

ALSO USE section 09 for discussion; section 11 for sequence.

04 计划选择与未来

Plans choices and the future

Follow aspirations, purposes, options and requirements.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-033	计划	jì huà	to plan, plan
L3-034	机会	jī huì	chance, opportunity
L3-035	将来	jiāng lái	future, in the future
L3-036	梦想	mèng xiǎng	to dream of, dream
L3-037	目的	mù dì	purpose, aim
L3-038	现实	xiàn shí	reality; realistic
L3-039	希望	xī wàng	to hope, hope
L3-040	需要	xū yào	to need, need
L3-041	选择	xuǎn zé	to choose, choice
L3-042	条件	tiáo jiàn	condition, requirement

ALSO USE section 05 for work; section 09 for reasons.

05 工作经济与创作

Work business and creative projects

Understand work, income, products and creative activity.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-043	报告	bào gào	to report, report
L3-044	代表	dài biǎo	to represent; representative
L3-045	设计	shè jì	to design, design
L3-046	商品	shāng pǐn	goods, product
L3-047	生意	shēng yì	business, trade
L3-048	收入	shōu rù	income
L3-049	现代	xiàn dài	modern; modern times
L3-050	作品	zuò pǐn	creative work (e.g. a book or artwork)
L3-051	使用	shǐ yòng	to use
L3-052	利用	lì yòng	to make use of

ALSO USE section 04 for choices; section 10 for evaluation.

06 文化身份与社会

Culture identity and society

Follow identity, migration, equality and social customs.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-053	志愿者	zhì yuàn zhě	volunteer
L3-054	公民	gōng mín	citizen
L3-055	华人	huá rén	ethnic Chinese person (especially overseas)
L3-056	平等	píng děng	equal, equality
L3-057	和平	hé píng	peace, peaceful
L3-058	移民	yí mín	to migrate; immigrant, immigration
L3-059	世界	shì jiè	world
L3-060	习惯	xí guàn	to be used to; habit
L3-061	庆祝	qìng zhù	to celebrate
L3-062	热闹	rè nao	lively, bustling
L3-063	正式	zhèng shì	formal, official

ALSO USE section 07 for environment; section 12 for idioms.

07 环境自然与可持续生活

Environment nature and sustainability

Recognise environmental issues and actions.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-064	保护	bǎo hù	to protect
L3-065	环境	huán jìng	environment
L3-066	回收	huí shōu	to recycle
L3-067	垃圾	lā jī	rubbish
L3-068	生命	shēng mìng	life
L3-069	天空	tiān kōng	sky
L3-070	污染	wū rǎn	pollution; to pollute
L3-071	自然	zì rán	nature; natural, naturally

ALSO USE section 09 for reasons and responses; section 12 for cooperation.

08 出行与日常体验

Travel and everyday experiences

Follow locations, encounters and everyday experiences.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-072	地图	dì tú	map
L3-073	附近	fù jìn	nearby
L3-074	经过	jīng guò	to pass by, to go through
L3-075	爬	pá	to climb
L3-076	排队	pái duì	to line up, to queue
L3-077	遇到	yù dào	to encounter, to come across
L3-078	约	yuē	to arrange to meet, to make an appointment
L3-079	体验	tǐ yàn	to experience first-hand; experience
L3-080	甜	tián	sweet
L3-081	新鲜	xīn xiān	fresh

ALSO USE section 01 for feelings; section 10 for descriptions.

09 观点讨论与解决问题

Views discussion and solving problems

Track a viewpoint, its reasons and proposed responses.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-082	媒体	méi tǐ	media
L3-083	看法	kàn fǎ	view, opinion
L3-084	理由	lǐ yóu	reason
L3-085	想法	xiǎng fǎ	idea
L3-086	想到	xiǎng dào	to think of
L3-087	事实	shì shí	fact
L3-088	关注	guān zhù	to follow with interest, to pay attention to
L3-089	反对	fǎn duì	to oppose
L3-090	支持	zhī chí	to support
L3-091	讨论	tǎo lùn	to discuss
L3-092	提出	tí chū	to put forward, to raise
L3-093	面对	miàn duì	to face
L3-094	解决	jiě jué	to solve
L3-095	调整	tiáo zhěng	to adjust
L3-096	注意	zhù yì	to pay attention to, to notice
L3-097	意义	yì yì	meaning, significance

ALSO USE section 10 for comparisons; section 11 for evidence and logic.

10 描述比较与评价

Description comparison and evaluation

Recognise descriptions, comparisons and evaluations.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-098	不如	bù rú	not as good as
L3-099	不太	bú tài	not very
L3-100	超过	chāo guò	to surpass, to exceed
L3-101	合适	hé shì	suitable, appropriate
L3-102	简单	jiǎn dān	simple
L3-103	旧	jiù	old (not new)
L3-104	可怕	kě pà	scary, frightening
L3-105	空间	kōng jiān	space
L3-106	类似	lèi sì	similar
L3-107	平常	píng cháng	ordinary, usual; usually
L3-108	完美	wán měi	perfect
L3-109	危险	wēi xiǎn	dangerous, danger
L3-110	一般	yì bān	ordinary, average; generally
L3-111	足够	zú gòu	enough, sufficient

ALSO USE section 09 for viewpoints and reasons.

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时间逻辑与通用表达

Time logic and general expressions

Follow sequence, exceptions, obligation and reported information.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-112	必须	bì xū	must, to have to
L3-113	除了	chú le	except, besides
L3-114	多么	duō me	how (in exclamations)
L3-115	根本	gēn běn	fundamental, root; (not) at all
L3-116	后来	hòu lái	later, afterwards
L3-117	结果	jié guǒ	result; as a result
L3-118	结束	jié shù	to end, to finish
L3-119	据说	jù shuō	it is said
L3-120	其实	qí shí	actually, in fact
L3-121	突然	tū rán	sudden, suddenly
L3-122	完成	wán chéng	to complete
L3-123	只好	zhǐ hǎo	to have no choice but to
L3-124	终于	zhōng yú	finally, at last

ALSO USE section 09 for reasoning; section 04 for planning.

12 成语与文化表达

Idioms and cultural expressions

Recognise figurative expressions in context and explain the intended message.

NO.	汉字	PINYIN	ENGLISH
L3-125	亲如一家，情同手足	qīn rú yì jiā, qíng tóng shǒu zú	As close as family, as close as brothers and sisters.
L3-126	入乡随俗	rù xiāng suí sú	When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
L3-127	天下一家	tiān xià yì jiā	The whole world is one family (global unity and harmony).
L3-128	同舟共济	tóng zhōu gòng jì	In the same boat; to pull together through difficulties.
L3-129	尊老爱幼	zūn lǎo ài yòu	Respect the elderly and care for the young.

ALSO USE section 06 for customs and identity; section 09 for interpretation.



Teacher and learner notes

教师与学习者说明

Scope and use 范围与使用

The 129 numbered entries match the 129 rows in the supplied revised list: 124 ordinary vocabulary rows and 5 idiom rows. Source order has changed; entry numbers L3-001 to L3-129 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 11 when reading or listening. Recognising isolated words is one step; follow-up work should require understanding the whole message and explaining it in context.

Interpret idioms in context, including the cultural message; a literal word-for-word translation may not convey the point. English meanings have been checked and lightly standardised. 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.

L3-026	The source includes optional 儿 in Chinese; (<i>r</i>) is shown in pinyin for consistency.
L3-028	明白 is shown as <i>míng bai</i> , the common neutral-tone pronunciation.
L3-032	The source meaning is the school subject Social Studies. The wider meaning “society” is an additional teaching sense.
L3-034	机会 also appears in the Level 2 list (L2-243).
L3-047	生意 (business) is shown as <i>shēng yi</i> ; <i>shēng yì</i> usually means vitality.
L3-055	华人 refers to people of Chinese ethnicity, especially those living outside China, rather than only “overseas Chinese”.
L3-062	热闹 is shown as <i>rè nao</i> with a neutral second syllable.
L3-104	可怕 describes something frightening. 害怕 (L3-006) describes feeling afraid.
L3-110	一般 is shown as <i>yì bān</i> , with the tone change used before a first tone, consistent with other 一 words.

- L3-125 亲如一家，情同手足 stays on one row. In the Build the Words game its two four-character clauses are separate targets with different English clues.
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- L3-128 同舟共济 literally means crossing a river in the same boat; it describes people working together through shared difficulty.
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Source and context checks 来源与核对

Primary vocabulary source: the supplied NZALT easy-print edition of NCEA Level 3 Chinese Mandarin Revised Vocabulary List 2025, 4 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.

可怕 meaning check (MOE Revised Dictionary)