

Chinese Proficiency Test - HSK

HSK is an international standardized Chinese language test to measure the ability of non-native Chinese speakers to communicate in Chinese in daily lives, academic and working settings. It comprises of six levels from HSK-Level 1 to HSK-Level 6. The following is a brief introduction of each level:

Level	Description of Language Skills	Test Structure	Duration (Min.)
HSK Level 1	Test takers who reach HSK-level 1 can understand and use simple words and sentences to fulfill specific communication needs and have a foundation for the further study of Chinese. It aims for the learners who have learned Chinese for one term (six months) and mastered 150 most frequently used words and basic grammar knowledge.	Listening: 20 questions Reading: 20 questions	40
HSK Level 2	Test takers who reach HSK-level 2 can communicate simply and directly on daily topics they are familiar with. Level 2 have reached the advanced stage of beginner level. It aims for the learners who have learned Chinese for two terms (one year) and mastered 300 most frequently used words and related grammar knowledge.	Listening: 35 questions Reading: 25 questions	55
HSK Level 3	Test takers who reach HSK-Level 3 can complete basic communication tasks in daily life, study and work. If traveling in China, Level 3 can handle most communication tasks they encounter. It aims for the learners who have learned Chinese for 3 terms (one and half years) and mastered 600 most frequently used words and related grammar knowledge.	Listening: 40 questions Reading: 30 questions Writing: 10 questions	90
HSK Level 4	Test takers who reach HSK-Level 4 can discuss a relatively wide range of topics in Chinese and are able to communicate with native speakers. It aims for learners who have learned Chinese for 4 terms (2 years) and mastered 1200 most frequently used words.	Listening: 45 questions Reading: 40 questions Writing: 15 questions	105
HSK Level 5	Test takers who reach HSK-Level 5 can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, appreciate Chinese films and television, and are able to write and deliver a full speech. It aims for learners who have learned Chinese for more than two years and mastered 2500 most frequently used words.	Listening: 45 questions Reading: 45 questions Writing: 10 questions	125
HSK Level 6	Test takers who reach HSK-Level 6 can easily understand what they read and listen, and express themselves fluently in written and speaking Chinese. It aims for the learners who have mastered at least 5000 most frequently used words.	Listening: 50 questions Reading: 50 questions Writing: 1 question	140

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