

HSK Writing Workbook

HSK 3

150 new writing characters · 250 in total

Official 2025 HSK writing list

Trace first, then write from memory.

Recalled means you have written the character once from memory. It is not a claim of long-term mastery.

What's inside

- Progress checklist — one line per character, with Practiced and Recalled boxes.
- Practice pages — an example character, pinyin, meaning, and eight practice grids.
- Self-test pages — pinyin and meaning hints with blank grids, for writing from memory.

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Progress checklist

Tick Practiced after tracing or writing a character once; tick Recalled after writing it once from memory.

安	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	方	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	礼	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	务	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
把	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	放	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	李	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	物	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
般	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	风	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	力	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	夏	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
板	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	复	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	练	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	相	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
办	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	该	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	凉	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	香	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
饱	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	干	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	马	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	响	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
报	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	刚	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	毛	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	向	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
北	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	更	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	目	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	心	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
被	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	共	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	南	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	信	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
必	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	故	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	难	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	行	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
变	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	瓜	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	努	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	须	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
冰	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	海	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	怕	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	选	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
才	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	合	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	胖	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	牙	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
参	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	河	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	片	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	言	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
草	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	护	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	平	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	羊	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
层	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	化	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	瓶	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	阳	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
查	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	换	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	其	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	养	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
差	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	活	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	汽	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	业	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
成	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	或	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	且	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	页	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
城	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	级	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	轻	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	音	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
除	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	急	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	秋	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	饮	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
处	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	加	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	求	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	应	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
春	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	假	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	区	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	用	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
答	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	讲	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	全	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	又	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
带	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	角	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	如	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	于	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
单	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	饺	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	伞	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	育	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
当	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	节	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	山	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	咱	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
灯	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	结	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	勺	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	张	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
典	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	借	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	声	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	者	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
调	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	斤	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	实	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	直	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
定	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	净	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	适	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	纸	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
丢	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	久	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	收	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	种	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
冬	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	句	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	受	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	重	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
段	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	卡	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	树	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	主	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
而	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	渴	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	特	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	助	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
耳	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	刻	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	挺	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	总	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled
发	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	空	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	图	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled			
法	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	哭	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled	闻	☐ Practiced	☐ Recalled			

安 ān
peaceful, tranquil, quiet

安	安		

把 bǎ
to grasp, to hold; to guard, to take; handle

把	把		

般 bān
sort, manner, kind, class

般	般		

板 bǎn
board, plank; plate, slab; unnatural, stiff

板	板		

办 bàn
to set up; to manage, to run; to deal with, to handle

办	办		

饱 bǎo
satisfied; to eat one's fill

饱	饱		

报 bào
to announce, to report; newspaper; payback, revenge

报	报		

北 běi
north; northern; northward

北	北		

被 bèi
bedding; a passive particle meaning "by"

被	被		

必 bì
surely, certainly; must; will

必	必		

变

biàn

to change, to transform, to alter; rebel

变	变		

冰

bīng

ice; ice-cold

冰	冰		

才

cái

ability, talent, gift; just, only

才	才		

参

cān

to take part in, to intervene; ginseng

参	参		

草

cǎo

grass, herbs; straw, thatch

草	草		

层

céng

layer, floor, story, stratum

层	层		

查

chá

to investigate, to examine, to look into

查	查		

差

chà

difference, gap; almost, nearly; in error; an officer

差	差		

成

chéng

to accomplish; to become; to complete, to finish; to succeed

成	成		

城

chéng

castle, city, town; municipality

城	城		

除

chú

to eliminate, to remove, to wipe out

除	除		

处

chù

to reside at, to live in; place, locale; department

处	处		

春

chūn

springtime; joyful, lustful, wanton

春	春		

答

dá

answer, reply; to return; to assent to

答	答		

带

dài

belt, strap; band, ribbon; area, zone; to carry, to raise, to...

带	带		

单

dān

single, individual, only; lone

单	单		

当

dāng

appropriate, timely; to act, to serve; the sound of bells

当	当		

灯

dēng

lamp, lantern, light

灯	灯		

典

diǎn

law, canon; scripture, classic; documentation

典	典		

调

tiáo

tune, melody, key; to transfer, to exchange

调	调		

定 dīng
to decide, to fix, to settle; to order; definite, fixed, sure

定	定		

丢 diū
to lose; to discard

丢	丢		

冬 dōng
winter, 11th lunar month

冬	冬		

段 duàn
section, piece, division

段	段		

而 ér
and, and then, and yet; but

而	而		

耳 ěr
ear; to hear, to hear of; handle

耳	耳		

发 fā
to issue, to dispatch, to send out; hair

发	发		

法 fǎ
law, rule, statute; method, way; French

法	法		

方 fāng
square, rectangle; side; region; flag

方	方		

放 fàng
to release, to liberate, to free

放	放		

风

fēng

wind; air; customs, manners; news

风	风		

复

fù

again, repeatedly; copy, duplicate; to restore, to return

复	复		

该

gāi

should, ought to, must

该	该		

干

gān

arid, dry; to oppose; to offend; to invade

干	干		

刚

gāng

hard, strong, tough; just, barely

刚	刚		

更

gèng

more, further; to shift, to alternate; to modify

更	更		

共

gòng

all, total; together; to share

共	共		

故

gù

reason, cause; happening, instance

故	故		

瓜

guā

melon, gourd, squash, cucumber

瓜	瓜		

海

hǎi

sea, ocean; maritime

海	海		

合 hé
to combine, to join, to unite; to gather

合	合		

河 hé
river, stream; the Yellow river

河	河		

护 hù
to defend, to guard, to protect; shelter; endorse

护	护		

化 huà
to change, to convert, to reform; -ize

化	化		

换 huàn
to change; to exchange, to swap, to trade

换	换		

活 huó
to exist, to live, to survive; living, working

活	活		

或 huò
or, either, else; maybe, perhaps, possibly

或	或		

级 jí
level, rank; class, grade

级	级		

急 jí
anxious, worried; hasty, quick; pressing, urgent

急	急		

加 jiā
to add to, to increase, to augment

加	加		

假 jiǎ
fake, false, deceitful; vacation

假	假		

讲 jiǎng
talk, speech, lecture; to speak, to explain

讲	讲		

角 jiǎo
angle, corner; horn, horn-shaped

角	角		

饺 jiǎo
stuffed dumplings

饺	饺		

节 jié
festival; knot, joint; segment; to economize, to save

节	节		

结 jié
knot, tie; to connect, to join

结	结		

借 jiè
to borrow; to lend; excuse, pretext

借	借		

斤 jīn
a catty (about 500 grams); an axe; keen, shrewd

斤	斤		

净 jìng
clean, pure; to cleanse

净	净		

久 jiǔ
long ago; a long time

久	久		

句 jù

sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph; stanza

句	句		

卡 kǎ

card, punch card; calorie

卡	卡		

渴 kě

thirsty, parched; to yearn, to pine for

渴	渴		

刻 kè

to carve, to engrave; a quarter hour; a moment

刻	刻		

空 kōng

hollow, empty, deserted, bare

空	空		

哭 kū

to weep, to cry, to wail

哭	哭		

礼 lǐ

courtesy, manners, social customs

礼	礼		

李 lǐ

plum; luggage; surname

李	李		

力 lì

strength, power; capability, influence

力	力		

练 liàn

to drill, to exercise; to practice, to train

练	练		

凉

liáng
cool, cold; disheartened

凉	凉		

马

mǎ
horse; surname

马	马		

毛

máo
hair, fur, feathers; coarse

毛	毛		

目

mù
eye; to look, to see; division, topic

目	目		

南

nán
south; southern; southward

南	南		

难

nán
hard, difficult, arduous; unable

难	难		

努

nǔ
to exert, to strive, to make an effort; to pout

努	努		

怕

pà
to fear, to be afraid of; apprehensive

怕	怕		

胖

pàng
fat, plump, obese; a fat person

胖	胖		

片

piàn
slice, splinter; page, strip

片	片		

平

píng

flat, level, even; peaceful

平	平		

瓶

píng

bottle, jug, pitcher, vase

瓶	瓶		

其

qí

his, her, its, their; that

其	其		

汽

qì

gasoline; steam, vapor

汽	汽		

且

qiě

moreover, also (post-subject); about to, will soon (pre-verb)

且	且		

轻

qīng

light, gentle; simple, easy

轻	轻		

秋

qiū

autumn, fall; year

秋	秋		

求

qiú

to seek; to request, to demand; to beseech, to beg for

求	求		

区

qū

area, district, region, ward; surname

区	区		

全

quán

whole, entire, complete; to preserve

全	全		

如 **rú**
as, as if, like, such as, supposing

如	如		

伞 **sǎn**
umbrella, parasol, parachute

伞	伞		

山 **shān**
mountain, hill, peak

山	山		

勺 **sháo**
spoon, ladle; unit of volume

勺	勺		

声 **shēng**
sound, noise; voice, tone, music

声	声		

实 **shí**
real, true; honest, sincere

实	实		

适 **shì**
match, comfortable; just

适	适		

收 **shōu**
to collect, to gather, to harvest

收	收		

受 **shòu**
to receive, to get, to accept; to bear

受	受		

树 **shù**
tree; to plant; to set up, to establish

树	树		

特

tè

special, unique, distinguished

特	特		

挺

tǐng

to straighten, to stand upright; rigid, stiff

挺	挺		

图

tú

diagram, chart, map, picture; to plan

图	图		

闻

wén

news; to hear, to smell; to make known

闻	闻		

务

wù

affairs, business; should; must

务	务		

物

wù

thing, substance, matter; creature

物	物		

夏

xià

summer; the Xia or Hsia dynasty

夏	夏		

相

xiāng

mutual, reciprocal; equal; each other

相	相		

香

xiāng

incense; fragrant, aromatic

香	香		

响

xiǎng

to make noise, to make sound; sound

响	响		

向

xiàng

towards; direction, trend

向	向		

心

xīn

heart; mind; soul

心	心		

信

xìn

to trust, to believe; letter, sign

信	信		

行

xíng

to go, to walk, to move; professional

行	行		

须

xū

beard; must; necessary

须	须		

选

xuǎn

to select, to elect, to choose; election

选	选		

牙

yá

tooth, molar; fang, tusk; serrated

牙	牙		

言

yán

words, speech; to speak, to say

言	言		

羊

yáng

sheep, goat

羊	羊		

阳

yáng

the male principle; bright, sunny; clear, lit, open

阳	阳		

养

yǎng

to raise, to rear, to bring up; to support

养	养		

业

yè

business, profession; to study, to work

业	业		

页

yè

page, sheet, leaf

页	页		

音

yīn

sound, tone, pitch, pronunciation

音	音		

饮

yǐn

to swallow, to drink; a kind of drink

饮	饮		

应

yīng

should, must; to respond, to handle; to deal with, to cope

应	应		

用

yòng

to use, to employ, to apply; use

用	用		

又

yòu

and, also, again, in addition

又	又		

于

yú

at, in, on; to, from; alas!

于	于		

育

yù

to produce, to give birth to; to educate

育	育		

咱 **zán**
we, us

咱	咱		

张 **zhāng**
to display; to expand, to open; to stretch; a sheet of paper

张	张		

者 **zhě**
that which; they who; those who

者	者		

直 **zhí**
straight, vertical; candid, direct, frank

直	直		

纸 **zhǐ**
paper

纸	纸		

种 **zhǒng**
race, kind, breed; seed; to plant

种	种		

重 **zhòng**
heavy, weighty; to double, to repeat

重	重		

主 **zhǔ**
to own; to host; master; host; lord

主	主		

助 **zhù**
to help, to aid, to assist

助	助		

总 **zǒng**
to gather, to collect; overall, altogether

总	总		

1. ān

peaceful, tranquil, quiet

2. bǎ

to grasp, to hold; to guard, to take; handle

3. bān

sort, manner, kind, class

4. bǎn

board, plank; plate, slab; unnatural, stiff

5. bàn

to set up; to manage, to run; to deal with, to handle

6. bǎo

satisfied; to eat one's fill

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to announce, to report; newspaper; payback, revenge

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north; northern; northward

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bedding; a passive particle meaning "by"

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surely, certainly; must; will

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to change, to transform, to alter; rebel

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ability, talent, gift; just, only

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grass, herbs; straw, thatch

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castle, city, town; municipality

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to eliminate, to remove, to wipe out

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to reside at, to live in; place, locale; department

23. chūn

springtime; joyful, lustful, wanton

24. dá

answer, reply; to return; to assent to

25. dài

belt, strap; band, ribbon; area, zone; to carry, to raise, to...

26. dān

single, individual, only; lone

27. dāng

appropriate, timely; to act, to serve; the sound of bells

28. dēng

lamp, lantern, light

29. diǎn

law, canon; scripture, classic; documentation

30. tiáo

tune, melody, key; to transfer, to exchange

31. **dìng**

to decide, to fix, to settle; to order; definite, fixed, sure

32. **diū**

to lose; to discard

33. **dōng**

winter, 11th lunar month

34. **duàn**

section, piece, division

35. **ér**

and, and then, and yet; but

36. **ěr**

ear; to hear, to hear of; handle

37. **fā**

to issue, to dispatch, to send out; hair

38. **fǎ**

law, rule, statute; method, way; French

39. **fāng**

square, rectangle; side; region; flag

40. **fàng**

to release, to liberate, to free

41. fēng

wind; air; customs, manners; news

42. fù

again, repeatedly; copy, duplicate; to restore, to return

43. gāi

should, ought to, must

44. gān

arid, dry; to oppose; to offend; to invade

45. gāng

hard, strong, tough; just, barely

46. gèng

more, further; to shift, to alternate; to modify

47. gòng

all, total; together; to share

48. gù

reason, cause; happening, instance

49. guā

melon, gourd, squash, cucumber

50. hǎi

sea, ocean; maritime

51. **hé**

to combine, to join, to unite; to gather

52. **hé**

river, stream; the Yellow river

53. **hù**

to defend, to guard, to protect; shelter; endorse

54. **huà**

to change, to convert, to reform; -ize

55. **huàn**

to change; to exchange, to swap, to trade

56. **huó**

to exist, to live, to survive; living, working

57. **huò**

or, either, else; maybe, perhaps, possibly

58. **jí**

level, rank; class, grade

59. **jí**

anxious, worried; hasty, quick; pressing, urgent

60. **jiā**

to add to, to increase, to augment

61. jiǎ

fake, false, deceitful; vacation

62. jiǎng

talk, speech, lecture; to speak, to explain

63. jiǎo

angle, corner; horn, horn-shaped

64. jiǎo

stuffed dumplings

65. jié

festival; knot, joint; segment; to economize, to save

66. jié

knot, tie; to connect, to join

67. jiè

to borrow; to lend; excuse, pretext

68. jīn

a catty (about 500 grams); an axe; keen, shrewd

69. jìng

clean, pure; to cleanse

70. jiǔ

long ago; a long time

71. jù

sentence, clause, phrase, paragraph; stanza

72. kǎ

card, punch card; calorie

73. kě

thirsty, parched; to yearn, to pine for

74. kè

to carve, to engrave; a quarter hour; a moment

75. kōng

hollow, empty, deserted, bare

76. kū

to weep, to cry, to wail

77. lǐ

courtesy, manners, social customs

78. lǐ

plum; luggage; surname

79. lì

strength, power; capability, influence

80. liàn

to drill, to exercise; to practice, to train

81. liáng

cool, cold; disheartened

82. mǎ

horse; surname

83. máo

hair, fur, feathers; coarse

84. mù

eye; to look, to see; division, topic

85. nán

south; southern; southward

86. nán

hard, difficult, arduous; unable

87. nǚ

to exert, to strive, to make an effort; to pout

88. pà

to fear, to be afraid of; apprehensive

89. pàng

fat, plump, obese; a fat person

90. piàn

slice, splinter; page, strip

91. **píng**

flat, level, even; peaceful

92. **píng**

bottle, jug, pitcher, vase

93. **qí**

his, her, its, their; that

94. **qì**

gasoline; steam, vapor

95. **qiě**

moreover, also (post-subject); about to, will soon (pre-verb)

96. **qīng**

light, gentle; simple, easy

97. **qiū**

autumn, fall; year

98. **qiú**

to seek; to request, to demand; to beseech, to beg for

99. **qū**

area, district, region, ward; surname

100. **quán**

whole, entire, complete; to preserve

101. **rú**

as, as if, like, such as, supposing

102. **sǎn**

umbrella, parasol, parachute

103. **shān**

mountain, hill, peak

104. **sháo**

spoon, ladle; unit of volume

105. **shēng**

sound, noise; voice, tone, music

106. **shí**

real, true; honest, sincere

107. **shì**

match, comfortable; just

108. **shōu**

to collect, to gather, to harvest

109. **shòu**

to receive, to get, to accept; to bear

110. **shù**

tree; to plant; to set up, to establish

111. **tè**

special, unique, distinguished

112. **tǐng**

to straighten, to stand upright; rigid, stiff

113. **tú**

diagram, chart, map, picture; to plan

114. **wén**

news; to hear, to smell; to make known

115. **wù**

affairs, business; should; must

116. **wù**

thing, substance, matter; creature

117. **xià**

summer; the Xia or Hsia dynasty

118. **xiāng**

mutual, reciprocal; equal; each other

119. **xiāng**

incense; fragrant, aromatic

120. **xiǎng**

to make noise, to make sound; sound

121. **xiàng**

towards; direction, trend

122. **xīn**

heart; mind; soul

123. **xìn**

to trust, to believe; letter, sign

124. **xíng**

to go, to walk, to move; professional

125. **xū**

beard; must; necessary

126. **xuǎn**

to select, to elect, to choose; election

127. **yá**

tooth, molar; fang, tusk; serrated

128. **yán**

words, speech; to speak, to say

129. **yáng**

sheep, goat

130. **yáng**

the male principle; bright, sunny; clear, lit, open

131. yǎng

to raise, to rear, to bring up; to support

132. yè

business, profession; to study, to work

133. yè

page, sheet, leaf

134. yīn

sound, tone, pitch, pronunciation

135. yǐn

to swallow, to drink; a kind of drink

136. yìng

should, must; to respond, to handle; to deal with, to cope

137. yòng

to use, to employ, to apply; use

138. yòu

and, also, again, in addition

139. yú

at, in, on; to, from; alas!

140. yù

to produce, to give birth to; to educate

141. **zán**

we, us

142. **zhāng**

to display; to expand, to open; to stretch; a sheet of paper

143. **zhě**

that which; they who; those who

144. **zhí**

straight, vertical; candid, direct, frank

145. **zhǐ**

paper

146. **zhǒng**

race, kind, breed; seed; to plant

147. **zhòng**

heavy, weighty; to double, to repeat

148. **zhǔ**

to own; to host; master; host; lord

149. **zhù**

to help, to aid, to assist

150. **zǒng**

to gather, to collect; overall, altogether
