

HSK 2

Level description

The HSK Level 2 exam assesses your ability to use everyday Chinese at Level 2 in the “Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages” and Level A2 in the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)”.

Candidates who pass the HSK Level 2 exam can communicate simply and directly in Chinese on familiar everyday topics, having reached an advanced level in elementary Chinese.

Candidate description

HSK Level 2 is intended for candidates who have been studying Chinese for two semesters (one academic year) with 2-3 hours of class time a week, and who have mastered 300 of the most frequently used words and related grammar points.

Test structure

HSK (Level 2) consists of 60 questions, divided into listening and reading sections. The exam time is approximately 55 minutes (including 5 minutes for candidates to fill in personal information).

Test Content		Number of test questions (items)		Test duration (minutes)
Listening	Section 1	10	35	About 25
	Section 2	10		
	Section 3	10		
	Section 4	5		
Filling in the answer sheet (transferring the answers of the listening part to the answer sheet)				3
Reading	Section 1	5	25	22
	Section 2	5		
	Section 3	5		
	Section 4	10		

Total	60	50
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Listening 100 points	Part 1 (10 questions) Does the phrase you hear match the picture?
	Part 2 (10 questions) Select the picture that matches the dialogue you hear.
	Part 3 (10 questions) Select the answer that matches the short conversation and question you hear.
	Part 4 (5 questions) Select the answer that matches the long conversation and question you hear.
Reading 100 points	Part 1 (5 questions) Does the sentence match the picture?
	Part 2 (5 questions) Select the word to fill in the blank and complete the sentence.
	Part 3 (5 questions) Do the two sentences go together?
	Part 4 (10 questions) Select the two sentences which go together.

The HSK (Level 2) score report provides three scores: Listening, Reading, and Total. Achieving a full score entails earning 200 points, while a cumulative score of 120 or above qualifies as a passing mark. The HSK scores are valid for two years, starting from the day of the exam.

Resources, vocabulary and sample papers can be found [here](#) and [here](#).