

HSK 3

Level description

The HSK Level 3 exam assesses your ability to use Chinese at Level 3 in the “Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages” and Level B1 in the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)”.

Candidates who pass the HSK Level 3 exam can use Chinese to complete basic communication tasks in everyday life and in their studies, and can deal with most of the communication tasks encountered when travelling in China.

Candidate description

HSK Level 3 is intended for candidates who have mastered 600 of the most frequently used words and related grammar points.

Test structure

HSK (Level 3) has a total of 80 questions, divided into listening, reading, and writing sections. The entire exam takes about 90 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	40	About 35
	Section 2	10		
	Section 3	10		
	Section 4	10		
Filling in the answer sheet (transferring the answers of the listening part to the answer sheet)				5
Reading	Section 1	10	30	30
	Section 2	10		
	Section 3	10		
Writing	Section 1	5	10	15

	Section 2	5		
Total		80		85

Listening 100 points	Part 1 (10 questions) Select the picture that matches the dialogue you hear.
	Part 2 (10 questions) Does what you hear match the sentence in the test paper?
	Part 3 (10 questions) Select the answer that matches the short conversation and question you hear.
	Part 4 (10 questions) Select the answer that matches the long conversation and question you hear.
Reading 100 points	Part 1 (10 questions) Does the sentence match the picture?
	Part 2 (10 questions) Select the two sentences which go together.
	Part 3 (10 questions) Select the correct answer to the question based on the text.
Writing 100 points	Part 1 (5 questions) Arrange the words to make a sentence.
	Part 2 (5 questions) Write the correct Chinese character for the Pinyin given.

The HSK (Level 3) score report provides four scores: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Total. Achieving a full score entails earning 300 points, while a cumulative score of 180 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](#).