

9778 Pre-U Mandarin Chinese: Minimum Core Vocabulary

List of new words for examination in 2017 & 2018

A. New words for numbered sections 1-16

Section ref.			
3	封	fēng	measure word
3	壶	hú	measure word
3	节	jié	measure word
3	块	kuài	a piece of something
3	门	mén	measure word
6	们	men	plural determiner
8	家长	jiā zhǎng	parents
8	兄弟姐妹	xiōng dì jiě mèi	brothers and sisters
10	理想	lǐ xiǎng	pursuit, aspiration, ideal
11	课程	kè chéng	curriculum
11	校刊	xiào kān	school magazine
11	学历	xué lì	academic qualification
13	为（了）	wèi (le)	in order to

A. New words for core vocabulary section

把握	bǎ wò	to take control; to seize opportunity; confidence; certainty
保持	bǎo chí	to maintain
暴力	bào lì	violence
保险	bǎo xiǎn	insurance
辩论	biàn lùn	debate
菜谱	cài pǔ	recipe
尝	cháng	to sample; to taste; to try
尝试	cháng shì	(v./n.) attempt
措施	cuò shī	measure, step
打	dǎ	to play; to hit
打工	dǎ gōng	to work
倒	dào	to throw, to dump; to reverse (v.)
刀叉	dāo chā	knife and fork
店	diàn	shop

调动	diào dòng	to reshuffle; to change position; to stimulate; to motivate
都市	dū shì	metropolitan city
堵塞	dǔ sè	blockage; jam
发	fā	to send
发言	fā yán	to make a speech
繁荣	fán róng	prosperous, booming
范围	fàn wéi	scope, limits, range
费	fèi	fees (n.); waste (v.)
费用	fèi yòng	cost, expense
服装	fú zhuāng	clothing
公共	gōng gòng	public
公众	gōng zhòng	the public
观点	guān diǎn	viewpoint, opinion
观念	guān niàn	mindset, opinion
合格	hé gé	(to be) up to standard
和谐	hé xié	harmony, concord
合约	hé yuē	contract
后	hòu	behind
...化	...huà	suffix huà
滑	huá	slide (v.), slippery
换	huàn	to exchange
技能	jì néng	skills
寄	jì	to post
加	jiā	to add
架	jià	frame; shelf
家教	jiā jiào	home tutor; upbringing
价值	jià zhí	value
坚强	jiān qiáng	mentally strong
奖金	jiǎng jīn	bonus
角度	jiǎo dù	perspective; angle
接待	jiē dài	receive, admit
解雇	jiě gù	to dismiss, to fire
借	jiè	to borrow
金	jīn	gold (money)
尽管	jìn guǎn	although, despite
精力	jīng lì	energy

竞争	jìng zhēng	to compete; competition
酒店	jiǔ diàn	hotel
聚会	jù huì	party, gathering
看	kàn	to watch, to look at
科目	kē mù	subject
刻	kè	to carve
空	kōng	empty
空间	kōng jiān	space; room
空闲	kòng xián	spare
零食	líng shí	snack
毛笔	máo bǐ	brush pen
梦想	mèng xiǎng	dream, ideal, aspiration
培养	péi yǎng	to cultivate, to foster
烹饪	pēng rèn	culinary
平衡	píng héng	(v./n.) balance
前	qián	in front
亲子游	qīn zǐ yóu	family outing
取款机	qǔ kuǎn jī	ATM machine
权力	quán lì	power, authority
缺点	quē diǎn	disadvantage, shortcoming
人格	rén gé	integrity; dignity
肉	ròu	meat
沙漠	shā mò	desert
沙滩	shā tān	sandy beach
社交	shè jiāo	to socialise
升	shēng	to increase, to rise
事故	shì gù	accident
首饰	shǒu shì	jewellery
舒适	shū shì	comfortable
熟悉	shú xī	familiar; to familiarise
舒适	shū shì	comfortable
说法	shuō fǎ	explanation, opinion
说话	shuō huà	to speak; to talk
T 恤	T xù	t-shirt
特色	tè sè	characteristics
调节	tiáo jié	to adjust
调整	tiáo zhěng	adjust (v.)

停止	tíng zhǐ	to stop; to freeze; to stand still
通畅	tōng chàng	smooth; congestion free
通过	tōng guò	to pass through, to cross; (prep.) by means of, by way of
团圆	tuán yuán	to reunite
推迟	tuī chí	to postpone, to put off
外	wài	outside
往返	wǎng fǎn	to return
危机	wēi jī	risk
细心	xì xīn	meticulous
现实	xiàn shí	reality, actuality
消费	xiāo fèi	to consume, consumption
消极	xiāo jí	pessimistic, negative
消失	xiāo shī	to disappear, to vanish
效率	xiào lǜ	efficiency; productivity
心态	xīn tài	attitude, mannerism
新鲜	xīn xiān	fresh
欣赏	xīn shǎng	enjoy, appreciate
行为	xíng wéi	behaviour, action
修饰	xiū shì	to embellish; to perfect
修养	xiū yǎng	accomplishment; culture
休闲	xiū xián	spare time; leisure
需求	xū qiú	demand; needs
宣布	xuān bù	to announce
压抑	yā yì	stress, depressed
严肃	yán sù	stern; solemn
养老金	yǎng lǎo jīn	pension
痒	yǎng	itchy
意思	yì si	meaning
饮料	yǐn liào	soft drink
饮食	yǐn shí	food
影响力	yǐng xiǎng lì	effect
优点	yōu diǎn	merit; advantage
优势	yōu shì	strength
忧虑	yōu lǜ	worry
幽默	yōu mò	humour
有空儿	yǒu kòngr	to have spare time

友情	yǒu qíng	affection
右	yòu	right
员	yuán	member
原始	yuán shǐ	original; primitive
约定	yuē dìng	to make appointment; to agree with something
增值	zēng zhí	value added
站台	zhàn tái	platform
长	zhǎng	to grow; leader
掌握	zhǎng wò	to control, to master
照片	zhào piàn	photo; to take X ray
整理	zhěng lǐ	to sort out; to categorise
正常	zhèng cháng	normal
证明	zhèng míng	to certify; certificate; proof
政策	zhèng cè	policy
制作	zhì zuò	to make
智商	zhì shāng	intelligence; IQ
质量	zhì liàng	quality
钟	zhōng	clock
重点	zhòng diǎn	key point
状态	zhuàng tài	state; status
自信	zì xìn	confident; confidence
资金	zī jīn	capital
总结	zǒng jié	to summarise; conclusion
租金	zū jīn	rent (n.)
租用	zū yòng	to hire; to rent
祖先	zǔ xiān	ancestor
左	zuǒ	left
作品	zuò pǐn	work (n.)

UPDATED CHINESE

车库	chē kù	garage
转盘	zhuàn pán	roundabout

Total: 183 new words + 2 updated Chinese words

C. New words for Principal Subject topic areas

The Environment (环境) : FOR EXAMINATION IN 2017 & 2018

慈善机构	cí shàn jī gòu	charity
地震	dì zhèn	earthquake
和平	hé píng	peace
节约	jié yuē	frugal; mindful of; to save
救援	jiù yuán	to rescue
联合国	lián hé guó	United Nations
暖化	nuǎn huà	warming
塑料	sù liào	plastic
云	yún	cloud

The Media (媒体) : FOR EXAMINATION IN 2017 & 2018

炒作	chǎo zuò	to boost; to boast
电视	diàn shì	TV
电影	diàn yǐng	film
脸书	liǎn shū	Facebook
密码	mì mǎ	password; pin number
签约	qiān yuē	to sign a contract/agreement
网	wǎng	the net
微信	wēi xìn	Wechat (a popular app in China)
邮件	yóu jiàn	email

Work and Leisure (工作和休闲) : FOR EXAMINATION IN 2017 & 2018

辞职	cí zhí	to resign; resignation
雇用	gù yòng	to hire; to employ
雇主	gù zhǔ	employer
网球	wǎng qiú	tennis
牙医	yá yī	dentist
演戏	yǎn xì	to act

招聘	zhāo pìn	to advertise
协议	xié yì	agreement
元件	yuán jiàn	component ; part
资历	zī lì	qualification