

## HSK Exam Preparation Beijing & Shanghai

Do you speak Mandarin? Can you prove it!

HSK Exam in Chinese is Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (汉语水平考试) literally meaning “Mandarin Level Test”.

It is organized by Hanban (汉办) the part of the Chinese education ministry also in charge of the Confucius Institutes (孔子学院). The HSK exams can be sat throughout the year.

The HSK Exam is administered by testing centres around the world, including private language schools, universities and Confucius institutes. Exam questions and dates are the same everywhere in the world, however not all testing centres choose to offer the HSK test every month.

Prepare for the HSK Exam with the Beijing/Shanghai language schools, throughout the year.

Many students wish to take a HSK Exam in China for a number of reasons which range from finding their current level of Chinese, achieving a personal goal, or for future career progression. The staff at both schools help students prepare for and sit the exam at a time that suits their needs.

### The Process

#### Assessment

Your assigned HSK Specialist will get an understanding of your current level of Chinese and give you a HSK Level to attain, from one through to six.

#### Choose an Exam and Date

Once you are both comfortable with what level exam to take its time to pick a date and get preparing

#### Personalized study plan

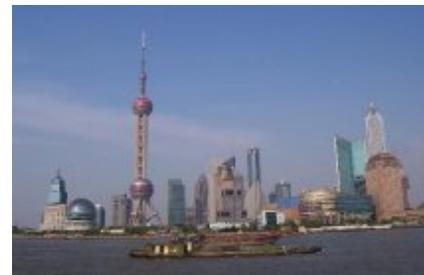
Your plan will give you targets, strategies and mock papers so you have all the materials you need.

#### Take Mock Tests

It's time to see how you fare with last year's papers.

#### Sit the exam

Good luck



### *Do I have to take a HSK Exam?*

You are under no obligations to take any exam when you learn Chinese. An oral test or a speaking test is just a way of gaining a grade. If you need this on your CV for a potential job then yes, the HSK Exam is worth taking. If you have a personal goal and want to reach a certain level of Chinese proficiency, then yes why not take the test. Otherwise the choice is completely up to you.

## HSK TEST LEVELS

There are six HSK levels overall.

HSK 1 covers basic Chinese language through to HSK 6 which is outright fluency in all circumstances.

### HSK 1 VOCABULARY

The ability to understand basic Chinese words and phrases

The HSK 1 exam tests your ability to understand the basic Mandarin words and phrases. In the exam both Pinyin and Hanzi will be used.

### HSK 2 VOCABULARY

Can use basic Chinese and apply to complete simple tasks

To take the HSK 2 exam you will be able use basic Mandarin and apply this to complete simply tasks day to day. Likewise the HSK 1 test, Pinyin and Hanzi are both used.

### HSK 3 VOCABULARY

Can communicate daily for academic and professional purposes

For HSK 3 exam there is no pinyin used. You will have to rely totally on your Hanzi skills to pass the test. You will be able to communicate daily for academic and professional purposes.

### HSK 4 VOCABULARY

Converse fluently in various topics with native Chinese speakers

The HSK 4 exam also comes solely in Hanzi with no Pinyin. You will be able to converse fluently in a number of different topics with native Chinese speakers on a day to day basis.

### HSK 5 VOCABULARY

Fluent speaking and ability to read a Chinese newspaper

If you are ready to take the HSK 5 exam you will be a fluent Mandarin speaker. You will also have the ability to read a Chinese newspaper with no problems. You will know 2,500 words

### HSK 6 VOCABLULARY.

Ability to express whatever you wish either spoken or written.

The pinnacle of learning Chinese as a foreigner. HSK 6 will mean you can converse any feeling or emotion you wish whether written or spoken. You can download all HSK 6 vocabulary and a test using the below link.

The school offers **Private Tuition (20 or 30 lessons per week)** across all language levels & **Standard Group Courses (20 lessons)** at lower language levels (beginner/high elementary), throughout the year.

HSK preparation is taken in Private Tuition, tailored to your specific needs, either as a stand alone programme or as a Combined Course (in conjunction with group tuition).

## HOW THE HSK EXAM WORKS

Each HSK exam is either taken on computer or written format. There is no speaking involved (unless you sit an HSKK exam). There are three HSKK exams in total.

In terms of the computer and written exams, here are a few useful points about how the test works:

HSK 1 and HSK 2 are the two most basic HSK Exams, these involve pinyin and characters

HSK 1 and HSK 2 tests your listening and reading skills

HSK 3 through to HSK 6 are fully in Chinese characters, there is no pinyin in these exams

HSK 3 to HSK 6 tests your listening, reading and writing skills

## HSK Test Dates 2020

Date	Deadline for registration		Date of results announced (Paper/Internet)
	Paper and Pencil Test	Internet-based Test	
Jan 11 (Sat)	Dec 15, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Feb 18 / Feb 3
Feb 9 (Sun)	Jan 13	Jan 30	Mar 9 / Feb 24
Mar 7 (Sat)	-	Feb 26	Mar 23
Mar 21 (Sat)	Feb 23	Mar 11	Apr 21 / Apr 6
Apr 11 (Sat)	Mar 15	Apr 1	May 11 / Apr 27
May 9 (Sat)	Apr 12	Apr 29	June 9 / May 25
June 14 (Sun)	May 18	June 4	July 14 / June 29
July 12 (Sun)	June 15	July 2	Aug 12 / July 27
Aug 23 (Sun)	July 27	Aug 13	Sept 23 / Sept 7
Sept 19 (Sat)	Aug 23	Sept 9	Oct 26 / Oct 12
Oct 17 (Sat)	Sept 20	Oct 7	Nov 17 / Nov 2
Nov 7 (Sat)	-	Oct 28	Nov 23
Nov 21 (Sat)	Oct 25	Nov 11	Dec 21 / Dec 7
Dec 6 (Sun)	Nov 9	Nov 26	Jan 6, 2021 / Dec 21

## HSKK Speaking Test Dates 2020

Date	Deadline for registration		Date of results announced
	Paper and Pencil Test	Internet-based Test	
Jan 11 (Sat)	Dec 15, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Feb 18
Mar 21 (Sat)	Feb 23	Mar 11	Apr 21
Apr 11 (Sat)	Mar 15	Apr 1	May 11
May 9 (Sat)	Apr 12	Apr 29	June 9
July 12 (Sun)	June 15	July 2	Aug 12
Oct 17 (Sat)	Sept 20	Oct 7	Nov 17
Dec 6 (Sun)	Nov 9	Nov 26	Jan 6, 2021

If you are taking the HSK in China the exam dates are always either on a Saturday or a Sunday. For HSK levels 2, 4 and 6 the exams usually starts at 9am and for levels 1, 3 and 5 at 1:30pm.

### HSK PREPARATION COURSES IN BEIJING/SHANGHAI

Our HSK classes are taught by experienced teachers who know exactly the tools you need to pass your HSK Exam. You will learn the exact grammar structures, vocabulary and sentence patterns you need to put you in great shape going into your HSK Test.

Your HSK Classes can be combined with Standard Group Courses, Private Courses and Combined Courses. School staff will help you sign up for your HSK Exam and give you any other details and answer any other questions you have about the exam.

### HSK EXAM PREPARATION KIT

The HSK Exam Preparation Kit aims to guide you through the process of passing the HSK Exam. The key to the exam is learning specific vocabulary and grammar that school staff know will be tested. Thankfully they are experts in this field so will be able to give you expert support in preparing for the exams.

The Preparation Kit will help you create a study plan, complete mock exams, prepare for the exam itself and assist you with the exam fee registration process, so you can concentrate on studying.

What's included:

HSK mock test and analysis	HSK level assessment and study plan
HSK Test Syllabus	Five sets of past HSK Test papers including CD
Sign up and staff support	Chinese classes are not included in the HSK kit (priced separately)

**Cost – See School PDF details or CESA Course Finder, on line**