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HSK 4 - Adverbs 1 to 30

1 本来/běnlái

Originally

Tā běnlái yīnggāi zài liǎng tiān qián lái kàn wǒ, kěshì tā wàng le.

她本来应该在两天前来看我，可是她忘了。

She was supposed to visit me two days ago, but she forgot.

2 不得不/bùdébù

Have To

Wǒ bùdébù rěnrshòu tā de huài xíguàn.

我不得不忍受他的坏习惯。

I have to tolerate his bad habits.

3 差不多/chàbùduō

Almost

Nǐ zěnmě zhème wǎn cái lái? Wǒ zài zhèr děng le chàbùduō yī gè xiǎoshí le.

你怎么这么晚才来? 我在这儿等了差不多一个小时了。

Why are you so late? I've been waiting here for almost an hour.

4 重新/chóngxīn

Again

Wǒ bǎ zhè běn shū chóngxīn kàn le yī biàn.

我把这本书重新看了一遍。

I read this book once again.

5 从来/cónglái

Always/Never (If Used with 不/bù or 没有/méiyǒu)

Tā jīhū cónglái dōu bù huì shēngqì.

他几乎从来都不会生气。

He almost never gets angry.

6 大约/dàyuē

About

Wǒ měitiān dàyuē huā liǎng xiǎoshí kànshū.

我每天大约花两小时看书。

I spend about two hours reading everyday.

7 当/dāng

When

Dāng wǒ juéde wúliáo de shíhou, wǒ yībān huì chūqù sànbù.

当我觉得无聊的时候，我一般会出去散步。

Usually I go out walking when I feel bored.

8 到处/dàochù

Everywhere

Zhōumò de shíhou dàjiē shàng dàochù dōu shì rén.

周末的时候大街上到处都是人。

There are people everywhere on the street on weekends.

9 到底/dàodǐ

What On Earth (used in a question for emphasis)

Nǐ dàodǐ shì shénme yìsi?

你到底是什么意思?

What on earth do you mean?

10 否则/fǒuzé

Otherwise

Kuài diǎn qǐchuáng, fǒuzé jiù yào chídào le.

快点起床，否则就要迟到了。

Get up soon, otherwise you will be late.

11 刚刚/gānggāng

Just Now

Gānggāng shì shuí zài shuōhuà?

刚刚是谁在说话?

Who was talking just now?

12 够/gòu

Enough

Zhè fù yǎnjìng tài guì, wǒ dài de qián bù gòu.

这副眼镜太贵，我带的钱不够。

These glasses are too expensive, the money I have with me is not enough.

Hanban stressed this word as an adverb. However, we are using it in the sentence sample as an adjective, because in normal speech, it is usually used as an adjective.

13 故意/gùyì

Intentionally/On Purpose

Tā shì gùyì bǎ chuānghu dǎpò de.

她是故意把窗户打破的。

She broke the window on purpose.

14 果然/guǒrán

As Expected/Sure Enough

Tā shuōguò yào lái, guǒrán, tā lái le.

他说过要来，果然，他来了。

He said he would come, and sure enough he came.

15 后来/hòulái

Afterwards/Later

Qǐchū wǒ dǎsuan zuò ge dàifu, kěshì hòulái wǒ gǎibiàn le xiǎngfǎ.

起初我打算做个大夫，可是后来我改变了想法。

Initially, I planned to be a doctor, but later I changed my mind.

16 忽然/hūrán

Suddenly

Wàimian hūrán xià qǐ yǔ lái le.

外面忽然下起雨来了。

Suddenly, it started to rain outside.

17 互相/hùxiāng

Mutually/Each Other

Wǒmen yīnggāi hùxiāng bāngzhù.

我们应该互相帮助。

We should help each other.

18 极其/jíqí

Extremely

Xīyān duì shēntǐ jíqí yǒuhài.

吸烟对身体极其有害。

Smoking is extremely harmful to your health.

19 及时/jíshí

In Time

Yàobùshì yīshēng jíshí gǎn dào, zhè xiǎohái jiù méimìng le.

要不是医生及时赶到，这小孩就没命了。

The child would have died if the doctor hadn't come in time.

20 竟然/jìngrán

Unexpectedly

Wǒ hěn jīngyà nǐ jìngrán nàme tiānzhēn.

我很惊讶你竟然那么天真。

I am surprised that you're so naive.

21 恐怕/kǒngpà

Afraid

Wǒ kǒngpà tā bù huì tóngyì.

我恐怕他不会同意。

I'm afraid he won't agree.

Hanban stressed this word as an adverb. However, we are using it in the sentence sample as a verb, because in normal speech, it is usually used as a verb.

22 来不及/láibují

Too Late To

Kuài, fǒuzé nǐ jiù yào láibují le.

快，否则你就要来不及了。

Hurry up or else you'll be late.

23 来得及/láidejí

There's still time

Bié zhāojí, nǐ hái láidejí.

别着急，你还来得及。

Don't worry, you still have time.

24 连/lián

Even

Wǒ tài kùn le, lián zǎo dōu méi xǐ jiù shuì le.

我太困了，连澡都没洗就睡了。

I was so sleepy that I went to sleep without even taking a shower.

25 免费/miǎnfèi

Free of Charge

Píng cǐ quàn nǐ kěyǐ miǎnfèi lǐngqǔ yī fèn lǐpǐn.

凭此券你可以免费领取一份礼品。

This coupon entitles you to a free gift.

26 偶尔/ǒu'ěr

Once in a While/Occasionally

Wǒmen zhǐshì ǒu'ěr huì jiàn yī miàn.

我们只是偶尔会见一面。

We just meet once in a while.

27 平时/píngshí

Ordinarily/Normally

Nǐ píngshí jǐ diǎn xiàbān?

你平时几点下班?

When do you normally get off from work?

28 其次/qícì

Secondly

Wǒ zuì xǐhuan de shì kàn shū, qícì cái shì kàn diànyǐng.

我最喜欢的是看书，其次才是看电影。

I like reading the most, then watching movies.

29 其中/qízhōng

Among

Wǒmen gōngsī yǒu 40 míng yuángōng, qízhōng 35 míng shì nǚrén.

我们公司40名员工，其中35名是女人。

There are 40 employees in our company, among them are 35 women.

30 千万/qiānwàn

For Goodness' Sake/Be Sure to

Zhège mìmì nǐ qiānwàn bié gàosu rènhé rén.

这个秘密你千万别告诉任何人。

Be sure to not tell anybody about this secret.