

HSK (Level 2) Factsheet

HSK (Level 2) is designed to test the candidates' ability to use daily Chinese.

HSK (Level 2) is equivalent to Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages Level Two and The Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) A2. Candidates who pass HSK (Level 2) can communicate about daily topics in Chinese and reach a level of elementary Chinese.

Candidate Level

HSK (Level 2) is appropriate to students who have studied Chinese for 80-120 hours who have acquired around 300 basic Chinese words and related grammar points.

Exam Content

HSK (Level 2) consists of 60 questions split across a Listening Section and a Reading Section.

Content		Number of Questions		Exam Time
Listening	Part One	10	35	25min approx
	Part Two	10		
	Part Three	10		
	Part Four	5		
Reading	Part One	5	25	20
	Part Two	5		
	Part Three	5		
	Part Four	10		
Fill in the Answer Sheet				5
Total	/	60	50 min approx	

The exam will last approximately 55 minutes including the time required to fill in personal details.

1. Listening

Part 1/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in short sentences illustrated with pictures on the exam paper. The candidate is required to judge true or false according to the content heard.

Part 2/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are dialogues with several pictures on the exam paper relating to each question. The candidate is required to select the relevant picture according to the content heard.

Part 3/ 10 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices. A third voice will then raise a question. There are 3 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

Part 4/ 5 Questions. Each question will be played twice. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices (4 - 5 sentences). A third voice will then raise a question. There are 3 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

2. Reading

Part 1/ 5 Questions. There are several pictures on the exam paper. Each question will be in the format of a sentence. The candidate is required to select the right picture according to the sentence.

Part 2/ 5 Questions. Each question will take the format of one to two sentences. There is a blank in the sentence. The candidate is required to select the right word from the options listed to fill in the blank.

Part 3/ 5 Questions. Each question will take the format of 2 sentences. The candidate is required to judge whether the second sentence has the same meaning as that of the first sentence.

Part 4/ 10 Questions. Match 20 sentences with the answers.

All the questions in the test paper are in *Pinyin*.

3. Exam report

HSK (Level 2) exam report provides marks for Listening and Reading which are combined to give an Overall Mark. The passmark at this level requires an overall mark of 120.

	Mark	Your Mark
Listening	100	
Reading	100	
Overall Mark	200	

The HSK mark awarded remains valid for 2 years from the date of the exam as a certificate for non-native Chinese speakers to study in Chinese Universities and Colleges.