English - Pinyin Glossary

a bag of 一袋 yí dài; 一包 yì bāo
a big deal 大事 dà shì
a bottle 一瓶 yì píng
a bunch of 一串 yí chuàn
a catty (0.6kg) 一斤 yì jīn
a cup of; a glass of 一杯 yì bēi
a discrepancy exists 有差 yǒu chā
a favor 一個忙 yí ge máng
a few empty rooms 幾間空房間

jĭjiān kōng fángjiān a few songs 幾首歌 jǐ shǒu gē a large amount of 一大筆 yí dà bǐ a little 一點 yìdiǎn a little big 一點大 yìdiǎn dà a little bigger 大一點 dà yìdiǎn a little cheaper 便宜一點 piányí yìdiǎn a little greedy 有一點貪心 yǒu yìdiǎn tānxīn a little late 一點晚 yìdiǎn wǎn a little later 晚一點 wǎn yìdiǎn a little less 少一點 shǎo yìdiǎn a little louder 大聲一點 dà shēng yìdiǎn a little milder (flavor) 淡一點 dàn yìdiǎn a little salty 有一點鹹 yǒu yìdiǎn xián a little slower 慢一點 màn yìdiǎn a little small 有一點小 yǒu yìdiǎn xiǎo a little smaller 小一點 xiǎo yìdiǎn a little softer 小聲一點 xiǎoshēng yìdiǎn a little sour 有一點酸 yǒu yìdiǎn suān a little spicy 有一點辣 yǒu yìdiǎn là a little sweet 有一點甜 yǒu yìdiǎn tián a long time 好久 hǎo jiǔ; 很久 hěn jiǔ a lot 很多 hěn duō a period 一段 yí duàn a pile 一堆 yì duī a pile of books 一堆書 yì duī shū

yǒu yìdiǎn wùhùi ability 能力 nénglì

a slight misunderstanding exists 有一點誤會

ability to handle a crisis 處理危機的能力 chǔlǐ wéijī de nénglì

able to 能 néng; 會 huì able to afford 買得起 mǎideqǐ able to buy 買得到 mǎidedào able to come 能來 néng lái able to do 做得到 zuòdedào
able to find 找得到 zhǎodedào
able to finish 做得完 zuòdewán
able to finish 做得完 zuòdewán
able to finish reading 看得完 kàndewán
able to finish speaking 講得完 jiǎngdewán
able to get up/rise 起得來 qǐdelái
able to hear 聽得到 tīngdedào
able to imagine 想得到 xiǎngdedào
able to see 看得到 kàndedào
able to take/bear 受得了 shòudeliǎo
able to think of/come up with 想得出來

xiǎng de chūlái

able to understand 看得懂 kàndedŏng abominable 可惡 kěwù
Aboriginal 原住民 yuánzhùmín
Aboriginal food 原住民菜 Yuánzhùmíncài abroad 國外 guówài
absent 不在 bú zài
absolutely 絕對 juéduì
absolutely cannot do 絕不可做

jué bù kě zuò

absolutely cannot forget 絕對不可以忘記

juéduì bù kěyǐ wàngjì
miss 紹對不愈無過

absolutely cannot miss 絕對不會錯過

juéduì búhuì cuòguò

absolutely did not say 絕對沒有說過 juéduì méiyǒu shuōguò

about to drop from exhaustion 快累死了

kuài lèisĭ –le

acceptable; alright 還可以 hái kěyǐ accumulate air miles 得到累計哩程

dédào lěijì líchéng

ache, pain 痛 tòng achieve, get 做到 zuòdào; 得到 dédào acting skills 演技 yǎnjì action 動作 dòngzuò action movie 動作片 dòngzuòpiàn action movie fan 動作片迷

dòngzuòpiàn mí actor 演員 yǎnyuán actress 女演員 nǚyǎnyuán actually; in fact 事實上 shìshíshàng

add 加 jiā

add – animal

add layers (hair) 打層次 dǎ céngcì add more salt 加鹹一點 jiā xián yìdiǎn add more sugar 加甜一點 jiā tián yìdiǎn add some highlights 加一些挑染

jiā yìxiē tiāorǎn

address 地址 dìzhǐ
adopt 收養 rènyǎng
adore, crazy about 愛死了 aìsǐ-le
adult 大人 dàrén
affability, personable 人情味 rénqíngwèi
affection 感情 gǎnqíng
afraid 害怕 hàipà
afraid to disturb you 怕吵到你

pà chẳodào nǐ

Africa 非洲 Fēizhōu
after 以後 yǐhòu
after all 到底 dàodǐ
after, behind 之後 zhīhòu
after drinking alcohol 酒後 jiǔ hòu
after I came to Taiwan 我來台灣後

wŏ lái táiwān hòu

after leaving 離開以後 **líkāi yǐhòu** after they've left 他們離開以後

tāmen líkāi yǐhòu

after watching the movie 看完電影之後

kànwán diànyǐng zhīhòu

after you've finished reading/watching
nǐ kànwán yǐhòu 你看完以後
afternoon 下午 xiàwǔ
afternoon nap 午覺 wǔjiào
afterwards hòulái 後來
again; then (after) 再 zài
agree 同意 tóngyì
agree with this idea 同意這個主意

tóngyì zhège zhǔyì

air 空氣 kōngqì
air conditioning 冷氣 lěngqì
air pollution 空氣污染 kōngqì wūrǎn
airplane 飛機 fēijī
aisle 走道 zǒudào
aisle seat 靠走道的座位

kào zŏudào de zuòwèi

alcohol 酒 jiǔ alcohol tolerance limit 酒量 jiǔliàng A-list actor 一線演員 yíxiàn yǎnyuán all 都 dōu all new 全新 quánxīn all of these 這些都 zhèi xiē dōu all, total 全部 quánbù All together it's... 總共是...

Zǒnggòng shì...

all unimportant 都不重要

dōu bú zhòngyào

allergy 過敏 guòmǐn alley弄 nòng almost here 快到了 kuài dào le already 已經 yǐjīng already been there 已經去那邊了

yǐjǐng qù nàbiān le already decided 已經決定了 yǐjīng juédìng le; 已決 yǐjué

already finished reading 已經看完了

yĭjīng kànwán le

already ordered/reserved 已經訂了

yĭjīng dìng -le

already paid 已經付了 **yǐjīng fù -le**already seen 已經看過了 **yǐjīng kànguò le**also 也 **yě**

also has advantages 也有好處

yě yǒu hǎochù

also have 也有 yě yǒu
although 雖然 suīrán
always 總是 zǒngshì
always, eternally, forever 永遠 yǒngyuǎn
always open 常開 chángkāi
always; straight 一直 yìzhí
American 美國人 Měiguórén
American food 美國菜 Měiguócài
among the three of us 我們三個人之中

wŏmen sān ge rén zhīzhōng

an hour and a half 一個半小時

yí ge bàn xiǎoshí

ancient times 古代 gǔdài and 和 hàn and then 然後 ránhòu and then I still have to... 然後我還要...

ránhòu wǒ háiyào...

anew, afresh 重新 chóngxīn angora 羊毛 yángmáo angry 生氣 shēngqì animal 動物 dòngwù