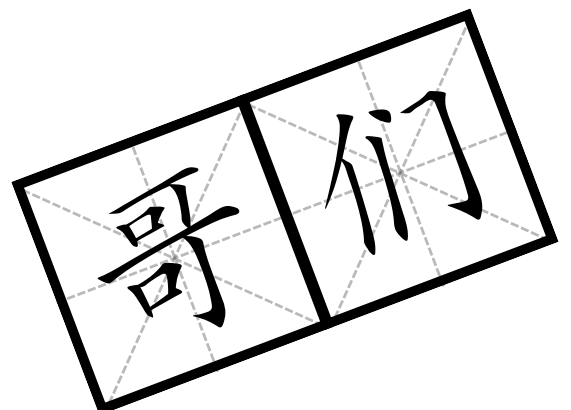
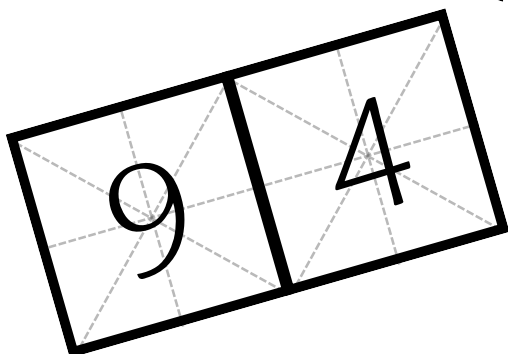
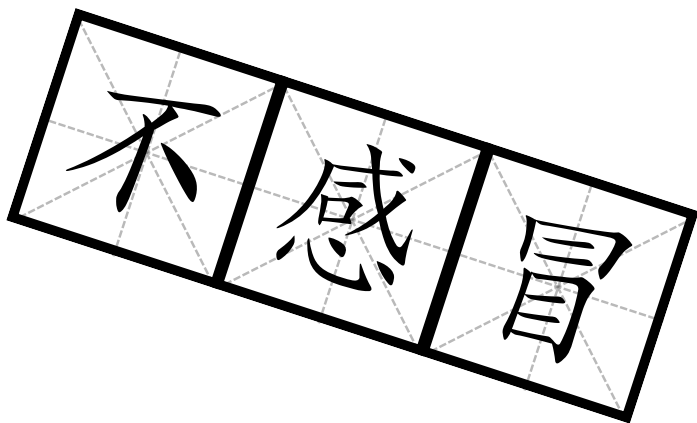


## 20 Must-Know Chinese Slang Words to Sound Like a Native

想说地道中文？  
这20个流行俚语你必须知道！



niú



**Definition:** Awesome or impressive.

**English Equivalent:** Awesome

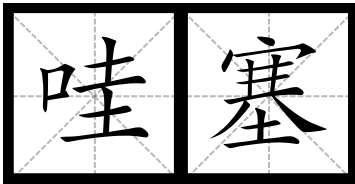
*Tā de biǎoyǎn zhēn niú, dàjiā dōu hěn xǐhuan.*

他的表演真牛，大家都很喜欢。

His performance is awesome, everyone loves it

wā

sāi



**Definition:** An exclamation of surprise or amazement.

**English Equivalent:** Wow!

*Wāsài, zhège yóulèyuán hǎo piàoliang!*

哇塞，这个游乐园好漂亮！

Wow, this amusement park is so beautiful!

kù



**Definition:** Cool, trendy, or fashionable.

**English Equivalent:** Cool

*Nǐ xīn mǎi de xiézi zhēn kù, wǒ yě xiǎng mǎi yì shuāng.*

你新买的鞋子真酷，我也想买一双。

Your new shoes are so cool, I want to buy a pair too.

gē

men



**Definition:** Buddy or close male friend.

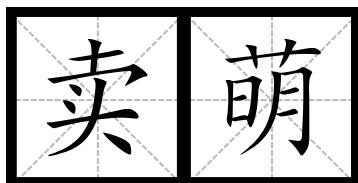
**English Equivalent:** Bro / Buddy

*Wǒmen shì hǎo gēmen, yìqǐ jīnglì le hěn duō shìqíng.*

我们是好哥们，一起经历了很多事情。

We are good buddies and have been through a lot together.

mài méng



**Definition:** To act cute intentionally.  
**English Equivalent:** To act cute

*Tā xǐhuan mài méng, jīngcháng zuò yìxiē kě'ài de biǎoqíng.*

她喜欢卖萌，经常做一些可爱的表情。

She likes to act cute and often makes adorable facial expressions.

zàn



**Definition:** Awesome or thumbs-up. "like" on Social Media.  
**English Equivalent:** Great / Awesome

*Nǐ de huàhuà jìshù zhēn zàn, wǒ hěn xǐhuan.*

你的画画技术真赞，我很喜欢。

Your drawing skills are awesome, I really like them.

qīn



**Definition:** Term of endearment.  
**English Equivalent:** Dear

*Qīn, nǐ jīntiān guò de zěnmeyàng?*

亲，你今天过得怎么样？

Dear, how was your day today?

shén



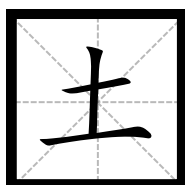
**Definition:** Godlike; used for someone extremely skilled.  
**English Equivalent:** Genius / God-tier

*Tā de tiàowǔ jìqiǎo zhēn shì shén, měi ge dòngzuò dōu wánměi wúxiá.*

他的跳舞技巧真是神，每个动作都完美无瑕。

His dancing skills are godlike, every move is flawless.

tǔ



**Definition:** Old-fashioned or not trendy.

**English Equivalent:** Uncool

*Zhè ge yīfu tài tǔ le, xiànzài dōu bù liúxíng le.*

这个衣服太土了，现在都不流行了。

This outfit is uncool; it's not trendy anymore.

bù

gǎn

mào



**Definition:** Not interested in something.

**English Equivalent:** Not into it

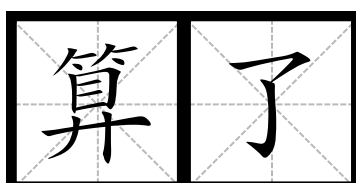
*Wǒ duì nàge diànyǐng bù gǎnmào, bù xiǎng qù kàn.*

我对那个电影不感冒，不想去看。

I'm not interested in that movie; I don't want to go see it.

suàn

le



**Definition:** Forget it; drop the matter.

**English Equivalent:** Forget it

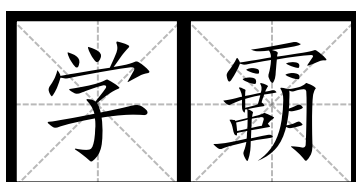
*Bié zài zhēnglùn le, suàn le ba.*

别再争论了，算了吧。

Stop arguing, let's forget it.

xué

bà



**Definition:** A top-performing student.

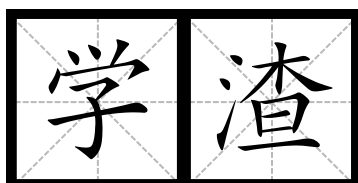
**English Equivalent:** Study genius

*Tā shì wǒmen bān de xuébà, měi cì kǎoshì dōu shì dì yī míng.*

他是我们班的学霸，每次考试都是第一名。

He's the study genius of our class, always getting the top score.

xué zhā



**Definition:** A student who struggles academically.  
**English Equivalent:** Study slacker

Tā shùxué chéngjì tài chà le, wánquán shì gè xuézhā.

他数学成绩太差了，完全是个学渣。

His math grades are very poor; he's a complete study slacker.

nǐ xíng nǐ shàng



**Definition:** "If you can, go ahead and do it" (a challenge).

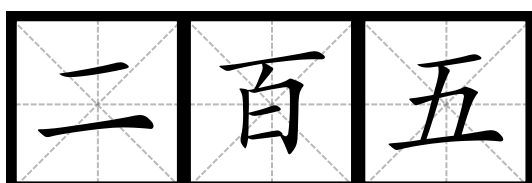
**English Equivalent:** If you're so good, do it

Nǐ juéde jiǎndān ma? Nà nǐ xíng nǐ shàng a!

你觉得简单吗？那你行你上啊！

You think it's easy? Then go ahead and do it!

èr bǎi wǔ



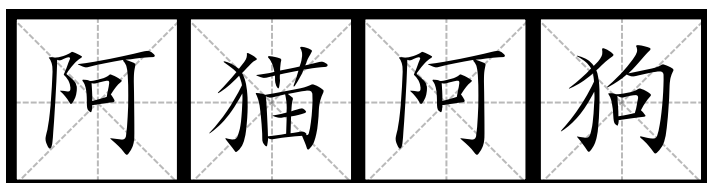
**Definition:** A foolish or silly person.  
**English Equivalent:** Dumb / Fool

Bié tīng tā de, tā jiù shì gè èr bǎi wǔ.

别听他的，他就是个二百五。

Don't listen to him, he's just a fool.

ā māo ā gǒu



**Definition:** Random or insignificant people.

**English Equivalent:** Nobodies / Random people

Zhè ge dìfāng dào chù dōu shì ā māo ā gǒu de, wǒ dōu bù rènshi.

这个地方到处都是阿猫阿狗的，我都不认识。

This place is full of random people—I don't know anyone.

qù nǐ de



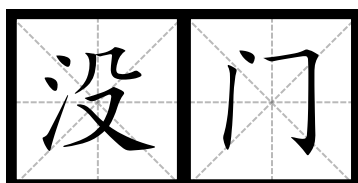
**Definition:** Go away (impolite tone).  
**English Equivalent:** Get lost

Wǒ bù xiǎng gēn nǐ shuōhuà le, nǐ kěyǐ qù nǐ de le.

我不想跟你说话了，你可以去你的了。

I don't want to talk to you anymore—just get lost.

méi mén



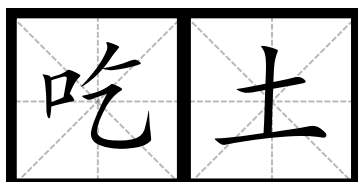
**Definition:** No way; impossible.  
**English Equivalent:** No way

Nǐ xiǎng jiào tā bāngmáng? Méi mén, tā cónglái bú huì bāng biérén de máng.

你想叫他帮忙？没门，他从来不会帮别人的忙。

You want him to help? No way, he never helps others.

chī tǔ



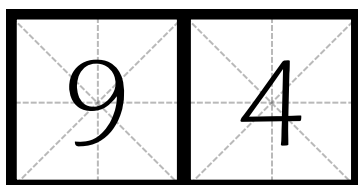
**Definition:** To be broke (literally: eating dirt).  
**English Equivalent:** Broke

Zhège yuè huā tài duō le, xiànzài chī tǔ le.

这个月花太多了，现在吃土了。

I spent too much this month and now I'm broke.

jiǔ sì



**Definition:** From internet slang “94” as a pun for 就是  
**English Equivalent:** Exactly! That's right!

Tā de guāndiǎn fēicháng zhǔnquè, jiǔ sì!

他的观点非常准确，94!

His opinion is spot on—exactly!

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