

# Chinese Seaside Vocabulary and Exercise Sheet

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## 1. Coast & Harbor

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Seaside / coast	海边	hǎibiān
Coastline	海岸线	hǎi'ànxiàn
Bay	海湾	hǎiwān
Harbor / port	港口	gǎngkǒu
Pier / dock	码头	mǎtóu
Lighthouse	灯塔	dēngtǎ
Wave	海浪	hǎilàng
Tide	潮汐	cháo xī

## 2. Conditions

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Sunny	晴天	qíngtiān
Windy	刮风	guāfēng
Hot	炎热	yánrè
High tide	涨潮	zhǎngcháo
Low tide	退潮	tuìcháo
Wave	海浪	hǎilàng
Tide	潮汐	cháo xī

## Beach Gear

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Beach	沙滩	shātān
Towel	毛巾	máojīn
Beach umbrella	太阳伞	tàiyángsǎn
Sunscreen	防晒霜	fángshài shuāng
Sunglasses	太阳镜	tàiyángjìng
Swimsuit	泳衣	yǒngyī
Lifeguard	救生员	jiùshēngyuán

## Sea animals

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Crab	螃蟹	pángxiè
Shrimp	虾	xiā
Jellyfish	水母	shuǐmǔ
Dolphin	海豚	hǎitún
Shark	鲨鱼	shāyú
Seagull	海鸥	hǎi'ōu

## At a restaurant

English	Chinese	Pinyin
Fresh	新鲜	xīnxiān
Steamed	清蒸	qīngzhēng
Beer	啤酒	píjiǔ
Check, please	买单	mǎidān

## Sample sentences

Chinese	Pinyin	English
我们去海边吧。	Wǒmen qù hǎibiān ba.	Let's go to the seaside.
这里可以游泳吗？	Zhè lǐ kěyǐ yóuyǒng ma?	Can you swim here?
今天刮风很大。	Jīntiān guāfēng hěn dà.	It's very windy today.
小心海浪！	Xiǎoxīn hǎilàng!	Be careful of the waves!
有新鲜的虾吗？	Yǒu xīnxiān de xiā ma?	Do you have fresh shrimp?
可以清蒸吗？	Kěyǐ qīngzhēng ma?	Can it be steamed?
再来一瓶啤酒，谢谢。	Zài lái yì píng píjiǔ, xièxie.	One more beer, please.
这个海滩人山人海。	Zhège hǎitān rén shān rén hǎi.	This beach is extremely crowded.

# Sample sentences

## 1. Asking for directions to the beach

Chinese	Pinyin	English
A: 请问，海边怎么走？	Qǐngwèn, hǎibiān zěnmē zǒu?	Excuse me, how do I get to the seaside?
B: 一直往前走，然后左转，走五分钟就到了。	Yīzhí wǎng qián zǒu, ránhòu zuǒ zhuǎn, zǒu wǔ fēnzhōng jiù dào le.	Go straight ahead, then turn left. It's five minutes away.
A: 谢谢！那里可以游泳吗？	Xièxie! Nàlǐ kěyǐ yóuyǒng ma?	Thanks! Can you swim there?
B: 可以，不过要小心浪。	Kěyǐ, búguò yào xiǎoxīn làng.	Yes, but be careful of the waves.

## 2. Checking the weather before heading out

Chinese	Pinyin	English
A: 今天天气怎么样？	Jīntiān tiānqì zěnmeyàng?	What's the weather like today?
B: 今天刮风很大，我们别坐船出海了。	Jīntiān guāfēng hěn dà, wǒmen bié zuò chuán chūhǎi le.	It's very windy today, let's not go out on the boat.
A: 那我们在沙滩上走走吧。	Nà wǒmen zài shātān shàng zǒuzou ba.	Then let's just walk on the beach.
B: 好主意，别忘了带防晒霜。	Hǎo zhǔyì, bié wàng le dài fángshài shuāng.	Good idea, don't forget to bring sunscreen.

### 3. Ordering seafood at a beachside restaurant

Chinese	Pinyin	English
Waiter: 你们想吃点什么?	Nǐmen xiǎng chī diǎn shénme?	What would you like to eat?
You: 有新鲜的虾吗? 可以清蒸吗?	Yǒu xīnxiān de xiā ma? Kěyǐ qīngzhēng ma?	Do you have fresh shrimp? Can it be steamed?
Waiter: 可以, 还要别的吗?	Kěyǐ, hái yào bié de ma?	Sure, anything else?
You: 再来一瓶啤酒, 谢谢。	Zài lái yì píng píjiǔ, xièxie.	One more beer, please.
Waiter: 好的, 马上来。	Hǎo de, mǎshàng lái.	Sure, coming right up.

### 4. Talking about a crowded beach

Chinese	Pinyin	English
A: 哇, 这个海滩人山人海!	Wa, zhège hǎitān rén shān rén hǎi!	Wow, this beach is packed!
B: 是啊, 今天是周末。	Shì a, jīntiān shì zhōumò.	Yeah, it's the weekend today.
A: 我们去那边的礁石找螃蟹吧。	Wǒmen qù nàbiān de jiāoshí zhǎo pángxiè ba.	Let's go find crabs on the rocks over there.
B: 好啊, 说不定还能看到海星。	Hǎo a, shuōbùdìng hái néng kàndào hǎixīng.	Sure, maybe we'll even spot a starfish.

## Exercise 1

Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box.

新鲜 · 刮风 · 海边 · 清蒸 · 人山人海 · 小心

1. 我们周末去 \_\_\_\_\_ 玩吧。
2. 今天 \_\_\_\_\_ 很大，我们别出海了。
3. 有 \_\_\_\_\_ 的虾吗？
4. 可以 \_\_\_\_\_ 吗？
5. 这个海滩 \_\_\_\_\_，人真多！
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 海浪！

练习 **Practice:** Translate: It is said that sea water is good for the skin.

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## Exercise 2

Match the Chinese word to its English meaning.

	Chinese		Letter	English
1	灯塔	—	A	Shark
2	螃蟹	—	B	Lighthouse
3	鲨鱼	—	C	Seagull
4	海鸥	—	D	Crab
5	涨潮	—	E	Sunscreen
6	防晒霜	—	F	High tide



## Exercise 3

Translate into Chinese.

- How do I get to the seaside? \_\_\_\_\_
- It's very windy today. \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have fresh shrimp? \_\_\_\_\_
- One more beer, please. \_\_\_\_\_
- This beach is very crowded. \_\_\_\_\_



## Exercise 4

Dialogue Completion

Fill in B's missing lines using the vocabulary/dialogues you've learned.

A: 请问，海边怎么走？

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A: 谢谢！那里可以游泳吗？

B: \_\_\_\_\_

A: 你们想吃点什么？

B: \_\_\_\_\_ (order fresh, steamed shrimp)

# Answer Key

## 1. Fill in the Blank

1. 海边 2. 刮风 3. 新鲜 4. 清蒸 5. 人山人海 6. 小心

## 2. Matching

1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C, 5-F, 6-E

## 3. Translate

1. 海边怎么走? (Hǎibiān zěnmě zǒu?)
2. 今天刮风很大。(Jīntiān guāfēng hěn dà.)
3. 有新鲜的虾吗? (Yǒu xīnxiān de xiā ma?)
4. 再来一瓶啤酒, 谢谢。(Zài lái yì píng píjiǔ, xièxie.)
5. 这个海滩人山人海。(Zhège hǎitān rén shān rén hǎi.)

## 4. Dialogue Completion (sample answers)

- 一直往前走, 然后左转, 走五分钟就到了。
- 可以, 不过要小心浪。
- 有新鲜的虾吗? 可以清蒸吗?

## 5. Short Answer

1. "People mountain, people sea" — 人 (people) 山 (mountain) 人 (people) 海 (sea).
2. 太阳镜 (sunglasses) and 防晒霜 (sunscreen).
3. 买单 (mǎidān) — "check, please."