Year 12 – HSK4 – Advent Assessments 2026

Subject	Mandarin	
Title/Topic	**Format**	**Length**
Listening, reading and writing	Written paper (multiple choice + answers written in Chinese characters)	50 mins

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on…

In your assessments, you will need to show that you know how to …

Reading and listening (questions and answers in Chinese characters)

- glean relevant information from a written text or an audio recording to answer questions.
- understand phrases and vocabulary within the context of a text or audio recording and how to use the information I have read or heard to choose the most appropriate answers.
- recognise synonyms for the words or phrases I have heard or read.
- understand vocabulary from chapters 1-4 of the HSK4 textbook.

Writing (questions and answers in Chinese characters)

- re-order sentences using the characters and grammatical structures you have learnt in lessons.
- choose appropriate characters from a given list to fill the gaps in sentences you have been given.
- use the characters you have learnt in lessons to write your own sentences.

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

Reading and listening

1. Re-read all of the texts we have covered in lessons and ensure that you understand them and recognise all of the vocabulary.
2. Practise completing the reading and listening tasks from the HSK4 workbook. The audio files can be downloaded by scanning the QR code on the back of the workbook.

Writing

1. Revise the vocabulary that you have been asked to learn for vocabulary tests this term and ensure that you can write them all reliably from memory. Make vocabulary cards, if you have not already done so, and practise writing the characters using look, cover, write, check.
2. Read over the notes you have made in lessons about new grammar points and ensure that you are confident about how to use the grammar in sentences.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

- *The Chairman's Bao* website: this website is useful for reading and listening practice. Choose articles of HSK3 and HSK4 level. Don't forget to add any vocabulary that you don't recognise to your personal word bank and use the tools in the 'Learning Hub' drop-down menu at the top to help you learn and practice them.
- *Mandarin Bean*: this website is also useful for reading and listening practice. Search for articles of HSK3 and HSK4 level. The audio recording of each article can be found at the end of each article.