

## Chinese Solar Terms

節氣 *jié qì*

Term <sup>1</sup>			Name	Sun's Longitude	Approx. Greg. Date [date in 2013 – UTC 0] <sup>2</sup>	Duration
S-1	立春	<i>Lichun</i>	Spring commences <i>Beginning of Spring</i>	315	Feb. 4 [Feb. 3 - 16.13]	
P-1	雨水	<i>Yushui</i>	Spring showers <i>Rain Water</i>	330	Feb. 19 [Feb. 18 - 12.02]	29.8
S-2	驚蟄	<i>Jingzhe</i>	Insects waken <i>Waking of Insects</i>	345	Mar. 6 [Mar. 5 - 10.15]	
P-2	春分	<i>Chunfen</i>	Vernal Equinox <i>Spring Equinox</i>	0	Mar. 21 [Mar. 20 - 11.02]	30.2
S-3	清明	<i>Qingming</i>	Bright and clear <i>Pure Brightness</i>	15	Apr. 5 [Apr. 4 - 15.02]	
P-3	穀雨	<i>Guyu</i>	Corn rain <i>Grain Rain</i>	30	Apr. 20 [Apr. 19 - 22.03]	30.7
S-4	立夏	<i>Lixia</i>	Summ. commences <i>Beginning of Summ.</i>	45	May 6 [May 5 - 8.18]	
P-4	小滿	<i>Xiaoman</i>	Corn forms <i>Grain Full</i>	60	May 21 [May 20 - 21.09]	31.2
S-5	芒種	<i>Mangzhong</i>	Corn on ear <i>Grain in Ear</i>	75	June 6 [June 5 - 12.23]	
P-5	夏至	<i>Xiazhi</i>	Summer Solstice	90	June 22 [June 21 - 5.04]	31.4
S-6	小暑	<i>Xiaoshu</i>	Moderate heat <i>Slight Heat</i>	105	July 7 [July 6 - 22.35]	
P-6	大暑	<i>Dashu</i>	Great Heat	120	July 23 [July 22 - 15.56]	31.4
S-7	立秋	<i>Liqiu</i>	Aut. commences <i>Beginning of Aut.</i>	135	Aug. 8 [Aug. 7 - 8.20]	
P-7	處暑	<i>Chushu</i>	End of heat <i>Limit of Heat</i>	150	Aug. 23 [Aug. 22 - 23.02]	31.1
S-8	白露	<i>Bailu</i>	White Dew	165	Sept. 8 [Sept. 7 - 11.16]	
P-8	秋分	<i>Qiu fen</i>	Autumnal Equinox	180	Sept. 23 [Sept. 22 - 20.44]	30.7
S-9	寒露	<i>Hanlu</i>	<i>Cold Dew</i>	195	Oct. 8 [Oct. 8 - 2.58]	
P-9	霜降	<i>Shuangjiang</i>	Frost <i>Descent of Frost</i>	210	Oct. 24 [Oct. 23 - 6.10]	30.1
S-10	立冬	<i>Lidong</i>	Winter commences <i>Beginning of Winter</i>	225	Nov. 8 [Nov. 7 - 6.14]	
P-10	小雪	<i>Xiaoxue</i>	Light snow <i>Slight Snow</i>	240	Nov. 22 [Nov. 22 - 03.48]	29.7
S-11	大雪	<i>Daxue</i>	Heavy snow <i>Great Snow</i>	255	Dec. 7 [Dec. 6 - 23.09]	
P-11	冬至	<i>Dongzhi</i>	Winter Solstice	270	Dec. 22 [Dec. 21 - 17.11]	29.5
S-12	小寒	<i>Xiaohan</i>	Moderate cold <i>Slight Cold</i>	285	Jan. 6 [Jan. 6 - 4.34]	
P-12	大寒	<i>Dahan</i>	Severe cold <i>Great Cold</i>	300	Jan. 20 [Jan 19 - 21.52]	29.5

1. Terms are classified as (S)ectional (*Jieqi*) or (P)rincipal (中氣 *zhōng qì*), followed by the number of the term.
2. The time is in UTC Time: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinated\\_Universal\\_Time](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinated_Universal_Time)

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Details of the 24 solar terms are available in the following link:  
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Other useful tricks: [http://www.hko.gov.hk/gts/astron2013/almanac2013\\_index\\_e.htm](http://www.hko.gov.hk/gts/astron2013/almanac2013_index_e.htm)