

Auxiliary Words

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

..... , — listing with

Drop after each item and you get a casual, **rattling-off** feel — “what with ..., and ..., you know, that kind of thing.” It marks a **non-exhaustive** list, and can be capped with (but not the formal).

Structure: Item 1 + , Item 2 + , (+)

{zh: |wǒ men|we / |shén me|all sorts of / |líng shí|snacks / |dōu /
|yǒu|have / |huā shēng|peanuts / |a / |guā zǐ|seeds / |a /
|shǔ piàn|crisps / |a / 。 }

We've got all sorts of snacks — peanuts, seeds, crisps, you name it.

{zh: |yǐ zi|chairs / |a / , |zhuō zi|tables / |a / , |diàn
nǎo|computers / |a / |shén me de|and so on / , |dōu|all / |mǎi
hǎo|bought / |le / 。 }

Chairs, tables, computers and so on — all bought.

Remember: = a relaxed “what with X, Y, you know...” — each is a verbal breath between items, a casual non-exhaustive list. Cap it with if you like, but never the stiff .

Watch out

- It's chatty — too informal for a formal list (use / there).