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清汤
qing1 tang1

This is the most basic of all soups, usually consisting of no more than water, MSG, and spring onions. It is often served free of charge in cheap restaurants, and probably will not be of much appeal to most Western guests.



酸辣汤
suan1 la4 tang1

hot and sour soup; This common foreigner favorite is comes in many varieties:
酸辣肉片汤 suan4 la4 rou4 pian4 tang1 (pork) 酸辣肉皮汤 suan4 la4 rou1 pi2 tang1 (pork skin)
酸辣鱿鱼汤 suan4 la4 you2 yu2 tang1 (squid)



西湖牛肉羹
xi1 hu2 niu2 rou4 geng1

"West Lake Beef Soup" a thick beef soup with tofu and cilantro



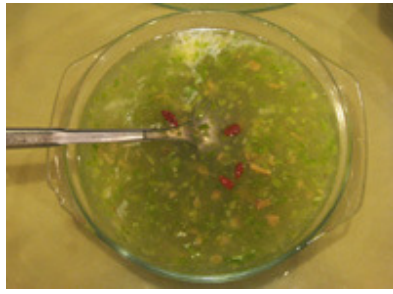
海蛎豆腐汤
hai3 li4 dou4 fu tang1

oyster and tofu soup



玉米汤
yu4 mi2 tang1

corn soup



苦
瓜
羹

ku3 gua1
geng1

Bitter Melon Soup; The 苦瓜 (ku3 gua1) or bitter melon may be the most bitter edible substance known to man. It also has powerful body cooling properties according to Chinese Medical Theory. This may not be the best dish to order for the uninitiated, but if you can take the bitterness, it provides a nice balance to spicy Hunan dishes.



干
贝
冬
瓜
汤

gan4 bei4
dong1
gua1
tang1

winter melon and dried scallop soup

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花
蛤
汤

hua1 ge2
tang1

clam soup

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榨
菜
肉
丝
汤

zha4 cai4
rou4 si1
tang1

soup with pickled vegetables and pork cutlets

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鱼
头
豆
腐
汤

yu2 tou2
dou4 fu
tang1

fish head and tofu soup

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肉
片
汤

rou4
pian4
tang1

soup with pork cutlets

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西
红
柿
蛋
汤

xi1 hong2
shi4 dan4
tang1

egg and tomato soup

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鱼
翅

yu2 chi1
tang1

shark fin soup; This is a delicacy only available at high-end restaurants, a good one to try when somebody else is footing the bill.

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