

8 Common Chinese Measure Words You Must Know

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Transcript

gè
个

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The most common measure word is 个.

yí ge píngguǒ

Eg: 一 个 苹果

one apple

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Number Noun

běn
本

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This measure word 本 is for books.

yì běn shū

一 本 书

one book

yì běn zázhì

一 本 杂志

one magazine

Nǐ yǒu jǐ běn shū?

你 有 几 本 书?

How many books do you have?

Nǐ yǒu jǐ běn zázhì?

A: 你 有 几 本 杂志?

How many magazines do you have?

Wǒ yǒu yì běn zázhì

Q: 我 有 一 本 杂志。

I have a magazine.

➤ Dialogue

Ānnà, nǐ yǒu jǐ běn zázhì?

A: 安娜，你有几本杂志？

Anna, how many magazines do you have?

Wǒ yǒu sān běn zázhì. Nǐ ne?

B: 我有三本杂志。你呢？

I have three magazines. How about you?

Wǒ yǒu liù běn (zázhì).

A: 我有六本(杂志)。

I have six (magazines).

píng

瓶

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This measure word 瓶 means bottle.

yì píng shuǐ

一瓶水

a bottle of water

➤ Dialogue

Nǐ yǒu jǐ píng shuǐ?

A: 你有几瓶水？

How many bottles of water do you have?

Wǒ yǒu yì píng. Nǐ ne?

B: 我有一瓶。你呢？

I have one. How about you?

Wǒ yǒu liǎng píng.

A: 我有两瓶。

I have two.

zhāng

张

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This measure word 张 is for flat or rectangular objects.

yì zhāng zhuōzi

— 张 桌子 a table

yì zhāng zhǐ

— 张 纸 a piece of paper

yì zhāng piào

— 张 票 a ticket

zhī
只

This measure word 只 is for some animals.

yì zhī gǒu

— 只 狗 a dog

yì zhī māo

— 只 猫 a cat

yì zhī tùzi

— 只 兔子 a rabbit

jiàn
件

This measure word 件 is for clothes & luggage.

yí jiàn yīfu

— 件 衣服 a piece of clothing

yí jiàn wàitào

— 件 外套 a coat

yí jiàn xíngli

— 件 行李 a piece of luggage

tiáo

条

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This measure word 条 is for long, thin things.

yì tiáo kùzi

— 条 裤子 a pair of trousers

yì tiáo qúnzi

— 条 裙子 a dress

yì tiáo shé

— 条 蛇 a snake

shuāng

双

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This measure word 双 means a pair of, items that must come in pairs.

yì shuāng xié

— 双 鞋 a pair of shoes

yì shuāng wàzi

— 双 袜子 a pair of socks

yì shuāng kuàizi

— 双 筷子 a pair of chopsticks
