

Chinese Measure Words List

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Chinese	Pinyin	Usage	Example
个	gè	person, thing	一个人 (yī ge rén) "a person"
位	wèi	person	三位老师 (sān wèi lǎoshī) "three teachers"
名	míng	person, professional	一名医生 (yī míng yīshēng) "a doctor"
口	kǒu	dependent	六口家眷 (liù kǒu jiājuàn) "six dependents"
具	jù	corpse	一具尸体 (yījù shītǐ) "a corpse"
户	hù	household	十户人家 (shí hù rénjiā) "ten households"
只	zhī	animal	一只鸟 (yī zhī niǎo) "a bird"
头	tóu	livestock	一头牛 (yī tóu niú) "a cow"
匹	pǐ	horse	一匹马 (yī pǐ mǎ) "a horse"
条	tiáo	fish, snakes	一条鱼 (yītiáo yú) "a fish"
棵	kē	tree	一棵树 (yī kē shù) "a tree"
株	zhū	plant, flower still in the ground	一株花 (yī zhū huā) "a flower"
朵	duǒ	flower bulb or stem	一朵玫瑰 (yī duǒ méiguī) "a stem of rose"
把	bǎ	handful	一把花 (yī bǎ huā) "a bunch of flowers"
支	zhī	long (and straight)	一支笔 (yī zhī bǐ) "a pen"
条	tiáo	long (and winding)	一条河 (yī tiáo hé) "a river"
根	gēn	long (and thin)	一根头发 (yī gēn tóufǎ) "a strand of hair"

张	zhāng	flat	一张票 (yī zhāng piào) "a ticket"
团	tuán	pile	一团乱 (yī tuán luàn) "a mess (lit. a pile of junk)"
堆	duī	big pile	一堆瓦砾 (yī duī wǎlì) "a pile of rubble"
颗	kē	small, compact	一颗珠 (yī kē zhū) "a pearl"
粒	lì	tiny	一粒药 (yī lì yào) "a pill"
扇	shàn	leaf, something that turns on a hinge	一扇门 (yī shàn mén) "a door"
包	bāo	a pack	一包面纸 (yī bāo miàn zhǐ) "a pack of tissues"
卷	juǎn	a roll	一卷卫生纸 (yī juǎn wèishēngzhǐ) "a roll of toilet paper"
封	fēng	an envelope	一封信 (yī fēng xìn) "a letter"
桶	tǒng	tube, bucket	一桶油漆 (yī tǒng yóuqī) "a bucket of paint"
盒	hé	box	一盒巧克力 (yī hé qiǎokèlì) "a box of chocolates"
束	shù	boquet	一束花 (yī shù huā) "a bouquet of flowers"
本	běn	book	一本书 (yī běn shū) "a book"
份	fèn	newspaper	一份报纸 (yī fèn bàozhǐ) "a newspaper"
件	jiàn	incident	一件事 (yī jiàn shì) "an incident, a circumstance, a thing"
节	jié	event, episode	一节课 (yī jié kè) "one class" from a series or a course
门	mén	a subject or series of classes	你在修几门课 n (nǐ zài xiū jǐ mén kè) "How many subjects are you taking?"
次	cì	time, occurrence	三次 (sān cì) "three times"
场	chǎng	large event	一场大雨 (yī chǎng dà yǔ) "a heavy rain"

段	duàn	a period of time	一段往事 (yī duàn wáng shì) “a past event”
阵	zhèn	sudden, passing event	一阵雨 (yī zhèn yǔ) “a quick rain shower”
刻	kè	a moment	一刻疯狂 (yīkè fēngkuáng) “a moment of madness”
番	fān	a long period of time, or an activity that requires significant effort	一番好气象 (yī fān hǎo qìxiàng) “a stretch of good weather”
席	xí	banquet	一席宴会 (yīxí yànhuì) “a banquet”
趟	tàng	a trip	一趟旅行 (yī tàng lǚxíng) “a tour”
间	jiān	room, house	一间屋子 (yī jiān wūzi) “a room”
栋	dòng	tall building	一栋大楼 (yī dòng dàlóu) “a tall building”
层	céng	floor	五层大楼 (wǔ céng dàlóu) “a five story building”, literally “five floors of building”
堵	dǔ	wall	一堵墙 (yī dǔ qiáng) “a wall”
面	miàn	wall	一面墙 (yīmiàn qiáng) “a wall”
所	suǒ	multi-building complex	一所医院 (yī suǒ yīyuàn) “a hospital”
场	chǎng	field, open public space	一场宴会 (yī chǎng yànhuì) “a party”
家	jiā	place of work	一家公司 (yī jiā gōngsī) “a company”
座	zuò	large structure	一座桥 (yī zuò qiáo) “a bridge”
份	fèn	portion	一份面 (yī fèn miàn) “an order of noodles”
片	piàn	piece	一片饼干 (yīpiàn bǐnggān) “a piece of cookie”
块	kuài	piece, slice	一块蛋糕 (yīkuài dànɡāo) “a slice of cake”

口	kǒu	sip, mouthful	口 means "mouth".
道	dào	dish	一道名菜 (yī dào míng cài) "a famous dish"
顿	dùn	meal	一顿早餐 (yī dùn zǎocān) "a breakfast"
碗	wǎn	bowl	一碗饭 (yī wǎn fàn) "a bowl of (cooked) rice"
盘	pán	plate	一盘水果 (yī pán shuǐguǒ) "a plate of fruit"
笼	lóng	bamboo drum	一笼蒸饺 (yī lóng zhēng jiǎo) "an order of steamed dumplings"
滴	dī	drop	一滴水 (yī dī shuǐ) "a drop of water"
杯	bēi	cup	一杯茶 (yī bēi chá) "a cup of tea"
瓶	píng	bottle	一瓶啤酒 (yī píng pījiǔ) "a bottle of beer"
壶	hú	teapot	一壶茶 (yī hú chá) "a pot of tea"
罐	guàn	can, jar	一罐蜂蜜 (yī guàn fēngmì) "a jar of honey"
股	gǔ	whiff, smell	一股香味 (yī gǔ xiāngwèi) "a pleasant aroma"
床	chuáng	bedsheets	一床棉被 (yī chuáng mián bèi) "a cotton blanket"
条	tiáo	towel, tablecloth	一条毯子 (yī tiáo tǎnzi) "a blanket"
盏	zhǎn	lamp	一盏台灯 (yī zhǎn tái dēng) "a standing lamp"
幅	fú	painting or drawing	一幅画 (yī fú huà) "a painting or drawing"
帧	zhēn	printed picture	一帧照片 (yī zhēn zhàopiàn) "a photograph"
件	jiàn	article of clothing	一件衣服 (yī jiàn yīfú) "an article of clothing"

条	tiáo	a long article of clothing	一条领带 (yī tiáo lǐngdài) "a necktie"
套	tào	costume	一套西装 (yī tào xīzhuāng) "a (Western) suit"
顶	dǐng	hat	一顶帽子 (yī dǐng màozi) "a hat"
双	shuāng	pair of identical objects	一双眼睛 (yī shuāng yǎnjīng) "pair of eyes"
副	fù	pair of complementary objects	一副碗筷 (yī fù wǎn kuài) "bowl and chopsticks"
对	duì	man-woman pair	一对夫妻 (yī duì fūqī) "a married couple", literally "one pair husband wife"
些	xiē	a few	一些东西 (yī xiē dōngxī) "a few things"
种	zhǒng	a kind	一种动物 (yī zhǒng dòngwù) "a type of animal"
群	qún	group, flock	一群人 (yī qún rén) "a group of people"
众	zhòng	a crowd	一众人 (yī zhòng rén) "a crowd of people"
组	zǔ	an organization	一组用户 (yī zǔ yòng hù) "consumers' organization"
帮	bāng	a group or a band	一帮贼 (yī bāng zéi) "a group of thieves"
班	bān	a class	一班学生 (yī bān xuéshēng) "a class of students"
排	pái	a row, queue	一排电杆 (yī pái diàn gān) "a row of electrical posts"
队	duì	a team, battalion	一队军人 (yī duì jūnrén) "a battalion of soldiers"
列	liè	a chain, exhibited items	一列火车 (yī liè huǒchē) "a train", literally "a chain of cars"

项	xiàng	item in a list, headline	一项标题 (yī xiàng biāotí) “a headline”
串	chuàn	skewer	一串肉 (yī chuàn ròu) “a skewer of meat”
打	dá	dozen	一打鸡蛋 (yī dá jīdàn) “a dozen eggs”
叠	dié	stack	一叠箱 (yī dié xiāng) “a stack of boxes/containers”
句	jù	sentence	一句话 (yī jù huà) “a spoken sentence”
首	shǒu	poem, song	一首诗 (yī shǒu shī) “a poem”
场	chǎng	speech	一场演说 (yī chǎng yǎnshuō) “a speech”
通	tōng	phone call	接到三通电话 (jiē dào sān tōng diànhuà) “receive three phone calls”
篇	piān	written piece	一篇文章 (yī piān wénzhāng) “a newspaper article”
则	zé	advertisement, news report, story	一则广告 (yī zé guǎnggào) “an advertisement”
出	chū	a play	一出戏 (yī chū xì) “a play, a drama”
部	bù	a movie	一部电影 (yī bù diànyǐng) “a movie”
台	tái	machine	一台电视 (yī tái diànshì) “a television”
辆	liàng	road vehicle	一辆汽车 (yī liàng qìchē) “a car”
架	jià	airplane	一架飞机 (yī jià fēijī) “an airplane”
艘	sōu	ship	一艘帆船 (yī sōu fānchuán) “a sailboat”
秒	miǎo	second	一秒钟 (yī miǎo zhōng) “one second”
分	fēn	minute	一分钟 (yī fēnzhōng) “one minute”
天	tiān	day	一天 (yī tiān) “one day”
日	rì	day	一日 (yī rì) “one day” (used in literature and journalism)
周	zhōu	week	一周 (yī zhōu) “one week” (used in literature and journalism)
年	nián	year	一年 (yī nián) “one year”
代	dài	era, generation	上一代 (shàng yī dài) “the previous

			generation”
个	gè	unit	一个小时 (yīgè xiǎoshí) “one hour”
斤	jīn	unit of weight (~0.5 kg)	
吨	dūn	unit of weight (ton)	
磅	bàng	unit of weight (pound)	
坪	píng	unit of area (~0.6 m ²)	
块	kuài	monetary unit (1 yuan)	
毛	máo	monetary unit (1/10 yuan)	
笔	bǐ	an unspecified amount of money	
寸	cùn	one inch (~1/30 m)	
尺	chǐ	one foot (~1/3 m)	
里	lǐ	unit of distance (~0.5 km)	
升	shēng	unit of volume (1 liter)	
斗	dòu	unit of volume (10 liter)	
度	dù	degree, level	