

## List of Measure Words

Chinese	Pinyin	Main uses	Examples
把	bǎ (ba)	"handful" — objects that can be held, relatively long and flat objects	knife 刀, scissors, sword, key 钥匙, umbrella 伞, fan 扇子, spoon 勺子, fork, toothbrush, hammer, padlock, pair of scissors, pistol, rifle, chair 椅子, handful of rice 一把米, handful of sand 一把沙, bunch of flowers, handful of seeds, bunch of chopsticks, skeleton, fire, teapot 茶壶
班	bān (ban)	scheduled services (trains, etc.), group of people, a class as in pupils	
包	bāo (bao)	packet, package, bundle	sweets, cigarettes 烟, sugar 糖, cookies
杯	bēi (bei)	"cup", "glass" — drinks/beverages	tea 茶, wine, alcohol 酒, water 水, milk 牛奶, fruit juice 果汁, soda 汽水, Coca -cola 可口可乐
本	běn (ben)	"volume" — bound print matter	book 书, magazine 杂志, novel 小说, scripture 经文, dictionary 字典, notepad 笔记本, textbook 课本
笔	bǐ (bi)	strokes of characters; large quantities of money	12 strokes 十二笔; a large quantity of money 一笔钱; a deal 一笔交易
部	bù (bu)	machinery, vehicles; productions	mobile phone, telephone, car 轿车, play 话剧, novel 小说, movie/film/motion picture 电影, opera 歌剧, literary work 著作
册	cè (ce)	volumes of books	
层	céng (ceng)	"floor"/"story"; "layer"	9 stories (in a building) 九层楼; layer of dust 一层灰, seven layer cake 七层蛋糕, coat of paint 一层油漆
场	chǎng (chang)	short duration event; precipitation	public spectacle, game, crisis, war, catastrophe, an illness 一场病, performance, play 戏; a rainfall/rain shower 一场雨, snowfall
串	chuàn (chuan)	sets of numbers	a cell phone/mobile number 一串手机号码
床	chuáng (chuang)	"bed"	blankets, sheets
次	cì (ci)	"time" — opportunities, accidents	
齣	chū	acts in a play	

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打	dá (da)	dozen	pencils 铅笔, eggs 鸡蛋
袋	dài (dai)	sackfuls, pouchfuls, bagfuls, pocketfuls	sugar, flour 面粉, rice 大米
道	dào (dao)	linear projections (light rays, etc.); order given by an authority figure, question, memo; course (of food); long crooked things (mountain ridge, flash of lightning)	
滴	dī (di)	"droplet" water, blood, other such fluids	
點	diǎn (dian)	ideas, suggestions; "a bit"/"some" (only with 一)	a bit of work 一点点工作
碟	dié (die)	saucer (soy sauce)	
頂	dǐng (ding)	objects with protruding top, something to put over one's head	hat 帽子, tent, mosquito net 蚊帳
棟	dòng (dong)	literally "pillar" (smaller building, house)	
堵	dǔ (du)	encompassing fixtures (wall without roof)	
段	duàn (duan)	"adjoining length" — cables, roadways, piece of chalk, part of a song	
對	duì (dui)	"couple", "matched pair" (for certain things) couplets	a (married) couple 夫妇, earrings, vases 花瓶
頓	dùn (dun)	short duration actions	a meal 一顿饭, conflict, beating, quarrel, scolding
朵	duǒ (duo)	flower-like things	a flower 一朵花, a cloud 一朵云彩, a mushroom 一朵木耳

發	fā (fa)	"round"	bullet, ammunition
方	fāng (fang)	square things	ink stone, bacon
份	fèn (fen)	portions, multi-page documents	serving of food, a newspaper 一份报, a job 一份工作
封	fēng (feng)	things that can be sealed	letter 信, mail, telegram 电报
峰	fēng	humped animals	camel
幅	fú (fu)	picture-like objects	photo, painting 画, drawing, banner 标语, work of art, picture, door poster 对联
服	fù (fu)	"dose" — (Chinese) medicine	
副	fù (fu)	objects which come in pairs (gloves, etc.) also for spectacles, a pack of cards, mahjong	
個	ge/gè (ge)	individual things, people — general, catch-all measure word (usage of this classifier in conjunction with any noun is generally accepted if the person does not know the proper classifier)	person 人, elder brother 哥哥, student 学生, relative 亲戚, way of thinking 想法, suggestion 建议, question 问题, nation 国家
根	gēn (gen)	thin, slender objects; thin, flexible strands	needle, pillar, banana, fried dough stick, fried chicken leg, popsicle, lollipop, chopstick, candle, incense; hair 头发, thread 线, string 绳
股	gǔ (gu)	flows (of air, smell, influence)...	
挂	guà (gua)	multi-component things	horse and cart
罐	guàn (guan)	Small to medium "can of"	soda 汽水, juice, food, beans, oil, candy
行	háng (hang)	objects which form lines (words, etc.)	
盒	hé (he)	(small) "box of"	tape, food 食物, cake 蛋糕, candy 糖果, chocolate 巧克力, toys 玩具, books 书, cigarettes 烟, detergent 洗

			衣粉, clothing 衣服
户	hù (hu)	households	thirty households 三十户家人
伙	huǒ (huo)	generally derogatory classifier for bands of people such as gangs or hoodlums	
家	jiā (jia)	gathering of people, establishments	families, companies 公司, store, shop 商店, restaurant 饭馆
架	jià (jia)	machinery, vehicle	aircraft, airplane 飞机, piano 钢琴, machines, computers
間	jiān (jian)	rooms, spaces	room 房间, dorm 宿舍, bedroom 卧室, kitchen 厨房, classroom 教室, house 房子, school 学校, company 公司, chapel 教堂
件	jiàn (jian)	matters (affairs), clothing (tops), furniture	clothing (top) 衣服, undershirt 内衣, shirt 衬衫, coat 大衣, bed sheet 床单, luggage 行李, present 礼物, issue/matter/thing 事
讲	jiǎng	long class periods	
節	jié (jie)	"section" (of bamboo, short class period)	
屆	jiè (jie)	regularly scheduled sessions or meetings, year-groups in a school (e.g. Class of 2006)	
句	jù (ju)	lines of poems, sentences	saying 成语, idiom
棵	kē (ke)	trees and other such flora	pine tree 松树, rose 玫瑰
顆	kē (ke)	small objects, objects appearing small	hearts, pearls, teeth, diamonds, seeds, distant stars, distant planets
課	kè (ke)	lessons in a text	23 lessons 二十三课 课文
口	kǒu (kou)	population of villages (numbers less than 100), family members, wells, mouthfuls of food	five people (population of a family) 五口人

塊	kuài (kuai)	irregularly shaped "chunk", "lump", "piece"	land, stone, tofu, soap, piece/slice of cake 蛋糕, bread (not slices) 面包, watermelon 西瓜, meat 肉, cheese, pizza 比萨, gum 口香糖, tablecloth, wristwatch 表, block of incense
類	lèi (lei)	objects of the same type or nature	
粒	lì (li)	"grain"	a (single) peanut 一粒花生, grape, longan, uncooked rice 米, seed 种子, candy 糖果, bullet 子弹, chocolate 巧克力
輛	liàng (liang)	wheeled vehicles (not trains)	automobile, bicycle 自行车/脚踏车, car 汽车
列	liè (lie)	trains	
轮	lún (lun)	moon	
枚	méi (mei)	medals, small flat things like stamps, banana peels, rings, badges, rockets, missiles	
門	mén (men)	objects pertaining to academics (courses, majors, subjects, etc.); artillery (cannon)	
面	miàn (mian)	flat and smooth objects (mirror, flag, wall with roof, shield)	
名	míng (ming)	high-ranking persons (doctors, lawyers, politicians, royalty, etc.), members; in formal language, can also be used for any type of person (not necessarily high- ranking)	party member 党员, university professor 大学教师
排	pái (pai)	"rows of", "lines of" — objects grouped in rows	chairs, seats 椅子, tables 桌子, lines of people 人
盤	pán (pan)	flat objects or reels (video or audio)	

		cassette, small plate, coil of incense)	
批	pī (pī)	people, goods, etc.	
匹	pǐ (pǐ)	horses and other mounts; rolls/bolts of cloth	horse 马, wolf
篇	piān (pian)	writings	paper 论文, article 文章, essay, report
片	piàn (pian)	"slice" — thin, flat, sometimes irregular objects	card, lip 嘴唇, cloud, beach, gum 口香糖, a slice of bread 一片面包, slice of meat, cracker, cheese, slice of watermelon, leaf 叶子, flower petal, field 麦田, lake, a pill (tablet of medicine) 一片药片, DVD
瓶	píng (ping)	"bottle of"	alcohol 酒, water 水, oil 油, beer 啤酒, drink 饮料, wine, soda 汽水, milk 牛奶, shampoo 洗头水, Pepsi 百事可乐
期	qī (qī)	magazines	
群	qún (qun)	"group" (incl. people), "herd", "crowd", "throng", "swarm", etc	people 一群人, a herd of cattle/elephants/horses/swans 一群牛、象、马、天鹅, a flock of birds/geese/hens/goats/swallows/sheep/chickens 一群 鸟, a pack of hounds/wolves/grouse 一群猎狗, a skulk of foxes 一群狐狸, a pride of lions 一群狮子, a cluster of stars 一群星星, a school/shoal of fish/shrimps 一群 鱼, a stud/drove of horses 一群马, a gaggle/flock of geese 一群鹅, a swarm of mosquitoes/butterflies 一群 蚊子/蝴蝶, a colony of ants/bees 一群(窝)蚂蚁, a clump/complex of buildings 一群建筑物
任	rèn (ren)	terms of office	second president 第二任总统, terms
扇	shàn (shan)	things that open and close on hinges	window 窗, door 门
首	shǒu (shou)	things with verses	musical song 歌, poem 诗歌
束	shù (shu)	bunches of	flowers 花
雙	shuāng (shuang)	pair of objects which naturally come in pairs	chopsticks 筷子, shoes 鞋, gloves 手套, eyes
艘	sōu (sou)	ships	a ship 一艘船
所	suǒ	small buildings,	university 大学, detached house 房子

	(suo)	institutions	
台	tái (tai)	heavy objects, especially machines; performances	TV 电视, computer 电脑, piano, appliance, airplane 飞机, train 火车, car 车, elevator 电梯; theater performance, play
堂	táng (tang)	periods of classes, suites of furniture	I have two classes today, lesson 课, lecture
趟	tàng (tang)	trips, scheduled transportation services	
套	tào (tao)	"set(s) of"	books, magazines, collectibles, clothes, multiple-room houses/apartments, suites, stamps 邮票, furniture 家具, rooms 房间, a suit 一套西装
題	tí (ti)	classifier for questions	
條	tiáo (tiao)	long, narrow, flexible objects	fish 鱼, snake 蛇, dragon 龙, worm, dog 狗, scarf, road 路, ribbon, river 河, root, stem 线, rope, comforter, towel, floss, trousers/pants 裤子, necktie 领带, skirt 裙子, sofa/bench, heroic person 一条好汉, a (smaller) boat 一条船
帖	tiè (tie)	adhesive bandages	
通	tōng (tong)	conversation, lecture	
桶	tǒng (tong)	jug, bucket, barrel	jug of milk 一桶牛奶, barrel of oil 一桶石油
頭	tóu (tou)	"a head" — certain animals; hair	pig 猪, cow 牛, oxen, yak, sheep, donkey, mule, leopard, dinosaur; hair
團	tuán (tuan)	"ball" — rotund and round objects (balls of yarn, etc.)	
碗	wǎn (wan)	"bowl of"	rice 饭, noodles 面, soup 汤
位	wèi (wei)	polite, respectful classifier for people	teacher 老师, customer 顾客, colleague 同事
項	xiàng (xiang)	projects	
些	xiē (xie)	some (only with 一, 这, 那, 哪)	
樣	yàng (yang)	general items of differing attributes	

頁	yè (ye)	page	more than five hundred pages 五百多页
則	zé (ze)	journal, day log, diary	
扎	zhā (zha)	In Cantonese usage, this is used in lieu of shù (束), e.g. a bundle of flowers "jar", "jug" — drinks such as beer, soda, juice, etc. (A recent loan-word from English, it may be considered informal or slang.)	
盞	zhǎn (zhan)	light fixtures (usually lamps), pot of tea etc.	
站	zhàn (zhan)	stop (for buses and trains	六站
張	zhāng (zhang)	"sheet" — flat or paper objects	paper 纸, table 桌子, bed 床, card 卡, sofa 沙发, CD/DVD, napkin, snapshot, photograph 照片, ticket 票, painting, constellation, face, mouth, bow 弓
陣	zhèn (zhen)	"gust", "burst" — events with short durations (lightning storms, gusts of wind, instance of rain); uproar, peal of applause	
支	zhī (zhi)	fairly long, stick-like objects	pen, pencil 铅笔, chopstick 筷子, drinking straw 吸管, bamboo 竹子, rose, rifle, arrow, spear, artillery shell, missile, more humble songs (ditty)
枝	zhī (zhi)	alternative form of 支 ("stalk"): can be used for rifles and roses	
隻	zhī (zhi)	one of a pair; animals	hand 手, finger 手指, eye, foot 脚, head 头, sock, glove, shoe 鞋, earring, eyeglasses; bird, chicken 鸡, cat 猫, tiger, dog 狗, monkey, elephant, sheep, mouse, butterfly, frog, bug 一只虫, fly 苍蝇
種	zhǒng	"types of", "kinds	things, books, people

	(zhong)	of"	
株	zhū (zhu)	smaller trees/plants (tree, rice plant, wheat plant)	
幢	zhuáng (zhuang)	multi-story building (楼房)	
組	zǔ (zu)	sets, rows, series, batteries (military)	
座	zuò (zuo)	mountain, hill 山, structure, large building 大樓, city, bridge, villa, high-rise, tower, temple, apartment block 公寓	