

Chinese Measure Words Table

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Chinese Measure Words (People & Animals)

Measure Word	Pinyin	English Meaning	Example Sentence & Translation
个	gè	Generic measure word (most common for people, small animals, and general objects)	我有一个朋友。(Wǒ yǒu yī gè péngyǒu.) – I have one friend.
位	wèi	Polite/respectful measure word for people (used to show respect to guests, elders, or any person)	请找三位老师。(Qǐng zhǎo sān wèi lǎoshī.) – Please find three teachers. 欢迎各位来宾。(Huānyíng gè wèi láibīn.) – Welcome all distinguished guests.
名	míng	Formal measure word for people (used in official contexts or for professionals, e.g., doctors, soldiers, students)	我们班有二十名学生。(Wǒmen bān yǒu èrshí míng xuéshēng.) – There are twenty students in our class. 医院有十名医生。(Yīyuàn yǒu shí míng yīshēng.) – There are ten doctors in the hospital.
只	zhī	Measure word for small to medium-sized animals, birds, insects, and some small objects	树上有一只鸟。(Shù shàng yǒu yī zhī niǎo.) – There is one bird on the tree. 桌上有一只蚂蚁。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī zhī mǎyǐ.) – There is one ant on the table.
头	tóu	Measure word for large animals (e.g., cattle, elephants), and also for some small animals (e.g., pigs, sheep) in casual speech	农场里有五头牛。(Nóngchǎng lǐ yǒu wǔ tóu niú.) – There are five cows on the farm. 一头小猪很可爱。(Yī tóu xiǎo zhū hěn kě'ài.) – A little pig is very cute.
匹	pǐ	Measure word for horses, mules, donkeys, and some long, thin animals (e.g., wolves)	他有一匹马。(Tā yǒu yī pǐ mǎ.) – He has one horse. 他牵来两匹骡子。(Tā qiān lái liǎng pǐ luózi.) – He led two mules over.
条	tiáo	Measure word for long, narrow animals (e.g., fish, snakes, eels, loaches) and long objects	河里有三条鱼。(Hé lǐ yǒu sān tiáo yú.) – There are three fish in the river. 市场上有两条鳝鱼。(Shìchǎng shàng yǒu liǎng tiáo shànyú.) – There are two eels in the market.

峰	fēng	Measure word for camels	沙漠里有一峰骆驼。(Shāmò lǐ yǒu yī fēng luòtuó.) – There is one camel in the desert.
群	qún	Measure word for groups of people or animals	一群孩子在公园玩。(Yī qún háizi zài gōngyuán wán.) – A group of children are playing in the park.
对	duì	Measure word for pairs of people or animals (e.g., couples, twins)	那边有一对夫妇。(Nàbiān yǒu yī duì fūfù.) – There is a couple over there.
双	shuāng	Measure word for pairs (used for people's hands, feet, or paired animals)	他有一双大眼睛。(Tā yǒu yī shuāng dà yǎnjīng.) – He has a pair of big eyes.
口	kǒu	Measure word for family members (used to count people in a family)	他们家有五口人。(Tāmen jiā yǒu wǔ kǒu rén.) – There are five people in their family.
伙	huǒ	Informal measure word for a group of people (often with a casual tone)	来了一伙朋友。(Lái le yī huǒ péngyǒu.) – A group of friends came.
羽	yǔ	Literary measure word for birds (less common in daily speech)	一羽鸽子落在窗台上。(Yī yǔ gēzi luò zài chuāngtái shàng.) – A pigeon landed on the windowsill.

Chinese Measure Words (Daily Objects)

Measure Word	Pinyin	English Meaning	Example Sentence & Translation
个	gè	Generic measure word for most small daily objects	我买了一个杯子。(Wǒ mǎi le yī gè bēizi.) – I bought one cup.
本	běn	Measure word for books, notebooks, and bound documents	他有十本书。(Tā yǒu shí běn shū.) – He has ten books.
支	zhī	Measure word for long, thin objects (e.g., pens, pencils, chopsticks)	请给我一支笔。(Qǐng gěi wǒ yī zhī bǐ.) – Please give me one pen.
张	zhāng	Measure word for flat, thin objects (e.g., paper, photos, tables)	桌上有一张纸。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī zhāng zhǐ.) – There is one piece of paper on the table.
把	bǎ	Measure word for objects with handles (e.g., umbrellas, chairs, scissors)	她有一把伞。(Tā yǒu yī bǎ sǎn.) – She has one umbrella.
块	kuài	Measure word for solid, block-shaped objects (e.g., soap, cake, chocolate)	我吃了一块蛋糕。(Wǒ chī le yī kuài dàn gāo.) – I ate one piece of cake.
条	tiáo	Measure word for long, narrow objects (e.g., towels, pants, ropes)	他有一条毛巾。(Tā yǒu yī tiáo máojīn.) – He has one towel.
根	gēn	Measure word for thin, long objects (e.g., ropes,	桌上有一根筷子。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī gēn kuàizi.) – There is one chopstick on the

		chopsticks, hair)	table.
件	jiàn	Measure word for clothing, furniture, and some large objects	她买了一件衣服。(Tā mǎi le yī jiàn yīfu.) – She bought one piece of clothing.
台	tái	Measure word for machines, appliances, and equipment (e.g., computers, TVs, phones)	家里有一台电脑。(Jiālǐ yǒu yī tái diànnǎo.) – There is one computer at home.
部	bù	Measure word for electronic devices (e.g., phones, cameras) and works (e.g., movies, books)	他有一部手机。(Tā yǒu yī bù shǒujī.) – He has one mobile phone.
盏	zhǎn	Measure word for lamps and lights	房间里有一盏灯。(Fángjiān lǐ yǒu yī zhǎn dēng.) – There is one lamp in the room.
瓶	píng	Measure word for bottled objects (e.g., water, juice, oil)	我买了一瓶水。(Wǒ mǎi le yī píng shuǐ.) – I bought one bottle of water.
罐	guàn	Measure word for canned objects (e.g., food, drinks)	冰箱里有一罐可乐。(Bīngxiāng lǐ yǒu yī guàn kělè.) – There is one can of cola in the fridge.
盒	hé	Measure word for boxed objects (e.g., chocolates, matches, cosmetics)	她有一盒巧克力。(Tā yǒu yī hé qiǎokèlì.) – She has one box of chocolates.
袋	dài	Measure word for bagged objects (e.g., rice, flour, snacks)	买一袋大米。(Mǎi yī dài dànmǐ.) – Buy one bag of rice.
卷	juǎn	Measure word for rolled objects (e.g., paper, tape, cloth)	桌上有一卷胶带。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī juǎn jiāodài.) – There is one roll of tape on the table.
枚	méi	Measure word for small, round objects (e.g., coins, stamps, buttons)	他有一枚邮票。(Tā yǒu yī méi yóupiào.) – He has one stamp.
颗	kē	Measure word for small, round or granular objects (e.g., candies, pearls, stars)	她有一颗珍珠。(Tā yǒu yī kē zhēnzhū.) – She has one pearl.
片	piàn	Measure word for thin, flat pieces (e.g., bread, leaves, paper)	地上有一片叶子。(Dì shàng yǒu yī piàn yèzi.) – There is one leaf on the ground.

Chinese Measure Words (Food & Drinks)

Measure Word	Pinyin	English Meaning	Example Sentence & Translation
碗	wǎn	Measure word for food served in a bowl (e.g., rice, noodles, soup, porridge)	我要一碗面条。(Wǒ yào yī wǎn miàntiáo.) – I want one bowl of noodles. 她喝了一碗粥。(Tā hē le yī wǎn zhōu.) – She drank one bowl of porridge.
		Measure word for drinks	请给我一杯茶。(Qǐng gěi wǒ yī bēi chá.)

杯	bēi	measure word for drinks served in a cup (e.g., water, tea, coffee, milk, juice, soda)	请给我一杯茶。(Qǐng gei wo yi bei cha.) – Please give me one cup of tea.孩子喝了一杯牛奶。(Háizi hē le yī bēi niúniǎi.) – The child drank one cup of milk.
盘	pán	Measure word for food served on a plate (e.g., dishes, fruits, snacks)	桌上有一盘菜。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī pán cài.) – There is one plate of food on the table.桌上有一盘水果。(Zhuō shàng yǒu yī pán shuǐguǒ.) – There is one plate of fruit on the table.
顿	dùn	Measure word for meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	我吃了一顿丰盛的早餐。(Wǒ chī le yī dùn fēngshèng de zǎocān.) – I had a hearty breakfast.
份	fèn	Measure word for portions of food (e.g., takeout, set meals, desserts, salads)	我要一份外卖。(Wǒ yào yī fèn wàimài.) – I want one takeout order.我要一份沙拉。(Wǒ yào yī fèn shālā.) – I want one portion of salad.
道	dào	Measure word for dishes of cooked food, including soups and snacks	妈妈做了三道家常菜。(Māma zuò le sān dào jiāchángcài.) – Mom cooked three home-cooked dishes.餐厅推出了一道新汤。(Cāntīng tuīchū le yī dào xīn tāng.) – The restaurant launched a new soup.
块	kuài	Measure word for solid food (e.g., meat, cake, tofu)	他吃了一块牛肉。(Tā chī le yī kuài niúròu.) – He ate one piece of beef.
片	piàn	Measure word for sliced food (e.g., bread, meat, fruit)	我吃了一片面包。(Wǒ chī le yī piàn miànbāo.) – I ate one slice of bread.
根	gēn	Measure word for long, thin food (e.g., noodles, carrots, sausages)	他吃了一根香肠。(Tā chī le yī gēn xiāngcháng.) – He ate one sausage.
颗	kē	Measure word for small, round food (e.g., grapes, candies, nuts)	她吃了一颗葡萄。(Tā chī le yī kē pútáo.) – She ate one grape.
粒	lì	Measure word for small, granular food (e.g., rice, beans, seeds)	碗里有一粒米。(Wǎn lǐ yǒu yī lì mǐ.) – There is one grain of rice in the bowl.
串	chuàn	Measure word for food served in a string (e.g., grapes, candied haws)	我买了一串葡萄。(Wǒ mǎi le yī chuàn pútáo.) – I bought one bunch of grapes.
包	bāo	Measure word for packaged food (e.g., snacks, instant noodles)	他买了一包薯片。(Tā mǎi le yī bāo shǔpiàn.) – He bought one bag of potato chips.
罐	guàn	Measure word for canned food (e.g., tuna, beans)	冰箱里有一罐金枪鱼。(Bīngxiāng lǐ yǒu yī guàn jīnqiāngyú.) – There is one can of tuna in the fridge.
瓶	píng	Measure word for bottled drinks (e.g., juice, beer, oil)	他喝了一瓶啤酒。(Tā hē le yī píng píjiǔ.) – He drank one bottle of beer.

Chinese Measure Words (Transportation & Places/Structures)

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Measure Word	Pinyin	English Meaning	Example Sentence & Translation
辆	liàng	Measure word for wheeled vehicles (e.g., cars, bikes, buses, motorcycles, tricycles)	路上有一辆汽车。(Lù shàng yǒu yī liàng qìchē.) – There is one car on the road.他有一辆摩托车。(Tā yǒu yī liàng mótuōchē.) – He has one motorcycle.
架	jià	Measure word for aircraft (e.g., planes, helicopters), also for cameras, telescopes	天上有一架飞机。(Tiān shàng yǒu yī jià fēijī.) – There is one plane in the sky.他有一架相机。(Tā yǒu yī jià xiàngjī.) – He has one camera.
艘	sōu	Measure word for ships, boats, yachts, submarines, and other water vehicles	海上有一艘船。(Hǎi shàng yǒu yī sōu chuán.) – There is one ship at sea.港口有一艘游艇。(Gǎngkǒu yǒu yī sōu yóutǐng.) – There is one yacht in the port.
列	liè	Measure word for trains, trams, convoys, or queues of vehicles	车站来了一列火车。(Chēzhàn lái le yī liè huǒchē.) – A train arrived at the station.有一列车队驶过。(Yǒu yī liè chēduì shǐguò.) – A convoy of cars passed by.
座	zuò	Measure word for large buildings, bridges, mountains, towers, temples, statues	城市里有一座桥。(Chéngshì lǐ yǒu yī zuò qiáo.) – There is one bridge in the city.山上有一座塔。(Shān shàng yǒu yī zuò tǎ.) – There is one tower on the mountain.
栋	dòng	Measure word for buildings, including houses, apartments, high-rises, and villas	那边有一栋房子。(Nàbiān yǒu yī dòng fángzi.) – There is one building over there.小区里有十栋高楼。(Xiǎoqū lǐ yǒu shí dòng gāolóu.) – There are ten high-rise buildings in the community.
间	jiān	Measure word for rooms (e.g., bedrooms, offices, shops, classrooms)	他有一间办公室。(Tā yǒu yī jiān bàngōngshì.) – He has one office.学校有二十间教室。(Xuéxiào yǒu èrshí jiān jiàoshì.) – The school has twenty classrooms.
扇	shàn	Measure word for doors, windows, and electric fans	房间里有一扇窗户。(Fángjiān lǐ yǒu yī shàn chuānghù.) – There is one window in the room.房间里有一扇风扇。(Fángjiān lǐ yǒu yī shàn fēngshàn.) – There is one electric fan in the room.
面	miàn	Measure word for walls, flags, mirrors	墙上有一面镜子。(Qíáng shàng yǒu yī miàn jìngzi.) – There is one mirror on the wall.
条	tiáo	Measure word for long, narrow features like roads, rivers, streets, railways, and paths	城市里有一条大河。(Chéngshì lǐ yǒu yī tiáo dà hé.) – There is a big river in the city.山里有一条小路。(Shān lǐ yǒu yī tiáo xiǎolù.) – There is a small path in the mountains.
段	duàn	Measure word for a section of road, river, or pipe	这段路很宽。(Zhè duàn lù hěn kuān.) – This section of road is very wide.

Chinese Measure Words (Abstract Concepts & Miscellaneous)

Measure Word	Pinyin	English Meaning	Example Sentence & Translation
种	zhǒng	Measure word for types, kinds, or varieties	我喜欢这种水果。(Wǒ xǐhuan zhè zhǒng shuǐguǒ.) – I like this kind of fruit.
项	xiàng	Measure word for items, projects, tasks, or skills	他完成了一项任务。(Tā wánchéng le yī xiàng rènwù.) – He completed one task.
场	chǎng	Measure word for events, activities, or performances (e.g., movies, games, rain)	我看了一场电影。(Wǒ kàn le yī chǎng diànyǐng.) – I watched one movie.
阵	zhèn	Measure word for short, sudden events (e.g., wind, rain, applause)	来了一阵风。(Lái le yī zhèn fēng.) – A gust of wind came.
件	jiàn	Measure word for matters, events, or incidents	发生了一件小事。(Fāshēng le yī jiàn xiǎoshì.) – A small incident happened.
次	cì	Measure word for times (actions, events)	我去了三次北京。(Wǒ qù le sān cì Běijīng.) – I went to Beijing three times.
回	huí	Measure word for times (actions, visits) (similar to 次, more casual)	他来了一回。(Tā lái le yī huí.) – He came once.
门	mén	Measure word for courses, skills, subjects, and also for weapons (e.g., cannons)	他学了一门汉语课。(Tā xué le yī mén Hànyǔ kè.) – He took one Chinese course. 战场上有一门大炮。(Zhànchǎng shàng yǒu yī mén dàpào.) – There is one cannon on the battlefield.
封	fēng	Measure word for letters, emails, or sealed items	我收到了一封信。(Wǒ shōudào le yī fēng xìn.) – I received one letter.
则	zé	Measure word for news, rules, or short stories	我看到一则新闻。(Wǒ kàndào yī zé xīnwén.) – I saw one piece of news.
首	shǒu	Measure word for poems, songs	她唱了一首歌。(Tā chàng le yī shǒu gē.) – She sang one song.
篇	piān	Measure word for articles, essays, or passages	他写了一篇文章。(Tā xiě le yī piān wénzhāng.) – He wrote one article.
幅	fú	Measure word for paintings, photos, or pictures	墙上挂着一幅画。(Qióng shàng guà zhe yī fú huà.) – There is one painting hanging on the wall.
句	jù	Measure word for sentences, phrases	他说对了一句话。(Tā shuō duì le yī jù huà.) – He said one correct sentence.
滴	dī	Measure word for drops (e.g., water, tears, oil)	眼里掉了一滴泪。(Yǎn lǐ diào le yī dī lèi.) – A tear fell from the eye.
丝	sī	Measure word for a little bit (e.g., hope, doubt)	他有一丝希望。(Tā yǒu yī sī xīwàng.) – He has a glimmer of hope.
		Measure word for a small	我需... 一点时间。(Wǒ xū yào yī diǎn shíjiān.) – I need a little time.

点	diǎn	amount (e.g., food, time, money)	我需要一点时间。(wǒ xūyào yī diǎn shíjiān.) – I need a little time.
股	gǔ	Measure word for a stream, smell, or force (e.g., wind, smell)	有一股香味。(Yǒu yī gǔ xiāngwèi.) – There is a whiff of fragrance.
桩	zhuāng	Measure word for major events or incidents (more formal)	发生了一桩大事。(Fāshēng le yī zhuāng dàshì.) – A major event happened.

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