



Traditional Chinese Measure Words

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Word	Pinyin	Meaning	Example	Example Pinyin	Translation
個	gè	general measure word	我有一個蘋果。	Wǒ yǒu yí gè píngguǒ.	I have an apple.
位	wèi	polite measure word for people	這位老師很好。	Zhè wèi lǎoshī hěn hǎo.	This teacher is very good.
本	běn	for books	這本書很有趣。	Zhè běn shū hěn yǒuqù.	This book is interesting.
張	zhāng	for flat objects	桌子上有一張紙。	Zhuōzi shàng yǒu yī zhāng zhǐ.	There is a piece of paper on the table.
支	zhī	for long thin objects	我買了一支筆。	Wǒ mǎi le yī zhī bǐ.	I bought a pen.
隻	zhī	for animals, one of a pair	公園裡有一隻狗。	Gōngyuán lǐ yǒu yī zhī gǒu.	There is a dog in the park.
條	tiáo	for long flexible things	這條路很長。	Zhè tiáo lù hěn cháng.	This road is very long.
件	jiàn	for matters, clothing, items	我買了一件衣服。	Wǒ mǎi le yī jiàn yīfu.	I bought a piece of clothing.
杯	bēi	cup of	請給我一杯水。	Qǐng gěi wǒ yī bēi shuǐ.	Please give me a cup of water.
碗	wǎn	bowl of	我吃了一碗飯。	Wǒ chī le yī wǎn fàn.	I ate a bowl of rice.
瓶	píng	bottle of	他買了一瓶可樂。	Tā mǎi le yī píng kělè.	He bought a bottle of cola.
雙	shuāng	pair of	我有一雙新鞋。	Wǒ yǒu yī shuāng xīn xié.	I have a new pair of shoes.
台	tái	used for machines, TVs, computers, etc.	我買了一台新電腦。	Wǒ mǎi le yī tái xīn diànnǎo.	I bought a new computer.
輛	liàng	used for land vehicles	這輛車很快。	Zhè liàng chē hěn kuài.	This car is fast.
間	jiān	used for rooms	我們的教室有三間。	Wǒmen de jiàoshì yǒu sān jiān.	We have three classrooms.
家	jiā	used for shops, companies, families	這家餐廳很好吃。	Zhè jiā cāntīng hěn hǎochī.	This restaurant is delicious.
棵	kē	used for trees and plants	公園裡有三棵大樹。	Gōngyuán lǐ yǒu sān kē dà shù.	There are three big trees in the park.
朵	duǒ	used for flowers, clouds, and mushroom-shaped things	她收到了一朵花。	Tā shōudào le yī duǒ huā.	She received a flower.
粒	lì	used for small round objects like grains, pills	請給我一粒藥。	Qǐng gěi wǒ yī lì yào.	Please give me a pill.

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塊	kuài	used for chunks, pieces, or units of money (colloquial dollar)	我要五塊錢的麵包。	Wǒ yào wǔ kuài qián de miànbāo.	I want five dollars' worth of bread.
片	piàn	used for thin, flat slices or expanses	早餐我吃了兩片吐司。	Zǎocān wǒ chī le liǎng piàn tǔsī.	I ate two slices of toast for breakfast.
座	zuò	used for large, fixed structures	這座橋很長。	Zhè zuò qiáo hěn cháng.	This bridge is very long.
封	fēng	used for letters, sealed envelopes	我收到了一封信。	Wǒ shōudào le yì fēng xìn.	I received a letter.
首	shǒu	used for songs, poems	他唱了一首好聽的歌。	Tā chàng le yì shǒu hǎotīng de gē.	He sang a nice song.
把	bǎ	measure word for objects with handles; handful	我買了一把新雨傘。	Wǒ mǎi le yī bǎ xīn yǔsǎn.	I bought a new umbrella.
幅	fú	measure word for flat objects (pictures, paintings, maps)	牆上掛著一幅畫。	Qíáng shàng guà zhe yī fú huà.	A painting is hanging on the wall.
群	qún	group, crowd, flock	我看見一群鳥在飛。	Wǒ kànjiàn yī qún niǎo zài fēi.	I saw a flock of birds flying.
串	chuàn	string, bunch, cluster	她給我一串葡萄。	Tā gěi wǒ yī chuàn pútáo.	She gave me a bunch of grapes.
根	gēn	measure word for long, slender things	我吃了一根香蕉。	Wǒ chī le yī gēn xiāngjiāo.	I ate a banana.
段	duàn	section, segment, period	我們走了一段很長的路。	Wǒmen zǒu le yī duàn hěn cháng de lù.	We walked a long stretch of road.
場	chǎng	measure word for events, performances, scenes	昨天晚上下了一場大雨。	Zuótiān wǎnshàng xià le yī chǎng dà yǔ.	Last night, there was a heavy rain.
頓	dùn	measure word for meals, beatings, reprimands	我每天吃三頓飯。	Wǒ měi tiān chī sān dùn fàn.	I eat three meals a day.
陣	zhèn	short period, gust, burst	一陣風吹過。	Yī zhèn fēng chuī guò.	A gust of wind blew by.
層	céng	layer, floor, level	這棟大樓有十層。	Zhè dòng dà lóu yǒu shí céng.	This building has ten floors.
盒	hé	box, carton	我買了一盒巧克力。	Wǒ mǎi le yī hé qiǎokèlì.	I bought a box of chocolates.
袋	dài	bag, sack	他提著一袋米。	Tā tí zhe yī dài mǐ.	He is carrying a bag of rice.
對	duì	pair	他們是一對情侶。	Tāmen shì yī duì qínglǚ.	They are a couple.
副	fù	pair, set	我有一副太陽眼鏡。	Wǒ yǒu yī fù tàiyáng yǎnjìng.	I have a pair of sunglasses.
套	tào	set, suit	這套沙發很舒服。	Zhè tào shāfā hěn shūfu.	This sofa set is very comfortable.
種	zhǒng	kind, type	你喜歡哪種水果？	Nǐ xǐhuān nǎ zhǒng shuǐguǒ?	Which kind of fruit do you like?

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句	jù	sentence, phrase	老師說了一句話。	Lǎoshī shuō le yī jù huà.	The teacher said a sentence.
筆	bǐ	sum (of money), stroke (of a brush)	他捐了一大筆錢。	Tā juān le yī dà bǐ qián.	He donated a large sum of money.
滴	dī	drop	地板上有一滴水。	Dìbǎn shang yǒu yī dī shuǐ.	There is a drop of water on the floor.
份	fèn	portion, copy	請給我一份報紙。	Qǐng gěi wǒ yī fèn bàozhǐ.	Please give me a copy of the newspaper.
篇	piān	piece (of writing)	我寫了一篇日記。	Wǒ xiě le yī piān rìjì.	I wrote a diary entry.
部	bù	for movies, books, machines	這部電影很好看。	Zhè bù diànyǐng hěn hǎokàn.	This movie is very good.
頭	tóu	head (of livestock)	農場有五頭牛。	Nóngchǎng yǒu wǔ tóu niú.	The farm has five head of cattle.
艘	sōu	for ships	港口有一艘大船。	Gǎngkǒu yǒu yī sōu dà chuán.	There is a large ship in the harbor.
把	bǎ	for objects with handles or can be grasped	我買了一把傘。	Wǒ mǎi le yī bǎ sǎn.	I bought an umbrella.
本	běn	for books, notebooks	這本書很有趣。	Zhè běn shū hěn yǒuqù.	This book is interesting.
張	zhāng	for flat objects	桌子上有一張紙。	Zhuōzi shàng yǒu yī zhāng zhǐ.	There is a piece of paper on the table.
隻	zhī	for animals or one of a pair	我有一隻狗。	Wǒ yǒu yī zhī gǒu.	I have a dog.
條	tiáo	for long, flexible things	這條路很長。	Zhè tiáo lù hěn cháng.	This road is very long.
件	jiàn	for clothing or matters	這件衣服很漂亮。	Zhè jiàn yīfú hěn piàoliang.	This piece of clothing is pretty.
杯	bēi	cup of, glass of	我要一杯水。	Wǒ yào yī bēi shuǐ.	I want a glass of water.
瓶	píng	bottle of	他買了一瓶可樂。	Tā mǎi le yī píng kělè.	He bought a bottle of cola.
碗	wǎn	bowl of	媽媽煮了一碗湯。	Māma zhǔ le yī wǎn tāng.	Mom made a bowl of soup.
盤	pán	plate of, dish of	餐廳上了一盤菜。	Cāntīng shàng le yī pán cài.	The restaurant served a plate of food.
根	gēn	for long, thin, rigid objects	他吃了一根香蕉。	Tā chī le yī gēn xiāngjiāo.	He ate a banana.
輛	liàng	for vehicles	校門口停了一輛車。	Xiào ménkǒu tíng le yī liàng chē.	A car parked at the school gate.
個	gè	general measure word for people, objects, etc.	我有一個朋友。	Wǒ yǒu yī gè péngyǒu.	I have a friend.
位	wèi	polite measure word for people	這位是王老師。	Zhè wèi shì Wáng lǎoshī.	This is Teacher Wang.
雙	shuāng	pair (of something inherently in twos)	我買了一雙新鞋子。	Wǒ mǎi le yī shuāng xīn xiézi.	I bought a new pair of shoes.

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套	tào	set; collection	這套沙發很舒服。	Zhè tào shāfā hěn shūfú.	This set of sofas is very comfortable.
種	zhǒng	kind, type, sort	你喜歡哪種水果?	Nǐ xǐhuān nǎ zhǒng shuǐguǒ?	What kind of fruit do you like?
塊	kuài	piece, chunk, lump; (colloquial) yuan (money)	請給我一塊蛋糕。	Qǐng gěi wǒ yī kuài dāngāo.	Please give me a piece of cake.
間	jiān	measure word for rooms	這間教室很大。	Zhè jiān jiàoshì hěn dà.	This classroom is very big.
次	cì	time (occurrence), instance	我去了三次中國。	Wǒ qùle sān cì Zhōngguó.	I have been to China three times.
份	fèn	portion, share, copy (of document)	我要一份雞肉飯。	Wǒ yào yī fèn jīròu fàn.	I'd like a portion of chicken rice.
首	shǒu	measure word for songs and poems	她唱了一首好聽的歌。	Tā chàngle yī shǒu hǎotīng de gē.	She sang a nice song.
家	jiā	measure word for shops, companies, families	附近有一家銀行。	Fùjìn yǒu yī jiā yínháng.	There is a bank nearby.
場	chǎng	measure word for events, performances, fights	昨晚下了一場大雨。	Zuó wǎn xiàle yī chǎng dà yǔ.	There was a heavy rain last night.
部	bù	used for movies, works of literature, machines	我昨天看了一部電影。	Wǒ zuótiān kànle yī bù diànyǐng.	I watched a movie yesterday.
篇	piān	used for pieces of writing like articles, essays	這篇文章寫得很生動。	Zhè piān zuòwén xiě de hěn shēngdòng.	This essay is written vividly.
段	duàn	used for segments, paragraphs, periods of time	請把這段話翻成英語。	Qǐng bǎ zhè duàn huà fānyì chéng Yīngyǔ.	Please translate this passage into English.
句	jù	used for sentences, phrases	你能用這個詞造一個句子嗎?	Nǐ néng yòng zhège cí zào yī gè jùzi ma?	Can you make a sentence with this word?
棵	kē	used for trees, plants	院子裡種了幾棵果樹。	Yuànzǐ lǐ zhòngle jǐ kē guǒshù.	A few fruit trees are planted in the yard.
粒	lì	used for small round things like grains, pills	我吃了几粒米飯。	Wǒ chīle jǐ lì mǐfàn.	I ate a few grains of rice.
朵	duǒ	used for flowers, clouds	天上飄着几朵白雲。	Tiānshàng piāozhe jǐ duǒ bái yún.	There are a few white clouds floating in the sky.
座	zuò	used for large, solid structures like buildings, mountains	那座大橋非常壯觀。	Nà zuò dàqiáo fēicháng zhuàngguān.	That large bridge is very magnificent.
架	jià	used for machines with a frame, like airplanes, pianos	機場上停着好几架飛機。	Jīchǎng shàng tíngzhe hǎojǐ jià fēijī.	Several airplanes are parked at the airport.
匹	pǐ	used for horses, bolts of cloth	這匹馬跑得很快。	Zhè pǐ mǎ pǎo de hěn kuài.	This horse runs very fast.
幅	fú	used for paintings, pictures	牆上挂著一幅山水畫。	Qíáng shàng guàzhe yī fú shānshuǐ huà.	A landscape painting is hanging on the wall.
副	fù	used for pairs of items (gloves, glasses) or expressions	我買了一副手套。	Wǒ mǎile yī fù shǒutào.	I bought a pair of gloves.

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支	zhī	used for long, thin, rigid objects	請給我一枝筆。	Qǐng gěi wǒ yī zhī bǐ.	Please give me a pen.
片	piàn	used for slices, pieces, or flat areas	我吃了一片麵包。	Wǒ chīle yī piàn miànbāo.	I ate a slice of bread.
群	qún	used for groups of people or animals	那裡有一群鳥。	Nàlǐ yǒu yī qún niǎo.	There is a group of birds.
名	míng	used for people in formal or respectful contexts	她是一名老師。	Tā shì yī míng lǎoshī.	She is a teacher.
阵	zhèn	used for short, sudden bursts or gusts	突然下了一陣雨。	Túrán xiàle yī zhèn yǔ.	Suddenly, it rained for a while.