

Measure words

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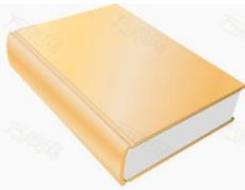
Normally When we count something, we just put numbers in front of the noun. For example:



One people



Three people



One book



Five books

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In English:

Unless some countless noun or a group of something, we do use the measure words too, for example:



One cup of water



One drop of water



One bundle
of paper



a plate of fruit

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In Chinese:

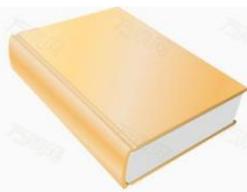
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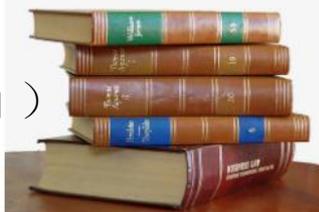
一个人 (yí gè rén)



三个人 (sān gè rén)



一本书 (yì běn shū)



五本书 (wǔ běn shū)

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一杯水 (yì bēi shuǐ)



一滴水 (yì dī shuǐ)



一捆纸 (yì kǔn zhǐ)



一盘水果
(yì pán shuǐ guǒ)

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Numbers+MW+Noun

One person: 一个人 (yí gè rén)

Note: Every noun needs a MW
in Chinese

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This person: 这个人 (zhè ge rén)

That person: 那个人 (nà gè rén)

Which person: 哪个人 (nǎ ge rén)

Every person: 每个人 (měi ge rén)



The common used measure words in Chinese

Most Common Measure words in China

gè
个



When you are not sure which measure word should use before a noun, you can use 个 (gè)

个 (gè) can be used in many nouns, ex: a people, mostly of fruits, and mostly stuff

本 (běn)

本 (běn) : is to measure book and magazine.

一本书 (yì běn shū)
一本杂志 (yì běn **zá zhì**) One **magazine**

This is a book.
这个是一本书 (zhè ge shì yì běn shū)

张 (zhāng)

张 (zhāng) : is to measure papers or anything flat surface, for example:

ticket , photo,table

- 一张纸 (yì zhāng zhǐ) a piece of paper
- 一张机票 (yì zhāng jī piào) an airticket
- 一张照片 (yì zhāng zhào piàn) a photo
- 一张桌子 (yì zhāng zhuō zǐ) a table

名 (míng) / 位 (wèi)

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名 (míng) : is to measure a name of a person's profession.

Ex: doctor, teacher, policeman, student....

一名学生 (yì míng xué shēng)
一名医生 (yì míng yī shēng)
一名老师 (yì míng lǎo shī)

他是一名老师 (tā shì yì míng lǎo shī)
阿里是一名医生 (ā lǐ shì yì míng yī shēng)
她是一位好老师 (tā shì yí wèi hǎo lǎo shī)

件 (jiàn)

件 (jiàn) :

It is to measure clothes.

Ex: coat, clothes, sweater...which cover our body and also used for luggage . not used for shoes, hats, socks or pants

一件衣服 (yì jiàn yī fú)

一件外套 (yì jiàn wài tà)

一件行李 (yì jiàn xíng lǐ) **Luggage**

今天我买了两件衣服

(jīn tiān wǒ mǎi le liǎng jiàn yī fú)

请问，您有几件行李？

(qǐng wèn , nín yǒu jǐ jiàn xíng lǐ)

excuse me, how many luggages do you have?

双 (shuāng)

双 (shuāng) :

It is to measure anything
which is in pairs.

Ex: shoes, socks, chopsticks

一双鞋 (yì shuāng xié)

我今天买了一双鞋 (wǒ jīn tiān mǎi le yì shuāng xié)

一双袜子 (yì shuāng wà zi)

一双筷子 (yì shuāng kuài zi) chopsticks

只 (zhī)

只 (zhī) :

It is to measure small animals.

the animal size should be smaller than a human being.

Ex: dog,cat, chicken....

一只小狗 (yì zhī xiǎo gǒu)

一只小猫 (yì zhī xiǎo māo)

一只小鸡 (yì zhī xiǎo jī)

Note: for a bigger dog, we also can use other measure word 条 (tiáo)

条 (tiáo)

条 (tiáo) :

It is to measure something which is long or the shape is long .

EX: fish ,tie, pants, snake, belt ...

It is also used to measure a message

一条鱼 (yì tiáo yú)

一条裤子 (yì tiáo kù zi)

一条领带 (yì tiáo lǐng dài) Tie

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一条狗 (yì tiáo gǒu)

一条信息 (yì tiáo xìn xī) 1 message

瓶 (píng) 、 杯 (bēi)

瓶 (píng) :

It is to measure a bottle of something.

a bottle of water: 一瓶水 (yì píng shuǐ)

a bottle of wine: 一瓶酒 (yì píng jiǔ)

a bottle of juice: 一瓶果汁 (yì píng guǒ zhī)

杯 (bēi) :

It is to measure a cup of something.

a cup of water: 一杯水 (yì bēi shuǐ)

a cup of coffee : 一杯咖啡 (yì bēi kā fēi)

a cup of tea: 一杯茶 (yì bēi chá)

辆 (liàng) 、 列 (liè) 、 架 (jià)

辆 (liàng) : It is to measure bikes and cars

This bike 这辆自行车 (zhè liàng zì xíng chē)

three cars: 3辆车 (3 liàng chē)

列 (liè) : It is to measure Train and subway

a train: 一列火车 (yì liè huǒ chē)

架 (jià) : It is to measure any kinds of planes

get on this airplane :上这架飞机

(shàng zhè jià fēi jī)

1 plane =一架飞机 (yí jià fēi jī)

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