

# List of All 232 common Chinese Measure Words

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Use this as your permanent reference guide. ★ marks very common words worth prioritising. ★★ marks the single most essential word to learn first.

#	Character	Pinyin	What It Counts	Examples
1	把	bǎ	Objects with handles / bunches	叉子 fork · 伞 umbrella · 椅子 chair
2	班	bān	Classes, groups, work shifts	飞机 flight · 学生 students
3	瓣	bàn	Pieces, segments, sections	橘子 orange · 蒜 garlic · 西瓜 watermelon
4	帮	bāng	Groups of people	匪徒 gangster
5	磅	bàng	Pound (weight unit)	水果 fruit
6	包	bāo	Things in packages / bags	饼干 cracker · 礼品 gift
7	杯 ★	bēi	Liquids (cups / glasses)	酒 liquor · 茶 tea · 咖啡 coffee
8	辈	bèi	Generations	人 people
9	倍	bèi	Multiples	利润 profits
10	本 ★	běn	Books and bound documents	词典 dictionary · 护照 passport · 日记 diary
11	笔	bǐ	Sums of money	贷款 loan · 奖金 bonus
12	遍	biàn	One-time complete actions	朗诵 recital
13	拨	bō	Small groups of people	人 people
14	部	bù	Films, machines, dictionaries	电影 movie · 词典 dictionary
15	餐	cān	Meals	饭 food
16	册	cè	Books with fewer pages	画集 album of paintings
17	层	céng	Floors, levels, layers	楼 building · 冰 ice
18	场	chǎng	Events, films, shows	电影 movie · 比赛 competition

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19	车	chē	Things transported by vehicles	煤炭 coal · 货物 goods
20	成	chéng	Degrees or levels	熟 cooked
21	池	chí	Some bodies of water	污水 sewage
22	尺	chǐ	Unit of length	布 cloth
23	出	chū	Dramas, plays, operas	京剧 Beijing opera
24	处	chù	Locations	风景 landscape
25	串	chuàn	Items in clusters	葡萄 grape · 钥匙 keys
26	床	chuáng	Sheets / bedding	被子 quilt
27	次	cì	Number of times an action occurs	会议 meeting · 实验 test
28	簇	cù	Bunched objects	鲜花 fresh flowers
29	寸	cùn	Unit of length (~3.3 cm)	布 cloth
30	撮	cuō	Small groups of people / objects	人 person · 头发 hair
31	打	dá	Dozens	铅笔 pencil
32	袋	dài	Things in bags	肥料 fertilizer · 米 rice
33	代	dài	Generations	人 person
34	担	dān	Unit of mass	柴 firewood · 水 water
35	档	dàng	Grades or levels	商品 merchandise
36	道	dào	Long things / procedures	菜 dish · 手续 procedure
37	滴	dī	Drops	汗 sweat · 墨水 ink
38	点	diǎn	Time / a little of something	时间 time

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39	叠	dié	Stacked items	钱 money
40	顶	dǐng	Things with a top	帽子 hat
41	锭	dìng	Ingots	金子 gold
42	栋	dòng	Buildings	房子 house
43	堵	dǔ	Walls and fences	墙 wall
44	段	duàn	Segments / sections	时间 time · 路 road
45	堆	duī	Stacks or piles	沙子 sand · 垃圾 trash
46	对	duì	Pairs of items	耳环 earring · 夫妻 couple
47	队	duì	Teams, lines, rows	士兵 soldier
48	吨	dūn	Metric ton	钢材 steel · 煤 coal
49	顿	dùn	Time and meals	早餐 breakfast
50	朵	duǒ	Flowers and clouds	花 flower · 云 cloud
51	发	fā	Rounds of gunshots	炮弹 shell
52	番	fān	Occurrences, iterations	话 talk
53	方	fāng	Square things	石碑 stele
54	分	fēn	Cents	钱 money
55	分钟	fēnzhōng	Minutes	时间 time
56	份	fèn	Portions / servings	报纸 newspaper · 礼物 gift
57	封	fēng	Sealed letters / mail	信 letter
58	峰	fēng	Camel humps / summits	骆驼 camel

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59	幅	fú	Textiles or pictures	画 painting · 地图 map
60	服	fú	Medicine doses	中药 TCM
61	伏	fú	Voltages	电压 voltage
62	付	fù	Medicine	药 medicine
63	副	fù	Sets / facial expressions	眼镜 glasses · 表情 expression
64	杆	gǎn	Stick-like things	旗 flag · 枪 gun
65	缸	gāng	Jugs	酒 alcohol
66	个	gè	Universal classifier	人 person · 组织 organisation
67	根	gēn	Long slender objects	头发 hair · 针 needle
68	公尺	gōngchǐ	Metre	布 cloth
69	公分	gōngfēn	Centimetre	长 length
70	公斤	gōngjīn	Kilogram	面粉 flour
71	公里	gōnglǐ	Kilometre	路 road
72	公顷	gōngqǐng	Hectare	田 field
73	公升	gōngshēng	Litre	汽油 gasoline
74	股	gǔ	Smell, flavour, strength	香味 aroma · 烟 smoke
75	挂	guà	Things in strings	鞭炮 firecrackers
76	管	guǎn	Tubular items	牙膏 toothpaste
77	罐	guàn	Jars or cans	苏打 soda · 蜂蜜 honey
78	行	háng	Lines / rows	泪水 tears · 字 character

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79	毫米	háomǐ	Millimetre	宽 width
80	毫升	háoshēng	Millilitre	水 water
81	号	hào	People	人 person
82	盒	hé	Things in a box	巧克力 chocolate
83	壶	hú	Liquids in a pot	茶 tea
84	户	hù	Households / families	人家 household
85	回	huí	Acts of a play / chapters	演出 performance
86	伙	huǒ	Crowds of people	人 person
87	级	jí	Ranks or levels	风 wind · 台阶 steps
88	记	jì	Blows, kicks, shots	耳光 slap
89	剂	jì	Medicine / chemicals	药 medicine · 疫苗 vaccine
90	家	jiā	Businesses or families	酒店 hotel · 银行 bank
91	加仑	jiālún	Gallon	汽油 gasoline
92	架	jià	Large vehicles / instruments	飞机 airplane · 钢琴 piano
93	架次	jiàcì	Number of flights	一千架次 1,000 flights
94	间	jiān	Rooms and houses	教室 classroom
95	件	jiàn	Clothes, items, events	衬衫 shirt · 家具 furniture
96	角	jiǎo	10 cents	钱 money
97	截	jié	Sections / segments	粉笔 chalk · 木头 log
98	节	jié	Sections and lengths	电池 battery · 课 class

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99	届	jiè	Events, elections, classes	运动会 sports event
100	斤	jīn	500 grams	苹果 apple · 肉 meat
101	局	jú	Games and matches	棋 chess · 球赛 match
102	具	jù	Devices, coffins	棺材 coffin
103	句	jù	Phrases or sentences	诗 poem · 玩笑 joke
104	卷	juǎn	Rolls	胶卷 film · 手纸 toilet paper
105	棵	kē	Trees and plants	白菜 cabbage · 果树 fruit tree
106	颗	kē	Small spheres	葡萄 grape · 花生 peanut
107	克	kè	Gram	黄金 gold
108	课	kè	Lessons	一课 one class
109	刻	kè	Quarter of an hour	一刻 15 minutes
110	孔	kǒng	Cave dwellings	窑 cave
111	口	kǒu	People / wells / cannons	人 person · 井 well
112	块	kuài	Pieces, chunks, money	钱 money · 蛋糕 cake
113	筐	kuāng	Baskets of things	菜 vegetable
114	捆	kǔn	Bunches and bundles	柴火 firewood · 葱 scallion
115	篮	lán	Baskets	蔬菜 vegetables
116	类	lèi	Types, classes, categories	人 person · 药品 medicine
117	里	lǐ	500 metres	路程 route
118	粒	lì	Round grain-like things	种子 seed · 沙子 sand

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119	立方米	lìfāngmǐ	Cubic metre	石 stone
120	两	liǎng	50 grams (tea / gold)	茶叶 tea leaves
121	辆 ★	liàng	Vehicles	出租车 taxi · 自行车 bicycle
122	列	liè	Lines or rows of things	火车 train · 士兵 soldiers
123	轮	lún	Rounds (sports, games)	比赛 competition
124	摞	luò	Stacks	书 books · 砖 bricks
125	缕	lǚ	Wisps, strands, locks	头发 hair · 烟 smoke
126	毛	máo	Dime (0.10 yuan)	钱 money
127	枚	méi	Coins, stamps, some weapons	硬币 coin · 邮票 stamp
128	门	mén	Large guns, subjects	大炮 cannon · 课程 course
129	米	mǐ	Metre	距离 distance
130	面	miàn	Flat things	国旗 flag · 镜子 mirror
131	秒	miǎo	Second (time)	一秒 one second
132	名 ★	míng	People (formal)	学生 student · 工人 worker
133	亩	mǔ	Land unit (667 m <sup>2</sup> )	地 land
134	幕	mù	Plays and shows	话剧 stage play
135	年	nián	Year	一年 one year
136	排	pái	Things arranged in rows	椅子 chair · 士兵 soldiers
137	派	pài	Schools of thought / groups	观点 viewpoint
138	盘	pán	Dishes and games	牛肉 beef · 棋 chess

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139	泡	pào	Urine and stool	尿 urine
140	盆	pén	Water and liquids	凉水 cool water
141	匹	pǐ	Horses, rolls of cloth	马 horse · 骡子 mule
142	批	pī	Batches of things / people	员工 employees
143	篇 ★	piān	Articles, pages with words	报告 report · 论文 paper
144	片 ★	piàn	Slices, tablets, stretches	面包 bread · 肉 meat
145	瓶 ★	píng	Liquids in bottles	葡萄酒 wine · 香水 perfume
146	平方公里	píngfānggōnglǐ	Square kilometre	地 land
147	平方米	píngfāngmǐ	Square metre	面积 area
148	期	qī	Periods of time / issues	杂志 magazine
149	起	qǐ	Unpredictable events	车祸 car crash
150	千克	qiānkè	Kilogram	大米 rice
151	千瓦	qiānwǎ	Kilowatt	功率 power
152	腔	qiāng	Body cavity / accent	愤怒 anger
153	顷	qǐng	100 mu (area unit)	土地 soil
154	曲	qǔ	Songs	歌 song · 戏 drama
155	群 ★	qún	Groups / flocks	人 person · 羊 sheep
156	人次	rén cì	Person-times	三千人次 participants
157	人年	rén nián	Person-year (effort)	工作量 workload
158	日	rì	A day	一日 one day

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159	扇	shàn	Windows and doors	窗户 window · 门 door
160	勺	sháo	Spoon (for liquids)	汤 soup
161	身	shēn	A suit of / a body full of	西服 suit · 泥 mud
162	升	shēng	Litre and dry grain	汽油 gasoline
163	声	shēng	Sounds	喊叫 shout · 枪响 gunshot
164	手	shǒu	Skills and proficiency	绝活 specialty
165	首 ★	shǒu	Poems and songs	歌 song · 诗 poem
166	束	shù	Bundles and bunches	鲜花 flowers · 光 light
167	双 ★	shuāng	Pairs	筷子 chopsticks · 脚 feet
168	丝	sī	Wires / a tiny amount	希望 hope
169	艘	sōu	Boats and ships	帆船 sailboat
170	所	suǒ	Buildings / institutions	医院 hospital
171	台 ★	tái	Machines	电脑 computer · 电视 TV
172	滩	tān	Liquid / paste substances	泥 mud · 血 blood
173	摊	tān	Tasks, businesses	业务 business
174	坛	tán	Liquids in jars	酒 alcohol · 醋 vinegar
175	堂	táng	Classes	课 class
176	趟	tàng	Times / trips	火车 train · 班机 flight
177	套	tào	Collections or sets	书 books · 设备 equipment
178	天	tiān	Day	三天 three days

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179	条 ★	tiáo	Long / narrow things + dogs	腿 leg · 路 road · 狗 dog
180	贴	tiē	Things that stick	膏药 herbal plaster
181	听	tīng	Canned beverages	苏打 soda
182	挺	tǐng	Machine guns	机枪 machine gun
183	通	tōng	Communications (calls)	电话 phone call
184	筒	tǒng	Things in canisters	茶叶 tea
185	桶	tǒng	Things in barrels	石油 petroleum
186	头	tóu	Livestock / garlic	大象 elephant · 牛 cow
187	团	tuán	Ball-shaped things	火 fire · 毛线 wool
188	坨	tuó	Lumps of soft things	泥 mud
189	丸	wán	Small ball-shaped things (medicine)	药 medicine
190	碗 ★	wǎn	Things in bowls	汤 soup · 米饭 rice
191	微米	wēimǐ	Micrometre	宽 width
192	尾	wěi	Things with tails (fish)	鱼 fish
193	位 ★	wèi	People (respectful)	官员 official · 科学家 scientist
194	窝	wō	Nests / litters	蚂蚁 ant · 猪 pig
195	席	xí	Banquets / conversations	盛宴 banquet
196	系列	xìliè	Series	报道 report · 文章 essay
197	下	xià	Repetition of an action	几下 a few times
198	线	xiàn	Ray or hope	亮光 beam · 希望 hope

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199	箱	xiāng	Cases of things	苹果 apples · 衣服 clothes
200	项	xiàng	Items, tasks, projects	合同 contract
201	些 ★	xiē	A few or some	人 people · 钱 money
202	宿	xiǔ	Night	一宿 one night
203	眼	yǎn	Large hollow things	井 well
204	样	yàng	Patterns and types	工具 tool
205	页	yè	Pages	传单 leaflet
206	夜	yè	Night	一夜 one night
207	英亩	yīngmǔ	Acre	土地 land
208	员	yuán	Certain kinds of people	猛将 general
209	元 ★	yuán	1 yuan / RMB (formal)	钱 money · 人民币 RMB
210	匝	zā	Number of revolutions	一匝 one revolution
211	载	zǎi	Year	三载 three years
212	则	zé	Short written sections	新闻 news
213	盏	zhǎn	Lamps	灯 lamp
214	站	zhàn	Station stops	路 road
215	章	zhāng	Chapters	小说 novel
216	张 ★	zhāng	Flat surface objects	脸 face · 床 bed · 邮票 stamp
217	丈	zhàng	3.3-metre unit	布 cloth
218	阵	zhèn	Brief events	雨 rain · 笑声 laughter

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219	帧	zhèng	Frames / pictures	画面 picture
220	支	zhī	Long thin inflexible things	蜡烛 candle · 歌 song
221	只 ★	zhī	Animals (general)	猫 cat · 耳朵 ear
222	种 ★	zhǒng	Kinds or types	动物 animal · 药品 medicine
223	轴	zhóu	Rolls and spools	线 thread · 画 painting
224	株	zhū	Trees and plants	麦子 wheat · 树苗 sapling
225	注	zhù	Deals or sums of money	彩票 lottery ticket
226	桩	zhuāng	Business transactions	买卖 business deal
227	幢	zhuàng	Buildings	大厦 skyscraper
228	桌	zhuō	Tables / meals	宴席 banquet
229	宗	zōng	Matters, loans	生意 business
230	组	zǔ	Groups of things / people	电池 battery
231	尊	zūn	Cannons and statues	大炮 cannon · 雕塑 statue
232	座	zuò	Buildings, mountains, large things	宫殿 palace · 山 mountain