

Table of Measures

This table includes, in alphabetical order, all the measures that are introduced in the Basic Conversation and Supplementary Vocabulary sections of the 24 units of *Basic Spoken Chinese* and *Intermediate Spoken Chinese*. After each measure are given an explanation of the meaning or usage of the measure, one example, and an indication of the unit and part where the measure first occurred. The explanations of meaning and usage are limited to the most common ones and are not intended to be exhaustive.

Measure	Meaning or Usage and Example	Unit-Part
bǎ	(for things that one grasps like chairs, umbrellas, knives; yibǎ yǐzi “a chair”)	5-1
běn(r)	(for books, dictionaries; nèiběn shū “that book”)	12-2
bēi	(for beverages; zhèibēi chá “this cup of tea”)	15-1
bèi	times (dà yíbèi “once again as big”)	22-3
bù	step, pace (yíbù “one step”)	16-3
bù	(for films; nèibù piānzi “a film”)	20-3
bùfen	part, portion (zhèibùfen “this part”)	20-4
chǎng	(for a showing of a movie; něichǎng “which showing?”)	20-3
cì	time (dì’èrcì “the second time”)	4-3
dào	(for courses of food; měidào cài “every course”)	14-4
diǎn	o’clock, hour (liǎngdiǎn zhōng “two o’clock”)	3-4
dòng	(for buildings; nèidòng fángzi “that house”)	11-3
duàn	section (of road; yíduàn “sect. 1”); period (yíduàn shíjiān “a period of time”)	4-2
dù	degree (of temperature; èrshíbā dù “28 degrees”)	10-1
duì	(for pairs; yíduì dà xióngmāo “a pair of giant pandas”)	24-2
dùn	(for meals; yídùn fàn “a meal”)	16-1
duǒ	(for clouds, flowers; yíduǒ yún “a cloud,” zhèiduǒ huā “this flower”)	10-1
fēn	penny; minute (yifēn qián “one penny,” yifēn zhōng “one minute”)	3-3
fèn(r)	(for newspapers, magazines; yífèn bào “a newspaper”)	12-2
fēng	(for letters; zhèifēng xìn “this letter”)	20-1
fú	(for paintings; nèifú huà “that painting”)	20-1
ge	(general measure; nèiliāngge rén “those two people”)	2-3
gēn(r)	(for long, thin things; jǐgēn xiāngjiāo “a couple of bananas”)	12-1
gōngchǐ	meter (liǎnggōngchǐ “two meters”)	11-3
gōnglǐ	kilometer (wǔgōnglǐ “five kilometers”)	21-4
gōngshēng	liter (yigōngshēng “one liter”)	11-4
hào	day of the month; number; size (shíbāhào “number 18”)	4-2
huí	time (zhèihuí “this time”)	5-3
jiā	(for companies, factories, banks, stores, etc.; yíjiā gōngsī “a company”)	2-3
jiān	(for rooms; zhèijiān wūzi “this room”)	17-3
jiàn	(for luggage, matters, furniture, clothing; yíjiàn xíngli “a piece of luggage”)	8-4
jīn	catty (500 grams; yíjīn báicài “a catty of cabbage”)	12-3
jù	sentence, phrase; (yíjù huà “a phrase”)	5-1
kē	(for trees; nèikē shù “that tree”)	14-1
kè	quarter of an hour (liùdiǎn sankè “6:15”)	3-4
kǒu(r)	(for people; jǐkǒu rén “how many people?”)	7-1

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kuài	dollar (monetary unit; yíkuài qián “\$1.00”); (for stones; yíkuài shítou)	3-3
lèi	kind, type, category (zhèilèi diànyǐng “this type of movie”)	20-4
liǎng	ounce (50 grams; jǐliǎng “how many ounces?”)	14-2
liàng	(for vehicles; yíliàng qìchē “a car”)	8-2
lù	(for bus routes; jǐlù chē “which bus number?”)	9-2
máo	ten cents, dime (yímáo qián “10 cents”)	3-3
mén	(for courses; símén kè “four courses”)	19-2
nián	year (sānnián “three years”)	4-2
pái	row (dibāpái “row eight”)	20-4
pī	(for horses; liǎngpī mǎ “two horses”)	22-4
piān	(for reports, articles; yípiān bàogào “a report”)	19-2
píng	(unit of area, 36 sq. ft.; èrshipíng “twenty ping”)	17-3
píng(r)	bottle (zhèipíng píjiǔ “this bottle of beer”)	14-2
shuāng	pair (jǐshuāng kuàizi “several pairs of chopsticks”)	3-3
suì	(for number of years of age; shíjiūsuì “19 years of age”)	3-2
suǒ	(for schools, hospitals, houses; zhèisuǒ xuéxiào “this school”)	24-3
tái	(for computers, TV sets; zhèitái diànnǎo “this computer”)	5-4
tàng	(for runs by trains, buses; xiàyítàng “the next trip”)	3-4
tào	(for sofas; nèitào shāfā “that sofa”)	17-4
táng	(for classes; liǎngtáng kè “two classes”)	16-1
tiān	day (nèitiān “that day”)	4-1
tiáo	(for long, narrow things like streets, pants, fish, and rivers; yìtiáo lù “a road”)	8-4
tóu	(for cows, oxen; yítóu niú “a cow”)	13-1
wǎn	bowl (jǐwǎn fàn “how many bowls of rice?”)	14-1
wèi	(polite measure for people; nèiwèi lǎoshi “that teacher”)	2-1
xiàng	(for documents, clauses, items; yíxiàng xiédìng “an agreement”)	24-2
xiē	some (zhèixiē dōngxi “these things”)	2-2
yàng(r)	kind, variety (zhèiyàngrde tiānqi “this kind of weather”)	12-1
yīnglǐ	mile (liǎngyīnglǐ “two miles”)	21-4
yuán	dollar (monetary unit; shíyuán “ten dollars”)	11-4
zhāng	(for flat things like tables, pancakes, paintings; nèizhāng zhuōzì “that table”)	5-1
zhī	(for most animals, hands; sānzhī gǒu “three dogs”)	9-2
zhī	(for writing instruments, songs; něizhī bǐ “which pen?”)	12-2
zhǒng	kind (zhèizhǒng cài “this kind of vegetable”)	12-2
zhōu	week (měizhōu “every week”)	23-3
zhuō	(for banquets; yìzhuō jiǔxí “a banquet”)	14-3