

## More Measure words

**Class Objectives:** to understand the concept of measure words further.

### Concept A: Common measure words.

1. 本 běn :- For bound items like books (书 shū), magazines (杂志 zá zhì), newspapers (报纸 bào zhǐ), notebooks.
2. 部 bù :- For cell phones (手机 shǒu jī), or sequels of a book/movie.
3. 份 fèn :- For bundles or batches, like servings of food, multi-page documents, jobs.
4. 家 jiā :- As a noun, 家 means “home” or “family.” But as a measure word, it is used for families or business establishments (like bars, restaurants, and shops)
5. 口 kǒu :- This word means “mouth” and as a measure word, it is used for things with a mouth like people or family members (with the idea of “mouth to feed”), or an opening like wells and cannons.
6. 块 kuài :- For chunks or big pieces of something (stones, wood), or for portions produced by cutting, tearing, or breaking (cake, bread, soap), or for the renminbi (when informally spoken) or certain paper money. Also, for some reason, for wrist watches.
7. 辆 liàng :- For wheeled vehicles such as bikes (自行车 zì xíng chē), electric bikes (电动车 diàn dòng chē), buses (公共汽车 gōng gòng qì chē), cars (车 chē), trucks (卡车 kǎ chē) but not trains.
8. 瓶 píng, 杯 bēi :- These words are handy when you go to a bar/restaurant. 瓶 means “bottle” (like “one bottled water” 一瓶水 yī píng shuǐ) while 杯 means “glass” (like “a glass of red wine” 一杯红酒 yī bēi hóng jiǔ).
9. 首 shǒu :- For songs (歌 gē) or poems (诗 shī).
10. 双 shuāng :- For items in pairs such as chopsticks (筷子 kuài zi), socks (袜子 wà zi), shoes (鞋 xié), gloves (手套 shǒu tào), eyes (眼睛 yǎn jing).
11. 条 tiáo :- For words/objects/items associated with the ideas of long, narrow, skinny such as roads, rivers, pants. Also used for elongated and slippery animals (snakes and fish).
12. 位 wèi :- Used to refer to people in a proper/polite way.
13. 张 zhāng :- For flat objects (pieces of paper, tickets, tables, CDs) regardless of size. Also used for photos (also digital photos)

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