



## LESSON A.10

# MEASURE WORDS

# 量词 LIÀNGCÍ

# LESSON A.9 REVISION



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Construct words/phrases from the below characters:

为  
*wèi*

在  
*zài*

多少  
*duōshǎo*

请  
*qǐng*

鸡蛋  
*jīdàn*

问  
*wèn*

电邮  
*diànyóu*

怎么  
*zěnmē*

地址  
*dìzhǐ*

问  
*wèn*

哪里  
*nǎlǐ*

什么  
*shénme*

样  
*yàng*

钱  
*qián*

炒饭  
*chǎofàn*

问题  
*wèntí*

# STUDENT PRESENTATION



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学生演讲

*xuéshēng yǎnjiǎng*

sit back

坐下来

*zuò xiàlái*

relax

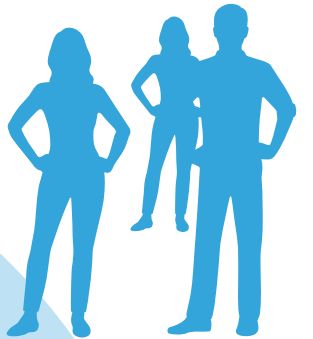
放松

*fàngsōng*

enjoy

享受

*xiǎngshòu*



# MEASURE WORDS



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- In Chinese, you can't just insert the number before an object.
- You **ALWAYS** need to use a **medium** which does not always exist in English and has no direct translation. This is called a **measure word** 量词 (*liàngcí*).
- The concept is similar to "a **piece** of paper", "two **cups** of tea", "two **plots** of land", "three **pinches** of salt", "two **doses** of vaccine", "two **lots** of antibiotics".
- Below example illustrates how important a measure word is:

三↑月 = 3 months  
三月 = March

- The most common measure word is ↑. Use it if in doubt.

(measure  
word)

↑  
gè

- |                |                      |      |
|----------------|----------------------|------|
| • "10 people"  | <i>shí gè rén</i>    | 十个人  |
| • "5 apples"   | <i>wǔ gè píngguǒ</i> | 五个苹果 |
| • "1 football" | <i>yī gè zúqiú</i>   | 一个足球 |

# GRAMMAR – CATEGORIZE MEASURE WORDS



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- In general, a measure word can be applied to the **same category**.
- For example, use 只 to measure animals. In terms of pictograph, 只 resembles head and feet.

| Category              | Measure Word | Example   |      |                           |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|
| animal                | 只            | 1 panda   | 一只熊猫 | <i>yī zhī xióngmāo</i>    |
| room                  | 间            | 1 room    | 一间房  | <i>yī jiān fáng</i>       |
| vehicle               | 辆            | 3 cars    | 三辆车  | <i>sān liàng chē</i>      |
| plant                 | 棵            | 5 trees   | 五棵树  | <i>wǔ kē shù</i>          |
| flower                | 朵            | 6 flowers | 六朵花  | <i>liù duǒ huā</i>        |
| line                  | 条            | 3 fish    | 三条鱼  | <i>sān tiáo yú</i>        |
| sheet                 | 张            | 4 tickets | 四张票  | <i>sì zhāng piào</i>      |
| furniture             | 张            | 2 tables  | 两张桌子 | <i>liǎng zhāng zhuōzi</i> |
| people (respectfully) | 位            | 5 guests  | 五位客人 | <i>wǔ wèi kè rén</i>      |

# CLASSROOM EXERCISE A.10 – MEASURE WORD



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- Can you describe the frog with the corresponding measure words?



一只 \_\_\_\_\_  
yī zhī \_\_\_\_\_

一张 \_\_\_\_\_  
yī zhāng \_\_\_\_\_

两个 \_\_\_\_\_  
liǎng gè \_\_\_\_\_

四条 \_\_\_\_\_  
sì tiáo \_\_\_\_\_



legs

腿  
tuǐ

mouth

嘴  
zuǐ

eyes

眼睛  
yǎnjīng

frog

青蛙  
qīngwā

# SONG – FROZEN 冻结的 DÒNGJIÉ DE

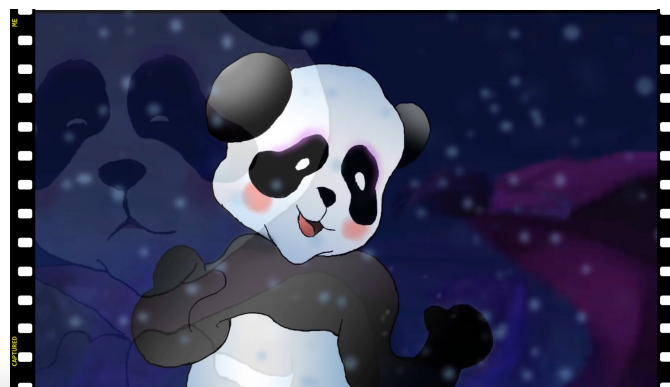


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Ice and Snow Destiny

冰雪奇缘

*bīngxuě qí yuán*



<https://vimeo.com/315216942>

Not a footprint

没有脚印

*méiyǒu jiǎoyìn*

Queen

女皇

*nǚhuáng*

Hurt

伤

*shāng*

Let it go

随它吧

*suí tā ba*

I don't care

我不管

*wǒ bùguǎn*

Anyway

反正

*fǎnzhèng*

Icy sky and snowy  
land

冰天雪地

*bīngtiānxuědì*

I am also not afraid

我也不怕

*wǒ yě bùpà*

Advance

向前

*xiàng qián*

This home

这个家

*zhège jiā*

My power

我力量

*wǒ lìliàng*

My soul

我灵魂

*wǒ línghún*

# CULTURE – CHRISTMAS



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- **Christmas** 圣诞 (*shèngdàn*) isn't generally celebrated in China.
- 圣诞 literally means the saint's birth, though many Chinese are not familiar with **Jesus Christ** 耶稣基督 (*yēsū jīdū*).
- In China only about one percent of people are Christians, so most people only know a few things about Christmas. The main religions in China are **Buddhism** 佛教 (*fójiào*), Chinese folklore, Taoism and Confucianism.
- Shopping centres are decorated with Christmas lights and **Santa** 圣诞老人 (*shèngdàn lǎorén*) is taking the centre stage.
- The **Christmas trees** 圣诞树 (*shèngdànshù*) that most people would see would be in shopping centres. The irony is that most of the world's plastic Christmas trees and Christmas decorations are made in China.

好

好

好

好

好

Merry Christmas

圣诞快乐

*shèngdàn kuàilè*



# CHINESE CHARACTERS AT A GLANCE



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|                           |                             |                            |                               |                              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <p>GOOD</p> <p>hǎo 好</p>  | <p>MORNING</p> <p>zǎo 早</p> | <p>happy</p> <p>xìng 兴</p> | <p>horse</p> <p>mǎ 马</p>      | <p>FESTIVAL</p> <p>jié 节</p> |
| <p>DROP</p> <p>diǎn 点</p> | <p>MUM</p> <p>mǔ 母</p>      | <p>FISH</p> <p>yú 鱼</p>    | <p>WINDOW</p> <p>chuāng 窗</p> | <p>ACTING</p> <p>yǎn 演</p>   |

# CLASSROOM GAME: 宾果游戏 BĪN GUŌ YÓUXÌ



- Your tutor will assign each a random table and call out each word by random.
- All players check if that word appears on their card. If it is, mark it with a cross. When a player has 5 marked words in a **row, column, or diagonal**, he or she calls out 宾果 (bīn guǒ).

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|    |    |     |    |
|----|----|-----|----|
| 生日 | 早上 | 中国人 | 爸爸 |
| 我  | 再见 | 请   | 英国 |
| 认识 | 明天 | 高兴  | 什么 |
| 你好 | 妈妈 | 谢谢  | 不  |

2

|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| 不  | 生日 | 高兴 | 中国人 |
| 你好 | 英国 | 谢谢 | 认识  |
| 明天 | 妈妈 | 请  | 我   |
| 早上 | 爸爸 | 再见 | 什么  |

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|    |    |     |    |
|----|----|-----|----|
| 谢谢 | 不  | 认识  | 你好 |
| 我  | 高兴 | 明天  | 早上 |
| 请  | 爸爸 | 中国人 | 再见 |
| 英国 | 生日 | 什么  | 妈妈 |

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|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| 早上 | 生日 | 爸爸 | 中国人 |
| 再见 | 你好 | 认识 | 我   |
| 请  | 不  | 妈妈 | 英国  |
| 谢谢 | 高兴 | 明天 | 什么  |

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|    |    |     |    |
|----|----|-----|----|
| 英国 | 爸爸 | 中国人 | 请  |
| 明天 | 妈妈 | 生日  | 高兴 |
| 谢谢 | 你好 | 早上  | 再见 |
| 不  | 什么 | 认识  | 我  |

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|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| 你好 | 明天 | 爸爸 | 生日  |
| 英国 | 早上 | 不  | 认识  |
| 我  | 谢谢 | 再见 | 中国人 |
| 妈妈 | 什么 | 请  | 高兴  |

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|    |     |    |    |
|----|-----|----|----|
| 不  | 我   | 再见 | 明天 |
| 妈妈 | 你好  | 请  | 英国 |
| 生日 | 中国人 | 高兴 | 什么 |
| 早上 | 爸爸  | 谢谢 | 认识 |

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|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| 认识 | 你好 | 再见 | 中国人 |
| 请  | 不  | 高兴 | 我   |
| 早上 | 妈妈 | 爸爸 | 英国  |
| 明天 | 生日 | 什么 | 谢谢  |