



ADVENTURES IN LANGUAGE



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Word bank

Mandarin	Pinyin	English
老师	lǎoshī	teacher
马	mǎ	horse
汽车	qìchē	car
椅子	yǐzi	chair
筷子	kuàizi	chopsticks
裤子	kùzi	pants
米饭	mǐfàn	rice
水	shuǐ	water
茶	chá	tea
钱	qián	money
碟	dié	plate
柠檬鸡	níngméngjī	lemon chicken
蛋糕	dàngāo	cake
狮子	shīzi	lion
花	huā	flower
猫	māo	cat
鞋	xié	shoe
礼物	lǐwù	gift
瓶	píng	a bottle of (measure word)
元/块	yuán/kuài	dollar (measure word)
头/只	tóu/zhī	a head of (measure word)
块	kuài	a piece of (measure word)
斤	jīn	500 grams
半	bàn	half

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Based on what we have discussed in the post and the word bank above, fill in the following 10 blanks using suitable measure words.

Purpose of measure words	Nouns	10 blanks
Describing types	people animals vehicles	1. 两 [] 老师 two teachers
		2. 一 [] 马 one horse
		3. 三 [] 汽车 three cars
Describing features	things you can grab/hold pair of things	4. 十 [] 椅子 ten chairs
		5. 一 [] 筷子 a pair of chopsticks
Describing shapes	e.g. long and narrow things	6. 五 [] 裤子 five pants
Describing containers	bowl bottle cup/glass	7. 两 [] 米饭 two bowls of rice
		8. 一 [] 水 a bottle of water
		9. 六 [] 茶 six cups of tea
Describing units of nouns	money	10. 十 [] 钱 10 dollars

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Find suitable measure words for the following.



a. Measure word []



b. Measure word []



c. Measure word []



d. Measure word []



e. Measure word []



f. Measure word []

3

You are in a Chinese restaurant, order the following in Chinese:

Pattern: 来 (lái) [I will have...] + number + measure word + noun

- a. 250 grams of rice
- b. One lemon chicken
- c. A piece of cake
- d. A cup of tea

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1. 两位老师
liǎngwèi lǎoshī
two teachers
2. 一匹马
yīpǐ mǎ
one horse
3. 三辆汽车
sānliàng qìchē
three cars
4. 十把椅子
shíbǎ yǐzi
ten chairs
5. 一双筷子
yīshuāng kuàizi
a pair of chopsticks
6. 五条裤子
wǔtiáo kùzi
five pants
7. 两碗米饭
liǎngwǎn mǐfàn
two bowls of rice
8. 一瓶水
yīpíng shuǐ
a bottle of water
9. 六杯茶
liùbēi chá
six cups of tea
10. 十元/块钱
shí yuán/kuài qián
10 dollars

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- a. 把
bǎ
- b. 只
zhī
- c. 辆
liàng
- d. 双
shuāng
- e. 头/只
tóu/zhī
- f. 件
jiàn

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- a. 来半斤米饭。
Lái bànjīn mǐfàn.
I will have 250 grams of rice.
- b. 来一碟柠檬鸡。
Lái yīdié níngméngjī.
I will have one lemon chicken.
- c. 来一块蛋糕。
Lái yīkuài dàngāo.
I will have a piece of cake.
- d. 来一杯茶。
Lái yībēi chá.
I will have a cup of tea.

