

## 2025\_Spring\_汉字 hànzi (Chinese characters)

1. 月 yuè = moon, month

2. 心 xīn = heart, mind

3. 中 zhōng = central, centre, middle

4. 人 rén = man, person, people

5. 子 zǐ = son

6. 水 shuǐ = water

7. 女 nǚ = female, woman, feminine

8. 几 jǐ = how many, a few, several

\* the meaning of 几 jǐ depends on whether it's in a question or a statement:

**Question** → "How many?"

**Statement** → "A few" or "Several"

**几 (jǐ)** can have different meanings depending on the context:

**1. "How many" (question word)** – When used in a question, 几 is asking for a small number (**typically less than 10**).

- ▶ 你几岁？ (nǐ jǐ suì?) → "How old are you?" (**for kids under 10**) (**lesson 5**)
- ▶ 现在几点？ (xiànzài jǐ diǎn?) → "What time is it now?" (literally: "How many o'clock is it?") (**lesson 11**)

**2. "Several" or "a few" (small quantity)** – When used in a statement, 几 can mean "several" or "a few."

- ▶ 我买了几个苹果。 (wǒ mǎile jǐ gè píngguǒ.) → "I bought a few apples."
  - ▶ 他有几本书。 (tā yǒu jǐ běn shū.) → "He has several books."
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- ▶ So, the meaning of 几jǐ depends on whether it's in a question or a statement:
  - ▶ **Question** → "How many?"
  - ▶ **Statement** → "A few" or "Several"

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9. 了 le = to finish, particle of completed action
  10. 大 dà = big, huge, major, large, vast, great, oldest
  11. 我 wǒ = I, me
  12. 书 shū = book, letter
  13. 国 (家) guó (jiā) = country, home country
  14. 东 dōng = east
  15. 西 xī = west
  16. 法国 Fǎguó = France
  17. 个 gè = general measure word (cl. général)
  18. 本 běn = measure word, origin
  19. 回 huí = back to, return

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20. 上 shàng = up, above, on, top, upon

21. 下 xià = down, below, under

**Example:**

① 上 上 下 下

shàng shàng xià xià = up and down (upward and downward movements or changes).

② 不 上 不 下

bú shàng bú xià = Neither up nor down = So so

③ 不 大 不 小

bú dà bù xiǎo = not big not small (just right!)

④ 不 三 不 四

bù sān bù sì = often used to describe people with bad behavior or things that are neither good nor acceptable.

[In French] : louch, bizarre / douteux

**不三不四**: désigne quelque chose ou quelqu'un de douteux, pas respectable, ni vraiment bon ni totalement mauvais. Cela peut qualifier une personne louche, une situation suspecte ou quelque chose de mal fait."

## Classificateur / measure words

1. 个 gè = general measure word (cl. général)
2. 口 kǒu = for family members (cl. membres de famille)
3. 本 běn = for book (cl. Pour livre)
4. 杯 bēi = for cups (cl. pour verres)
5. 块 kuài = money (cl. de l'unité monétaire)

## Basic Chinese Vocabulary



请qǐng = please/ invite = (s'il te plaît)



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mouth

kǒu



return

huí



to taste

pǐn





## learn direction words in Chinese

<p>下</p>  <p>xià down</p>	<p>上</p>  <p>shàng up</p>	<p>左</p>  <p>zuǒ left</p>	<p>右</p>  <p>yòu right</p>
<p>这</p>  <p>zhè this</p>	<p>那</p>  <p>nà that</p>	<p>外</p>  <p>wài outside</p>	<p>里</p>  <p>lǐ inside</p>
<p>无</p>  <p>wú un-, non-, -less</p>	<p>旁</p>  <p>páng near, nearby</p>	<p>面</p>  <p>miàn face, surface</p>	<p>边</p>  <p>biān side, edge</p>

# Him, her, it and it

tā  
他  
him

tā  
她  
her

tā  
牠  
it (animal)

tā  
它  
it (thing)

tā  
祂  
him (god)