



VOCABULARY · STARTER

Mandarin Numbers for Prices, Dates & Time

Build Mandarin numbers, read and say simple prices, put dates in Chinese order, and make plans with clock time using one printable practice pack.

Liǎng bēi chá, sānshí kuài.

两杯茶，三十块。

Two cups of tea, thirty kuai.

两 commonly comes before a classifier such as 杯.



By the end, you can...

- ✓ Build and understand common numbers through the low thousands
- ✓ Choose 二 or 两 in high-frequency beginner contexts
- ✓ Say a simple price in formal or everyday units

Starter

90–120 minutes across several sessions

26 pages

Answer guide

Self-contained print practice. Audio and web tools are optional.



1

Build numbers instead of memorizing lists

After this page, you can Use place-value blocks to construct new numbers.

BUILD

Core blocks

Hanzi	Pinyin	Value	Example
零	líng	0; zero inside a number	一百零五 · 105
一	yī	1	十一 · 11
二 / 两	èr / liǎng	2	二十 · 20; 两个人 · two people
三	sān	3	三十 · 30
四	sì	4	四十二 · 42



Find, cover, recall

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



2

Build numbers instead of memorizing lists

CONTINUED

After this page, you can Use place-value blocks to construct new numbers.

BUILD

Core blocks

Hanzi	Pinyin	Value	Example
五	wǔ	5	十五 · 15
六	liù	6	六百 · 600
七	qī	7	七十 · 70
八	bā	8	八千 · 8,000
九 / 十 / 百 / 千	jiǔ / shí / bǎi / qiān	9 / 10 / 100 / 1,000	九百九十 · 990



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3

Build numbers instead of memorizing lists

CONTINUED

After this page, you can Use place-value blocks to construct new numbers.

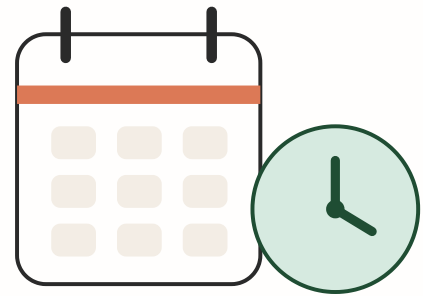
BUILD

Phone digits are a different job

Read a phone number one digit at a time rather than as one large number. In spoken digit strings, — is sometimes pronounced yāo to reduce confusion. Treat that as a listening-and-speaking convention, not a different written number.

Put it in your own words.

Cover this card and explain the idea in one sentence.



A visual anchor for this page's idea



4

Construct new numbers

After this page, you can Place 零 only where a missing place needs to be heard.

CONSTRUCT

See the structure



shíliù

十六

16

ten + six



èrshíwǔ

二十五

25

two tens + five



yìbǎi líng wǔ

一百零五

105

one hundred + zero tens + five



liǎngqiān líng liù

两千零六

2,006

two thousand + zero hundreds/tens + six



Cover + retrieve

Choose one line. Hide it, say it once, then uncover and repair one detail.



5

Construct new numbers

 CONTINUED

After this page, you can Place 零 only where a missing place needs to be heard.

CONSTRUCT

Write the Mandarin number

Write hanzi; then add pinyin if you can.

1

WORKED EXAMPLE

16

One answer shíliù

十六

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

2

20



One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



6

Construct new numbers CONTINUED

After this page, you can Place 零 only where a missing place needs to be heard.

CONSTRUCT

Write the Mandarin number

Write hanzi; then add pinyin if you can.

3

48

4

105



One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



7

Construct new numbers CONTINUED

After this page, you can Place 零 only where a missing place needs to be heard.

CONSTRUCT

Write the Mandarin number

Write hanzi; then add pinyin if you can.

5

230

6

2,006



One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



8

Read and say prices

After this page, you can Move between standard units, everyday spoken units, and written amounts.

 PRICE

Money units

Unit	Pinyin	Use	Example
元	yuán	Standard main unit	十二元 · 12 yuan
块	kuài	Everyday spoken main unit	十二块 · 12 kuai
角	jiǎo	Standard tenth of a yuan	五角 · 0.5 yuan
毛	máo	Everyday spoken tenth	五毛 · 0.5 yuan
分	fēn	Hundredth of a yuan	五分 · 0.05 yuan

**Find, cover, recall**

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



9

Read and say prices CONTINUED

After this page, you can Move between standard units, everyday spoken units, and written amounts.

 **PRICE**

Match the price

Choose the intended amount.

7

WORKED EXAMPLE

三块



3 yuan



13 yuan



30 yuan

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

8

三十块



3 yuan



13 yuan



30 yuan

9

八块五毛



8.05 yuan



8.5 yuan



85 yuan

**One more from you**

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



10

Read and say prices CONTINUED

After this page, you can Move between standard units, everyday spoken units, and written amounts.

PRICE

Match the price

Choose the intended amount.

10

十二元

☐ 2 yuan☐ 10 yuan☐ 12 yuan

11

两杯茶，二十四块。 How much altogether?

☐ 14 yuan☐ 20 yuan☐ 24 yuan

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



11

Put dates in Chinese order

After this page, you can Read and write year, month, and day from larger unit to smaller unit.

ORDER

Date building blocks

Hanzi	Pinyin	Job	Example
年	nián	year	二〇二六年 · 2026
月	yuè	month	八月 · August
日 / 号	rì / hào	day of month; 号 is common in speech	二十五号 · the 25th
星期一	xīngqīyī	Monday	星期一见 · see you Monday
星期二	xīngqīèr	Tuesday	星期二



Find, cover, recall

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



12

Put dates in Chinese order CONTINUED

After this page, you can Read and write year, month, and day from larger unit to smaller unit.

ORDER

Date building blocks

Hanzi	Pinyin	Job	Example
星期三	xīngqīsān	Wednesday	星期三
星期四	xīngqīsì	Thursday	星期四
星期五	xīngqīwǔ	Friday	星期五
星期六	xīngqīliù	Saturday	星期六
星期日 / 星期天	xīngqīrì / xīngqītiān	Sunday	星期天



Find, cover, recall

Find one useful row. Cover it and reconstruct the target form before checking.



13

Put dates in Chinese order

 CONTINUED

After this page, you can Read and write year, month, and day from larger unit to smaller unit.

 ORDER

Read the date

Choose the matching English date or Mandarin form.

12

WORKED EXAMPLE

八月九号



August 9



September 8



August 19

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

13

十二月二十号



December 2



December 20



February 12

14

Monday



星期一



星期二



星期日

**One more from you**

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



14

Put dates in Chinese order

CONTINUED

After this page, you can Read and write year, month, and day from larger unit to smaller unit.

 ORDER

Read the date

Choose the matching English date or Mandarin form.

15

2026年8月25日

☐ August 25, 2026☐ May 28, 2026☐ August 26, 2025

16

September 6

☐ 六月九号☐ 九月六号☐ 九月十六号

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



15

Tell clock time

After this page, you can Use 点, 分, 半, and time-of-day words before the action.

READ

Clock-time models



liǎng diǎn

两点

2:00

两 is usual before 点



sān diǎn shí fēn

三点十分

3:10

hour + 点 + minutes + 分



sì diǎn bàn

四点半

4:30

半 means half



shàngwǔ jiǔ diǎn

上午九点

9 a.m.

time of day comes before clock time



xiàwǔ sān diǎn

下午三点

3 p.m.

put the time phrase before the verb



Cover + retrieve

Choose one line. Hide it, say it once, then uncover and repair one detail.



16

Tell clock time CONTINUED

After this page, you can Use 点, 分, 半, and time-of-day words before the action.

 READ

Read the clock

Choose the matching time.

17

WORKED EXAMPLE

两点

☐ 1:00☒ 2:00☐ 2:30

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

18

四点半

☐ 4:15☐ 4:30☐ 5:30

19

上午九点

☐ 9 a.m.☐ 9 p.m.☐ noon

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



17

Tell clock time CONTINUED

After this page, you can Use 点, 分, 半, and time-of-day words before the action.

 READ

Read the clock

Choose the matching time.

20

3:10

☐ 三点十分☐ 三点半☐ 十点三分

21

7:30 p.m.

☐ 上午七点半☐ 下午七点半☐ 晚上七点半

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



18

Make and confirm a plan

After this page, you can Combine weekday and clock time in a short two-person exchange.

 **CONFIRM**

When should we meet?

Two friends are choosing a study time.

A

A

Wǒmen shénme shíhòu jiàn?

我们什么时候见?

When should we meet?

B

Xīngqīsān xiàwǔ sān diǎn, kěyǐ ma?

星期三下午三点，可以吗?

Wednesday at 3 p.m.—does that work?

B

A

A

Sān diǎn bù xíng. Sì diǎn bàn ne?

三点不行。四点半呢?

Three doesn't work. How about 4:30?

B

Kěyǐ. Xīngqīsān sì diǎn bàn jiàn!

可以。星期三四点半见!

That works. See you Wednesday at 4:30!

B

Replay it three ways Read · switch roles · change one detail



19

Make and confirm a plan CONTINUED

After this page, you can Combine weekday and clock time in a short two-person exchange.

 **CONFIRM**

Check the plan

Answer from the dialogue.

22

WORKED EXAMPLE

What day will they meet?

☐ Monday☒ Wednesday☐ Friday

Why it works: It completes the requested job using the target pattern.

23

Which time does not work?

☐ 3:00☐ 4:00☐ 4:30

24

What is the final meeting time?

☐ Wednesday at 3:00☐ Wednesday at 4:30☐ Thursday at 4:30

One more from you

Make a new response with the same target pattern.

Finish from memory. Choose one completed response, cover the page, and make it again.



20

Use your own numbers

After this page, you can Create personally useful price, date, and time language.

 WRITE

My real-life number card

25

Write: (1) a made-up phone digit string and how you would read it, (2) one sample price, (3) one important date, and (4) one proposed meeting day and time. Include hanzi and tone-marked pinyin.

Success looks like Any internally consistent examples using correct number structure, units, date order, and time order are acceptable.

Choose your mode Write in Hanzi · write in tone-marked pinyin · say and record it



21

Check your work

After this page, you can compare your response, understand the repair, and choose one item to replay later.

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Answers with useful feedback

Closed tasks have a direct answer. Open tasks include a model or success criteria; your response does not need to match word for word.

1

16

shíliù

十六

2

20

èr shí

二十

3

48

sì shí bā

四十八

4

105

yìbǎi líng wǔ

一百零五

5

230

liǎng bǎi sān shí

两百三十

Why: 二百三十 is also possible; 两百 is very common in speech.

6

2,006

liǎngqiān líng liù

两千零六

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.



22

Check your work CONTINUED

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Answers with useful feedback

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7

三块

3 yuan

8

三十块

30 yuan

9

八块五毛

8.5 yuan

10

十二元

12 yuan

11

两杯茶，二十四块。How much altogether?

24 yuan

12

八月九号

August 9

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.



23

Check your work CONTINUED

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Answers with useful feedback

Closed tasks have a direct answer. Open tasks include a model or success criteria; your response does not need to match word for word.

13

十二月二十号
December 20

14

Monday
xīng qī yī
星期一

15

2026年8月25日
August 25, 2026

16

September 6
jiǔ yuè liù hào
九月六号

17

两点
2:00

18

四点半
4:30

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.

**24**

Check your work CONTINUED

After this page, you can compare your response, understand the repair, and choose one item to replay later.

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19

上午九点

9 a.m.

20

3:10

sān diǎn shí fēn

三点十分

21

7:30 p.m.

wǎn shàng qī diǎn bàn

晚上七点半

22

What day will they meet?

Wednesday

23

Which time does not work?

3:00

24

What is the final meeting time?

Wednesday at 4:30

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.



25

Check your work CONTINUED

After this page, you can compare your response, understand the repair, and choose one item to replay later.

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Answers with useful feedback

Closed tasks have a direct answer. Open tasks include a model or success criteria; your response does not need to match word for word.

25

Write: (1) a made-up phone digit string and how you would read it, (2) one sample price, (3) one important date, and (4) one proposed meeting day and time. Include hanzi and tone-marked pinyin.

ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER

Phone: wǔ wǔ wǔ líng yāo bā èr (the digit yī is read yāo here); price: shí'èr kuài wǔ máo; date: èr líng èr liù nián jiǔ yuè wǔ rì; meeting: xīngqīliù xiàwǔ sān diǎn.

Fictional phone 555-0182—五五五零一八二—wǔ wǔ wǔ líng yāo bā èr (一 may be read yāo in a digit string); price 十二块五毛—shí'èr kuài wǔ máo; date 二〇二六年九月五日—èr líng èr liù nián jiǔ yuè wǔ rì; meeting 星期六下午三点—xīngqīliù xiàwǔ sān diǎn.

Success criteria: Any internally consistent examples using correct number structure, units, date order, and time order are acceptable.

Do not stop at checking. Circle one repair and make that response again with the answer covered.