

Numbers

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2	èr/liǎng	二/两
3	sān	三
4	sì	四
5	wǔ	五
6	liù	六
7	qī	七
8	bā	八
9	jiǔ	九
10	shí	十

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Hundreds: 百 (bǎi)	100 → 一百	200 → 两百/二百
Thousands: 千 (qiān)	1,000 → 一千	2,000 → 两千/二千
Ten-thousands: 万 (wàn)	10,000 → 一万	20,000 → 两万/二万

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Reading large numbers

Take a number like 3,458. You can break it down like so: 3 千, 4 百, 5 十, 8. Looking at the place value of each number helps you to remember how to say the number aloud. The 3 is in the thousands place, so you would start off by saying 三千. The next number is in the hundreds place (四百). Next is in the tens place (五十). Then the last number is in the ones column (八). All together it would be: 三千四百五十八 (Sānqiān sìbǎi wǔshíbā)

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