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day 6 this, that, how many

Chinese HSK 1 in 30 days
unit 2 · family & people

Point at people and things, ask “how many?”, say “two of” something and say how old you are.

Pointing and counting get you through shops, menus and every new friend’s first questions.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it’s built
这	zhè	this	Point at your feet and say zhè: this one, right here.
那	nà	that	Nà, with a falling tone, like your finger dropping to point far away: that one.
哪	nǎ	which	哪 is 那 with a mouth on the side: “that” turns into the question “which?”
这个	zhège	this one; this	这 this + 个 general measure word
那个	nàge	that one; that	那 that + 个 general measure word
哪个	nǎge	which one; which	哪 which + 个 general measure word
个	gè	(general measure word)	Picture 个 as a little figure with arms spread: one 个 for each thing you count.
几	jǐ	how many; a few	几 looks like a little low table: how many cups fit on it? Just a few.
多少	duōshao	how many; how much	多 many + 少 few
岁	suì	years old	岁 wears a mountain on top: every birthday you climb a little higher.
百	bǎi	hundred	一 on top of 白: a hundred blank pages waiting for your characters.
千	qiān	thousand	千 looks like 十 (ten) wearing a little hat: ten, all grown up into a thousand.
两	liǎng	two (of something)	A pair of lions: “liang”, two of them.

pattern 这 this, 那 that, 哪 which + 个

这 / 两 + 个 + person or thing

Swap the pink block: 这 this, 那 that, 哪 which, or a number. Before a noun, add a measure word: a little word between “this” (or a number) and the thing. 个 is the everyday one: 这个人, 两个人.

这个人是我同学。 **Zhège rén shì wǒ tóngxué.** This person is my classmate.

那个是王老师。 **Nàge shì Wáng lǎoshī.** That one is Teacher Wang.

哪个是你朋友? **Nǎge shì nǐ péngyou?** Which one is your friend?

我认识两个中国人。 **Wǒ rènshi liǎng gè Zhōngguó rén.** I know two Chinese people.

dialogue a hundred or a few thousand?

teacher wang 安娜，那个人是谁?
Ānnà, nàge rén shì shéi? · Anna, who's that?

anna 那是我朋友小明。
Nà shì wǒ péngyou Xiǎomíng. · That's my friend Xiaoming.

xiaoming 王老师好！
Wáng lǎoshī hǎo! · Hello, Teacher Wang!

xiaoming 安娜，你认识多少汉字?
Ānnà, nǐ rènshi duōshao Hànzì? · Anna, how many characters do you know?

anna 一百个！你呢?
Yìbǎi gè! Nǐ ne? · A hundred! And you?

xiaoming 几千个。
Jǐ qiān gè. · A few thousand.

anna 几千个？！
Jǐ qiān gè?! · A few THOUSAND?!

teacher wang 安娜，一百个也很好！
Ānnà, yìbǎi gè yě hěn hǎo! · Anna, a hundred is great too!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

百
bǎi
hundred

多
duō
many, much

少
shǎo
few, little

个
gè
(general measure word)

good to know · Count with 二 (一、二、三) and use it inside numbers (十二, 二十). For two of something, say 两 + measure word: 两个人. 你几岁？ is how you ask a child their age. With grown-ups it can sound cheeky; on day 24 you'll learn the friendlier 多大.

Now you can point at anything, ask “which one?”, count into the thousands and tell people your age.
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