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day 16 clothes & things

Chinese HSK 1 in 30 days
unit 4 · things & places

Shop for clothes, books and gadgets, and count them with the right measure word.

Every shop trip needs “this one” and “two of those”, and measure words make that work.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it’s built
衣服	yīfu	clothes	衣 clothing + 服 clothes; to serve
穿	chuān	to wear; put on	“Chwan” your arms through the sleeves and you’re dressed.
件	jiàn	measure word: clothes, items	Hang each top on its own peg: one 件, two 件, three 件.
本	běn	measure word for books	A book is made from a tree, and 本 is a tree with its roots marked.
书	shū	book	“Shoo!” says the librarian, but the book stays open.
手机	shǒujī	mobile phone	手 hand + 机 machine
电脑	diànnǎo	computer	电 electricity + 脑 brain
新	xīn	new	Fresh-cut wood smells new. Chop, chop: xīn!
漂亮	piàoliang	pretty; beautiful	漂 to rinse; to bleach + 亮 bright
好看	hǎokàn	good-looking; nice	好 good + 看 to look, to see
些	xiē	some; a few	Not one, not lots: just some. 些 is a handful.
一些	yīxiē	some; a few	一 one + 些 some, a few

pattern measure words: 一本书, 这件衣服

number / 这 / 那 | measure word | thing

A measure word is a little word between a number (or 这, 那) and a thing. 件 is for clothes, 本 for books, and 个 is the all-rounder (if you forget the right one, 个 often works). For “some”, 一些 does the whole job: 一些书.

我要买两件衣服。 **Wǒ yào mǎi liǎng jiàn yīfu.** I want to buy two tops.

这本书很好看。 **Zhè běn shū hěn hǎokàn.** This book is a good read.

这个手机太贵了。 **Zhège shǒujī tài guì le.** This phone is too expensive.

我想买一些衣服。 **Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yìxiē yīfu.** I want to buy some clothes.

dialogue anna finds a top

xiaoming 安娜，你想买什么?
Ānnà, nǐ xiǎng mǎi shénme? · Anna, what do you want to buy?

anna 我想买一件衣服。
Wǒ xiǎng mǎi yí jiàn yīfu. · I'd like to buy a top.

xiaoming 这件很漂亮!
Zhè jiàn hěn piàoliang! · This one's pretty!

anna 很好看！多少钱?
Hěn hǎokàn! Duōshao qián? · It looks great! How much is it?

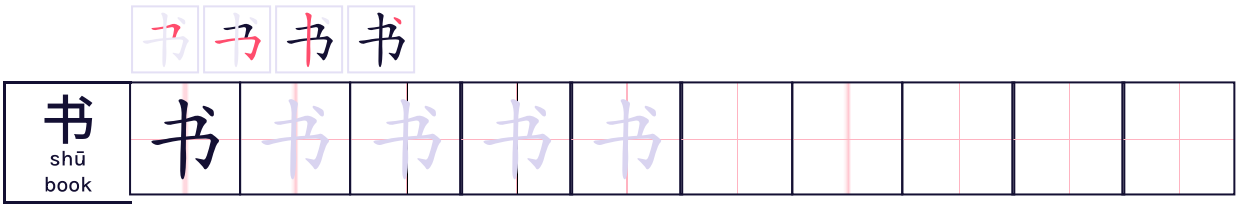
xiaoming 一百二十块。
Yìbǎi'èrshí kuài. · (reading the tag) 120 kuai.

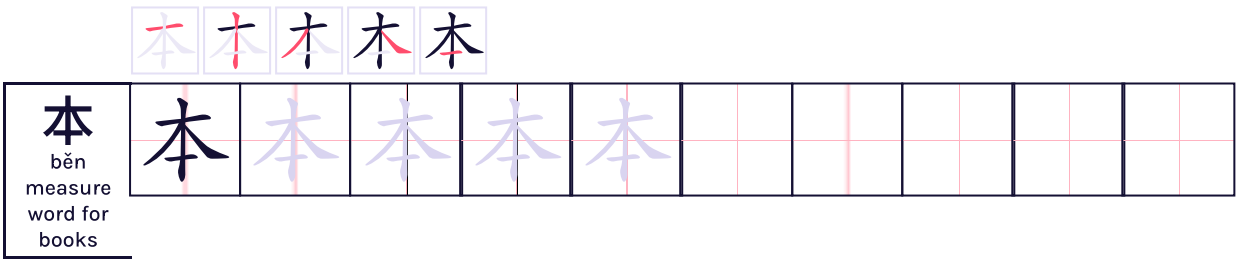
anna 太贵了！那件呢?
Tài guì le! Nà jiàn ne? · Too expensive! What about that one?

xiaoming 那件八十块。
Nà jiàn bāshí kuài. · That one is 80 kuai.

anna 好，我买那件!
Hǎo, wǒ mǎi nà jiàn! · OK, I'll take that one!

write it trace the grey, then write your own





good to know · In shops people drop the thing once it's clear: 这件 "this one" (a top), 那本 "that one" (a book). 好看 is good-looking for clothes and people, and a good read or watch for books and shows.

Now you can point at exactly the one you want, and ask what it costs. Shopping unlocked!
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