

friend; CL: 个人(gè), 位(wèi)

to love; affection; to be fond of; to like

pretty; beautiful

eight; 8

apple; CL: 个人(gè), 颗(kē)

father (informal); CL: 个人(gè), 位(wèi)

seven; 7

Beijing; capital of People's Republic of  
China; Peking; PRC government

coin; money; CL: 笔(bǐ)

cup; glass; CL: 个人(gè), 支(zhī)

ahead; in front; preceding; above

origin; source; roots or stems of plants;  
this; the current; root; foundation; basis;  
classifier for books, periodicals, files etc;  
originally

to ask; to invite; please (do something); to  
treat (to a meal etc); to request

not (negative prefix); no

to go; to go to (a place); to cause to  
go or send (somebody); to remove; to  
get rid of; (when used either before or  
after a verb) to go in order to do  
something; to be apart from in space  
or time; (after a verb of motion  
indicates movement away from the  
speaker); (used after certain verbs to  
indicate detachment or separation);  
(of a time or an event, etc.) just  
passed or elapsed

you're welcome; it's my pleasure (answer  
to someone who thanks)

heat; to heat up; fervent; hot (of weather);  
warm up

dish (type of food); vegetables; vegetable;  
cuisine; CL: 盘 (pán), 道(dào)

man; person; people; CL: 个人(gè), 位  
(wèi)

tea; tea plant; CL: 杯(bēi), 壶(hú)

to know; to recognize; to be familiar with;  
acquainted with something; knowledge;  
understanding; awareness; cognition

to eat; to have one's meal; to eradicate; to  
destroy; to absorb; to suffer; to exhaust

three; 3

taxi

on

big; huge; large; major; great; wide; deep;  
oldest; eldest

store; shop; CL: 家(jiā), 個个(gè)

to make a phone call

morning; CL: 個个(gè)

of; structural particle: used before a noun,  
linking it to preceding possessive or  
descriptive attributive

few; little; lack

a little; a bit; drop (of liquid); stain; spot; speck; jot; dot stroke (in Chinese characters); decimal point; point; mark (of degree or level); a place (with certain characteristics); iron bell; o'clock; some; (point) unit of measurement for type; to touch on briefly; to make clear; to light; to ignite; to kindle; period of time at night (24 minutes) (old); a drip; to dabble; classifier for small indeterminate quantities

who; also pronounced shuí

computer; CL: 台(tái)

what?; who?; something; anything

television; TV; CL: 台(tái) , 個(ge)

ten; 10

movie; film; CL: 部(bù) , 幕(mù) , 场(chǎng)

to be; yes

thing; stuff; person; CL: 個(ge) , 件(jiàn)

time; length of time; moment; period

all, both; entirely (due to) each; even;  
already

book; letter; CL: 本(běn), 册(cè) , 部(bù) ;  
see also Book of History

to read; to study; reading of word (i.e.  
pronunciation), similar to 拼音 (pīnyīn)

water; river; liquid; beverage

I'm sorry; excuse me; pardon me; if you  
please; sorry? (please repeat); unworthy;  
to let down

fruit

many; much; a lot of; numerous; multi-

to go to bed; to go to sleep

how much; how many

to speak; to say; to explain; to scold; to tell off; a theory (usually in compounds such as 日心说 heliocentric theory)

two; 2; stupid (Beijing dialect)

four; 4

son

classifier for years (of age); year; year (of crop harvests)

restaurant; hotel; CL:家(jiā), 個个(gè)

he or him; (used for either sex when the sex is unknown or unimportant); (used before somebody's name for emphasis); (used as a meaningless mock object); other; another

airplane; CL: 架(jià)

she

minute

too (much); very; extremely; highest;  
greatest

happy; glad; willing (to do something); in a  
cheerful mood

weather

classifier for people or objects in general;  
individual; this; that; size

to listen; to hear; to obey; a can (loanword  
from English 'tin'); classifier for canned  
beverages

job; work; construction; task; CL: 仵个(gè),  
份(fèn), 项(xiàng)

(fellow) classmate; CL: 位(wèi), 仵个(gè)

dog; CL: 只(zhī), 条(tiáo)

hello (interj., especially on telephone); hey

Chinese language

I; me; my

good; well; proper; good to; easy to; very;  
so; (suffix indicating completion or  
readiness)

we; us; ourselves; our

day of a month; (suffix used after) name of  
a ship; (ordinal) number

five; 5

to drink; to shout (a command)

to like; to be fond of

and; together with; with; sum; union;  
peace; harmony; surname He

down; downwards; below; lower; later; next  
(week, etc.); second (of two parts); to  
decline; to go down

very; (adverb of degree); quite; awfully



afternoon; p.m.; CL: 個个(gè)	rear; back; behind; later; afterwards
to rain; rainy	to go back; to turn around; to answer; to return; to circle; to revolve; Hui ethnic group; time; classifier for acts of a play; section or chapter (of a classic book)
Mister (Mr.); husband; doctor (topolect); teacher; CL: 個个(gè), 位(wèi)	can; be possible; be able to; will; be likely to; be sure to; to assemble; to meet; to gather; to see; union; group; association; a moment (Taiwan pronounced for this sense is huǐ)
now; at present; at the moment; modern; current; nowadays	how much; how many; several; a few
to think; to believe; to suppose; to wish; to want; to miss	home; family; classifier for families or businesses; refers to the philosophical schools of pre-Han China; noun suffix for specialists in some activity such as musician or revolutionary, corresponds to English -ist, -er, -ary or -ian; surname Jia; CL: 個个(gè)

small; tiny; young

to call; to shout; to order; to ask; to be called; by (indicates agent in the passive mood)

young lady; Miss; (slang) prostitute; CL: 個  
|个(gè), 位(wèi)

today; at the present

some; few; several; (a measure word)

nine; 9

to write

to open; to start; to turn on; to operate  
(vehicle)

to thank; thanks

to look at

week; CL: 個个(gè)

to see; to catch sight of

student; school child

unit of currency; lump (of earth); chunk; piece; classifier for pieces of cloth, cake, soap etc; colloquial word for yuan (or other unit of currency such as Hong Kong or US dollar etc), usually as 块钱

to learn; to study

to come; to arrive; to come round; ever since; next

school; CL: 所(suǒ)

teacher; CL: 個个(gè), 位(wèi)

one; 1; single; a (article); as soon as; entire; whole; all; throughout; 'one' radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 1)

(completed action marker); (modal particle intensifying preceding clause)

a little (bit)

cold

clothes; CL: 件(jiàn), 套(tào)

inside; lining; interior; internal

doctor; CL: 個个(gè), 位(wèi), 名(míng)

six; 6

hospital; CL: 所(suǒ), 家(jiā), 座(zuò)

(question tag)

chair; CL: 把(bǎ), 套(tào)

mum; mama; mommy; mother; CL: 個个(gè), 位(wèi)

to have; there is; there are; to exist; to be

to buy; to purchase

month; moon; CL: 个月(gè), 轮(lún)

cat; CL: 只(zhī)

(located) at; (to be) in; to exist; in the middle of doing something; (indicating an action in progress)

it doesn't matter

goodbye; see you again later

haven't; hasn't; doesn't exist; to not have; to not be;

how?; what?; why?

(cooked) rice

how are things? how?; how about?; how  
was it?

tomorrow

this; these; (commonly pronounced (zhèi)  
before a classifier, especially in Beijing)

name (of a person or thing); CL: 自个(gè)

China; Middle Kingdom

which? (interrogative, followed by classifier  
or numeral-classifier)

noon; midday; CL: 自个(gè)

that; those; then (in that case); commonly  
pronounced (nèi) before a classifier,  
especially in Beijing

to live; to dwell; to stay; to reside; to stop

where?; wherever; anywhere

table; desk; CL: 张(zhāng) ,套(tào)

(question particle for subjects already mentioned)

letter; character; word; symbol; CL: 个个(gè)

to be able to; to be capable of; ability; capability; able; capable; can possibly; (usually used in the negative) to have the possibility of

to sit; to take a seat; to take (a bus, airplane etc); to bear fruit

you (informal)

to do; to make; to produce; to write; to compose; to act as; to engage in; to hold (a party); to be; to become; to function (in some capacity); to serve as; to be used for; to form (a bond or relationship); to pretend; to feign; to act a part; to put on appearance

year; CL: 个个(gè)

yesterday

daughter