

CLTask: Reading Large Numbers in Chinese

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Activity Outline

Topic	Large Numbers in Chinese
Learning Aims	<p>To encourage and enable students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and be able to use large numbers in Chinese • Become confident in using large numbers in Chinese to solve problems in real-life situations • Develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to pursue further studies in Advanced Chinese • Develop abstract, logical and critical thinking abilities to reflect upon their own language learning and the work of others • Appreciate the international diversity of numeracy and its multicultural perspectives
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout • Exercise sheet • Audio Files

Stage	Procedure	Time mins.
Preparation	Explain that students will learn how to read/use large numbers in Chinese; review the basics on the handout – specifically the enumeration of numbers and units in Chinese.	10
Presentation	Use the Handout and/or the PPT to show students the visual representation of how numbers in Chinese are grouped into sub-units; and how this differs to English. Explain how 0's are treated in long numbers.	10
Practice	Use the Exercise Sheet for students work through. The first part is speaking practice, which can be done in pairs, or in open pairs. The second part is a listening exercise. Students may be invited to correct each other's answers.	20

Feedback	Allow time for students to ask questions; clarify anything they didn't understand.	5
Expansion	<p>Assign a few fun facts for students to look up and report back on – for example:</p> <p>Language, Literary, and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the population of China? • What is the population of your country? • What is the square mileage of the whole of China? • What is the square mileage of your country? • What is the current GDP of China? <p>Personal and Social development, Wellbeing and Cultural Diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long is the Great Wall of China? • How long did ancient Chinese civilisation last? • Briefly research the Oracle Bone Script, and include when it was used, and how many oracle bone pieces have been discovered. 	5