

Major Noun-Classifiers Used in Spoken Taiwanese

English words in quotation marks translate the Taiwanese classifier. Those words not in quotation marks indicate the object that the noun-classifier is used to count.

au 杯 ^{ㄅㄞ} "cup", cupful	im 音 ^{ㄩㄢ} "note", music
bī 味 ^{ㄨㄟ} flavor, odor	jī 只 ^ㄓ , 條 ^{ㄊㄞ} bananas
bió 秒 ^{ㄅㄞㄠ} a second of time	jī 字 ^ㄗ "word", words, letters
bé, bōc 尾 ^{ㄨㄟ} fish, worms, dragons	jiah 跡 ^{ㄊㄣˊ} , 痕 ^{ㄏㄢ} marks and smears
chàn 層 ^{ㄔㄨㄥˊ} step of a ladder or stairway	jít 日 ^ㄖ day
cháng 束 ^{ㄊㄨ} , 細 ^{ㄒㄟ} "bundle", rice stalks	ka-lǔn 加 ^{ㄐㄚ} 倫 ^{ㄌㄨㄣˊ} "gallon" (equal to four liters)
chǎng 樣 ^{ㄔㄨㄥˋ} , 棵 ^{ㄎㄞ} trees, plants	kak 角 ^{ㄐㄨㄛˋ} "ten cents", ice
chat 節 ^{ㄐㄧㄝˊ} "verse", stick of sugar cane	keng 間 ^{ㄐㄨㄢ} buildings
chhih 尺 ^ㄇ "foot" (Chinese unit of length)	kha 個 ^{ㄍㄜˋ} , 只 ^ㄓ baskets, suitcases, trunks, cases, finger-rings
chhùn 寸 ^{ㄘㄨㄣˋ} "inch" (Chinese unit of length)	khám 家 ^{ㄐㄚ} shops
chhut 齣 ^{ㄔㄨ} movies, "course" (of food)	khang 洞 ^{ㄊㄨㄥˋ} , 孔 ^{ㄎㄨㄥˇ} holes
chí 疊 ^{ㄊㄞˊ} "stack, package", paper, money	kho 科 ^{ㄎㄛ} course, subject of study)
chiah 隻 ^ㄓ animals, insects	khoán 款 ^{ㄎㄨㄢˋ} , 樣 ^{ㄨㄚˋ} 子 ^ㄗ "kind, sort" (subcategory of hāng)
chióng, chéng 種 ^{ㄔㄨㄥˋ} "kind" or "type"	kho 元 ^{ㄨㄢˊ} "dollar", "piece"
chiu 章 ^{ㄔㄨㄤ} "chapter"	khu 區 ^{ㄎㄨ} "district"
chō 座 ^{ㄓㄨㄛˋ} buildings, statues	kī 支 ^ㄓ telephones, writing tools, tools, knives, fans, electric fans, things held in the hand, medical infections
ě 個 ^{ㄍㄜˋ} general classifier used when none of the others applies	kin, kun 斤 ^{ㄐㄩㄢ} catty, 600 gm, one and one-third pounds
ē 下 ^{ㄒㄚˋ} "games", "course" (of food), 'breath	kóa 些 ^{ㄒㄞ} , 少 ^{ㄕㄞˋ} 許 ^{ㄒㄩˇ} plural
eng-chhih 呎 ^ㄇ "foot" (English unit of length)	chít-kóa 一 ^ㄟ 些 ^{ㄒㄞ} a few (generalized)
eng-lí 哩 ^{ㄌㄩ} "mile" (English unit of length)	hit-kóa 那 ^{ㄋㄚ} 些 ^{ㄒㄞ} those there (generalized)
hák-kǐ 學 ^{ㄒㄨㄝˊ} 期 ^{ㄎㄩ} "semester, term"	koàn 瓶 ^{ㄅㄩㄢ} , 罐 ^{ㄎㄨㄢˋ} "bottle", "can"
hàn 漢 ^{ㄏㄢˋ} (big or little) people	kong-chhih 公 ^{ㄍㄨㄥ} 尺 ^ㄇ "meter" (of length)
hāng 項 ^{ㄒㄩㄥˋ} , 件 ^{ㄎㄩㄢˋ} "kind, sort", affairs	kong-lí 公 ^{ㄍㄨㄥ} 里 ^{ㄌㄩ} "kilometer"
hē 系 ^{ㄒㄟ} "department, division" (as in a university)	kù 句 ^{ㄍㄨˋ} sentences
hè, hòc 歲 ^{ㄕㄞˋ} age (in Chinese years)	kun 斤 ^{ㄐㄩㄢ} "catty" (Used most often of the tǎi-
hong-bīn 方 ^{ㄈㄨㄤ} 面 ^{ㄇㄩㄢˊ} "direction, respect, aspect"	
hun, hun-cheng 分 ^{ㄈㄣ} "minute" of time	
iah 頁 ^{ㄕㄞˋ} "page"	

kun or Taiwanese catty which equals .6 kg or 1.32 lbs.)	siú 首 首 songs, odes, hymns
lǎu 樓 樓 "floor, storey"	sòa 線 線 thread, line, fine cord
lé-pài 星 星期 "week"	su 套 套 "suit" (of clothes)
liap 顆 顆 flashlight batteries, fruit, pills, round things (if small)	tà 擔 擔 stands, stalls (of merchants)
lúi 蕊 蕊, 朵 朵 eyes, flowers, mushrooms	tǎi 台 台 radios, bikes and vehicles, Catholic Masses, machines
mǐ 夜 夜 "night"	tang 年 年 "years"
mǎ 名 名 "name" (after tē plus a number to show rank in a contest)	tè 塊 塊, 片 片 "pane" (of glass), "piece", dishes, tables and chairs
nǐ 年 年 "year"	téng 頂 頂 hats, sedan chairs and palanquins
niá 件 件 clothes	thǎu 頭 頭 "end"
niú 兩 兩 "ounces" (Chinese unit of weight, one sixteenth of a tǎi-kun)	tiá 鍋 鍋 "panful"
ngeh 筴 筴 bananas	tiám 點 點 "o'clock", hours, "dot" (in music) "point" (in school)
oá 碗 碗 "bowls"	tiǎu 條 條 songs, belts, roads, streets, railroads, long objects, airplanes
pak 幅 幅 scrolls and pictures	tiu 張 張 "sheet" (of paper), tickets, pictures
pang 班 班次 trips of or by vehicles	tng 頓 頓 meals
pau 包 包 packages	tō 度 度 "degrees" (of temperature)
pě, pǐ 棚 棚 theatricals	tùi 對 對 "pair"
pé 把 把 "bundle" (of wood)	ūi 位 位 seats, people (in polite contexts)
pha 盞 盞 lamps, electric lights	
phah 拍 拍 beat, meter (in music, poetry)	
pōa 盤 盤 "dish", food	
poe 杯 杯 "cup", cupful	
pō 部 部 "department, section"	
pún 本 本 books	
sang 雙 雙 "pair"	
sek 室 室 rooms in public buildings	
sì 扇 扇 doors and windows	
sián 分 分 "cent"	
siang 雙 雙 "pair"	
sió-chat, sió-chiat 小 節 "measure" (in music)	

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