

Telling the Date

***Use 二 for everything here**

Ex: 二零一三年 十二月 二号 星期二
(零, or zero, is usually simply written as 〇)

Year: 年 (nián)

- Last year: 去年
- This year: 今年
- Next year: 明年

Month: 月 (yuè)

- Last month: 上个月
- This month: 这个月
- Next month: 下个月

Day:

号 (hào) – *less formal*

日 (rì) – *more formal or written*

- Yesterday: 昨天
- This day: 今天
- Next day: 明天

Week:

礼拜 (lǐbài) – *less formal, spoken*

周 (zhōu) – *less formal, spoken*

星期 (xīngqī) – *more formal, can still be spoken*

- Last week: 上(个)星期
- This week: 这(个)星期
- Next week: 下(个)星期



Time and Duration

Reading a Clock

***Use 两**

Hour:

- 点 (diǎn)
- Half hour: 半 (bàn)
- Quarter hour: 刻 (kè)

***Use 二**

Minute:

- 分 (fēn)

(Therefore, 2:02 is 两点二分)

Try reading some of the examples below to practice!

2:15 5:30 7:53 十二点一刻 一点八分
三点二十六分 九点半

Duration: Expressing an Amount of Time

***Use 两**

Hour:

- 小时 (xiǎo shí); *less formal, spoken*
- 钟头 (zhōng tóu); *less formal, only spoken*

****add 个 after number** Ex. 三个小时

Minute:

- 分钟 (fēn zhōng)

Try reading some of the examples below to practice!

五个钟头 两个小时三十分 八个半小时
十二个半钟头 Seven and a half hours; Four
hours; One and a half hours and forty minutes

