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THE MAIN WAYS TO REFER TO APPROXIMATE NUMBER IN MODERN CHINESE

Abstract

In our life, we are often faced with situations in which you have to indicate the approximate number. Every language has its own grammatical features and structures, and therefore, ways of expressing the approximate number of different languages are different. This article focuses on methods of referring to the approximate number in modern Chinese. We distinguish different ways: the consistent use of numerals, the use of particles denoting numerical notions, adverbs, verbs, locatives after or before the numeral, as well as the use of counting words denoting an indefinite amount. This article provides specific examples and describes the rules for the use of each method for denoting approximate number.

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