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Cognition and Teaching of Measure word of Westerners in the 19th Century

Panel: Chinese language learning and teaching in European countries: past and present

Measure word is a specific part of speech in Chinese language. Back hundreds of years ago, westerners who came to China were keenly aware of the existence of measure word during the process of Chinese learning. Much intensive study in cognition and research of measure word has been launched in 19th century, which would be revealed through the emphasis of measure word in the Chinese language teaching materials. They named measure word in accordance with angles of either number or classification. Besides, more specific instructions had been made aiming at the classification and usage of measure word. Some effective methods had been adopted in the teaching and studying of measure word, which has been significant reference for teaching Chinese as a foreign language today.