



Groups and an Example Hand

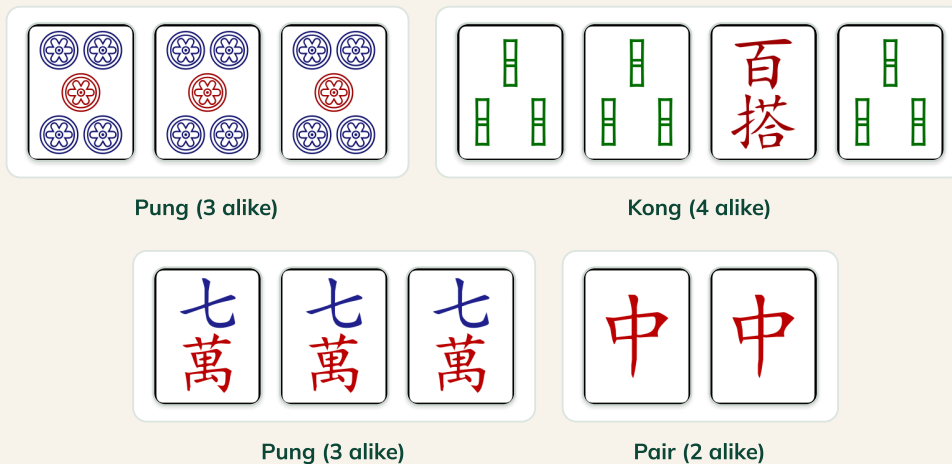
What you'll get from this lesson: See the group sizes in real tiles and read a full (invented) example hand from start to finish.

Let's make the shorthand real. Every hand is just a set of groups laid side by side. Here they are in actual tiles, and then a complete made-up hand so you can practice reading one.

The group sizes

A **pair** is two matching tiles; a **pung** is three; a **kong** is four; a **quint** is five; a **sextet** is six. A **single** is one tile on its own. Your card tells you which sizes each hand needs.

Reading a Hand — an Invented Example



ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE ONLY — this is a made-up hand to show groups (pung, kong, pair) and how a joker fills a group of 3+. It is NOT taken from any real National Mah Jongg League card. Always read winning hands from your own current card.

Read the example left to right: a pung of one suit, a kong of another (with a joker filling in), a pung of a third suit, and a pair of Red Dragons. Notice the joker sitting inside the kong — that's allowed because a kong is a group of four. Line up fourteen tiles like this to match a card line, and you have a winning hand.



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Watch out. Remember: the example above is invented to teach the idea. It is not a real hand from any card. Always build toward the actual hands printed on your current card.