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1 Fill in the blanks with 每 (měi, "every") or 各 (gè, "each").

Mandarin Chinese	Pinyin	Translation
饺子	jiǎozi	dumpling
办法	bàn fǎ	method
种	zhǒng	kind
裤子	kùzǐ	pants
面条	miàntiáo	noodle
欢迎	huānyíng	welcome
光临	guānglín	come
图书馆	túshūguǎn	library

1. 我家()个人都喜欢吃饺子。
Wǒjiā () gè rén dōu xǐhuan chī jiǎozi.
2. ()种书都有。
() zhǒng shū dōu yǒu.
3. 裤子()条20元。
Kùzǐ () tiáo 20 yuán.
4. ()次去图书馆我都能看到他。
() cì qù túshūguǎn wǒ dōu néng kàn dào tā.
5. ()人有()人的办法。
() rén yǒu () rén de bàn fǎ.
6. 这里有12本书,四个人,()人三本。
Zhè lì yǒu shí èr běn shū, sì gè rén, () rén sān běn.
7. 那个饭馆()种面条都有。
Nà gè fàngguǎn () zhǒng miàntiáo dōu yǒu.
8. 欢迎()位光临!
Huānyíng () wèi guānglín!

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2 Re-arrange the following characters to make a correct sentence.

1.	各国	有	人	来	这里	的
	gè guó various countries	yǒu have	rén people	lái come	zhèlǐ here	de
2.	都	学生	优秀	每	很	个
	dōu all	xuésheng student	yōuxiù outstanding	měi every	hěn very	gè
3.	优点	各	他们	有		
	yōudiǎn strong point	gè each	tāmen they	yǒu have		
4.	晚上	看书	每	他	都	天
	wǎnshàng after dark	kànshū read	měi every	tā he	dōu all	tiān day
5.	各	家	的	各	吧	回
	gè each	jiā home	de	gè each	ba	huí go back
6.	每	喜欢	他	老师	一	位
	měi every	xǐhuan like	tā he	lǎoshī teacher	yī one	wèi

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- 我家每个人都喜欢饺子。
Wǒjiā měi gè rén dōu xǐhuān chī jiǎozi.
Everyone in my family likes to eat dumplings.

2. 各种书都有。
Gè zhǒng shū dōu yǒu.
There are various kinds of books.

3. 裤子每条20元。
Kùzi měi tiáo 20 yuán.
Each pair of pants are \$20.

4. 每次去图书馆我都能看到他。
Měi cì qù túshūguǎn wǒ dōu néng kàn dào tā.
I can see him every time I go to the library.

5. 各人有各人的办法。
Gè rén yǒu gè rén de bànfǎ.
Each person has their own method.

6. 这里有十二本书,四个人,每人三本。
Zhèlǐ yǒu shí èr běn shū, sì gè rén, měi rén sān běn.
There are 12 books here, for four people, three for each.

7. 那个饭馆各种面条都有。
Nà gè fànguǎn gè zhǒng miàntiáo dōu yǒu.
That restaurant has various kinds of noodles.

8. 欢迎各位光临!
Huānyíng gè wèi guānglín!
Welcome to each of you!

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1. 这里有各国来的人。
Zhèlǐ yǒu gè guó lái de rén.
Here are people from all over the world.

2. 每个学生都很优秀。
Měi gè xuésheng dōu hěn yōuxiù.
Every student is excellent.

3. 他们各有优点。
Tāmen gè yǒu yōudiǎn.
They each have their own advantages.

4. 他每天晚上都看书。
Tā měitiān wǎnshàng dōu kànshū.
He reads a book every night.

5. 各回各的家吧。
Gè huí gè de jiā ba.
Let's go back to your respective homes.

6. 他喜欢每一位老师。
Tā xǐhuān měi yī wèi lǎoshī.
He likes every teacher.



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