

Introduction

Pinyin, more formally Hanyu pinyin, is the most common Standard Mandarin romanization system in use. Hanyu means the Chinese language, and pinyin means "spell sound", or the spelling of the sound. It is used to teach Chinese schoolchildren and foreign learners the standard pronunciation of Mandarin Chinese, to spell Chinese names in foreign publications. It has also become a useful tool for entering Chinese language text into computers.

Initials and Finals

The pronunciation of Chinese is generally given in terms of initials and finals, which represent the segmental phonemic portion of the language. Initials are initial consonants, while finals are all possible combinations of medial (semivowels coming before the vowel), the nucleus vowel, and coda (final vowel or consonant).

(1). Initials

b	p	m	f	d	t	n	l
玻	坡	摸	佛	得	特	讷	勒
g	k	h	j	q	x		
哥	科	喝	基	欺	希		
zh	ch	sh	r	z	c	s	
知	蚩	诗	日	资	雌	思	

(2). Finals

	i 衣	u 乌	ü 迂
a 啊	ia 呀	ua 蛙	
o 喔		uo 窝	
e 鹅	ie 耶		üe 约
ai 哀		uai 歪	
ei 诶		uei 威	
ao 熬	iao 腰		
ou 欧	iou 忧		
an 安	ian 烟	uan 弯	üan 冤
en 恩	in 因	uen 温	ün 晕
ang 昂	iang 央	uang 汪	

eng 亨的韵母	ing 英	ueng 翁	
ong 轰的韵母	iong 雍		

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	as in bed rob , unaspirated		
b	广播 (radio) guǎng bō	白色 (white) bái sè	爸爸 (father) bà bà
	as in pass stop , aspirated		
p	上坡 (uphill) shàng pō	皮球 (ball) pí qiú	苹果 (apple) píng guǒ
	as in mum magic mug		
m	魔术 (magic) mó shù	妈妈 (mother) mā mā	买/卖 (buy/sell) mǎi mài
	as in fun fast		
f	发现 (discovery) fā xiàn	飞机 (plane) fēi jī	否认 (deny) fǒu rèn
	as in dog bed , unaspirated		
d	德国 (Germany) dé guó	大 (big) dà xiǎo	代理 (agent) dài lǐ
	as in top , aspirated		
t	特殊 (special) tè shū	他们 (they) tā men	太太 (wife) tài tài

	as in nit nurse		
n	你们 (you)	哪个 (which)	牛奶 (milk)
	nǐ men	nǎ gè	niú nǎi
	as in love like		
l	离开 (leave)	喇叭 (speaker)	来/去 (come/go)
	lí kāi	lǎ bā	lái qù

Lesson 2. Initials _ g k h j q x

	as in girl goal , unaspirated		
g	鸽子 (pigeon)	修改 (modify)	工人 (worker)
	gē zi	xiū gǎi	gōng rén
	as in kiss , aspirated		
k	科学 (science)	卡车 (truck)	扩张 (expand)
	kē xué	kǎ chē	kuò zhāng
	as in hat height		
h	江河 (river)	海洋 (sea)	银行 (bank)
	jiāng hé	hǎi yáng	yín háng
	like genius , unaspirated		
j	吉普 (jeep)	加法 (plus)	简单 (simple)
	jí pǔ	jiā fǎ	jiǎn dān
	like cheek achieve , with the lips spread		
q	骑马 (ride horse)	番茄 (tomato)	强壮
	qí mǎ	fān qié	qiáng zhuàng
	like she sheep , with the lips spread		
x	谢谢	下雨	熊猫
	xiè xiè	xià yǔ	xióng māo

Lesson 3. Initials _ zh ch sh r z c s

 like job joke

zh	制造 (manufacture)	上涨 (increase)	中国 (China)
	zhì zào	shàng zhǎng	zhōng guó

 as in chin porch

ch	迟到 (late)	橙子 (orange)	宠物 (pet)
	chí dào	chéng zi	chǒng wù

 as in shoe, like marsh push

sh	老师 (teacher)	沙子 (sand)	上海 (Shanghai)
	lǎo shī	shā zi	shàng hǎi

 as in red rat

r	日本 (Japan)	热带 (tropic)	如果 (if)
	rì běn	rè dài	rú guǒ

 like suds and cats, unaspirated

z	自由 (freedom)	下载 (download)	增加 (increase)
	zì yóu	xià zǎi	zēng jiā

 like ts in bats, aspirated

c	手册 (menu)	彩色 (colorful)	字词 (word)
	shǒu cè	cǎi sè	zì cí

 as in sun mouse

s	丝绸 (silk)	比赛 (match)	雨伞 (umbrella)
	sī chóu	bǐ sài	yǔ sǎn

Lesson 4. Finals _ a o e ai ei ao ou an en ang eng ong

	as in father		
a	爸爸 (father)	检查 (check)	牙齿 (tooth)
	bà bà	jiǎn chá	yá chǐ
	starts with "oo" and ends with "o", like hour		
o	蜗牛 (snail)	广播 (radio)	模具 (mold)
	wō niú	guǎng bō	mó jù
	like bird		
e	哥哥 (brother)	喜乐 (happiness)	德国 (Germany)
	gē gē	xǐ lè	dé guó
	like eye , but a bit lighter		
ai	白色 (white)	奶奶 (grand mother)	文摘 (digest)
	bái sè	nǎi nǎi	wén zhāi
	as in hey day		
ei	北方 (north)	美国 (USA)	雷电 (thunder)
	běi fāng	měi guó	léi diàn
	as in cow law		
ao	保护 (protect)	跑步 (jog)	大脑 (brain)
	bǎo hù	pǎo bù	dà nǎo
	as in so		
ou	高楼 (high building)	某人 (someone)	否认 (deny)
	gāo lóu	mǒu rén	fǒu rèn
	as in and		
an	蓝色 (blue)	班级 (class)	但是 (but)
	lán sè	bān jí	dàn shì
	as in taken		
en	奔跑 (run)	分数 (score)	真实 (true)
	bēn pǎo	fèn shù	zhēn shí
	like song long		
ang	帮助 (help)	旁边 (side)	房子 (house)
	bāng zhù	páng biān	fáng zǐ

	like <i>e</i> above but with <i>ng</i> added to it at the back		
eng	能力 (ability)	冷/热 (cold/hot)	更新 (newer)
	néng lì	lěng /rè	gèng xīn
	starts with b'ook and ends with sing		
ong	孔子 (Kongzi)	恐龙 (dragon)	儿童 (child)
	kǒng zǐ	kǒng lóng	ér tóng

Lesson 5. Finals _ i ia ie iao iou ian in iang ing iong

	as in leak sleep		
i	衣服 (clothes)	大米 (rice)	你好 (hello)
	yī fu	dà mǐ	nǐ hǎo
	as i + a ; like yard		
ia	牙齿 (tooth)	夏天 (summer)	家庭 (family)
	yá chǐ	xià tiān	jiā tíng
	as i + ê ; but is very short; like yet		
ie	间谍 (spy)	鞋子 (shoes)	钢铁 (steel)
	jiān dié	xié zǐ	gāng tiě
	as i + ao		
iao	喊叫 (shout)	手表 (watch)	调查 (investigate)
	hǎn jiào	shǒu biǎo	diào chá
	as i + ou , like you		
iou	啤酒 (beer)	足球 (soccer)	休息 (rest)
	pí jiǔ	zú qiú	xiū xi
	as i + ê + n ; like yen		
ian	变更 (change)	面粉 (flour)	青年 (teenage)
	biàn gèng	miàn fěn	qīng nián
in	as i + n , like in		
	拼音 (pinyin)	人民 (people)	您好 (hello)

as **i + ang**, like **young**

iang	凉快 (cool)	姑娘 (girl)	将要 (will)
	liáng kuài	gū niang	jiāng yào

as **i** but with **ng** added to it at the back

ing	士兵 (soldier)	明天 (tomorrow)	宁静 (quiet)
	shì bīng	míng tiān	níng jìng

as **i + ong**

iong	狗熊 (bear)	贫穷 (poor)	兄弟 (brother)
	gǒu xióng	pín qióng	xiōng dì

Lesson 6. Finals _ u ua uo uai uei uan uen uang uengas in **food**

u	不是 (no)	母亲 (mother)	努力 (work hard)
	bú shì	mǔ qīn	nǚ lì

as **u + a**

ua	化学 (chemical)	刮风 (wind)	夸奖 (praise)
	huà xué	guā fēng	kuā jiǎng

as **u + o**

uo	椭圆 (ellipse)	挪动 (move)	螺钉 (screw)
	tuǒ yuán	nuó dòng	luó dīng

as **u + ai**, like **why**

uai	怪物 (monster)	快速 (express)	好/坏 (good/bad)
	guài wù	kuài sù	hǎo/huài

as **u + ei**, like **wage**

uei	回合 (round)	魁梧 (strong)	规定 (rule)
	huí hé	kuí wú	guī dìng

as **u + an**

uan	团队 (team)	飞船 (aircraft)	温暖 (warm)
	tuán duì	fēi chuán	wēn nuǎn

as **u + en**

uen	温度 (temperature)	车轮 (wheel)	海豚 (dolphin)
	wēn dù	chē lún	hǎi tún

as **u + ang**, like **want**

uang	庄子 (Zhuangzi)	双数 (even number)	窗户 (window)
	zhuāng zǐ	shuāng shù	chuāng hu

as **u + eng**, like **win**

ueng	老翁 (old man)	瓮 (earthen jar)
	wēng	wèng

Lesson 7. Finals **_ ü üe üan ün**

To get this sound, say "ee" with rounded lips

ü	英语 (English)	男/女 (man/women)	绿色 (green)
	yīng yǔ	nán /nǚ	lǜ sè

as **ü + ê**; the *ü* is short and light

üe	学习 (learn)	越南 (Vietnam)	确实 (indeed)
	xué xí	yuè nán	què shí

as **ü + ê + n**;

üan	花园 (garden)	杜鹃 (cuckoo)	泉水 (spring water)
	huā yuán	dù juān	quán shuǐ

as **ü + n**

ün	怀孕 (pregnant)	询问 (ask)	裙子 (skirt)
	huái yùn	xún wèn	qún zi