



A INTRODUCTION OF PINYIN

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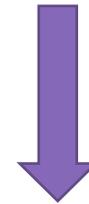
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Components of Chinese

Phonetic system

Writing system



CHINESE
汉语 (hàn yǔ)

PINYIN

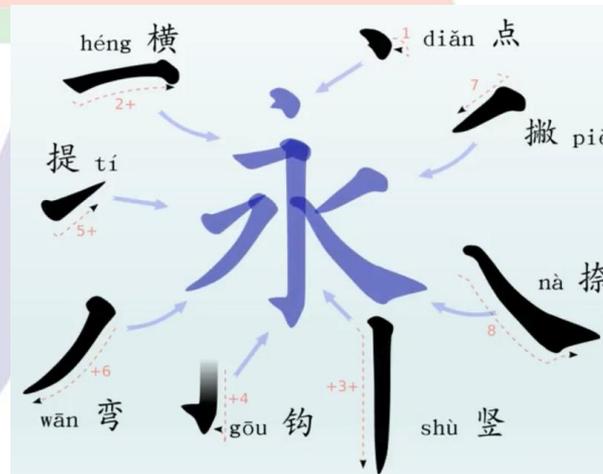
Chinese Character

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Why Pinyin is created?

The official and formal Chinese is written with Chinese Characters, not Pinyin. But it is not like English, Chinese Characters are made of Strokes. just like this:



So the pinyin is to help people to pronounce the Chinese character.

Components of Pinyin

mā



mother

m

Initial

a

Final

—

Tone

Pinyin

①

Initial

+

③

Tone

②

Final

=

Pinyin

Example:

m

+

ā

=

mā



Four Tones of Pinyin

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First Tone



Second Tone



Thrid Tone



Forth Tone



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Something
about Tones

mā

妈

n. mother



1st Tone:
Flat Tone

Something
about Tones

má

麻

n. fiber



2nd Tone:
Rising Tone

Something
about Tones

mǎ

马

n. horse



3rd Tone:
Falling Rising Tone

Something
about Tones

mà

骂

v. to scold



4th Tone:
Falling Tone

Tones & Meanings

Pinyin	mā	má	mǎ	mà
Chinese characters	妈	麻	马	骂
English meanings	mother	fiber	horse	to scold

*As Tones are different, same syllable can get very different meanings.



Initials & Finals

Initials

b	p	m	f	d	t	n	l
g	k	h	j	q	x	zh	ch
sh	r	z	c	s	y	w	

Finals

a	o	e	i	u	ü	ai	ei
ui	ao	ou	iu	ie	üe	er	an
en	in	un	ün	ang	eng	ing	ong



SIMPLE FINALS OF PINYIN

6 simple finals:



a o e i u ü



a a a

Father

Bà ba

爸爸

a



More Example:

Ma 妈 Mother

Da 大 Big

wǒ

我

I/me

0

More Example:

Bo 博 Much knowledge

Fo 佛 Buddha



e e e

alert

è

饿

Hungry

e

More Example:

De 的 's

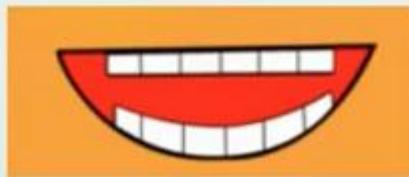
Che 车 Car



i i i

English letter E

yī



i

One

More Example:

Di 弟 Younger brother

Bi 笔 Pen



U u u

Woo

wǔ

五

Five

U

More Example:

Cu 粗 Thick

Bu 不 No/not



ü ü ü

Imagine that you are going to
whistle...

lǜ

绿

Green



ü



More Example:

nǚ 女 Female

yu 鱼 Fish

Tones in Chinese Pinyin

1st tone	2nd tone	3rd tone	4th tone	Neutral tone
—	↗	↘	↙	

De
Men

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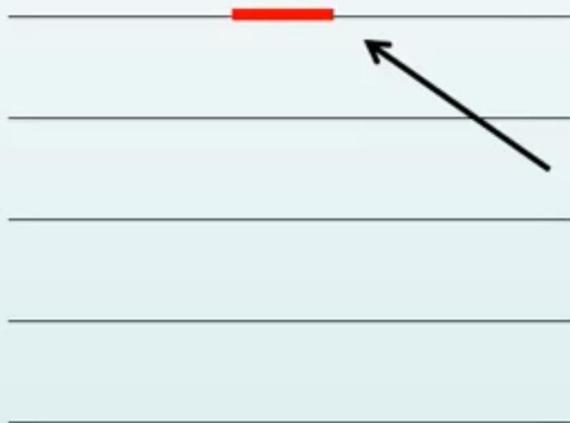
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First Tone

Flat tone



High Pitch



Low Pitch

mā
妈
mother

ā ō ē ī ū ŭ



Tone is just like when you say Really?

Second Tone

Rising tone



yú
鱼
fish

á ó é í ú ǔ



Third Tone

Falling-rising tone



wǒ

我

I/me

mǎ

马

horse

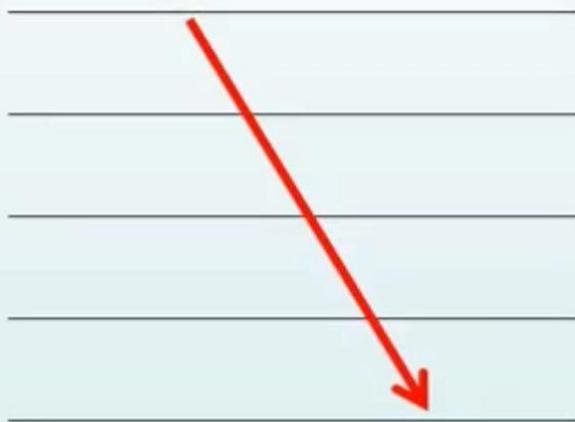
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Tone is just like
when you say
“ Oh No! “

Fourth Tone

Falling tone



bù

不

no

à ò è ì ù ù



Neutral Tone

Toneless tone

ma ba ta

mā ma bà ba
妈妈 爸爸

mother

father

a o e i u ü

de men
的 们



Review

SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

b

爸 (bà) dad.

不 (bù) no.

波 (bō) wave.

p

怕 (pà) afraid.

破 (pò) broken.

皮 (pí) fur.

SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

m

妈 (mā) mom.

米 (mǐ) rice.

木 (mù) wood.

f

佛 (fó) buddha

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SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

d

大 (dà) big.

弟 (dì) younger brother.

肚 (dù) tummy.

t

他 (tā) he.

兔 (tù) rabbit.

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SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

n

那 (nà) that.

你 (nǐ) you.

呢 (ne) model particle

l

里 (lǐ) inside.

拉 (lā) pull.

SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

g

哥 (gē) big brother.

k

渴 (kě) Thirsty.

哭 (kū) Cry.

卡 (kǎ) Card.

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SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

h

喝 (hē) drink.

哈 (hā) Haha.(to laugh)

j

鸡 (jī) chicken.

家 (jiā) home.

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SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

q

七 (qī) seven.

去 (qù) go.

x

西 (xī) west.

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SIMPLE INITIALS OF PINYIN

r

热 (rè) hot.

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