



Introduction

Part 1 Learn Pinyin My Way

three parts: initials, finals and tones. In this you'll be introduced to some basic knowledge how how to pronounce them, the differences be
Pinyin and the English phonetics, and ways to them, so that you can read Pinyin easily and the later parts of the book. This you to study Chinese along with the audios by

I. Initials

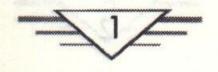
There are 23 initials in Chinese *Pinyin*. Many of have similar sounds to the English consonants.

Look at Table 1 and compare them with the English.

Table 1 Chinese initials

Chinese letter	Sound	English word	
b son I di	p	as "b" in "book"	
P moistey	p'	as "p" in "poor"	
m	m	as "m" in "more"	
f	f	as "f" in "four"	





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dtnlgkhjqxzcshhhhiqxzcshhhshrwy	t t t t t n l k k k t t s t s t s t s t s t s s	as "n" in "net" as "l" in "learn" as "g" in "green" as "k" in "kit" as "h" in "her" as "j" in "jeep" as "ch" in "cheese" as "sh" in "shit" as "ds" in "sounds" as "s" in "lots" as "s" in "lots" as "s" in "journey" as "ch" in "church" as "sh" in "shirt" as "r"in "red" as "w" in "woman"
2. Finals	,	as "y" in "you"

2. Finals

There are 35 finals in Chinese Pinyin. To be more specific, there are six single finals and 29 compound finals. The six single finals are: a,o,e,i,u,and ü. Under each final there are several compound finals. The key to remember them, is to remember the six single finals first, then remember the compound finals of each final as a group. There is a rule in doing it. Look at Table 2 and compare them with the English version.





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uo	uo	as "wha" in "what"
uai bass dellan	uai	why
uan	uan	when
uang	uaŋ	as "wan" in "want"
U nas ai ms a	y	
üe gno" a		
ün Ho ni "Liso" a		
üan		

3. Tones

The Chinese Mandarin has four tones—the first tone"-", the second tone"·", the third tone"·", and the fourth tone"·". Different tones express different meanings. So it is important to master all four tones in order not to mislead others when you're speaking.

How does one practice the four tones is a common question. Here is one way to do it: Do you know how to sing songs? Yes, use that to help you. For example: ā, á, à, à, the first tone "ā" is a high tone, so you should sing it high pitched as if you're saying the word "Hi"; the second tone goes from low to high as if you're saying the word "what?"; the third tone is like a valley, you can sing it as if saying the word "whoa"; and the fourth tone goes from high to low as if you're saying the word "Go!" Isn't it easy? Now let's practice the four tones.

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ā	á	ă	à
ō	ó	ŏ	ò
ē	é	ě	è
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ū	ú	ŭ	ù
0	ú	ŭ ne	ù



