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你好!

Nǐ hǎo!

Hello!

你好!

你好!

Nǐ hǎo!

Hello!

你好!

谢谢!

Xièxie!

Thank you!

謝謝!

不客气。

Bú kèqi.

You are welcome. 不客氣!

对不起!

Duìbuqǐ!

I'm sorry.

對不起!

没关系。

Méi guānxi.

That's all right.

沒關係。

再见!

Zàijiàn!

Goodbye!

再見!

再见!

Zàijiàn!

Goodbye!

再見!

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语音概要 Yǔyīn Gàiyào Introduction to Phonetics

音节结构 Yīnjié Jiégòu Structure of Syllables

In Chinese, a syllable is composed of an initial (Shēngmǔ), a final (Yùnmǔ) and a tone (Shēngdiào).

Shēngdiào tone	
Shēngmǔ initial	Yùnmǔ final

e.g. mā

Here m is the initial (Shēngmǔ) and a is the final (Yùnmǔ), and above the final is the tone-mark.

A syllable may consist of a final and a tone only.

e.g. à

声母 Shēngmǔ Initials

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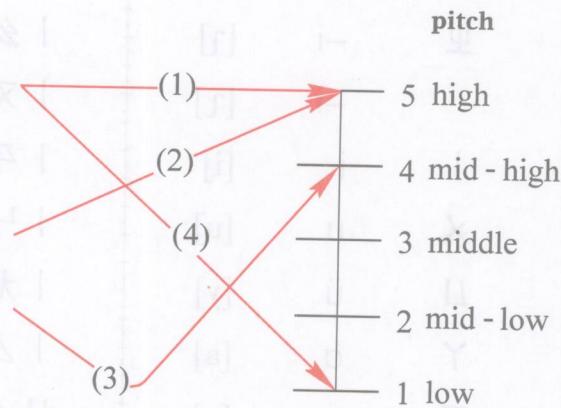
b	p	m	f	d	t	n	l
g	k	h	j	q	x		
zh	ch	sh	r	z	c	s	

韵母 Yùnmǔ Finals

	i	u	ü
a	ia	ua	
o		uo	
e	ie		üe
-i			
er			
ai		uai	
ei		uei (ui)	
ao	iao		
ou	iou (iu)		
an	ian	uan	üan
en	in	uen (un)	ün
ang	iang	uang	
eng	ing	ueng	
ong	iong		

声调 Shēngdiào Tones

第一声	dì-yī shēng	the first tone	-	55
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Cultural Notes

Hànyǔ Pīnyīn (The Chinese Phonetic System) is used as the romanization system in this set of textbooks. Since the beginning of the 20th century, people who work with the Chinese language have designed several systems of phonetic symbols to deal with the fact that Chinese characters do not fully represent their pronunciation. The more important systems are the “Zhuyin Phonetic Alphabet (zhùyīn zìmǔ)”, the “Guoyu Romanization System (guóyǔ luómǎzì)” and the “New Latinized Writing (Làdīnghuà xīnwénzì)”, etc. The “Chinese Phonetic System (Hànyǔ Pīnyīn fāng’àn)”, abbreviated “pīnyīn”, was first published in 1958. This system has already been adopted by the United Nations and many other international organizations for spelling the Chinese language, and writing personal and place names. It has replaced many of other systems and is widely used both inside and outside of China.

附 1: 注音字母、拼音字母、国际音标对照表

Appendix I Corresponding Phonetic Symbols

ZPA	CPA	IPA	ZPA	CPA	IPA	ZPA	CPA	IPA
ㄅ	b	[p]	ㄧ	y	[j]	ㄧㄛ		[io]
ㄆ	p	[p']	ㄨ	w	[w]	ㄧㄝ	ie	[iɛ]
ㄇ	m	[m]	ㄩ	y	[ɥ]	ㄧㄞ		[iai]
ㄈ	f	[f]	ㄓ	-i	[ɿ]	ㄧㄠ	iao	[iau]
(ㄫ)	v	[v]	ㄔ	-i	[ɿ]	ㄧㄡ	iou	[iou]
ㄉ	d	[t]	ㄧ	i	[i]	ㄧㄢ	ian	[ian]
ㄊ	t	[t']	ㄨ	u	[u]	ㄧㄣ	in	[in]
ㄋ	n	[n]	ㄩ	ü	[y]	ㄧㄤ	iang	[iang]
ㄌ	l	[ɿ]	ㄚ	a	[a]	ㄧㄥ	ing	[iŋ]
ㄍ	g	[k]	ㄛ	o	[o]	ㄩㄥ	iong	[ioŋ]
ㄎ	k	[k']	ㄔ	e	[ɤ]	ㄨㄚ	ua	[ua]
ㄙ	ng	[ŋ]	ㄦ	ê	[ɛ]	ㄨㄛ	uo	[uo]
ㄏ	h	[x]	ㄦ	er	[er]	ㄨㄞ	uai	[uai]
ㄮ	j	[tʂ]	ㄞ	ai	[ai]	ㄨㄟ		[uei]
ㄹ	q	[tʂ']	ㄟ	ei	[ei]	ㄨㄢ	uan	[uan]
(ㄳ)			ㄠ	ao	[au]	ㄨㄣ	uen	[uən]
ㄒ	x	[ç]	ㄡ	ou	[ou]	ㄨㄤ	uang	[uaŋ]
ㄓ	zh	[tʂ̟]	ㄩ	an	[an]	ㄨㄥ	ueng	[uəŋ]
ㄔ	ch	[tʂ̟']	ㄩ	en	[ən]			[uŋ]
ㄕ	sh	[ʂ]	ㄤ	ang	[aŋ]	ㄩㄝ	üe	[yɛ]
ㄖ	r	[ʐ]	ㄤ	eng	[əŋ]	ㄩㄢ	üan	[yan]
ㄮ	z	[ts]	ㄨㄤ	ong	[oŋ]	ㄩㄣ	ün	[yn]
ㄮ	c	[ts']	ㄧㄚ	ia	[ia]	ㄩㄤ		[yŋ]
ㄸ	s	[s]						

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会话 Huihuà Conversation



A: Nǐn hǎo!

you fine

(honorific form)

Hello!

B: Nǐ hǎo!

you fine

Hello!

A: Nín guìxìng?

you be surnamed

(honorific form)

What's your surname?

B: Wǒ xìng , Nǐ ne?

I be surnamed ... you *a particle*

My surname is ... And you?

A: Wǒ xìng

I be surnamed

My surname is ...

B: Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

you call what name

What's your name?

A: Wǒ jiào

I call

My name is...