語音 Pinyin - Phonetic System

Initials:	b	p	m	f		
Finals:	a	o	e	-i	-u	-ü

1. Tones: The four tones

First tone:	¯	bā
Second tone:	ˊ	bá
Third tone:	ˇ	bǎ
Fourth tone:	ˋ	bà

(1) Read the following syllables

bā	bá	bǎ	bà
pō	pó	pǒ	pò
mī	mí	mǐ	mì
fā	fá	fǎ	fà

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Explanation

Each character is only one syllable in length. A syllable can contain up to three parts: an initial, a final, and a tone. Some syllables, however, do not have an initial. Tone marks are placed over the final.

	Tone
(Initial)	Final

Ex. 1: bā

	¯
b	a

Ex. 2: ā

	¯
	a

(2) Please mark the tone you hear.

ba	mu	fa	bu	po	fa	ma

(3) Recognizing tones: Please circle the syllable you hear.

bā-bá	mú-mù	fā-fà	bǔ-bù	mǎ-mā	pó-pò	tǔ-tú

2. Recognizing sounds

(1) Recognizing initial sounds: Please circle the syllable you hear.

bá-pá	mǔ-pǔ	bǔ-mǔ	pó-bó	fā-bā	mù-pù	pà-mà

(2) Recognizing initial sounds: Please circle the syllable you hear.

bā-bō	fú-fó	mǎ-mǔ	mó-má	pà-pò	fā-fǔ	mò-mà

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II. Tone Differentiation

1. Mark the tone: Listen to the recording and place the correct tone marks over the pinyin.

(1) wo (2) hao (3) nin (4) jiao (5) qing

2. Tone discrimination: Listen to the recording and circle the syllable you hear.

(1) shì / shí (2) hǎo / hào (3) jiào / jiáo (4) rén / rēn (5) měi / mèi

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