

## 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:	/	bá
Third tone:	∨	bǎ
Fourth tone:	\	bà

(1) Read the following syllables

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

### 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

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b	a

Ex. 2: ā

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	a

(2) Please mark the tone you hear.

ba	mu	fa	bu	po	fa	ma
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(3) Recognizing tones: Please circle the syllable you hear.

bā-bá	mú-mù	fǎ-fà	bǔ-bù	mǎ-mā	pó-pò	tǔ-tú
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## 2. Recognizing sounds

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

bá-pá	mǔ-pǔ	bǔ-mǔ	pó-bó	fǎ-bǎ	mù-pù	pà-mà
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(2) Recognizing initial sounds: Please circle the syllable you hear.

bā-bō	fú-fó	mǎ-mǔ	mó-má	pà-pò	fǎ-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