

Step one:

A b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Vowels: A ㊦ I O U can be vowel or consonant: Y

Consonants: g (hard g sounds)

New sounds: ㊦ ㊧ ㊨

Combination sounds: ㊩ ㊪ ㊫

Step two:

After you have mastered the pronunciations, the decoding of the combinations of the vowels and consonants are important. Such as wo, shi, xue, xiao.

Practice: tai, min, mei, bi, po, lan.....

Step three:

When you decoding the words (vowels and consonants), at the same time you need to learn the tones of the combinations. There are only 5 tones. (ˉ ˊ ˋ ˌ ˋˊ) They appear on the top of vowels. Such as (ā, é, ě, ì). When the symbols appears on top of the vowels, that means after decoding the sounds of words and same time the tones have to apply. A short line appears on the top. It means to carry the tone high and flat āˉ. A small ˊ symbol appears. It means to carry the tone from low to high éˊ. A small ˋ check mark appears. It means to carry the tone from high to low and high again ěˋ. This symbol carry two tones, it takes double times. A small ˋ falling symbol appears, it means to carry the tone from high to low and with a bit energy ìˋ. The last one is a ˋ small dot. It means to carry the tone high, short and soft. So this tone spent half time of the regular tone.

Learning to carry the tones correctly is closure in Chinese. Otherwise the listeners will have hard time to understand the correct meanings. Many teachers did not emphasize the importance at the beginning. Eventually the seasoned learner

would have hard time to self-study. The recommendation is spending the first year repeatedly practice and practice.

Practice pages:

Bā bá bǎ bà

cá cá cǎ cà

dā dá dǎ dà

fē fé fě fè

gē gé gě gè

hē hé hě hè

ji jí jǐ jì

kō kó kǒ kò

lǐ lí lǐ lì

mō mó mǒ mò

nū nú nǔ nù

pū pú pǔ pù

qō qó qǒ qò

rā rá rǎ rà

sē sé sě sè

tí tí tǐ tì

vō vó vǒ vò

wū wú wǔ wù

xí xí xǐ xì

yō yó yǒ yò

zū zú zǔ zù

chī chí chǐ chì

shō shó shǒ shò

zhū zhú zhǔ zhù

Finals in 5 groups

Group 1: ai(aisle), ei(eight), ao(how), ou(soul)

Group 2: an, en, ang(long), eng, ong()

Group 3: ia, ie, iao, iou, in, ian, ing, iang, iong

Group 4: ua, uo, uai, uei, uan, uen, uang, ueng

Group 5: ü(flute), üe, üan, ün

Numbers from 0 to 20

0	líng	零
1	yī	一
2	èr, liǎng	二
3	sān	三
4	sì	四
5	wǔ	五
6	liù	六
7	qī	七
8	bā	八
9	jiǔ	九

10	shí	十
11	shíyī	十一
12	shíèr	十二
13	shísān	十三
14	shísì	十四
15	shíwǔ	十五
16	shíliù	十六
17	shíqī	十七
18	shíbā	十八
19	shíjiǔ	十九
20	èrshí	二十

Days of the Week

Monday	xīngqīyī	星期一
Tuesday	xīngqīèr	星期二
Wednesday	xīngqīsān	星期三
Thursday	xīngqīsì	星期四
Friday	xīngqīwǔ	星期五
Saturday	xīngqīliù	星期六
Sunday	xīngqīitiān	星期天

Months of the year

January	yīyuè	一月
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February	èryuè	二月
March	sānyuè	三月
April	sìyuè	四月
May	wǔyuè	五月
June	liùyuè	六月
July	qīyuè	七月
August	bāyuè	八月
September	jiǔyuè	九月
October	shíyuè	十月
November	shíyīyuè	十一月
December	shíèryuè	十二月