

## Letters

Pin yin	IPA	Pronunciation
a	[a]	as "a" in "father"
e	[ɛ]	a bit like "e" in "jerk"
i	[ɿ~ʅ]	after z-, c-, s-, zh-, ch-, sh-, r-.
i	[i]	as "ee" in "bee"
o	[ɔ]	as "o" in "office".
u	[u]	like English "oo", after j, q, x, or y, pronounced like ü.
ü	[y]	pronounced as a French "u".
ai	[aɪ]	like English "eye"
ei	[eɪ]	as in "hey"
ao	[aʊ]	as "ow" in "cow".
ou	[oʊ]	as in North American "so"
an	[an]	like British English "ban"
en	[ən]	as "en" in "taken"
ang	[aŋ]	as in German "Angst"
eng	[əŋ]	a bit like "sung".
ong	[oŋ]	as "ong" in "song"
er	[aɚ]	like sound "bar" in American.

b	[p]	in between "p" and "b"
p	[p <sup>h</sup> ]	strongly aspirated "p".
m	[m]	like "m" in English
f	[f]	like "f" in English
d	[t]	in between "d" and "t"
t	[t <sup>h</sup> ]	strongly aspirated "t".
n	[n]	like "n" in English
l	[l]	like "l" in English
g	[k]	in between "g" and "k"
k	[k <sup>h</sup> ]	strongly aspirated "k".
h	[x]	between "h" in "hero" and the "ch" in the Scottish "Loch"
j	[tɕ]	Try to say "dsh yee"
q	[tɕ <sup>h</sup> ]	Try to say "tch yee"
x	[ç]	Try to say "sh yee"
zh	[tʃ]	rather like a "j", as in "junk"
ch	[tʃ <sup>h</sup> ]	like a "ch", as in "church"
sh	[ʃ]	as "sh" in "shoe"
r	[ʐ~ʑ]	Initial: Like french "j" Final: Like English "r".
z	[ts]	a bit like "ds" in "suds".
c	[ts <sup>h</sup> ]	pronounced as "ts" in "cats", but strongly aspirated.
s	[s]	like "s" in English.
w	[w]	like "w" in English.
y	[j]	like "y" in English.

## Numbers :

		10 (十) +...	...*10 (十)	...*100 百	...*1000 千	*10 <sup>4</sup> 萬
0 零/ 〇	líng	shí	tens	hundreds	Thou.	Ten thous.
1 一	yī	shíyī	shí	bǎi	qiān	wàn
2 二	èr	shíèr	èrshí	èrbǎi	èrqiān	èrwàn
3 三	sān	shísān	sānshí	sānbǎi	sānqiān	sānwàn
4 四	sì	shísì	sìshí	sìbǎi	...	...
5 五	wǔ	shíwǔ	wǔshí	wǔbǎi		
6 六	liù	shíliù	liùshí	liùbǎi		
7 七	qī	shíqī	qīshí	qībǎi		
8 八	bā	shíbā	bāshí	bābǎi		
9 九	jiǔ	shíjiǔ	jiǔshí	jiǔbǎi		

Pair, couple : 兩 [liǎng] ;; ordinal: 第[dì]+number ;; half : 半 [bàn]

## Civilities :

Hello : 你好 [nǐ hǎo] ;;

How are you 你好吗 [nǐ hǎo ma] ;;

I'm fine : 我很好 [wǒ hěn hǎo] ;;

What is your name ? : 你叫什么名字 [nǐ jiào shénme míngzì] ;;

I am called... : 我叫 [wǒ jiào] ;;

My name is... : 我的名字是 [wǒde míngzì shì] ;;

Welcome : 欢迎 [huānyíng] ;;

What's new ? : 怎么样 [zěnmē yàng] ;;

please : 请 [qǐng] ;; Thank you : 谢谢 [xièxiè] ;;

You're welcome ( no polite ) : 不客气 [bù kèqi] ;;

You're welcome ( no thanks ) : 不谢 [bù xiè] ;;

Yes (correct) : 對 [duì] ;; Yes : (repetition of verb) ;; No : 不 [bù] ;;

Sorry: 对不起 [duìbùqǐ]

Excuse me ( get attention, please ask ) : 请问 [qǐngwèn]

Goodbye, see you : 再见 [zàijiàn]

I don't understand chinese: 我不懂中文 [wǒ bù dǒng zhōngwén]

can you speak english ? : 你能说英文吗 [nǐ nǚng shuō yīngwén ma]

Help : 帮助 [bāngzhù]

Bon appetit ( eat slowly ) : 慢慢吃 [màn man chī]

Good morning : 早上好 [zǎoshang hǎo]

Good afternoon : 下午好 [xiàwǔ hǎo]

Good evening : 晚上好 [wǎnshàng hǎo]

Good night : 晚安 [wǎn'ān]

Bon voyage : 一路顺风 [yīlùshùnfēng]

I don't understand : 我不懂 [wǒ bù dǒng]

What time is it ? : 几点了 [jǐ diǎn le]

什么 [shénme] ? : what ? ;; 怎么 [zěnmē] ? : how ? ;; 多少 [duōshǎo] ? :

how much ? / how many ? ;; 哪儿 [nǎr] ? : where ? ;;

什么时候 [shénme shíhòu] ? : when ( what time ) ? ;; 为什么

[wèishénme] ? : why ? ;; 谁 [shéi] ? : who ? ;; 哪 [nǎ] ? : which ?