

Chinese Pinyin

第二课 汉语拼音

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Introductory · Lesson 2

01 Introduction

In Lesson 2 we study **pronunciation and pinyin**. Trying to perfect your pronunciation right from the start takes a very long time, so for now it is enough to get a general sense of what sounds exist in Chinese and what pinyin spellings are used for them.

First, repeat after your teacher once through. We will go into more detail in future lessons.

Vowel Table 36

Single Vowels	a o e i u ü
Compound Vowels	ai ao ou ei ia ie iao iou(iu) ua uo uai uei(ui) üe

Front Nasal Finals (-n)	an en ian in uan uen üan ün
Back Nasal Finals (-ng)	ang ong eng iang ing iong uang ueng
Retroflex Vowel (er)	er

Consonant Table 21

	Unaspirated	Aspirated	Nasal	Fricative	Voiced
Labials (lip sounds)	b(o)	p(o)	m(o)	f(o)	
Alveolars (tongue-tip)	d(e)	t(e)	n(e)		l(e)
Velars (tongue-root)	g(e)	k(e)		h(e)	
Palatals (tongue-surface)	j(i)	q(i)		x(i)	
Dental Sibilants	z(i)	c(i)		s(i)	
Retroflex (curled tongue)	zh(i)	ch(i)		sh(i)	r(i)

Note: Practice tip

Consonants are difficult to practise in isolation, so use the vowel shown in parentheses () alongside each one.

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Practice

Ask your teacher to correct your pronunciation.

① Chinese Numbers (1–10)

<i>yī</i>	<i>èr</i>	<i>sān</i>	<i>sì</i>	<i>wǔ</i>	<i>liù</i>	<i>qī</i>	<i>bā</i>	<i>jiǔ</i>	<i>shí</i>
一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

② Pronunciation Practice

At this stage, focus on pronouncing the words aloud — that is enough for now.

No.	Pinyin	Character	Meaning
1	<i>wǒ</i>	我	I / me
2	<i>nǐ</i>	你	you
3	<i>tā</i>	他	he / him
4	<i>tā</i>	她	she / her
5	<i>wǒmen</i>	我们	we / us

No.	Pinyin	Character	Meaning
6	<i>nǐmen</i>	你们	you (plural)
7	<i>tāmen</i>	他们	they / them
8	<i>bà ba</i>	爸爸	dad / father
9	<i>māma</i>	妈妈	mom / mother
10	<i>gēge</i>	哥哥	older brother
11	<i>jiějie</i>	姐姐	older sister
12	<i>dìdi</i>	弟弟	younger brother
13	<i>mèimei</i>	妹妹	younger sister
14	<i>yéye</i>	爷爷	grandfather (paternal)
15	<i>nǎinai</i>	奶奶	grandmother (paternal)