

Chinese 112: Lesson 1

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1. Pinyin (initials and finals)

- ▶ Initials (Consonants):

b, p, m, n, l, h

- ▶ Finals (Vowels):

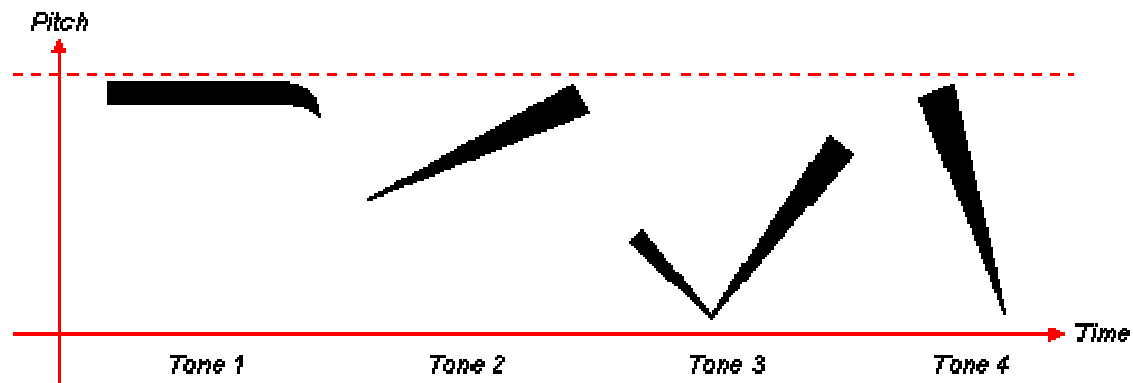
a, o, e, i, u, ü

ao, en, ie, in, ing, uo



Pinyin (Tones)

- ▶ 4 tones



Pinyin

- ▶ mā 妈 ‘mother’
- ▶ má 麻 ‘hemp’
- ▶ mǎ 马 ‘horse’
- ▶ mà 骂 ‘to scold’



Spelling rules

- ▶ \bar{i} → $y\bar{i}$
- \bar{u} → $w\bar{u}$
- $\bar{ü}$ → $y\bar{u}$

- ▶ $i\bar{e}$ → $y\bar{e}$
- $u\bar{o}$ → $w\bar{o}$



Spelling Rules

- ▶ Tones are always marked on top of vowels.
 - When there is a single vowel: tā, má, lǐ, lìng
 - Where there is more than one vowel, follow the following order:
a >> o >> e >> i >> u >> ü
 - examples: diān, táo, tiě, ài



exceptions

- ▶ **Exceptions:** for ui combination, mark the second vowel.

Examples: liù, huì



Exercise

bā – pā

nǚ – nǚ

wǔ – hǔ

bīng – bīn

piě — biě

huǒ — wǒ



Exercise

mǎ — mā

mù — mǔ

yī — yí

yě — yè

lì — lǐ

mén — mèn



Exercise

nǐhǎo

hěnhǎo

ménhù

máoníng

pàlā

huópō

nǚlì

lǎopó

pēnhú

nènlǜ

píngén

bàolì

héping

nániē

bǎomǎ

pǎobù

