

Pronunciation guide for Mandarin Chinese.

This is not a complete list of all pronunciation but will allow you to say the Chinese words in the site. All other letters in the Chinese words are pronounced the same as in English.

Consonants

c	Like 'ts' in bits
j	Like 'g' in genius
q	Sounds like 'ch'
x	Like 's' in sock
z	Like 'ds' in suds
zh	Like 'j' in judge

Vowels

a	Sounds like 'aah'
ai	Like 'i' in bite
ao	Like 'ow' in cow
e	Like 'ur' in blur
ei	Like 'ei' in weigh
i	Like 'ee' in meet. Except after c, ch, r, s, sh, z and zh when it sounds like 'e' in her.
ian	Sounds like 'E.N.' ('ee' and 'en' sounds running together)
o	Like 'or' in swore
ou	Like 'o' in Jo
u	Like 'oo' in boo
ui	Like 'way' in sway
uo	Sounds like 'war'