



Here is how each Mandarin sound is written in pinyin, with its approximate English equivalent. Remember, they are only APPROXIMATE equivalent sounds. Please refer to the Pinyin series on [www.yoyochinese.com](http://www.yoyochinese.com) for correct pronunciation.

Consonants	
Pinyin	English Equivalent
b	<u>b</u> ear
p	<u>p</u> oor
m	<u>m</u> ore
f	<u>f</u> ake
d	<u>d</u> are
t	<u>t</u> ake
n	<u>n</u> ow
l	<u>l</u> earn
g	<u>g</u> et
k	<u>k</u> ing
h	<u>h</u> elp
j	<u>j</u> ee <u>p</u>
q	won't <u>y</u> ou or <u>ch</u> ease
x	<u>sh</u> ee <u>p</u>
zh	<u>j</u> udge, <u>Ge</u> orge
ch	chur <u>ch</u>
sh	<u>sh</u> hhh!
r	<u>J</u> acque, <u>A</u> sia, mea <u>s</u> ure
z	yard <u>s</u>
c	<u>i</u> ts
s	<u>s</u> ing
w	<u>w</u> ant
y	<u>y</u> es

Vowels	
Pinyin	English Equivalent
a	<u>f</u> ather
ai	<u>m</u> y
an	<u>s</u> un
ang	<u>a</u> h <u>ng</u>
ao	<u>p</u> ou <u>t</u>
e	<u>s</u> erve
ei	<u>d</u> ay
en	<u>t</u> ake <u>n</u>
eng	<u>m</u> un <u>g</u> or <u>e</u> rn <u>g</u>
er	<u>a</u> re
i	<u>s</u> ee
ia	<u>y</u> a <u>h</u>
iao	<u>m</u> eow
ian	<u>y</u> e <u>n</u>
iang	<u>y</u> oung
ie	<u>y</u> es
in	<u>s</u> i <u>n</u>
ing	<u>e</u> eng
iong	<u>ee</u> + <u>own</u>
iu = iou	<u>y</u> o-yo
o	<u>a</u> wesome (British accent)
ou	<u>b</u> oa <u>t</u>
ong	<u>l</u> oa <u>n</u>
u	<u>s</u> hoo <u>t</u>
ua	<u>s</u> uave
uai	<u>w</u> ide
uan	<u>w</u> on
uang	<u>oo</u> +ah <u>ng</u>
ui = uei	<u>w</u> ay
un = uen	<u>oo</u> + <u>t</u> ake <u>n</u>
uo	<u>w</u> ok



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