



The UM Confucius Institute Elementary Mandarin

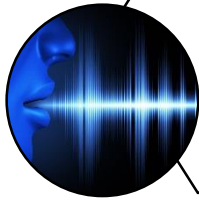
Hello!
nǐ hǎo !
你好 !



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老师 (lǎo shī, teacher)

Goals and Objectives



Able to distinguish the tones and sounds of Chinese, to pronounce individual sounds and tones according to the Pinyin system of modern standard Chinese



Able to perform basic communicative functions in face-to-face social interactions using a string of short sentences (the primary focus in class)

What will you learn?

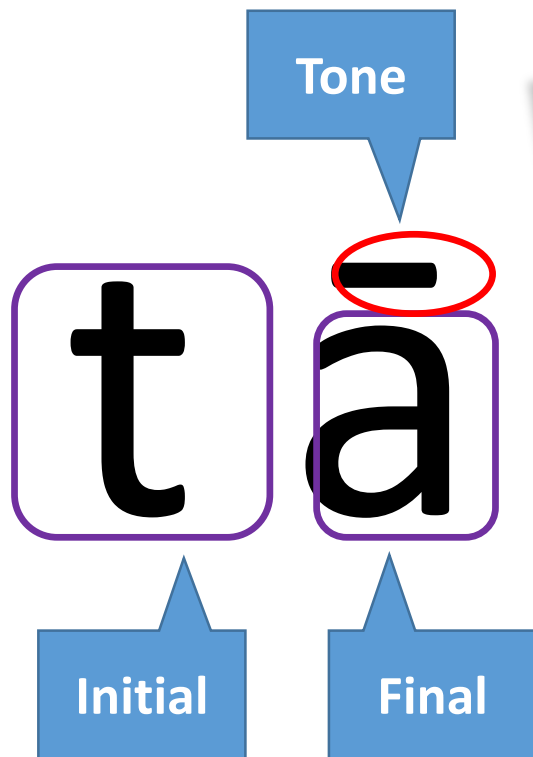


There are numerous regional dialects of Chinese.

You will be learning **Mandarin Chinese**, officially Modern Standard Chinese in China.

zhōngwén vs. pǔtōnghuà

Pronunciation of Mandarin



Tones



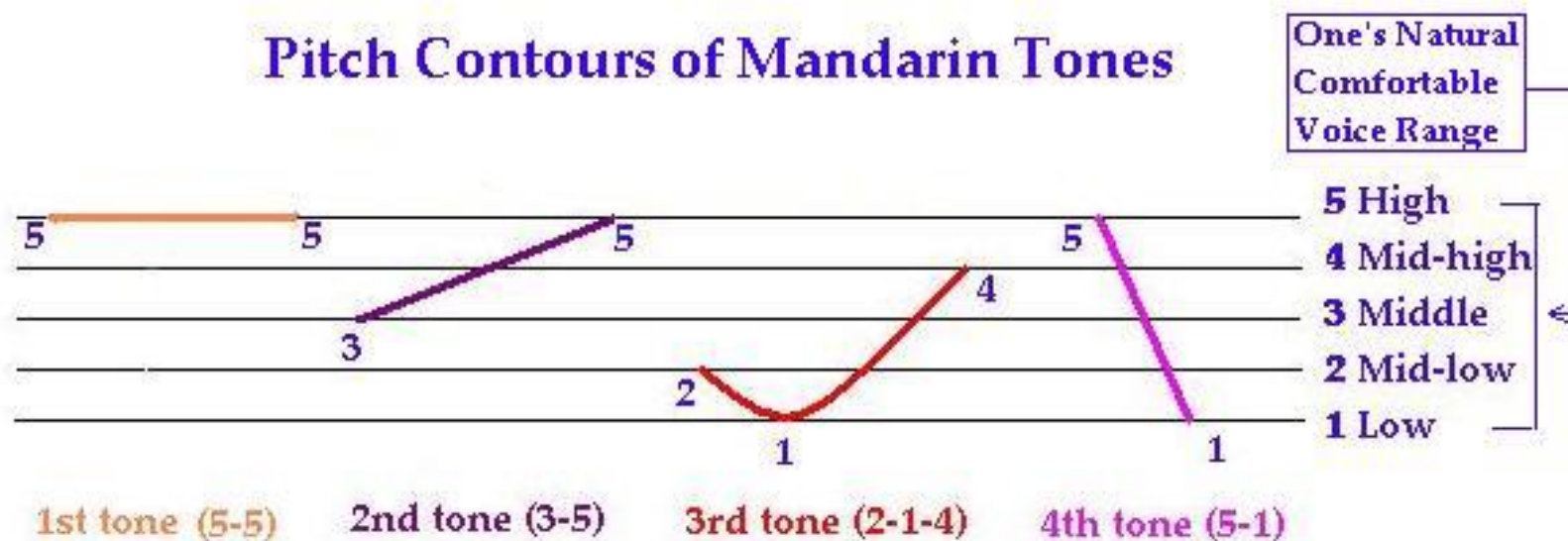
You must be ready to sing ! !

- A tonal language: **four/five tones**. Tones are used to differentiate meaning in speech

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|------------------------|--------------|
| ○ *mēi | Maybe. |
| ○ méi (没, not) | In May? |
| ○ měi (美, beautiful) | May I? |
| ○ mèi (妹, sister) | Yes, in May! |
| ○ mèi mei (妹妹, sister) | |

Four Basic Tones in Chinese

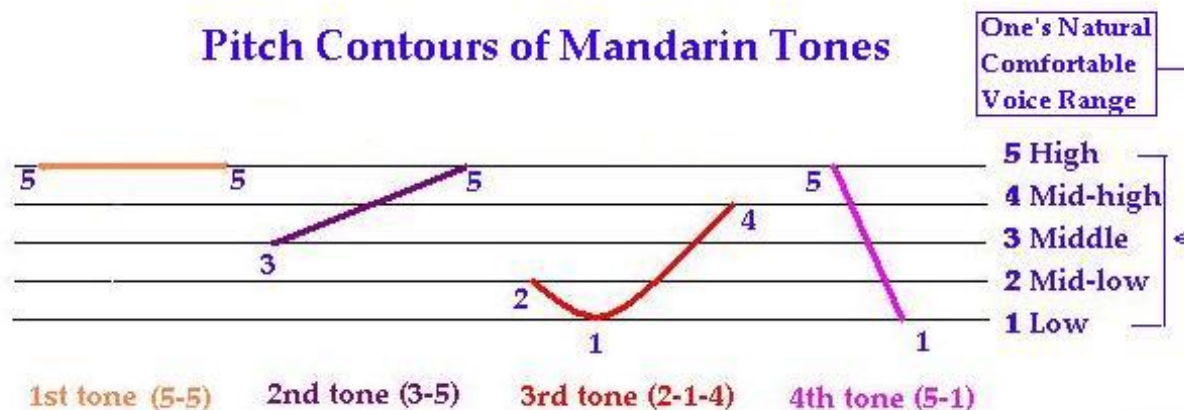
Pitch Contours of Mandarin Tones



Four Basic Tones in Chinese

Ma

Pitch Contours of Mandarin Tones



mā

mother

Keep high

má

numb

Keep going up

mǎ

horse

Do not rush
and stay low

mà

scold

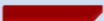



Start high then
go down low



Ma1 ma4 ma3?
Ma3 ma4 ma1?



Tone Marks

1 st tone	2 nd tone	3 rd tone	4 th tone	Neutral tone
				No tone marks on the neutral tone
nī	ní	nǐ	nì	
hāo	háo	hǎo	hào	
xuē	xué	xuě	xuè	
lāo	láo	lǎo	lào	
shī	shí	shǐ	shì	

Greetings:

nǐ hǎo

Parting:







zài jiàn

Initials

	1 unaspirated	2 aspirated	3 nasals	4 lateral	5 fricative	6 voiced continuants
1. labial	b	p	m		f	
2. alveolar	d	t	n	l		
3. velar	g	k			h	
4. palatal	j	q			x	
5. retroflex	zh	ch			sh	r
6. Dental sibilant	z	c			s	

➤ for each syllable to be pronounceable, it must carry a final and a tone, be it 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or neutral.

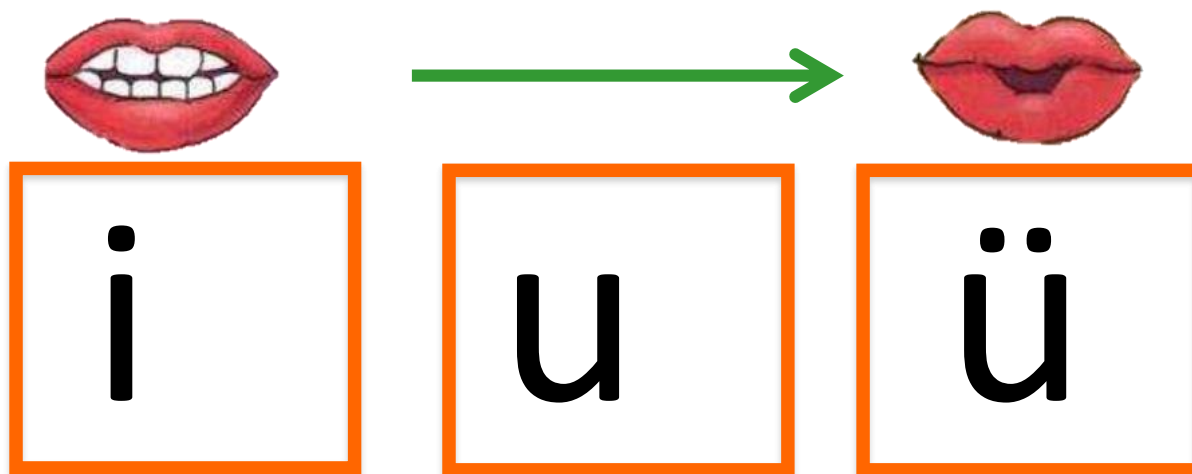
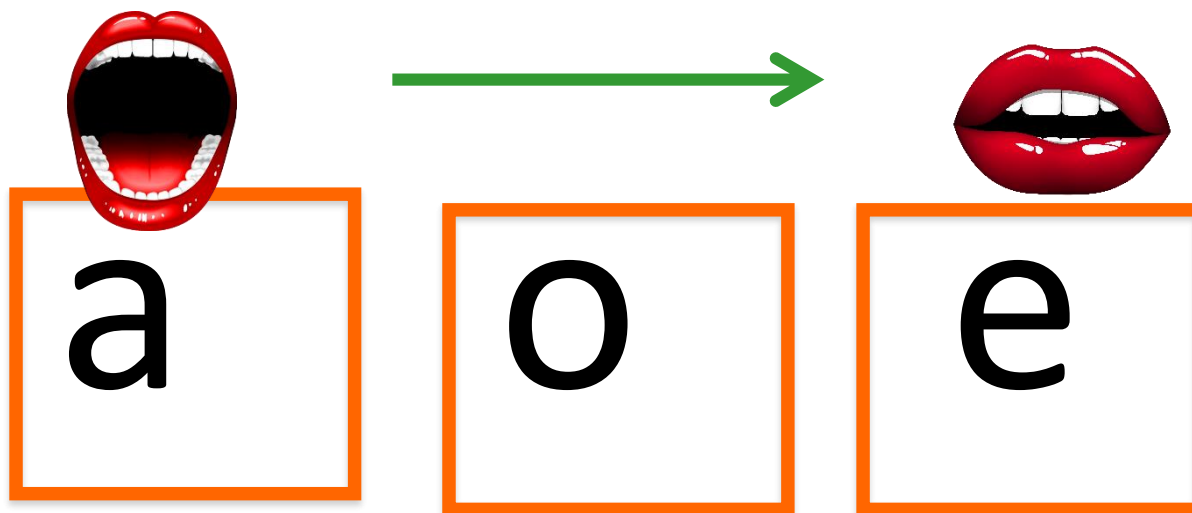
Table of Pronounceable Initials (vowels added)

	1 unaspirated	2 aspirated	3 nasals	4 lateral	5 fricative	6 voiced continuants
1. labial+o	bo	po	mo		fo	
2. alveolar+e	de	te	ne	le		
3. velar+e	ge	ke			he	
4. palatal+i	ji	qi			xi	
5. retroflex+i	zhi	chi			shi	ri
6. Dental sibilant+i	zi	ci			si	

➤ The “i” in Chinese sound system stands for two different sounds:

- -i in palatal [ji, qi, xi] is pronounced as a real -i
- i in retroflex [zhi, chi, shi, ri] and sibilant [zi, ci, si] groups is pronounced as a prolongation -i of the initial before it

Finals: simple vowels



Simple vowels with tones



ā	á	ǎ	à
ō	ó	ǒ	ò
ē	é	ě	è
ī	í	ǐ	ì
ū	ú	ǔ	ù
ü	ǘ	ǚ	ù

Initial+Simple final (tones added) Practice (1)

fā

fá

fǎ

fà

mō

mó

mǒ

mò

gē

gé

gě

gè

lī

lí

lǐ

lì

dū

dú

dǔ

dù

nū

nú

nǚ

nù

mā ma



bà ba

fù mǔ

(respectful form)



nǐ



dǎ chē



zì jǐ



qí mǎ



shū

Finals

Medi al	Row	Ending												
		zero		-i		-o/-u		-n		-ng		-r		
None	Row-a	-i	a	e	ai	ei	ao	ou	an	en	ang	eng	ong	er
<u>i</u>	Row-i	i	ia	ie			iao	iu	ian	in	iang	ing	iong	
<u>u</u>	Row-u	u	ua		uai	ui	uo		uan	un	uang	ueng		
<u>ü</u>	Row-ü	ü	üe						üan	ün				

12 basic finals

4 leading finals

12 basic
finals

4 leading finals

The 12 basic finals and 4 leading finals are crucial as they can be used to form the rest of 21 finals

practice

fān	bié	biàn	měng
duì	tái	niǔ	láng
guò	gǒu	huān	huái
jì	juān	qún	xǐng
zì	sūn	cuì	sēng
chuō	rǎn	shé	zhòng

Special rules:

When two third tones are together, the first one changes into second tone.

nǐ hǎo
zhěng lǐ
nǚ yǒu

měi nǚ
zhǐ chǐ
qiǎn quǎn

pīn yīn :
The romanization system for Chinese



wǒ(I)

shuō

zhōngwén (Chinese language)

nǐ(you)

yīngwén(English language)

tā(he/she)

míng zi (Names):

wǒ(I)

shì
(to be)

Xuē, Lián

nǐ(you)

tā(he/she)

Group activity



wǒ(I)

shì
(to be)

lǎoshī

nǐ(you)

zhōngwén
yīngwén

xuéshēng

tā(he/she)



Self-introduction



: nǐ hǎo。

wǒ shì Xuē Lián。

wǒ shuō zhōngwén。

wǒ shì zhōngwén lǎoshī。



: nǐ hǎo, Xuē lǎoshī。

wǒ shì _____。

wǒ shuō yīngwén。

wǒ shì zhōngwén xuéshēng。

Practice (2)

1 st	hē	chī	jī
1+1	jīn tiān	xīng qī	kā fēi
3 rd	nǐ	hǎo	wǒ
1+3	duō shǎo	kāi shuǐ	bīng shuǐ
3+1	lǎo shī	kǎo yā	dǎ dī

Practice (3)

2 nd	má	guó	lái
2+2	nián jí	yín háng	xué xí
4 th	bù	shì	qù
4+4	shàng kè	zuò yè	zài jiàn
2+4	chí dào	xué xiào	hé fàn
4+2	ào mén	qù nián	sì shí

Practice (4)

1+2	jīn nián	shān zhú	zhōng guó
1+4	gōng zuò	shēng rì	gāo xìng
2+1	shí jiān	míng tiān	zuó tiān
2+3	méi yǒu	nǐ hǎo	máng guǒ
3+2	měi guó	nǎi chá	qǐ chuáng
3+4	jǐ suì	kě lè	xuě bì
4+1	èr shēng	miàn bāo	dà gē
4+3	diàn nǎo	hàn yǔ	diàn yǐng

Self-introduction



: nǐ hǎo。

wǒ shì _____。

wǒ shuō _____。

wǒ shì zhōngwén _____。



: nǐ hǎo, _____。

wǒ shì _____。

wǒ shuō _____。

wǒ shì zhōngwén _____。

Group activity

xiè xie!

Thank you!



zài jiàn

See you on Wednesday!