# Pinyin Mnemonics

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a4 (ah) bra era kra ora raf rad ral ram raj rak
ai4 (to love) ravi rami rafi raki raid rail radix iraqi rabbi braid
ba (¡modal particle¿) alba elba melba alblas kolbak albast kalbas selbach vuilbak koelbak
ba4 ba (dad)
ba4 verba corba verbak verbal verbad warbak kurbad herbal verbakt barblad
ba alba elba melba alblas kolbak albast kalbas selbach vuilbak koelbak
bai2 (bye bye)
bai2 pestbacil zeitbasis voetbalfilm zeemachtbasis
bai3 (hundred) hoofdbasis
ban4 (to do) urban verban kurban heerban burbank verbant oirbans oerbank verband exurban
ban4 (half) urban verban kurban heerban burbank verbant oirbans oerbank

 $\mathbf{bang1} \ \mathbf{zhu4} \quad \text{(to help)}$ 

bang1

verband exurban

zhu4

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bao4 (newspaper) barbados gorbatsjov barbados's
bao4 qian4 (sorry)
   bao4 barbados gorbatsjov barbados's
   qian4
bei3 jing3 (Beijing)
   bei3 id-bewijs
   jing3 badjing badjings
ben3 zi (notebook)
   ben3
   zi
bian4
        (number of times) serbian serbians serbian's exorbitant exorbitantly
bing4 (illnes) curbing garbing barbing warbling marbling burbling garbling
curbing's absorbing marbling's
bu4 (not) airbus verbum marbus morbus verbluf overbuy overbuys airbus's
spoorbus offerbus
bu4 hao3 yi4 si (to feel emberrassed)
   bu4 airbus verbum marbus morbus verbluf overbuy overbuys airbus's spoor-
bus offerbus
   hao3
   yi4 cryptic jurylid acrylic acrylics amaryllis acrylic's cryptisch charybdis
charybdis's amaryllis's
   si vlsi falsity elswijk polsdik falsify kielspit bolspits kowalski salsif emulsify
bu2 yong4 (need not)
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 ${\bf bu2}~$  postbus pitbull vetbult spuitbus pitbulls gastbuch beschuitbus bumt bumst

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yong4
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 ${\bf bu4} \pmod {\rm step}$ airbus verbum marbus morbus verbluf overbuy<br/> overbuys airbus's spoorbus offerbus

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can1 jia1 (to participate)
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 ${\bf can1}$  can can can can can enchant penchant henchman can can's enchants penchant's henchman's

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jia1
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can1 ting1 (dining room)
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 ${f can1}$  can can can can can enchant penchant henchman can can's enchants penchant's henchman's

 ${f ting 1}$  enting munting wanting santing bunting menting hunting venting canting ontving

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ce4 suo3 (toilet)
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ce4 force arced circe farce scarce circle parcel amerce source marche

suo3

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ceng2 (floor)
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cha4 (tea) marcha archway archway's kirchplatz archasch

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{\bf chang 2} \ \ {\bf chang 2} \ \ ({\bf often})
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chang2

chang 2

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chang2 (often)
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chi1 (to eat) bianchi geheugenchip geheugenchips

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chi1 fan4 (to eat a meal)
   chi1 bianchi geheugenchip geheugenchips
   fan4 irfan arfman irfans erfland superfan kerfbank verfplant surfplank
chu1 (to go out) manchu manchus manchu's
chu1 sheng1 (to be born)
   chu1 manchu manchus manchu's
   sheng1
chu2 fang2 (kitchen)
   chu2 ketchup watchful ktchup ketchup's watchfully
   fang2
chuan1 (to wear)
ci2 (word) saatchi xtc-pil bitchily patchily saatchi's sketchily matchstick match-
sticks matchstick's
da3 (to play) edda adda d-day hedda addax jidda buddha midday addams
\operatorname{saddam}
da3 dian4 hua4 (to make a phone call)
   da3 edda adda d-day hedda addax jidda buddha midday addams saddam
   dian4 gordian guardian kurdistan guardians gordian's koerdistan guardian's
absurdistan
   hua4
da3 gong1 (to have a part-time job)
   da3 edda adda d-day hedda addax jidda buddha midday addams saddam
   gong1 hongkong pingpong singsong singsongs pingpongt hongkongs singsong's
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song songs gepingpongd

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da3 qiu2 (to play ball)
   da3 edda adda d-day hedda addax jidda buddha midday addams saddam
   qiu2
da3 sao3 (to clean)
   da3 edda adda d-day hedda addax jidda buddha midday addams saddam
   sao3
        codswallop
da4 (big) arda gerda erdal warda wierda baarda myrdal verdam purdah aardas
dan4 (egg) jordan jordans aardman verdant yardman mordant eerdmans vo-
ordans eierdans baardman
dan4 gao1 (cake)
   dan4 jordan jordans aardman verdant yardman mordant eerdmans voor-
dans eierdans baardman
   gao1 qingdao bungalow bungalows bungalow's semibungalow semibunga-
lows
dang1 ran2 (as it should be)
   dang1 windvang
   ran2 trans trant tran's strand transl outran astrant vetrand petrand pu-
trand
      (to arrive) cardamom kardamom cardamom's
de2 (to have) seitdem uitdempt
de (¡possessive particle¿) olde hilde kulde walde vulde pilde kilde yelde gelde
milde
deng3 (to wait)
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di4 di (younger brother)

di4 ordi gerdi jordi ferdi verdi yordi verdij sordid bardic verdik

di saldi yildiz soldij oldish holdijk koldijk vivaldi aaldijk mooldijk geldkist

dian3 (o'clock)

**dian4** (electricity) gordian guardian kurdistan guardian's koerdistan guardian's absurdistan

dian4 hua4 (telephone)

 ${\bf dian4} \quad {\bf gordian}$ guardian kurdistan guardians gordian's koerdistan guardian's absurdistan

hua4

dian4 ying3 (movie)

 ${\bf dian 4} \quad {\bf gordian}$ guardian kurdistan guardian<br/>'s koerdistan guardian's absurdistan

ying3 dying's embodying

dong1 xi (thing)

dong1

xi lxix lxiv clxi lxvi clxvi clxiv clxix

**dou1** (all) handout hand-out bindtouw eindhout hand-outs hand-out's schandhout

duan4 lian4 (to do physical exercise)

duan4

lian4

**dui4** (correct) aardmuis verduikt verduits sierduif spaarduit aardkluit verduitst moordkuil hardschuim

dui4 bu qi3 (I'm sorry)

 ${\bf dui4}~$ aard<br/>muis verduits sierduif spaarduit aardkluit verduitst moordkuil hardschuim

 ${\bf bu}\,$ album belbus album<br/>'s galbult popalbum schulbus gelbsucht schoolbus boemelbus

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qi3
duo1 (many)
duo1 (how)
duo1 da4 (how old)
   duo1
   da4 arda gerda erdal warda wierda baarda myrdal verdam purdah aardas
duo1 shao (how many)
   duo1
   shao
er4 (two) surer serer firer retry carer curer parer borer sorer harer
fal shaol (to have a fever)
       confab infamy confabs einfalt woonflat confab's infamy's fnfmal eben-
falls
   shao1
           gemeinschaftswohl
fal yan2 (to become inflamed)
       confab infamy confabs einfalt woonflat confab's infamy's fnfmal eben-
falls
   yan2
fan4 (meal) irfan arfman irfans erfland superfan kerfbank verfplant surfplank
fang2 zi (house)
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fang2
   zi
fang2 zu1 (rent)
   fang2
   zu1 anzus hinzu inzucht winzucht schoonzus gewinzucht
      (minute) fnfzehn samenfden ffchen ffchens fchen fchens
     (cent) fnfzehn samenfden ffchen ffchens fchen fchens
fu4 xi2 (to review)
   fu4 corfu parfum earful jarful jarfuls earfuls erfstuk parfums fearful barfu
   xi2
     (should) songhai bengali bengali shanghai sjanghai svengali bengali's
songhai's shanghais benghazi's
gan3 mao4 (to have a cold)
   gan3 godgans goudglans
   mao4 permalloy permalloy's
gang1 cai2 (just now)
   gang1 ingang pangang gangbang hangwang eingangs mijngang zijingang
schongang gangbangt pyongyang
   cai2 quitclaim quitclaim's asbestclaim asbestclaims
gao1 (high) qingdao bungalow bungalow's semibungalow semibun-
galows
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gao1 qingdao bungalow bungalow's semibungalow semibunga-

gao1 xing4 (happy)

lows

#### xing4

 ${f gao1}$  (cake) qingdao bungalow bungalows bungalow's semibungalow semibungalows

gao4 su (to tell)

gao4 sargasso bergamot sargasso's

 ${\bf su}~$ halsjuk vulstuk wilschut pelsmuts okselstuk speelstuk wisselstuk meubelstuk saalschutz puzzelstuk

ge1 ge (elder brother)

ge1 inge enge menge ongel singe wange junge engte engel bange

ge alge bilge volgde bilges walgde balgje bulged galgje bulges

 $\mathbf{ge4}$  (¡measure word¿) erge urge serge barge merge argel jorge gorge urged surge

gei3 (to give) godgelijk godgewijd judgeship judgeship's goedgewicht

gei3 (to/for) godgelijk godgewijd judgeship judgeship's goedgewicht

**gen3** (with/to follow) smidgen smidgens judgment judgments smidgen's judgment's misjudgment misjudgment misjudgment's

gong1 zuo4 (to work)

gong1 hongkong pingpong singsong singsongs pingpongt hongkongs singsong's song songs gepingpongd

#### zuo4

gong1 si1 (company)

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si1 ansi ansis inspit insist inslik ansicht gunship instill mansdik inslikt

gou3 (dog)

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gu1 nian (girl)
   gu1
        xingu angus engulf hangul hangup mingus fungus kungfu chengdu
engulfs
   nian vuilnisman
gua4 hao4 (to register)
   gua4 arguably
   hao4 rhapsody's
guang1 pan2 (CD)
   guang1
   pan2 zoutpan vetplant potplant wetplank uitplant hotpants meetplan kast-
plank zoutplant vaatplant
gui4 (expensive) verguis berghuis verguist zorghuis verguisd berghuijs ver-
gussschicht
gui4 xing4 (honorable surname)
   gui4 verguis berghuis verguist zorghuis verguisd berghuijs vergussschicht
   xing4
guo2 (country)
guo4 (to spend)
hai2 (in addition) thais thai's asthmatic asthmatics ophthalmic asthmatic's
hai2 shi (or)
   hai2 thai's asthmatic asthmatics ophthalmic asthmatic's
   shi bolschil peulschil poolschip zeilschip koelschip bolschijf halsschild schoolschip
sjoelschijf smokkelschip
han4 yu3 (chinese language)
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 ${f han 4}$  or han or hans overhand voorhand overhands berhand pokerhand hogerhand overhand's zauberhand

yu3 dybbuk dybbuks dybbuk's

han4 zi4 (chinese character)

 ${f han 4}$  or han or hans overhand voorhand overhands berhand pokerhand hogerhand overhand's zauberhand

zi4 perzik verzit verzwik voorzij overzij keerzij verzilt overzit verzijl voorzit

hao3 (good)

hao4 (number) rhapsody rhapsody's

**he1** (to drink) nhe inhelp aanheb aanhef aanhebt inhelpt aanheft aanhecht seenhe augenhhe

he2 (and) they them thew bathe ethel mythe bethe mathe theft thews

hen3 (very)

hong2 (very) thongs thong's

hong2 pu2 tao jiu3 (red wine)

hong2 thong's

pu2 vetput output uitput mestput outputs put puts uitplukt houtpulp output's

tao

jiu3

hui2 (to return) thuis thuijs eethuis pathuis zothuis uithuil pothuis uithuilt smithuis pesthuis

hui4 (meeting) verhuis wierhuis buurhuis verhuist veerhuis voorhuid keurhuis goorhuis verhuisd voorhuis

ji3 (how many) hadji mesdjid mesdjids

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ji4 zhe3
          (reporter)
   ji4
   zhe3
ji4 (to mail)
jia1 na2 da4 (Canada)
   jia1
         etna tna patna uitnam potnat catnap etna's putnam vastnam beetnam
   na2
   da4 arda gerda erdal warda wierda baarda myrdal verdam purdah aardas
jia1 (family)
jian1 (¡measure word for rooms/houses¿)
jian4
       (¡measure word for piece¿)
jiao4 (to be called)
jiao1 (to teach)
jiao4 shou4 (professor)
   jiao4
   shou4 voorschouw overschouw overschouwd overschouwt
jie2 (festival) tjibbe tjibbes tjilpte tjitske tjitskes
jie3 jie (elder sister)
   jie3
   jie
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jie4 shao4 (to introduce)

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jie4
   {\bf shao 4} \quad {\rm overshadow} \ {\rm overshadows} \ {\rm marshmallow} \ {\rm marshmallow} \ {\rm 's} \\
jin1 (¡measure word of weight¿)
jin1 nian2 (this year)
   jin1
   nian2
jin1 tian1 (today)
   jin1
   tian1 gentian kantian antitank gentians gentian's
jin4 (to enter)
jin4 lai (to come in)
   jin4
   lai syllabi syllabi syllabisch
jing1 ju4 (Beijing opera)
   jing1
   ju4 horjus
jing1 li3 (manager)
   jing1
   li3 vvd-lid oud-lid jeugdlid pvdv-lid zaadlijst hoofdlicht
jiu3 (wine)
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ju2 (office)

## ju4 hui4 (party)

ju4 horjus

 ${\bf hui4}~$  verhuis wierhuis buurhuis verhuis<br/>t veerhuis voorhuid keurhuis goorhuis verhuis<br/>d voorhuis