

3. VARIATIONS OF *-i*

As mentioned at the beginning of this booklet, in the *zh* and *z* initial sets, *-i* produces a different sound than its normal *ee* sound.

The Yale romanization system, which fell out of use in the 80s, used an *r* instead of a *i* for the *zh* initial set (*jr*, *chr*, *shr*, *r*), and a *z* for the *z* initial set (*dz*, *tsz*, *sz*). This is helpful in remembering the proper pronunciation of these syllables.

The following drill contains all instances of the variant *-i* sound.

zhi	zi
chi	ci
shi	si
ri	

