

## 8. $-U$ vs. $-Ü$

This section focuses on knowing when  $-u$  is pronounced as  $wu$  and when it should be read as  $yü$ . The rule to remember is when it follows  $y$ ,  $j$ ,  $q$ , and  $x$  it should be pronounced as  $yü$ . All other times it is pronounced with an  $oo$  sound. When  $yü$  is pronounced, the tongue is flat and pushing against the bottom molars. The muscle around the corners of the mouth and the chin will be flexed. The lips are tight like a goldfish's mouth.

wu      yu      shu      xu

zhu      ju      lu      lü

chu      qu      nu      nü