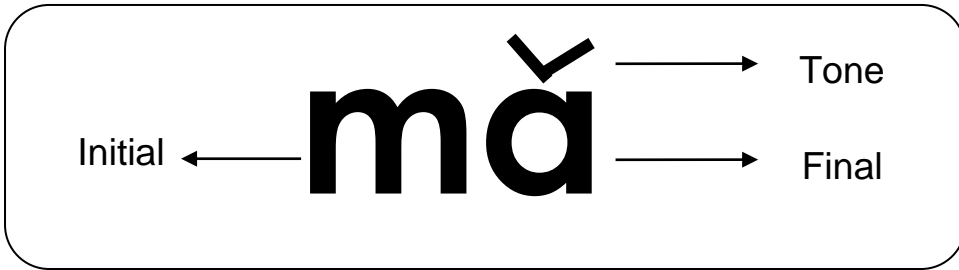


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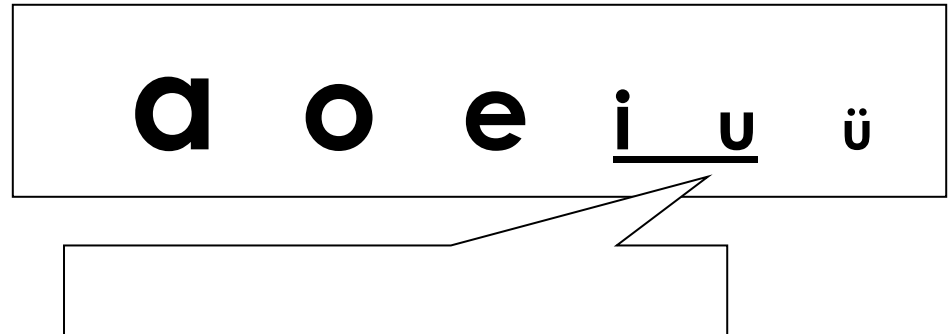
Standard Mandarin Romanization system in use

- 汉语 *Hanyu* means the **Chinese language**,
- 拼 *pin* means "join, connect"
- 音 *yin* means "sound".
- Pinyin finals (vowels) are pronounced similarly to vowels in Romance languages.

Tones

Tone	Tone mark	Pronouncing method	Example	
First tone	—	bee...	mā	妈 (n. mother)
Second tone	/	hur?	má	麻 (n. hemp)
Third tone	ˇ	my	mǎ	马 (n. horse)
Fourth tone	\	go!	mà	骂 (v. scold)
Neutral tone			ma	妈妈 (n. mother)

Simple Finals



Initials

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d <input type="checkbox"/>	t <input type="checkbox"/>	n <input type="checkbox"/>	l <input type="checkbox"/>
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* Note:

Some Chinese initials are aspirated and some are not. Example:

Aspirated: **p, t, k, q, ch, c**

Not aspirated: **b, d, g, j, zh, z**

Try to hold a piece of tissue paper in front of your mouth. When you pronounce an aspirated sound, a paper will vibrate lightly.

Compound Finals

Final	i	u	ü
a	ia	ua	
o		uo	
e	ie		üe
ai		uai	
ei		uei (ui *)	
ao	iao		
ou	iou (iu *)		
an	ian	uan	üan
en	in	uen (un *)	ün
ang	iang	uang	
eng	ing *	ueng	
ong *	iong *		

Hanyu Pinyin Exercise

Simple greeting & Self introduction

你好! 我是 _____。
_____!