

# 普通话

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# Tones

a1 a1 a↘ a\ (a\_)

## Consonants

*Six easy:*

p t k  
p<sup>h</sup> t<sup>h</sup> k<sup>h</sup>

***Nine horrors:***

s ʃ ʒ  
ts tʃ tʃ  
ts<sup>h</sup> tʃ<sup>h</sup> tʃ<sup>h</sup>

*Seven boring:*

m n ŋ  
f x ɹ l

## Vowels

i e ε a ɔ  
ʊ u y œ ə ɻ ɨ

ni1 xauㄨ. *You good!*  
ㄘieㄨ ㄘie. *Thank you.*

xauㄨ maㄨ	i1	əㄨ	san1	siㄨ	uㄨ	liㄨㄨ
<i>number</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>

tsai1 tɕienㄨ *Until see-again.*

niㄨㄛˊ tʃuㄨㄛˊ	tsaiㄨㄛˊ	peiㄨㄛˊ tʃeiŋˊ	ma
<i>You live</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Beijing</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>
niㄨㄛˊ tʃuㄨㄛˊ	tsaiㄨㄛˊ	tʰienˊ tʃinˊ	ma
<i>You live</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Tianjin</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>

tʃuㄨㄛˊ *Live.* puˊ tʃuㄨㄛˊ *Not live.*

uㄛˊ tʃuㄨㄛˊ	tsaiㄨㄛˊ	peiㄨㄛˊ tʃeiŋˊ
<i>I live</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Beijing.</i>
uㄛˊ tʃuㄨㄛˊ	tsaiㄨㄛˊ	tʰienˊ tʃinˊ
<i>I live</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Tianjin.</i>

niᵛ taŋl

*You work-as*

lauᵛ ʃiᵛl

*teacher*

ma

*QUESTION*

niᵛ taŋl

*You work-as*

tɕiŋl liᵛ

*manager*

ma

*QUESTION*

taŋl *Work.* puᵛ taŋl *Not work.*

uᵛ taŋl

*I work-as*

lauᵛ ʃiᵛl

*teacher.*

uᵛ taŋl

*I work-as*

tɕiŋl liᵛ

*manager.*

ni1 iuɿ mei1 iuɿ                      nyɿ ə1  
*You have-have-not           daughter.*  
ni1 iuɿ mei1 iuɿ                      ə1 tsɿ  
*You have-have-not           son.*

iuɿ *Have.*    mei1 iuɿ *Not have.*

uɿ1 iuɿ nyɿ ə1  
*I have daughter.*  
uɿ1 iuɿ ə1 tsɿ  
*I have son.*

ni1 nyɿ əɿ1	kʊŋ1 tsuɔʋ	ma
<i>You (r) daughter</i>	<i>has-job</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>
niɿ əɿ1 tsi	kʊŋ1 tsuɔʋ	ma
<i>You (r) son</i>	<i>has-job</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>

(puʋ) kʊŋ1 tsuɔʋ *(Not) have-job.*

t<sup>h</sup>a1 ʃiʋ                  ɕyœ1 ʃəŋ  
*He/She is student.*






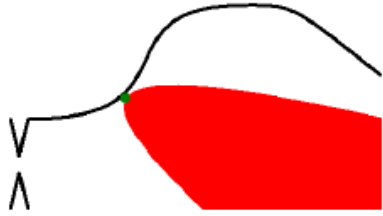


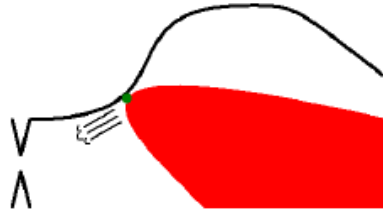
t<sup>h</sup>a1 ʃiʋ                  xuʋ ʃi  
*He/She is nurse.*

ni1 iou┘	ta┘	fan1 tsi	ma
<i>You have</i>	<i>big</i>	<i>house</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>
ni1 iou┘	ɕiau┘	fan1 tsi	ma
<i>You have</i>	<i>little</i>	<i>house</i>	<i>QUESTION</i>

fi┘ tɣ *Absolutely.* pu┘ *Certainly not.*

uɔ1 iou┘	ta┘ fan1 tsi
<i>I have</i>	<i>big house</i>
uɔ1 iou┘	ɕiau┘ fan1 tsi
<i>I have</i>	<i>little house</i>



	Alveolar	Alveolo-palatal	Post-alveolar
Fricative			
	s	ʃ	ʒ
Affricate, unaspirated			
	ts	tʃ	tʒ
Affricate, aspirated			
	ts <sup>h</sup>	tʃ <sup>h</sup>	tʒ <sup>h</sup>

# Syllable structure

*(Consonant)*    *(On-glide)*    **Vowel**    *(Off-glide)*

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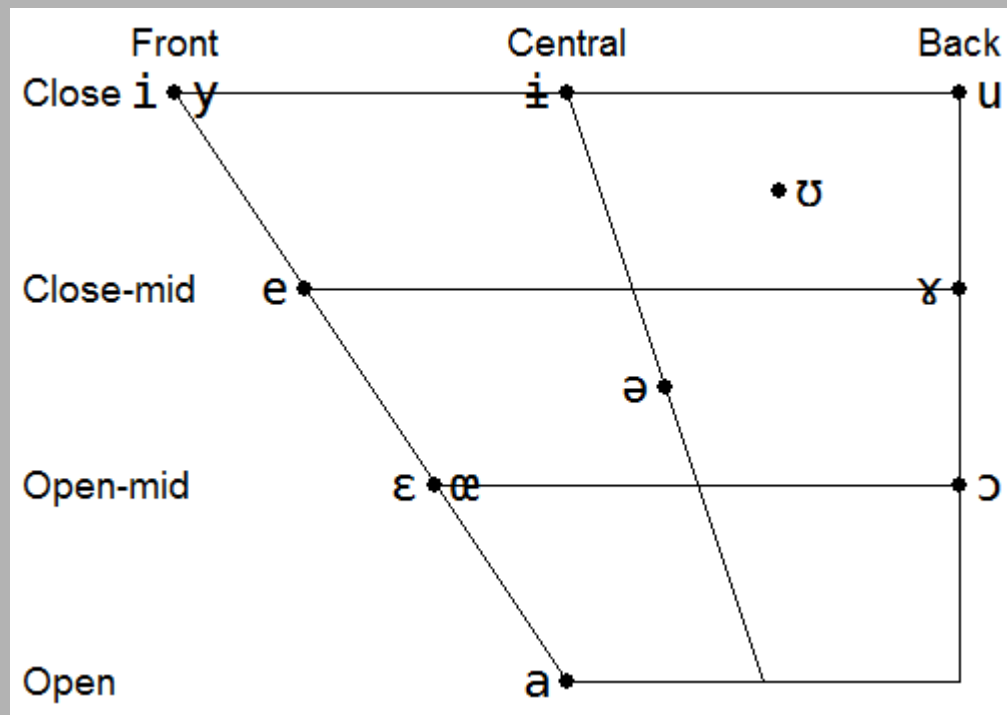
p  
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p<sup>h</sup>  
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...  
etc.

i  
u  
y

ʊ  
e  
æ  
ɔ  
...  
etc.

i  
u  
ŋ  
ŋ

# Vowel chart



謝謝

xie4 xie

ɕiɛ˥ ɕiɛ

*Thank you!*

再见

zai5 jian5

tsai˥ tɕien˥

*See you again!*

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