

Screen Title: Title Screen

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Getting started with Chinese Pronunciation

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Course Duration: X minutes

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Screen Title: Navigation

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Course Outline

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Screen Title: Topic 1 Title Screen

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Click on the highlighted words above to view them.

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Color-code initials and finals. 21 initials and 38 finals are in bold and highlighted.

User clicks on highlighted words to view each image.

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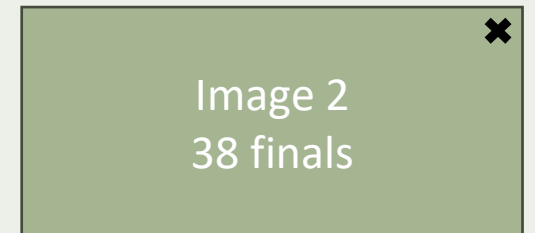
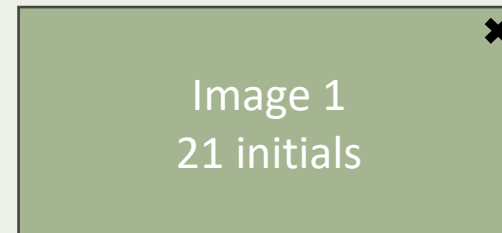
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Initials: m, n, h, x, z, j

Finals: i, a, ie, ao, ai, ian

Click on each initial/final to learn their pronunciation.

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Color-code initials and finals.

Tip uses Marker, user can expand and view the text by clicking on the marker.

User clicks on each initial/final to reveal the blue section (Tabs), which contains an image, a button and text.

User clicks the button to play audio recording of each sound.

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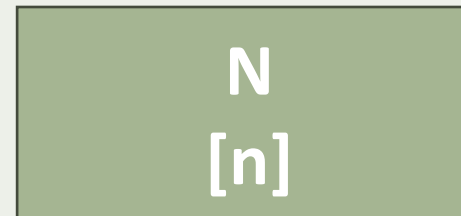


Image



text explaining the pronunciation

Example of image:



Example of text explaining the pronunciation:

n is pronounced similarly to its counterpart in the English language, as in "new".

Repeat after the recording a few times to familiarize yourself with the sound.

Screen Title: Initials & Finals - Practice

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Let's try to match the pronunciation with the correct initial/final.
Play each audio, then drag and drop the correct initial/final to connect with it.
Click Submit to submit your answers.

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User drags each initial/final and drops it to snap to an audio.
Submit button is activated when all the pieces are attached.
User has 2 attempts to click **Submit** to submit the answers.
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Screen Title: Initials & Finals - Syllables

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[1] Now that you are familiar with the initials and finals, let's combine them into syllables that can form actual words later.

Drag each final to its color-matching initial.

n, h, x, z, j, l, ao, ie, zai, ian

[2] Bravo! Can you imagine how to pronounce these syllables?

Try to pronounce them on your own, then click on the play buttons to listen to the standard pronunciation, and repeat after it.

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Text [1] already on screen.

User drags each final and drops it to snap to an initial.

Once user matches everything correctly:

- Text [2] will replace text [1];
- Play buttons will appear;
- **Next** button will appear.

User clicks on play buttons to listen to audio.

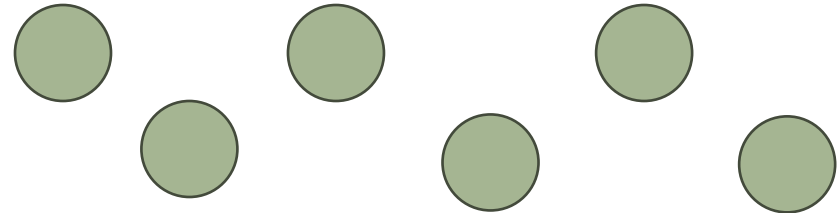
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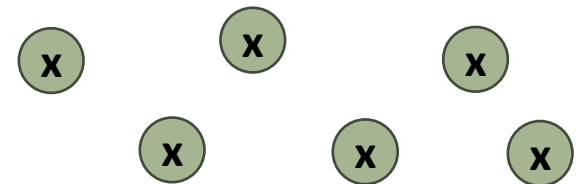
Click on each flower to reveal a syllable.



Content on screen after user reveals everything:

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Screen Title: Resources/The Pinyin Chart

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Click here to view a complete chart of the existing Chinese initials and finals, as well as the existing syllables.

Scroll in the window below to view a list of available resources.

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Text already on screen.

User clicks on **Click here** to open link: <https://www.digmandarin.com/chinese-pinyin-chart>.

Scroll window already on screen.

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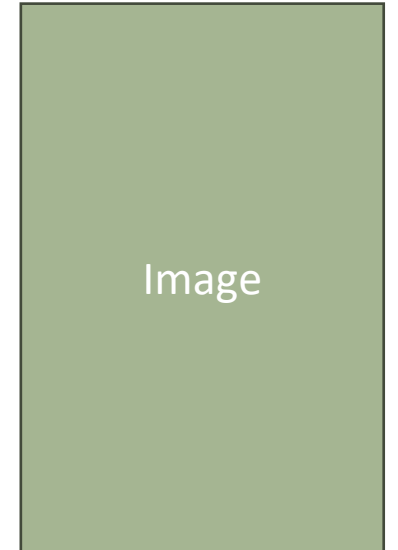
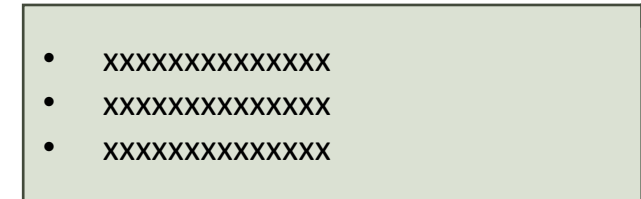
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In this topic you will learn about the four tones as well as the neutral tone.

Interactivity & Programming Notes

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The Four Tones

Chinese is a tonal language. In total, there are 4 tones and 1 neutral tone in common speech. They are represented respectively by the following tone marks:

“ˉ” for the first tone, “ˊ” for the second tone, “ˇ” for the third tone, and “ˋ” for the fourth tone.

Combined with the syllable and character, they convey different meanings.
bā, eight; bá, pull; bǎ, target; bà, father

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mother



má (麻)
Hemp; numb



mǎ (马)
horse



mà (骂)
to scold

Screen Title: The Four Tones - Demo

Text

The Four Tones

The tone marks' shapes actually reflects how they are pronounced. We can think of them as a line chart of how the pitch of our voice changes while pronouncing each of them.

Click on each tab to learn about their pronunciation and listen to examples in that tone.

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Text already on screen.

Tabs already on screen.

The content of each tab will appear when user clicks on the tab. User can switch between tabs freely.

User can listen to the audio in each tab by clicking on the play buttons.

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Third Tone
The third tone falls and then rises again. When pronounced clearly, its tonal "dipping" is very distinctive.

mǎ xǐ nǐ
zǎo hǎo jiǎn

Screen Title: The Neutral Tone

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In colloquial Chinese, the word “mum” is māma, which has the combination of both the first and the neutral tone. Similarly, in the phrase “thanks” – xièxie, there is the combination of the fourth and the neutral tone.

Click on each play button to listen to each pronunciation, and repeat after it.
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User clicks on play buttons to play audio.

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Hello, Thanks & Goodbye

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Hello, Thanks & Goodbye
Move the slider control to learn each phrase.

Interactivity & Programming Notes

Text already on screen.
Slider already on screen.
User slides the slider control to reveal the information on each phrase.
No button on screen.
User advances screen by clicking **Next**.

Screen Mockup

Hello, Thanks & Goodbye

Move the slider control to learn each phrase.

nǐ hǎo
你好
Hello!

A third tone, when immediately followed by another third tone, should be pronounced in the second tone, but with the tone mark “” unchanged. Therefore, instead of ☒ , this phrase is pronounced as ☒ .

Screen Title: Practice – Greetings 1

Text

Practice – Greetings

Click on each dialog bubble to listen to what they said. Repeat after it.

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Animation plays and bubbles appear.

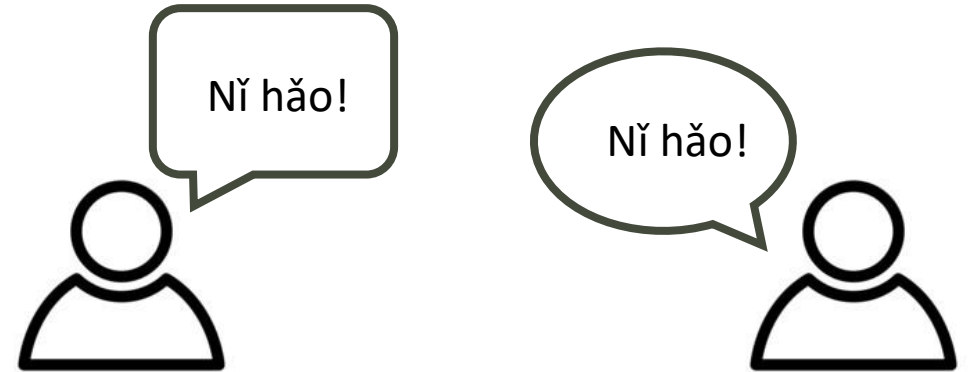
User clicks on bubbles to listen to audio.

User advances screen by clicking **Next**.

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Practice – Greetings

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Screen Title: Practice – Greetings 2

Text

Practice – Greetings

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If you add “ma” after “nǐ hǎo”, it turns “Hello!” into “How are you?”.

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Screen Title: Practice – Gratitude

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Practice – Gratitude

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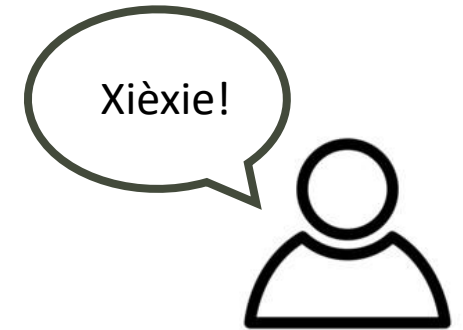
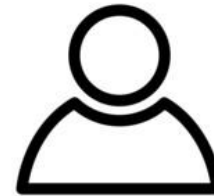
User clicks on bubbles to listen to audio.

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Click on the dialog bubble to listen to what was said. Repeat after it.



Screen Title: Practice – Saying Goodbye

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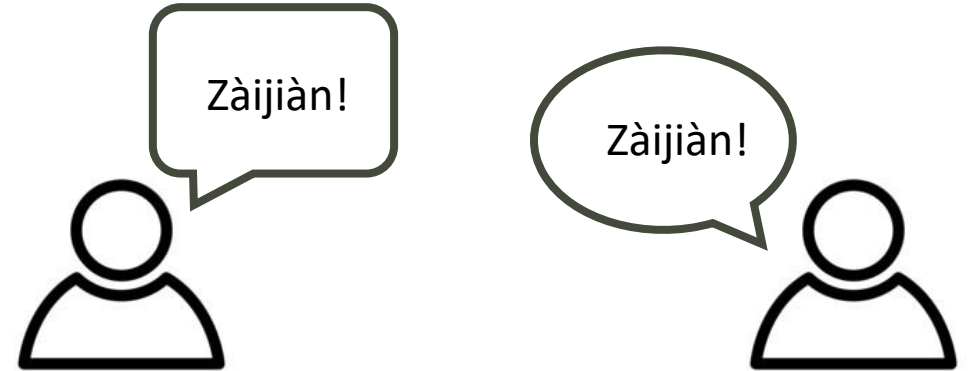
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Practice – Saying Goodbye

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Screen Title: Knowledge Check Title Screen

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Knowledge Check

Next, you will use the knowledge you have learned so far to complete 3 questions. You have 2 attempts for each question, and will be given feedback immediately after each question.

Before you start, you may always go back and review any of the previous topics if needed. When you are ready, click Next to begin.

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- A. pin
- B. zh
- C. ai

Click anywhere on the screen to reveal a glowing marker, then click again to put the marker on the correct answer. When done, click Submit.

Interactivity & Programming Notes

Text already on screen.

Shapes already on screen.

User places Hot Spot at a certain area, then **Submit** button is activated.

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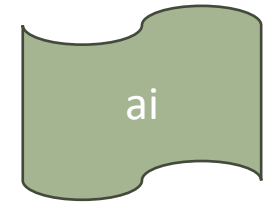
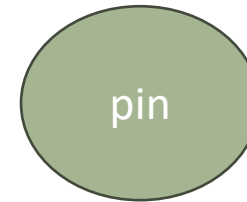
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Screen Title: Knowledge Check Question 2

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Question 2

Which phrase means “hello”?

- Nī hāo.
- Nì hao.
- Nǐ hǎo.

Choose the correct answer, then click Submit.

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Text already on screen.

Multiple choice question.

User chooses an option, then **Submit** button is activated.

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Knowledge Check

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Screen Title: Knowledge Check Question 2

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Question 3
Drag and drop one conversation bubble to match the situation.
Nǐ hǎo!
Xièxie!
Zàijiàn!

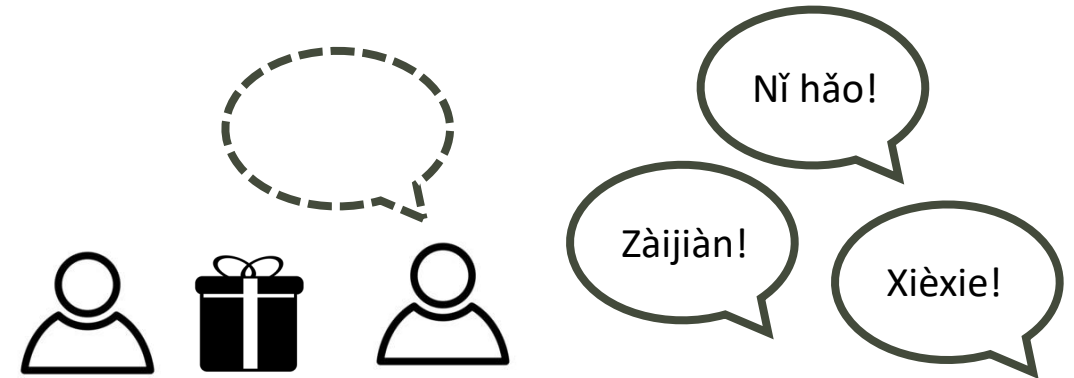
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Text already on screen.
Image and bubbles already on screen.
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Screen Title: Conclusion

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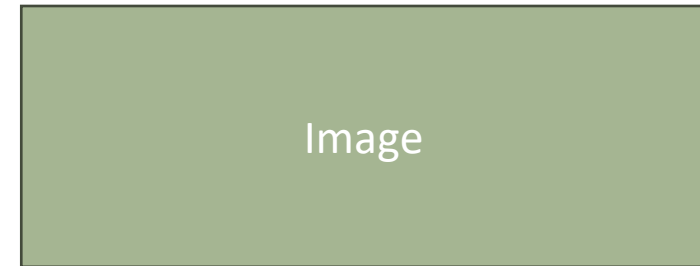
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Thank you for taking this course.
You may exit the course by closing the browser tab.

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