

Chinese Pronunciation Study

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Name

English word to match each Chinese phonetic symbol

b = be p = pay m = my f = fun

d = day t = to n = no l = line *use inner wall of teeth for d, t*

g = go k = key h = hen

zh = r+ germ ch = r+ church sh = r+ shirt r = run *tongue positioned as r for all 4*

j = jeep q = cheese x = sheep *tongue and lips like saying "cheese"*

z = hands c = hats s = hiss *sound from teeth for these 3*

i = bee u = do ü = *tongue positioned as i and lips formed as u, no competible word*
yi wu yu *and 5 more combinations are used* nü, lü, ju, qu, xu

a = pa o = law e = up

e = let (*When next to i or ü*) ie = yes üe = *no competible word*
ye yue *and nüe, lüe, jue, que, xue*

ai = pie ei = pay ao = out ou = go

an = on en = bun ang = pa-ng eng = lung ong = long

4 tones *illustration:*

Hi guy, I buy.

hāi gái ǎi bài *Chinese Phonetic symbol*

high rise low drop *Pitch level*

La Mi-La Do La-Do *Music scale, Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti*

look at a clock, say:

12 10 6 2