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Mandarin Sounds - The word for **"good"** in Mandarin Chinese is spelled **"hao"** using the Pinyin system. To learn how to pronounce it, find **"H"** in to top row of this chart. Find **"AO"** in either the left or right column. Then locate where the column and row intersect and you will see it is pronounced **"how."**

	A	B	C	CH	D
A	ah	bah	tsah	chah	dah
AI	eye	buy	tsigh	chigh	die
AN	ahn	bahn	tsahn	chahn	dahn
ANG	ahng	bahng	tsahng	chahng	dahng
AO	ow	bow	tsow	chow	dow
E	.	.	tsuh	chuh	duh
EI	.	bay	.	.	.
EN	.	bin	tswun	chun	.
ENG	.	buung	tsuung	chuung	duung
ER
I	.	bee	tsu	chr	dee
IA
IAN	.	bee·in	.	.	dee·in
IANG
IAO	.	bee·ow	.	.	dee·ow
IE	.	bee·eh	.	.	dee·eh
IN	.	bin	.	.	.
ING	.	beeng	.	.	deeng
IONG
IU	deo/dew
O	.	bwoh	.	.	.
ONG	.	.	tsoong	choong	doong
OU	.	.	tsoe	choe	doe
U	.	buu	tsu	chuu	duu
UA	.	.	.	chwah	.
UAI	.	.	.	chwie	.
UAN	.	.	tswahn	chwahn	dwahn
UANG	.	.	.	chwahng	.
UE
UI	.	.	tsway	chway	dway
UN	.	.	tswun	chwun	dwun
UO	.	.	tswaw	chwaw	dwaw

	E	F	G	H	J
A	·	fah	gah	hah	·
AI	·	·	guy	high	·
AN	·	fahn	gahn	hahn	·
ANG	·	fahng	gahng	hahng	·
AO	·	·	gow	how	·
E	uh	·	guh	huh	·
EI	(long.a)	fay	gay	hay	·
EN	un/in	fin	gun	hin	·
ENG	ung	fuung	guung	huung	·
ER	urh	·	·	·	·
I	·	·	·	·	jee
IA	·	·	·	·	jee·ah
IAN	·	·	·	·	jee·in
IANG	·	·	·	·	jee·ahng
IAO	·	·	·	·	jee·ow
IE	·	·	·	·	jee·eh
IN	·	·	·	·	jeen
ING	·	·	·	·	jeeng
IONG	·	·	·	·	jee·ohng
IU	·	·	·	·	jeo/jew
O	·	fwoh	·	·	·
ONG	·	·	goong	hoong	·
OU	·	foe	go	hoe	·
U	·	fuu	guu	huu	juu
UA	·	·	gwah	hwah	·
UAI	·	·	gwie	hwie	·
UAN	·	·	gwahn	hwahn	jwen
UANG	·	·	gwahng	hwahng	·
UE	·	·	·	·	ju·eh
UI	·	·	gway	hway	·
UN	·	·	gwun	hwun	jwin
UO	·	·	gwaw	hwaw	·

	K	L	M	N	O
A	kah	lah	mah	nah	·
AI	kigh	lie	my	nigh	·
AN	kahn	lahn	mahn	nahn	·
ANG	kahng	lahng	mahng	nahng	·
AO	kow	lou	mou	now	·
E	kuh	luh	muh	nuh	·
EI	·	lay	may	nay	·
EN	kin	·	mun	nun	·
ENG	kuung	luung	muung	nuung	·
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	·	lee	me	nee	·
IA	·	lee·ah	·	·	·
IAN	·	lee·in	mee·in	nee·in	·
IANg	·	lee·ahng	·	nee·ahn g	·
IAO	·	lee·ow	mee·ow	nee·ow	·
IE	·	lee·eh	me·eh	nee·eh	·
IN	·	leen	meen	neen	·
ING	·	leeng	meeng	neeng	·
IONg	·	·	·	·	·
IU	·	leo/lew	meo	neo	·
O	·	·	mwoh	·	aw
ONG	koong	loong	·	noong	·
OU	koe	low	moe	no	oh
U	kuu	luu	muu	nuu	·
UA	kwah	·	·	·	·
UAI	kwie	·	·	·	·
UAN	kwahn	lwahn	·	nwahn	·
UANG	kwahng	·	·	·	·
UE	·	lu·eh	·	nu·eh	·
UI	kway	·	·	·	·
UN	kwun	lwun	·	·	·
UO	kwaw	lwaw	·	nwaw	·

	P	Q	R	S	SH
A	pah	·	·	sah	shah
AI	pie	·	·	sigh	shy
AN	pahn	·	rahn	sahn	shahn
ANG	pahng	·	rahng	sahng	shahng
AO	pow	·	rou	saow	shou
E	·	·	ruh	suh	shuh
EI	pay	·	·	·	shay
EN	pin	·	wren	sin	shuun
ENG	puung	·	ruung	suung	shuung
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	pee	tchee	rr	suh	shr
IA	·	tchee·ah	·	·	·
IAN	pee·in	tchee·in	·	·	·
IANG	·	tchee·ahng	·	·	·
IAO	pee·ow	tchee·ow	·	·	·
IE	pee·eh	tchee·eh	·	·	·
IN	peen	tcheen	·	·	·
ING	peeng	tcheeng	·	·	·
IONG	·	·	·	·	·
IU	·	tcheo	·	·	·
O	pwaw	·	·	·	·
ONG	·	·	roong	soong	·
OU	poe	·	roe	sow	show
U	puu	tchu	ruu	suu	shuu
UA	·	·	·	·	shwah
UAI	·	·	·	·	shwie
UAN	·	tchwahn	rwahn	swahn	shwahn
UANG	·	·	·	·	shwahng
UE	·	·	·	·	·
UI	·	·	rway	sway	shway
UN	·	tchwun	rwun	suun	shwun
UO	·	·	rwaw	swaw	shwaw

	T	W	X	Y	Z
A	tah	wah	·	yah	zah
AI	tie	wigh	·	·	zigh
AN	tahn	wahn	·	yahn	zahn
ANG	tahng	wahng	·	yahng	zahng
AO	tou	·	·	yow	zow
E	tuh	·	·	yeh	zuh
EI	·	way	·	·	zay
EN	·	wun	·	·	zen
ENG	tuung	wuung	·	·	zuung
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	tee	·	she	ee	dzuh
IA	·	·	shee·ah	·	·
IAN	tee·in	·	shee·in	·	·
IANG	·	·	shee·ahng	·	·
IAO	tee·ow	·	shee·ow	·	·
IE	tee·eh	·	shee·eh	·	·
IN	·	·	sheen	een	·
ING	teeng	·	sheeng	eeng	·
IONG	·	·	shee·ong	·	·
IU	·	·	sheo	·	·
O	·	waw	·	yaw	·
ONG	toong	·	·	yoong	zoong
OU	toe	·	·	yoe	zoe
U	tuu	wuu	shu	yuu	zuu
UA	·	·	·	·	·
UAI	·	·	·	·	·
UAN	twahn	·	shwen	ywen	zwahn
UANG	·	·	·	·	·
UE	·	·	shu·eh	yu·eh	·
UI	tway	·	·	·	zway
UN	twun	·	shwun	ywun	zwun
UO	twaw	·	·	·	zwaw

	ZH					
A	jah					
AI	jigh					
AN	jahn					
ANG	jahng					
AO	jow					
E	juh					
EI	jay					
EN	jun					
ENG	juung					
ER	.					
I	jr					
IA	.					
IAN	.					
IANG	.					
IAO	.					
IE	.					
IN	.					
ING	.					
IONG	.					
IU	.					
O	.					
ONG	joong					
OU	joe					
U	juu					
UA	jwah					
UAI	jwie					
UAN	jawhn					
UANG	jawhng					
UE	.					
UI	jway					
UN	juwun					
UO	jawaw					

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A

ai\	Eye	love (to)
ai\	eye	short (for people)

B

ba- yue\	bah yu-eh	August
ba\ ba	bah bah	father
bai/	buy	white
bai/ zhi\	buy jr	paper, white
bai\ huo\ gong- si-	buy hwaw goong dzuh	department store
ban\	bahn	half
ban\	bahn	handle (to)
ban\	bahn	manage (to)
ban\ ge zhong- tou/	bahn guh joong toe	half an hour of time
ban\ gong- shi\	bahn goong shr	office
ban\	bahn	board
ban\ ca-	bahn tsah	eraser for blackboard
bei\	bay	north
bei\ bian-	bay bee-in	north side
Bei\ mei\ zhou-	bay may joe	North America
ben\	bin	copy (of a book)
ben\	bin	foundation
ben\	bin	origin
ben\	bin	root
ben\	bin	volume (of books)
ben\ zi\	ben dzuh	notebook
bi/ zi\	bee dzuh	nose
bi\	bee	pen, pencil, marker
bi\ ji\ ben\	bee jee ben	notebook
bi\ jiao\	bee jee-ow	comparatively
bian-	bee-in	edge
bian-	bee-in	side
bing\ gan-	beeng gahn	cookie, cracker
bo- cai\	bwoh tsigh	spinach
bo/ zi\	bwoh dzuh	neck
bu/ cuo\	buu tswaw	not bad, so-so
bu/ dui\	buu dway	incorrect
bu/ dui\	buu dway	wrong
Bu/ ke\ qi\.	buu kuh tchee	You're welcome.
bu/ lun\ ... dou-	buu lwun ... doe	no matter (choice between two things)
(hao\)	(how)	

bu/ shi\	buu shr	be, not (to)
bu/ shi\ zhen- de	buu shr jun duh	true, is not
bu/ tai\	buu tie	not very, not too
Bu/ xie\.	buu she-eh	No thanks.
bu/ yao\	buu yow	want, don't
bu/ yao\ qian/	buu yow tchee-in	free (not have cost)
bu\	buu	no, not
bu\	buu	region
bu\ dou-	buu doe	not both
bu\ hao\	buu how	good, not
bu\ xi\ huan-	buu she hwahn	like, don't
bu\ xing/	buu sheeng	do, won't; not OK
bu\ yi/ yang\	buu ee yahng	different
C		
ca-	tsah	wipe (to)
can- jin- zhi\	tsahn jeen jr	napkin
can- ting-	tsahn teeng	restaurant
can\ dang-	tsahn dahng	menu
cha- zi	chah dzuh	fork
cha/	chah	tea
chang/	chahng	long
chang/ (chang/)	chahng chahng	often
chang/ fang- xing/	chahng fahng	rectangle
	sheeng	
chang/ ku\	chahng kuu	pants, long
Chao/ xian-	chow shee-in	Korea
Chao/ xian- ren/	chow shee-inn	Korean people
	wren	
chao\ fan\	chow fahn	rice, fried
chao\ qing- cai\	chow tcheeng tsigh	vegetables, stir-fry
che-	chuh	cart
che-	chuh	vehicle
che- zi	chuh dzuh	automobile
che- zi	chuh dzuh	car
chen\ shan-	chun shahn	shirt, blouse
cheng/	chuung	city
cheng/ xian\	chuung shee-in	Orange County
chi-	chr	eat (to)
chi- fan\	chr fahn	eat food, eat a meal (to)
chi- wan\ fan\	chr wahn fahn	eat dinner
chi- wu\ fan\	chr wuu fahn	eat lunch
chi- zao\ fan\	chr zow fahn	eat breakfast
chi\	chr	ruler

chu- chai-	chuu chigh	go out of town on business (to)
chu- qu	chuu tchu	go out (to)
chuan-	chwahn	wear clothes (to)
chuan/	chwahn	ship, boat
chuang- hu\	chwahng huu	window
chun- tian-	chwun tee-in	spring season
cong-	tsoong	onion, green
cong- ming	tsoong meeng	clever
cong- ming	tsoong meeng	intelligent
cong/	tsoong	from
cong/ ... lai/	tsoong ... lie	come from
cong/ ... qu\	tsoong ... tchu	go from
cuo\	tswaw	incorrect
cuo\	tswaw	wrong

D

da\	dah	big
da\	dah	large
da\ hai\	dah high	ocean, big
da\ men/	dah mun	gate, main
da\ shi\ guan\	dah shr gwahn	embassy
da\ tui\	dah tway	thigh
da\	dah	hit
da\ dian\ hua\	dah dee-in hwah	telephone call, make a (to)
da\ ling\ dai\	dah leeng die	necktie
da\ qiu/	dah tcheo	play ball
da\ ren/	dah wren	hit (someone), spank
dai\	die	bring (to)
dai\	die	put on accessories (to)
dao-	dow	knife
dao- zi	dow dzuh	knife
dao\	dow	go to (to)
dao\ (place) lai/	dow ... lie	come to (place)
dao\ (place) qu\	dow ... tchu	go to (place)
dao\ zi\	dow dzuh	rice plant
De/ guo/	duh gwaw	Germany
De/ guo/ ren/	duh gwaw wren	German people
deng\	duung	wait (to)
di\ (number) ke\	dee (number) kuh	lesson (number)
di\ di	dee dee	brother, younger
di\ fang-	dee fahng	place
di\ tu/	dee tuu	map
dian\ che-	dee-in chuh	vehicle, electric; trolley

dian\ hua\	dee-in hwah	bus
dian\ nao\	dee-in now	telephone
dian\ nao\ cheng/ shi\	dee-in now chuung	computer (electric brain)
she\ ji\ shi-	shr shuh jee shr	computer programmer
dian\ ying\	dee-in eeng	movie
dian\	dee-in	dot
dian\ (zhong-)	dee-in joong	hour
dian\ (zhong-)	dee-in joong	o'clock
(number) dian\	dee-in ... fin	time (number hour:
(number) fen-		number minutes)
(number) dian\	dee-in ... kuh	(number) hour (number)
(number) ke\		quarter
(number) dian\ ban\	dee-in bahn joong	half past ...
(zhong-)		
dian\ ban\	dee-in bahn	half past hour
dian\ cai\	dee-in tsigh	order food (to)
dian\ xin-	dee-in sheen	dessert
dian\ xin-	dee-in sheen	snack, dim sum
ding\ shu- ji-	deeng shuu jee	stapler
ding\ wei\	deeng way	reservation, make a (to)
dong-	doong	east
Dong- bei\	doong bay	Manchuria (east north)
dong- bian-	doong bee-in	east side
dong- tian-	doong tee-in	winter season
dong- xi	doong	thing
dong\	doong	understand (to)
dou-	doe	all
dou-	doe	both
dou-	doe	entirely
dou\ ban\ yu\	doe bahn yuu	carp with hot bean sause
dou\ fu\	doe fuu	beancurd
duan\	dwahn	short (length, for things)
duan\ ku\	dwahn kuu	pants, short
dui\	dway	correct!, right!
Dui\ bu\ qi\.	dway buu tchee	Excuse me. I'm sorry.
dui\ hua\	dway hwah	dialog
dui\ le	dway luh	correct!, right!
duo-	dwaw	many
duo-	dwaw	much
duo- shao	dwaw shou	how many?
duo- shao	dwaw shou	how much?
duo- shao\ hao\	dwaw shou how	how many? (quantity)

duo- shao\ qian/ E	dwaw shou tchee—in how much money?	
E\ guo/	uh gwaw	Russia
E\ guo/ ren/	uh gwaw wren	Russian people
er/ zi	urh dzuh	son
er\ yue\	urh yu—eh	February
er\ duo—	urh dwaw	ear
F		
Fa\ guo/	fah gwaw	France
Fa\ guo/ ren/	fah gwaw wren	French people
fan- qie/	fahn tchee—eh	tomato
fan- qie/ jiang\	fahn tchee—eh jee— ahng	ketchup
fan/ chuan/	fahn chwahn	sailboat
fan\	fahn	food
fan\	fahn	rice, cooked
fan\ guan\	fahn gwahn	restaurant
fan\	fahn	turn over (to)
fang- fa\	fahng fah	means
fang- fa\	fahng fah	method
fang- fa\	fahng fah	way
fang- xiang\	fahng shee-ahng	direction
fang- xing/	fahng sheeng	square
fang/ zi	fahng dzuh	house
fei- ji-	fay jee	airplane
fei- ji- piao\	fay jee pee—ow	airplane ticket
Fei- zhou—	fay joe	Africa
fen—	fin	cent, penny
fen—	fin	part
fen- (zhong-)	fin joong	minutes
fen\ hong/ se\	fin hoong suh	pink color
fu/ wu\ sheng—	fuu wuu shuang	waiter
fu\ qian/	fuu tchee—in	pay money to (to)
G		
gang- bi\	gahng bee	pen, fountain
gao—	gow	high
gao—	gow	tall
gao- xing\	gow sheeng	happy (to be)
gao\ su\	gow suu	tell (to)
ge- bei	guh bay	arm
ge- bo	guh bwoh	arm
ge- ge	guh guh	brother, older
gei\	gay	give (to)

gen–	gun	with, follow
gen– (someone) jie\	gun ... jee-eh	borrow from (someone)
gen– wo\ lai/	gun waw lie	(to)
gong–	goong	follow me
gong–	goong	labor
gong– bao\ ji– ding–	goong bow jee deeng	work
		chicken, diced with
		paprikas
gong– cheng/ shi–	goong chuung shr	engineer
gong– fu	goong fuu	time, leisure
gong– gong\ qi\ che–	goong goong tchee	bus, public
	chuh	
gong– ren/	goong wren	worker
gong– si–	goong suh	company
gong– yuan/	goong ywen	park
gong– zuo\	goong zwaw	job
gong– zuo\	goong zwaw	work
gua– feng–	gwah fuung	wind blow
Guang\ dong–	gwahng doong	Canton
gui\	gway	expensive
Gui\ xing\?	gway sheeng	What is your name?
guo/	gwaw	country
guo/	gwaw	nation
guo/ jia–	gwaw jee–ah	hometown
guo\	gwaw	pass, exceed, crossover
		(to)
guo\ zhi–	gwaw jr	fruit juice
H		
hai/	high	additionally, in addition
hai/	high	more
hai/	high	still
hai/ mei/ (verb) ne	high may ... nuh	still not yet (verb)
hai/ mei/ you\	high may yoe	have, still don't
hai/ shi	high shr	or (still is)
hai/ yao\	high yow	want, still
hai/ you\	high yoe	have, still
hai/ zi	high dzuh	children
hai\	high	ocean
(hai\) yang/	high yahng	ocean
hai\ bian–	high bee–in	beach
Han/ guo/	hahn gwaw	Korea
Han/ guo/ ren/	hahn gwaw wren	Korean people
han\	hahn	and

Hao/ jiu\ bu/ jian\	how jeo buu jee—in	Haven't seen you for a long time. (good long time no see)
hao/ you/ niu/ rou\	how yoe neo roe	beef with oyster sauce
hao\	how	day of the month
hao\ ma\	how mah	number
hao\	how	good, well, fine, OK
hao\ chi—	how chr	delicious
hao\ kan\	how kahn	good-looking (to be)
Hao\ ma?	how mah	OK?
he—	huh	drink (to)
he— tang—	huh tahng	eat or drink soup
hei—	hay	black color
hei— bai/	hay buy	black and white
hei— ban\	hay bahn	blackboard
hen\	hin	rather, really
hen\	hin	very
hen\ duo—	hin dwaw	very many
hong/	hoong	red
hong/ lu\ deng—	hoong luu duung	traffic lights
hong/ luo/ bo/	hoong lwaw bwoh	carrot
hong/ se\	hoong suh	red color
hou\	hoe	rear
hou\ bian—	hoe bee—in	back of edge, in
hou\ mian\	hoe mee—in	back of surface, in
hou\ mian\	hoe mee—in	behind
hou\ nian/	hoe nee—in	year, two from now
hou\ tian—	hoe tee—in	day, after tomorrow
hou\ tou	hoe toe	back of, in
hu/	huu	lake
Hu/ bei\	huu bay	Hupeh province (lake north)
hu/ jiao— fen\	huu jee—ow fin	pepper
Hu/ nan/	huu nahn	Hunan province (lake south)
hu\ shi\	huu shr	nurse
hu\ zhao\	huu jow	passport
hua—	hwah	flower
hua\	hwah	language (used after country name)
hua\	hwah	speech
huang/ se\	hwahng suh	yellow color
hui/ jia—	hway jee—ah	return home (to)

hui/ lai/	hway lie	return, come back (to)
hui/ wen/ zhen—	hway wun jun	clip, paper
hui\	hway	able to
hui\	hway	can
hui\	hway	know how (to)
huo\ shi\	hwaw shr	or
huo\	hwaw	fire
huo\ che—	hwaw chuh	train
huo\ che— zhan\	hwaw chuh jahn	train station
J		
ji—	jee	chicken
ji— dan\	jee dahn	egg
ji\ suan\ ji—	jee swahn jee	calculator (counting machine)
ji\	jee	how many (less than ten)
Ji\ dian\ zhong—?	jee dee—in joong	What time (is it)?
ji\ ge\	jee guh	how many things?
ji\ wei\	jee way	how many people?
jia—	jee—ah	home
jia— ren/	jee—ah wren	family
jian\	jee—in	meet (people)
jian\	jee—in	see (people)
jiang—	jee—ahng	ginger
jiang\ (shuo—)	jee—ahng shwaw	speak
jiao— shui\	jee—ow shway	glue
jiao\	jee—ow	called (to be)
jiao\ shi\	jee—ow shr	classroom
jiao\	jee—ow	feet
jiao\	jee—ow	horn
jiao\ ta\ che—	jee—ow tah chuh	bicycle
jie—	jee—eh	street
jie/ hun—	jee—eh hwun	married (to be)
jie\ gei\	jee—eh gay	lend (to)
jie\ mo	jee—eh mwoh	mustard, ground
jie\ shao\	jee—eh shou	introduce (to)
jie\ jie	jee—eh jee—eh	sister, older
jin— nian/	jeen nee—in	year, this
jin— tian—	jeen tee—in	day, this
jin— tian—	jeen tee—in	today
jin\ lai/	jeen lie	recently
jing\ zi	jeeng dzuh	mirror
jing\ cha/	jeeng chah	policeman

jiu\	jeo	definitely
jiu\	jeo	indeed
jiu\	jeo	merely
jiu\	jeo	old
jiu\	jeo	only
jiu\	jeo	precisely
jiu\	jeo	used
jiu\ dao\ le	jeo dow luh	arrive, then
jiu\ yue\	jeo yu—eh	September
ju/ se\	juu suh	orange (color)
K		
ka— fei—	kah fay	coffee
kai—	kigh	drive (to)
kai—	kigh	open (to)
kai—	kigh	turn on (to)
kai— hui\	kigh hway	meeting, attend a (to)
kan\	kahn	look (to)
kan\ dao\	kahn dow	catch sight of (to)
kan\ kan\	kahn kahn	look at, take a
kan\ qi\ lai	kahn tchee lie	appear (to)
kan\ shu—	kahn shuu	read books
ke\ ai\	kuh eye	cute
ke\ ai\	kuh eye	lovely
ke\ le\	kuh luh	cola
ke\ shi\	huh shr	but
ke\ yi\	kuh ee	can
ke\ yi\	kuh ee	may
ke\ yi\	kuh ee	permission
Ke\ yi\ ma?	kuh ee mah	Is it all right?
kong— zhong— xiao\	koong joong shee-ow	stewardess
jie\	jee-eh	
kou\	koe	entrance
kou\	koe	mouth
kou\	koe	opening
ku\ zi\	kuu dzuh	pants
kuai\	kwie	dollar, (measure for money)
kuai\	kwie	fast
kuai\	kwie	lump
kuai\	kwie	piece
kuai\	kwie	quick
kuai\ ji\ shi—	kwie jee shr	C.P.A., certified public accountant

kuai\ zi	kwie dzuh	chopsticks
kuan–	kwahn	wide
L		
lai/	lie	come, come here (to)
lan/	lahn	blue
lan/ se\	lahn suh	blue color
lao\ ban\	lou bahn	boss
lao\ shi–	lou shr	teacher
lei\	lay	tired (to be)
leng\	luung	cold
leng\ qi\	luung tchee	air, cold
li\	lee	force
li\	lee	power
li\	lee	strength
li\	lee	inside
li\ bai\ (xing– qi/)	lee buy	week
li\ bian–	lee bee–in	inside edge
li\ mian\	lee mee–in	inside surface
li\ tou	lee toe	inside
li\ wu\	lee wuu	gift
li\ wu\	lee wuu	present
lian\	lee–in	face
liang/ kuai\	lee–ahng kwie	cool, comfortably
liang\	lee–ahng	bright, shining
liang\	lee–ahng	couple, a
liang\	lee–ahng	pair, a
liang\	lee–ahng	two of
liang\ ge\	lee–ahng guh	two of ... (measure)
lin/	leen	forest
ling\ dai\	leeng die	tie
liu/ xia\	leo shee-ah	leave (to)
liu\ yue\	leo yu–eh	June
liu\ ding–	leo deeng	orange (fruit)
liu\ ding– zhi–	leo deeng jr	orange juice
lu\	luu	road
lu\ ren/	luu wren	stranger, wayfarer
lu\ se\	luu suh	green color
lu\ shi–	luu shr	attorney
lu\ shi–	luu shr	lawyer
lu\ yin– dai\	luu een die	cassette tape
lu\ ying\ dai\	luu eeng die	videotape
lu\ xing/	luu sheeng	travel (to)
M		

ma— ma	mah mah	mother
ma\	mah	horse
ma\ che—	mah chuh	horsecart
ma\ ling/ shu\	mah leeng shuu	potato
ma\ ma\ hu— hu—	mah mah huu huu	so—so
mai\	my!	sell (to)
mai\	my	buy (to)
mai\ gei\	my gay	bought for
mai\ gei\ wo\	my gay waw	bought and gave to me
man\ yi\ dian\	mahn ee dee—in	slower, be
mang/	mahng	busy (to be)
mao/	mou	dime
mao/	mou	feather
mao/	mou	fur
mao/	mou	hair, body
mao/ bi\	mou bee	brush for writing
mao/ yi—	mou ee	sweater
mao\ zi\	mou dzuh	hat, cap
mei/	may	not, not yet
mei/ mao/	may mou	eyebrow
mei/ you\	may yoe	have, don't (negates completed action)
mei/ you\ wen\ ti/	may yoe wun tee	problem, no
mei/ you\ wen\ ti/	may yoe wun tee	question, no
mei\ mei	may may	sister, younger
mei\	may	beautiful
mei\	may	each, every
Mei\ guo/	may gwaw	America
Mei\ guo/	may gwaw	United States
Mei\ guo/ ren/	may gwaw wren	American people
men/	mun	door
men/	mun	gate
mi/ lu\	me luu	lost, become (to)
mi\ shu—	me shuu	secretary
mi\	me	rice, uncooked
mi\ fan\	me fahn	rice, cooked
mian\	mee—in	noodles
mian\	mee—in	surface
mian\ bao—	mee—in bow	bread
mian\ fen\	mee—in fin	flour
miao\ (zhong—)	mee—ow joong	seconds
ming/	meeng	bright
ming/ nian/	meeng nee—in	year, next

ming/ pian\	meeng pee-in	card, business
ming/ tian-	meeng tee-in	day, tomorrow
Ming/ tian- jian\.	meeng tee-in jee-in	See you tomorrow.
ming/ zi\	meeng dzuh	name, first
mo\	mwoh	ink stick
mo\ shui\	mwoh shway	ink
Mo\ xi- ge-	mwoh she guh	Mexico
Mo\ xi- ge- ren/	mwoh she guh wren	Mexican people
mu\	muu	eye
mu\	muu	tree
mu\	muu	wood
N		
na\	nah	that
na\ li\	nah lee	there
na\	nah	what?
na\	nah	which
na\ ge	nah guh	which one
na\ li\	nah lee	where?
na\ xie-	nah shee-eh	which (plural)
nai\	nigh	milk
niu/ nai\	neo nigh	milk, cow's
nan/	nahn	south
nan/ bian-	nahn bee-in	south side
nan/ hai/ zi	nahn high dzuh	boy
Nan/ mei\ zhou-	nahn may joe	South America
nan/ peng/ you\	nahn puung yoe	boyfriend
nar\	nahr	there
nar\	nahr	where?
ne	nuh	How about ...?
		(question particle; used at end of sentence)
nei\	nay	that
nei\ yi- ku\	nay ee kuu	underwear
nei\	nay	what?
nei\	nay	which
neng/	nuung	be able to (to)
ni\	nee	you (singular)
Ni\ da\ zuo\ le.	Nee dah zwaw luh	You dialed the wrong number.
ni\ de	nee duh	your (singular)
ni\ men/	nee mun	you (plural)
ni\ men/ de	nee mun duh	your (plural)
Ni\ ne?	nee nuh	How about you?

ni\ zì\ jì\	nee dzuh jee	yourself
nian/	nee—in	year
nin/	neen	you (polite)
ning/ meng/	neeng muung	lemon
niu/	neo	cow
niu/	neo	ox
niu/ nai\	neo nigh	milk, cow's
niu/ you/	neo yoe	butter
nu\	nuu	female
nu\ er/	nuu urh	daughter
nu\ hai/ (zi)	nuu high dzuh	girl
nu\ peng/ you\	nuu puung yoe	girlfriend
nu\ ren/	nuu wren	woman
nuan\ huo/	nwahn hwaw	warm
O		
Ou—zhou—	oh joe	Europe
P		
pan/ zi	pahn dzuh	plate
peng/ you\	puung yoe	friend
pi/	pee	leather
pi/ bao—	pee bow	purse
pi/ dai\	pee die	belt, leather
pi/ jia/ zi\	pee jee—ah dzuh	wallet, leather
pi/ xie/	pee she—eh	shoes, leather
pian/ yi	pee—in ee	cheap
piao\ liang	pee—ow lee—ahng	smart
piao\ liang\	pee—ow lee—ahng	pretty
pin—pan/	peen pahn	fish, assorted cold
ping/ guo\	peeng gwaw	apple
ping/ guo\ zhi—	peeng gwaw jr	apple juice
pu/ tao/	puu tou	grapes
pu/ tou/ you\	puu toe yoe	grapefruit
Q		
qi—yue\	tchee yu—eh	July
qi/	tchee	ride astride (to)
qi\ che—	tchee chuh	vehicle
qi\ shui\	tchee shway	soda
qi\ chuang/	tchee chwahng	get up from bed
qian—bi\	tchee—in bee	pencil
qian—zheng\	tchee—in juung	visa
qian/	tchee—in	front
qian/	tchee—in	money
qian/ bian—	tchee—ah bee—in	front of edge, in

qian/ mian\ qian/ nian/ qian/ tian– qian/ tou qiao\ ke\ li\ qing– cai\ qing– chen/	tchee–ah mee–in tchee–in nee–in tchee–in tee–in tchee–ah toe tchee–ow kuh lee tcheeng tsigh tcheeng chun	front of surface, in year, two ago day, before yesterday front of, in chocolate vegetable morning, early 3am to 6 am
qing\ qing\ qing\ qing\ Qing\ wen\ qiu– tian– qu\ qu\ nian/ qu\ wan/	tcheeng tcheeng tcheeng tcheeng tcheeng wun tcheo tee–in tchuu tchuu nee–in tchu wahn	ask (to) invite (to) please request (to) May I ask? autumn, fall season go, go there (to) year, last go play, go out and have fun (to)
qun/ zi\ R	tchwun dzuh	skirt
re\ ren/ ren/ ren/ ren/ li\ che– ren\ shi\ ri\ Ri\ ben\ Ri\ ben\ ren/ Ri\ wen/	ruh wren wren wren wren lee chuh wren shr rr rr bin rr bin wren rr wun	hot man people person ricksha know someone (to) sun Japan Japanese people Japanese language, literature
S san– jiao\ xing/ san– ke\ (zhong–) san– yue\ sha– la– shan– Shan– dong– shan– shang\ Shan– xi– shang– ren/	sahn jee–ow sheeng sahn kuh joong sahn yu–eh shah lah shahn shahn doong shahn shahng shahn she shahng wren	triangle quarter hour, third March salad mountain, hill Shantung province (mountains east) mountain, on the Shansi province (mountains west) businessman

shang\	shahng	ascend (to)
shang\	shahng	get on (to)
shang\	shahng	go up (to)
shang\	shahng	to (go)
shang\	shahng	top
shang\ ban-	shahng bahn	go to work (to)
shang\ ban-	shahng bahn	office, go to (to)
shang\ ban-	shahng bahn	on duty, go (to)
shang\ bian-	shahng bee-in	above edge
shang\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\)	shahng guh sheeng tchee week, last / lee buy	
shang\ ge yue\	shahng guh yu-eh	month, last
shang\ ke\	shahng kuh	go to class (to)
shang\ mian\	shahng mee-in	above surface
shang\ shang\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\)	shahng shahng guh sheeng tchee / lee buy	week, two ago
shang\ shang\ ge yue\	shahng shahng guh yu- eh	month, two ago
shang\ tou	shahng toe	above, upper part
shang\ wu\	shahng wuu	noon, before 9 am to 11 am
shao\	shou	few
shao\	shou	little
shei/	shay	who
shei/ de	shay duh	whose
shen- ti\	shuun tee	body
shen- ti\ hao\	shuun tee how	healthy (for people)
shen/ me	shuun muh	what?
shen/ me shi/ hou\	shuun muh shr hoe	when?
shen/ mo	shuun-mwoh	what?
sheng-	shuung	birth to, give (to)
sheng-	shuung	born (to be)
sheng- ri\	shuung ruh	birthday
sheng- ri\ kuai\ le\	shuung rr kwie luh	birthday, happy
sheng- zi\	shuung dzuh	vocabulary
shi/ er\ yue\	shr urh yu-eh	December
shi/ hou	shr hoe	time (by clock or calendar)
shi/ yi- yue\	shr ee yu-eh	November
shi/ yue\	shr yu-eh	October
shi/ zi\ lu\ kou\	shr dzuh luu koe	crossroad junction
shi\	shr	be (to), am, is, are, was, were
shi\	shr	yes (in response to are)

shi\ a!	shr ah	you...?)
shi\ wu\ suoV	shr wuu swaw	yes
		office (for lawyer, accountant)
shouV	show	hand
shouV biaoV	show bee-ow	watch
shouV gong-	show goong	handicraft
shouV tao\	show tou	gloves
shouV zhiV	show jr	finger
shu-	shuu	book
shu- cai\	shuu tsigh	vegetable
shu- fu/	shuu fuu	comfortable
shu\	shuu	tree
shu\ ye\ (zi)	shuu yeh dzuh	tree leaf
shui\ jiao\	shway jee-ow	sleep (to)
shui\ wuV jiao\	shway wuu jee-ow	take a nap (to)
shuiV	shway	water
shuiV guoV	shway gwaw	fruit
shuo-	shwaw	say (to)
shuo-	shwaw	speak (to)
shuo-	shwaw	talk (to)
si\ ji\	suh jee	seasons, four (of the year)
si\ yue\	suh yu-eh	April
song\	soong	give a gift (to)
Su- lian/	suu lee-in	Russia
Su- lian/ ren/	suu lee-in wren	Russian people
su\ cai\	suu tsigh	vegetable dish
su\ jiao- dai\	suu jee-ow die	plastic bag (Taiwan)
su\ liao\ dai\	suu lee-ow die	plastic bag (China)
suan\	swahn	garlic
suoV yiV	swaw ee	so
suoV yiV	swaw ee	therefore
T		
ta-	tah	he, him, she, her, it
ta- de	tah duh	his, hers, its
ta- men/	tah mun	they, them
ta- men/ de	tah mun duh	their
ta- zi\ jiV	tah dzuh jee	himself, herself
tai\	tie	too
tai\ bang\ le	tie bahng luh	great
tai\ lengV	tie luung	cold, too
tai\ re\	tie ruh	hot, too

tai\ tai	tie tie	wife, Mrs.
tai\ wan\	tie wahn	late, too
tai\ yang/	tie yahng	sun
tang- chi/	tahng chr	spoon
tang/	tahng	sugar, candy
tao/ zi\	tou dzuh	peach
tian-	tee-in	day
tian-	tee-in	sky
tian- qi\	tee-in tchee	weather
tian- tian-	tee-in tee-in	day, every
tian/	tee-in	field, farmland
tian/ dian\	tee-in dee-in	dessert (sweet)
tong/ xue/	toong shu-eh	classmate
tou/	toe	head
tou/ fa\	toe fah	hair
tu\	tuu	dust
tu\	tuu	earth
tu\	tuu	soil
tui\	tway	leg
W		
wa\ zi\	wah dzuh	socks
wai\	wigh	outside
wai\ bian-	wigh bee-in	outside edge
wai\ guo/	wigh gwaw	foreign country
wai\ mian\	wigh mee-in	outside surface
wai\ tou	wigh toe	outside
wan/	wahn	fun, have (to)
wan/	wahn	play, (to)
wan\	wahn	bowl
wan\	wahn	late (to be)
wan\ fan\	wahn fahn	dinner
wan\ shang\	wahn shahng	evening 6 pm to 11 pm
wang/	wahng	king
wang\ (ji\)	wahng jee	forget (to)
wang\ le	wahng luh	forgot
wang\	wahng	toward
wei/ jin-	way jeen	scarf
wei\	way	hello (to answer phone)
wei\ shenme/	way shuun mah	why (used at beginning of sentence)
wen/	wun	language
wen/	wun	literature
wen/	wun	writing

wen\	wun	ask (a question, to)
wen\	wun	inquire (to)
wen\ ti/	wun tee	problem
wen\ ti/	wun tee	question
wo\	waw	I, me
Wo\ bu\ zhi- dao\.	waw buu jr dow	I don't know.
wo\ de	waw duh	my, mine
wo\ men/	waw mun	we, us
wo\ men/ de	waw mun duh	ours
wo\ zi\ ji\	waw dzuh jee	myself
wu- zi	wuu dzuh	room
wu\ fan\	wuu fahn	lunch
wu\ yue\	wuu yu-eh	May
X		
xi-	she	west
Xi- ban- ya/	she bahn yah	Spain
Xi- ban- ya/ ren/	she bahn yah wren	Spanish people
xi- bian-	she bee-in	west side
xi- gai\	she guy	knee
xi- gua-	she gwah	watermelon
xi- guan\	she gwahn	straw
xi- wang\	she wahng	hope, wish (to)
xi- zhuang-	she jwahng	suit
xi\ huan-	she hwahn	like (to)
xia\	shee-ah	below
xia\	shee-ah	bottom
xia\ ban-	shee-ah bahn	return from work (to)
xia\ bian-	shee-ah bee-in	below edge
xia\ ci\	shee-ah tsu	time, next
xia\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\)	shee-ah guh sheeng tchee / lee buy	week, next
xia\ ge yue\	shee-ah guh yu-eh	month, next
xia\ ke\	shee-ah kuh	dismiss the class (to)
xia\ mian\	shee-ah mee-in	below surface
xia\ tian-	shee-ah tee-in	summer season
xia\ tou	shee-ah toe	below, lower part
xia\ wu\	shee-ah wuu	afternoon 1 pm to 6 pm
xia\ xia\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\)	shee-ah shee-ah guh sheeng tchee / lee buy	week, two from now
xia\ xia\ ge yue\	Shee-ah shee-ah guh yu-eh	month, two from now
xia\ xue\	shee-ah shu-eh	snow
xia\ yu\	shee-ah yuu	rain

xian–	shee–in	first
xian– ... zai\	shee–in ... zigh	first ... and then
xian– sheng–	shee–in shuung	Mister, sir, husband, gentleman
xian\ zai\	shee–in zigh	now
Xian\ zai\ shi\	shee–in zigh shr shuun	Now what time (is it)?
shen/ma shi/ hou\?	mah shr hoe	
Xiang– gang\	shee–ahng gahng	Hong Kong
xiang– jiao–	shee–ahng jee–ow	banana
xiang– su– ya–	shee–ahng suu yah	duckling, crisp pepperskin
xiang\ ... yi/ yang\	shee–ahng ... ee yahng	as same as
xiang\ pi/ ca–	shee–ahng pee tsah	eraser for paper
xiang\	shee–ahng	plan to (to)
xiang\	shee–ahng	think of (to)
xiang\ qi\ lai/ le	shee–ahng tchee lie luh	remember now
xiao– ye\	shee–ow yeh	snack (before bed)
xiao\	shee–ow	small
xiao\ chi–	shee–ow chr	snack (street stand)
xiao\ jie\	shee–ow jee–eh	daughter, little sister
xiao\ jie\	shee–ow jee–eh	girl, young lady
xiao\ jie\	shee–ow jee–eh	Miss, store assistant
xiao\ shi/	shee–ow shr	hour of time
xiao\ tui\	shee–ow tway	calf
xie/ zi\	she–eh dzuh	shoes
xie\ xie	she she–eh	thank you
xie\	she–eh	write (to)
xin–	sheen	heart
xin–	sheen	new
xin\	sheen	letter (as in mail)
xin\ feng–	sheen fuung	envelope
xing– qi/ (li\ bai\)	sheeng tchee	week
xing– qi/ er\ (li\ bai\ er\)	sheeng tchee urh	Tuesday
xing– qi/ liu\ (li\ bai\ liu\)	sheeng tchee leo	Saturday
xing– qi/ san– (li\ bai\ san–)	sheeng tchee sahn	Wednesday
xing– qi/ si\ (li\ bai\ si\)	sheeng tchee suh	Thursday
xing– qi/ tian (li\ bai\ tian)	sheeng tchee tee–in	Sunday

xing- qi/ wu\ (li\ bai\ wu\)	sheeng tchee wuu	Friday
xing- qi/ yi- (li\ bai\ yi-)	sheeng tchee ee	Monday
xing/	sheeng	OK
xing/	sheeng	shape
xing\	sheeng	called (to be)
xing\	sheeng	name, last
xing\	sheeng	named (to be)
xiu- xi	sheo she	rest (to)
xue/	shu-eh	learn, study (to)
xue/ sheng- Y	shu-eh shuung	student, pupil
ya/ chi\	yah chr	teeth
ya/ qian-	yah tchee-in	toothpick
ya/ yi-	yah ee	dentist
Ya\ zhou-	yah joe	Asia
yan/	yahn	salt
yan/	yahn	speech
yan/	yahn	word
yan/ se\	yahn suh	color
yan\ tai/	yahn tie	ink stone
yan\ jing-	yahn jeeng	eye
yan\ jing\	yahn jeeng	eyeglasses
yao\	yow	want (to)
yao\ shi\	yow shr	if
ye\ li\	yeh lee	night 11 pm - 3 am
ye\	yeh	also
ye\	yeh	too
yi- fu/	ee fuu	clothes, dress
yi- ge	ee guh	one of (used with verb to be)
yi- ge yue\	ee guh yu-eh	one month
yi- hui\ er	ee hway urh	moment/little while, in a
yi- sheng-	ee shuung	doctor
yi- yuan\	ee ywen	hospital
yi- yue\	ee yu-eh	January
yi/ gong\	ee goong	altogether
yi/ gong\	ee goong	in all
yi/ ke\ (zhong-)	ee kuh joong	quarter hour, first
yi/ xia\	ee shee-ah	moment/little while, in a
yi/ yang\	ee yahng	alike
yi/ yang\	ee yahng	same
Yi\ da\ li\	ee dah lee	Italy

Yì\ dà\ lì\ rén/	ee dah lee wren	Italian people
yì\ dian\	ee dee-in	little bit, a
yì\ qí\	ee tchee	together
yì\ shuang-	ee shwahng	pair
yì\ hòu\	ee hoe	after, afterwards
yì\ jìng-	ee jeeng	already
yì\ qián\	ee tchee-in	before
Yìn\ dù\	een duu	India
Yìn\ dù\ rén/	een duu wren	Indian people
yìng-	eeng	brave
yìng- gài-	eeng guy	should, ought to
Yìng- guó\	eeng gwaw	England
Yìng- guó\ rén/	eeng gwaw wren	English people
yìng- hàn\ zì\ diàn\	eeng hahn dzuh dee-in	dictionary, English- Chinese
Yìng- wén\	eeng wun	English language, literature
yòng\	yoong	use (to)
you\ piào\	yoe pee-ow	stamp, postage
you\ yòng\	yoe yoong	swim (to)
you\	yoe	again (past)
you\	yoe	also
you\	yoe	right (in direction)
you\ ... you\	yoe ... yoe	both ... and
you\ biān-	yoe bee-in	right side, at the
you\ zhuān\	yoe jwahn	turn right
you\	yoe	have (to)
yú\	yuu	fish
yuan\ xíng\	ywen sheeng	circle
yuan\ zì\ bì\	ywen dzuh bee	pen, ball-point
yuan\ yì\	ywen ee	willing to
yue\	yu-eh	month
yue\	yu-eh	moon
yue\ liáng\	yu-eh lee-ahng	moon
Yue\ nán\	yu-eh nahn	Viet Nam
Yue\ nán\ rén/	yu-eh nahn wren	Vietnamese people
Z		
zài\	zigh	at
zài\	zigh	be at
zài\	zigh	in
zài\	zigh	occupy
zài\	zigh	on
zài\ (place)de	zigh ...duh ...bee-in	direction from one place

(direction)bian-		to another
zai\ ... han\ ...de	zigh ... hahn duh joong	between in, middle
zhong- jian-	jee-in	
zai\ ... hou\ bian-	zigh ... hoe bee-in	back of edge, in; rear
zai\ ... hou\ mian\	zigh ... hoe mee-in	back of surface, in; rear
zai\ ... hou\ tou	zigh ... hoe toe	back of, in; rear
zai\ ... li\ bian-	zigh ... lee bee-in	inside edge
zai\ ... li\ mian\	zigh ... lee mee-in	inside surface
zai\ ... li\ tou	zigh ... lee toe	inside
zai\ ... qian/ bian-	zigh ... tchee-ah bee-in	front of edge, in
zai\ ... qian/ mian\	zigh ... tchee-ah mee-in	front of surface, in
zai\ ... qian/ tou	zigh ... tchee-ah toe	front of, in
zai\ ... shang\ bian-	zigh ... shahng bee-in	above edge
zai\ ... shang\ mian\	zigh ... shahng mee-in	above surface
zai\ ... shang\ tou	zigh ... shahng toe	above, upper part
zai\ ... wai\ bian-	zigh ... wigh bee-in	outside edge
zai\ ... wai\ mian\	zigh ... wigh mee-in	outside surface
zai\ ... wai\ tou	zigh ... wigh toe	outside
zai\ ... xia\ bian-	zigh ... shee-ah bee-in	below edge
zai\ ... xia\ mian\	zigh ... shee-ah mee-in	below surface
zai\ ... xia\ tou	zigh ... shee-ah toe	below, lower part
zai\ ... you\ bian-	zigh ... yoe bee-in	right side, at the
zai\ ... zuo\ bian-	zigh ... zwaw bee-in	left side, at the
Zai\ jian\.	zigh jee-in	Good bye. (again see)
Zai\ jian\.	zigh jee-in	See you again. (again see)
zao\	zow	good morning
zao\ chen/	zow chun	morning 6 am to 9 am
zao\ fan\	zow fahn	breakfast
zen\ ma zou\	zen mah zoe	how do you go, get there
Zen\ me yang\?	zen muh yahng	How about ...?, How's everything?
zhai\	jigh	narrow
zhang-	jahng	flat
zhang\ dan-	jahng dahn	check, bill (restaurant)
zhang\	jahng	grow
zhao\ gu\	jow guu	take care of (to)
zhao\	jow	look for (to)
zhao\	jow	seek (to)
zhao\	jow	visit (to)
zhe\	juh	this

zhe\ ge	juh guh	this one
zhe\ li\	juh lee	here
zhe\ xie—	juh shee—eh	these
zhei\	jay	this
zhei\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	jay guh sheeng tchee / lee buy	week, this
zhei\ ge yue\	jay guh yu—eh	month, this
zhen—	jun	really
zhen— de	jun duh	real, is
zhen— de	jun duh	true, is
Zhen— de ma?	jun duh mah	Is that true?
zhen— shi\	jun shr	really is
zheng\ hao\	juung how	exactly at the right moment
zheng\ zai\	juung zigh	just in the midst of doing something (used before a verb to form a progressive)
zher\	jurh	here
zhi—	jr	juice
zhi— dao\	jr dow	know that ..., know a fact (to)
zhi— piao\	jr pee—ow	check (money)
zhi/ er/	jr urh	nephew
zhi/ nu\	jr nuu	niece
zhi/ ye\ fu\ nu\	jr yeh fuu nuu	woman, career
zhi\	jr	paper
zhi\ shi\	jr shr	just
zhi\ shi\	jr shr	only
zhong—	joong	clock
zhong—	joong	middle
zhong— can—	joong tsahn	Chinese food
Zhong— guo/	joong gwaw	China, Chinese (country)
Zhong— guo/ zi\	joong gwaw dzuh	Chinese character
zhong— jian—	joong jee—in	between in
Zhong— mei\ zhou—	joong may joe	Central America
Zhong— shan—	joong shahn	Sun Yatsen (middle mountain)
zhong— tou/	joong toe	hour of time
Zhong— wen/	joong wun	Chinese language, literature
zhong— wu\	joong wuu	noon time 11 am to 1

zhou–	joe	pm
zhu\	juu	state (political area)
zi\ dian\	dzuh dee–in	bless
zi\ ji\	dzuh jee	dictionary
zi\ xing/ che–	dzuh sheeng chuh	self
zi\	dzuh	bicycle
zi\	dzuh	child
zi\ se\	dzuh suh	son
zou\	zoe	purple color
zou\	zoe	go (to)
zou\ ba	zoe bah	leave (to)
zu–	zuu	let's go
zu\ cheng/	zuu chuung	rent (to)
		form (to), compose, constitute
zui\	zway	most
zui\ jin\	zway jeen	lately
zui\ jin\	zway jeen	recently
zui\ ba–	zway bah	mouth
zuo/ tian–	zwaw tee–in	day, yesterday
zuo\	zwaw	do (to)
zuo\	zwaw	make (to)
zuo\	zwaw	sit (to)
zuo\ fan\	zwaw fahn	cook (to)
zuo\ gong– zuo\	zwaw goong zwaw	work, do (to)
zuo\ ju\ zi	zwaw juu dzuh	make sentence (to)
zuo\ shi\	zwaw shr	work, have a job; handle affairs (to)
zuo\	zwaw	left (in direction)
zuo\ bian–	zwaw bee–in	left side, at the

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able to	hui\	hway
above edge	shang\ bian-	shahng bee-in
above edge	zai\ ... shang\ bian-	zigh ... shahng bee-in
above surface	shang\ mian\	shahng mee-in
above surface	zai\ ... shang\ mian\	zigh ... shahng mee-in
above, upper part	shang\ tou	shahng toe
above, upper part	zai\ ... shang\ tou	zigh ... shahng toe
additionally, in addition	hai/	high
Africa	Fei- zhou-	fay joe
after, afterwards	yi\ hou\	ee hoe
afternoon 1 pm to 6 pm	xia\ wu\	shee-ah wuu
again (past)	you\	yoe
air, cold	leng\ qi\	luung tchee
airplane	fei- ji-	fay jee
airplane ticket	fei- ji- piao\	fay jee pee-ow
alike	yi/ yang\	ee yahng
all	dou-	doe
already	yi\ jing-	ee jeeng
also	ye\	yeh
also	you\	yoe
altogether	yi/ gong\	ee goong
America	Mei\ guo/	may gwaw
American people	Mei\ guo/ ren/	may gwaw wren
and	han\	hahn
appear (to)	kan\ qi\ lai	kahn tchee lie
apple	ping/ guo\	peeng gwaw
apple juice	ping/ guo\ zhi-	peeng gwaw jr
April	si\ yue\	suh yu-eh
arm	ge- bei	guh bay
arm	ge- bo	guh bwoh
arrive, then	jiu\ dao\ le	jeo dow luh
as same as	xiang\ ... yi/ yang\	shee-ahng ... ee yahng

ascend (to)	shang\	shahng
Asia	Ya\ zhou—	yah joe
ask (a question, to)	wen\	wun
ask (to)	qing\	tcheeng
at	zai\	zigh
attorney	lu\ shi—	luu shr
August	ba— yue\	bah yu—eh
automobile	che— zi	chuh dzuh
autumn, fall season	qiu— tian—	tcheo tee—in
B		
back of edge, in	hou\ bian—	hoe bee—in
back of edge, in; rear	zai\ ... hou\ bian—	zigh ... hoe bee—in
back of surface, in	hou\ mian\	hoe mee—in
back of surface, in; rear	zai\ ... hou\ mian\	zigh ... hoe mee—in
back of, in	hou\ tou	hoe toe
back of, in; rear	zai\ ... hou\ tou	zigh ... hoe toe
banana	xiang— jiao—	shee—ahng jee—ow
be (to), am, is, are, was, were	shi\	shr
be able to (to)	neng/	nuung
be at	zai\	zigh
be, not (to)	bu/ shi\	buu shr
beach	hai\ bian—	high bee—in
beancurd	dou\ fu\	doe fuu
beautiful	mei\	may
beef with oyster sauce	hao/ you/ niu/ rou\	how yoe neo roe
before	yi\ qian/	ee tchee—in
behind	hou\ mian\	hoe mee—in
below	xia\	shee—ah
below edge	xia\ bian—	shee—ah bee—in
below edge	zai\ ... xia\ bian—	zigh ... shee—ah bee—in
below surface	xia\ mian\	shee—ah mee—in
below surface	zai\ ... xia\ mian\	zigh ... shee—ah mee—in
below, lower part	xia\ tou	shee—ah toe
below, lower part	zai\ ... xia\ tou	zigh ... shee—ah toe
belt, leather	pi/ dai\	pee die
between in	zhong— jian—	joong jee—in
between in, middle	zai\ ... han\ ...de	zigh ... hahn duh
bicycle	zhong— jian—	joong jee—in
bicycle	jiao\ ta\ che—	jee—ow tah chuh
bicycle	zi\ xing/ che—	dzuh sheeng chuh

big	da\	dah
birth to, give (to)	sheng—	shuung
birthday	sheng— ri\	shuung ruh
birthday, happy	sheng— ri\ kuai\ le\	shuung rr kwie luh
black and white	hei— bai/	hay buy
black color	hei—	hay
blackboard	hei— ban\	hay bahn
bless	zhu\	juu
blue	lan/	lahn
blue color	lan/ se\	lahn suh
board	ban\	bahn
body	shen— ti\	shuun tee
book	shu—	shuu
born (to be)	sheng—	shuung
borrow from (someone) (to)	gen— (someone) jie\	gun ... jee-eh
boss	lao\ ban\	lou bahn
both	dou—	doe
both ... and	you\ ... you\	yoe ... yoe
bottom	xia\	shee—ah
bought and gave to me	mai\ gei\ wo\	my gay waw
bought for	mai\ gei\	my gay
bowl	wan\	wahn
boy	nan/ hai/ zi	nahn high dzuh
boyfriend	nan/ peng/ you\	nahn puung yoe
brave	ying—	eeng
bread	mian\ bao—	mee—in bow
breakfast	zao\ fan\	zow fahn
bright	ming/	meeng
bright, shining	liang\	lee—ahng
bring (to)	dai\	die
brother, older	ge— ge	guh guh
brother, younger	di\ di	dee dee
brush for writing	mao/ bi\	mou bee
bus, public	gong— gong\ qi\	goong goong tchee
	che—	chuh
businessman	shang— ren/	shahng wren
busy (to be)	mang/	mahng
but	ke\ shi\	huh shr
butter	niu/ you/	neo yoe
buy (to)	mai\	my
C		
C.P.A., certified public	kuai\ ji\ shi—	kwie jee shr

accountant		
calculator (counting machine)	ji\ suan\ ji-	jee swahn jee
calf	xiao\ tui\	shee-ow tway
called (to be)	jiao\	jee-ow
called (to be)	xing\	sheeng
can	hui\	hway
can	ke\ yi\	kuh ee
Canton	Guang\ dong-	gwahng doong
car	che- zi	chuh dzuh
card, business	ming/ pian\	meeng pee-in
carp with hot bean sause	dou\ ban\ yu/	doe bahn yuu
carrot	hong/ luo/ bo/	hoong lwaw bwoh
cart	che-	chuh
cassette tape	lu\ yin- dai\	luu een die
catch sight of (to)	kan\ dao\	kahn dow
cent, penny	fen-	fin
Central America	Zhong- mei\ zhou-	joong may joe
cheap	pian/ yi	pee-in ee
check (money)	zhi- piao\	jr pee-ow
check, bill (restaurant)	zhang\ dan-	jahng dahn
chicken	ji-	jee
chicken, diced with paprikas	gong- bao\ ji- ding-	goong bow jee deeng
child	zi\	dzuh
children	hai/ zi	high dzuh
China, Chinese (country)	Zhong- guo/	joong gwaw
Chinese character	Zhong- guo/ zi\	joong gwaw dzuh
Chinese food	zhong- can-	joong tsahn
Chinese language, literature	Zhong- wen/	joong wun
chocolate	qiao\ ke\ li\	tchee-ow kuh lee
chopsticks	kuai\ zi	kwie dzuh
circle	yuan/ xing/	ywen sheeng
city	cheng/	chuung
classmate	tong/ xue/	toong shu-eh
classroom	jiao\ shi\	jee-ow shr
clever	cong- ming	tsoong meeng
clip, paper	hui/ wen/ zhen-	hway wun jun
clock	zhong-	joong
clothes, dress	yi- fu/	ee fuu

coffee	ka- fei-	kah fay
cola	ke\ le\	kuh luh
cold	leng\	luung
cold, too	tai\ leng\	tie luung
color	yan/ se\	yahn suh
come from	cong/ ... lai/	tsoong ... lie
come to (place)	dao\ (place) lai/	dow ... lie
come, come here (to)	lai/	lie
comfortable	shu- fu/	shuu fuu
company	gong- si-	goong suh
comparatively	bi\ jiao\	bee jee-ow
computer (electric brain)	dian\ nao\	dee-in now
computer programmer	dian\ nao\ cheng/ shi\ she\ ji\ shi-	dee-in now chuung shr shuh jee shr
cook (to)	zuo\ fan\	zwaw fahn
cookie, cracker	bing\ gan-	beeng gahn
cool, comfortably	liang/ kuai\	lee-ahng kwie
copy (of a book)	ben\	bin
correct!, right!	dui\	dway
correct!, right!	dui\ le	dway luh
country	guo/	gwaw
couple, a	liang\	lee-ahng
cow	niu/	neo
crossroad junction	shi/ zi\ lu\ kou\	shr dzuh luu koe
cute	ke\ ai\	kuh eye
D		
daughter	nu\ er/	nuu urh
daughter, little sister	xiao\ jie\	shee-ow jee-eh
day	tian-	tee-in
day of the month	hao\	how
day, after tomorrow	hou\ tian-	hoe tee-in
day, before yesterday	qian/ tian-	tchee-in tee-in
day, every	tian- tian-	tee-in tee-in
day, this	jin- tian-	jeen tee-in
day, tomorrow	ming/ tian-	meeng tee-in
day, yesterday	zuo/ tian-	zwaw tee-in
December	shi/ er\ yue\	shr urh yu-eh
definitely	jiu\	jeo
delicious	hao\ chi-	how chr
dentist	ya/ yi-	yah ee
department store	bai\ huo\ gong- si-	buy hwaw goong dzuh
dessert	dian\ xin-	dee-in sheen

dessert (sweet)	tian/ dian\	tee-in dee-in
dialog	dui\ hua\	dway hwah
dictionary	zi\ dian\	dzuh dee-in
dictionary, English-Chinese	ying- han\ zi\ dian\	eeng hahn dzuh dee-in
different	bu\ yi/ yang\	buu ee yahng
dime	mao/	mou
dinner	wan\ fan\	wahn fahn
direction	fang- xiang\	fahng shee-ahng
direction from one place to another	zai\ (place)de (direction)bian-	zigh ...duh ...bee-in
dismiss the class (to)	xia\ ke\	shee-ah kuh
do (to)	zuo\	zwaw
do, won't; not OK	bu\ xing/	buu sheeng
doctor	yi- sheng-	ee shuang
dollar, (measure for money)	kuai\	kwie
door	men/	mun
dot	dian\	dee-in
drink (to)	he-	huh
drive (to)	kai-	kigh
duckling, crisp	xiang- su- ya-	shee-ahng suu yah
pepperskin		
dust	tu\	tuu
E		
each, every	mei\	may
ear	er\ duo-	urh dwaw
earth	tu\	tuu
east	dong-	doong
east side	dong- bian-	doong bee-in
eat (to)	chi-	chr
eat breakfast	chi- zao\ fan\	chr zow fahn
eat dinner	chi- wan\ fan\	chr wahn fahn
eat food, eat a meal (to)	chi- fan\	chr fahn
eat lunch	chi- wu\ fan\	chr wuu fahn
eat or drink soup	he- tang-	huh tahng
edge	bian-	bee-in
egg	ji- dan\	jee dahn
embassy	da\ shi\ guan\	dah shr gwahn
engineer	gong- cheng/ shi-	goong chuung shr
England	Ying- guo/	eeng gwaw
English language, literature	Ying- wen/	eeng wun

English people	Ying- guo/ ren/	eeng gwaw wren
entirely	dou-	doe
entrance	kou\	koe
envelope	xin\ feng-	sheen fuung
eraser for blackboard	ban\ ca-	bahn tsah
eraser for paper	xiang\ pi/ ca-	shee-ahng pee tsah
Europe	Ou- zhou-	oh joe
evening 6 pm to 11 pm	wan\ shang\	wahn shahng
exactly at the right	zheng\ hao\	juung how
moment		
Excuse me. I'm sorry.	Dui\ bu\ qi\.	dway buu tchee
expensive	gui\	gway
eye	mu\	muu
eyebrow	mei/ mao/	may mou
eyeglasses	yan\ jing\	yahn jeeng
eye	yan\ jing-	yahn jeeng
face	lian\	lee-in
F		
family	jia- ren/	jee-ah wren
fast	kuai\	kwie
father	ba\ ba	bah bah
feather	mao/	mou
February	er\ yue\	urh yu-eh
feet	jiao\	jee-ow
female	nu\	nuu
few	shao\	shou
field, farmland	tian/	tee-in
finger	shou\ zhi\	show jr
fire	huo\	hwaw
first	xian-	shee-in
first ... and then	xian- ... zai\	shee-in ... zigh
fish	yu/	yuu
fish, assorted cold	pin- pan/	peen pahn
flat	zhang-	jahng
flour	mian\ fen\	mee-in fin
flower	hua-	hwah
follow me	gen- wo\ lai/	gun waw lie
food	fan\	fahn
force	li\	lee
foreign country	wai\ guo/	wigh gwaw
forest	lin/	leen
forget (to)	wang\ (ji\)	wahng jee
forgot	wang\ le	wahng luh

fork	cha- zi	chah dzuh
form (to), compose, constitute	zu\ cheng/	zuu chuung
foundation	ben\	bin
France	Fa\ guo/	fah gwaw
free (not have cost)	bu/ yao\ qian/	buu yow tchee-in
French people	Fa\ guo/ ren/	fah gwaw wren
Friday	xing- qi/ wu\ (li\ bai\ wu\)	sheeng tchee wuu
friend	peng/ you\	puung yoe
from	cong/	tsoong
front	qian/	tchee-in
front of edge, in	qian/ bian-	tchee-ah bee-in
front of edge, in	zai\ ... qian/ bian-	zigh ... tchee-ah bee- in
front of surface, in	qian/ mian\	tchee-ah mee-in
front of surface, in	zai\ ... qian/ mian\	zigh ... tchee-ah mee- in
front of, in	qian/ tou	tchee-ah toe
front of, in	zai\ ... qian/ tou	zigh ... tchee-ah toe
fruit	shui\ guo\	shway gwaw
fruit juice	guo\ zhi-	gwaw jr
fun, have (to)	wan/	wahn
fur	mao/	mou
G		
garlic	suan\	swahn
gate	men/	mun
gate, main	da\ men/	dah mun
German people	De/ guo/ ren/	duh gwaw wren
Germany	De/ guo/	duh gwaw
get on (to)	shang\	shahng
get up from bed	qi\ chuang/	tchee chwahng
gift	li\ wu\	lee wuu
give a gift (to)	song\	soong
ginger	jiang-	jee-ahng
girl	nu\ hai/ (zi)	nuu high dzuh
girl, young lady	xiao\ jie\	shee-ow jee-eh
girlfriend	nu\ peng/ you\	nuu puung yoe
give (to)	gei\	gay
gloves	shou\ tao\	show tou
glue	jiao- shui\	jee-ow shway
go (to)	zou\	zoe
go from	cong/ ... qu\	tsoong ... tchu

go out (to)	chu- qu	chuu tchu
go out of town on business (to)	chu- chai-	chuu chigh
go play, go out and have fun (to)	qu\ wan/	tchu wahn
go to (place)	dao\ (place) qu\	dow ... tchu
go to (to)	dao\	dow
go to class (to)	shang\ ke\	shahng kuh
go to work (to)	shang\ ban-	shahng bahn
go up (to)	shang\	shahng
go, go there (to)	qu\	tchuu
Good bye. (again see)	Zai\ jian\.	zigh jee-in
good morning	zao\	zow
good, not	bu\ hao\	buu how
good, well, fine, OK	hao\	how
good-looking (to be)	hao\ kan\	how kahn
grapefruit	pu/ tou/ you\	puu toe yoe
grapes	pu/ tao/	puu tou
great	tai\ bang\ le	tie bahng luh
green color	lu\ se\	luu suh
grow	zhang\	jahng
H		
hair	tou/ fa\	toe fah
hair, body	mao/	mou
half	ban\	bahn
half an hour of time	ban\ ge zhong- tou/	bahn guh joong toe
half past hour	dian\ ban\	dee-in bahn
half past ...	(number) dian\	dee-in bahn joong
	ban\ (zhong-)	
hand	shou\	show
handicraft	shou\ gong-	show goong
handle (to)	ban\	bahn
happy (to be)	gao- xing\	gow sheeng
hat, cap	mao\ zi\	mou dzuh
have (to)	you\	yoe
have, don't (negates completed action)	mei/ you\	may yoe
have, still	hai/ you\	high yoe
have, still don't	hai/ mei/ you\	high may yoe
Haven't seen you for a long time. (good long time no see)	Hao/ jiu\ bu/ jian\.	how jeo buu jee-in
he, him, she, her, it	ta-	tah

head	tou/	toe
healthy (for people)	shen– ti\ hao\	shuun tee how
heart	xin–	sheen
hello (to answer phone)	wei\	way
here	zher\	jurh
here	zhe\ li\	juh lee
high	gao–	gow
himself, herself	ta– zi\ ji\	tah dzuh jee
his, hers, its	ta– de	tah duh
hit	da\	dah
hit (someone), spank	da\ ren/	dah wren
home	jia–	jee–ah
homeland	guo/ jia–	gwaw jee–ah
Hong Kong	Xiang– gang\	shee–ahng gahng
hope, wish (to)	xi– wang\	she wahng
horn	jiao\	jee–ow
horse	ma\	mah
horsecart	ma\ che–	mah chuh
hospital	yi– yuan\	ee ywen
hot	re\	ruh
hot, too	tai\ re\	tie ruh
hour	dian\ (zhong–)	dee–in joong
(number) hour (number)	(number) dian\	dee–in ...kuh
quarter	(number) ke\	
hour of time	xiao\ shi/	shee–ow shr
hour of time	zhong– tou/	joong toe
house	fang/ zi	fahng dzuh
How about you?	Ni\ ne?	nee nuh
How about ...?	ne	nuh
(question particle; used at end of sentence)		
How about ...?, How's everything?	Zen\ me yang\?	zen muh yahng
how do you go, get there	zen\ ma zou\	zen mah zoe
how many (less than ten)	ji\	jee
how many people?	ji\ wei\	jee way
how many things?	ji\ ge\	jee guh
how many?	duo– shao	dwaw shou
how many? (quantity)	duo– shao\ hao\	dwaw shou how
how much money?	duo– shao\ qian/	dwaw shou tchee–in
how much?	duo– shao	dwaw shou

Hunan province (lake south)	Hu/ nan/	huu nahn
Hupeh province (lake north)	Hu/ bei\	huu bay
I		
I don't know.	Wo\ bu\ zhi- dao\.	waw buu jr dow
I, me	wo\	waw
if	yao\ shi\	yow shr
in	zai\	zigh
in all	yi/ gong\	ee goong
incorrect	bu/ dui\	buu dway
incorrect	cuo\	tsaw
indeed	jiu\	jeo
India	Yin\ du\	een duu
Indian people	Yin\ du\ ren/	een duu wren
ink	mo\ shui\	mwoh shway
ink stick	mo\	mwoh
ink stone	yan\ tai/	yahn tie
inquire (to)	wen\	wun
inside	li\	lee
inside	li\ tou	lee toe
inside	zai\ ... li\ tou	zigh ... lee toe
inside edge	li\ bian-	lee bee-in
inside edge	zai\ ... li\ bian-	zigh ... lee bee-in
inside surface	li\ mian\	lee mee-in
inside surface	zai\ ... li\ mian\	zigh ... lee mee-in
intelligent	cong- ming	tsoong meeng
introduce (to)	jie\ shao\	jee-eh shou
invite (to)	qing\	tcheeng
Is it all right?	Ke\ yi\ ma?	kuh ee mah
Is that true?	Zhen- de ma?	jun duh mah
Italian people	Yi\ da\ li\ ren/	ee dah lee wren
Italy	Yi\ da\ li\	ee dah lee
J		
January	yi- yue\	ee yu-eh
Japan	Ri\ ben\	rr bin
Japanese language, literature	Ri\ wen/	rr wun
Japanese people	Ri\ ben\ ren/	rr bin wren
job	gong- zuo\	goong zwaw
juice	zhi-	jr
July	qi- yue\	tchee yu-eh
June	liu\ yue\	leo yu-eh

just	zhi\ shi\	jr shr
just in the midst of doing something (used before a verb to form a progressive)	zheng\ zai\	juung zigh
K		
ketchup	fan- qie/ jiang\	fahn tchee-eh jee- ahng
king	wang/	wahng
knee	xi- gai\	she guy
knife	dao-	dow
knife	dao- zi	dow dzuh
know how (to)	hui\	hway
know someone (to)	ren\ shi\	wren shr
know that ..., know a fact (to)	zhi- dao\	jr dow
Korea	Chao/ xian-	chow shee-in
Korea	Han/ guo/	hahn gwaw
Korean people	Chao/ xian- ren/	chow shee-inn wren
Korean people	Han/ guo/ ren/	hahn gwaw wren
L		
labor	gong-	goong
lake	hu/	huu
language	wen/	wun
language (used after country name)	hua\	hwah
large	da\	dah
late (to be)	wan\	wahn
late, too	tai\ wan\	tie wahn
lately	zui\ jin\	zway jeen
lawyer	lu\ shi-	luu shr
learn, study (to)	xue/	shu-eh
leather	pi/	pee
leave (to)	liu/ xia\	leo shee-ah
leave (to)	zou\	zoe
left (in direction)	zuo\	zwaw
left side, at the	zai\ ... zuo\ bian-	zigh ... zwaw bee-in
left side, at the	zuo\ bian-	zwaw bee-in
leg	tui\	tway
lemon	ning/ meng/	neeng muung
lend (to)	jie\ gei\	jee-eh gay
lesson (number)	di\ (number) ke\	dee (number) kuh
let's go	zou\ ba	zoe bah

letter (as in mail)	xin\	sheen
like (to)	xi\ huan—	she hwahn
like, don't	bu\ xi\ huan—	buu she hwahn
literature	wen/	wun
little	shao\	shou
little bit, a	yi\ dian\	ee dee—in
long	chang/	chahng
look (to)	kan\	kahn
look at, take a	kan\ kan\	kahn kahn
look for (to)	zhao\	jow
lost, become (to)	mi/ lu\	me luu
love (to)	ai\	eye
lovely	ke\ ai\	kuh eye
lump	kuai\	kwie
lunch	wu\ fan\	wuu fahn
M		
make (to)	zuo\	zwaw
make sentence (to)	zuo\ ju\ zi	zwaw juu dzuh
man	ren/	wren
manage (to)	ban\	bahn
Manchuria (east north)	Dong— bei\	doong bay
many	duo—	dwaw
map	di\ tu/	dee tuu
March	san— yue\	sahn yu—eh
married (to be)	jie/ hun—	jee—eh hwun
may	ke\ yi\	kuh ee
May	wu\ yue\	wuu yu—eh
May I ask?	Qing\ wen\	tcheeng wun
means	fang— fa\	fahng fah
meet (people)	jian\	jee—in
meeting, attend a (to)	kai— hui\	kigh hway
menu	can\ dang—	tsahn dahng
merely	jiu\	jeo
method	fang— fa\	fahng fah
Mexican people	Mo\ xi— ge— ren/	mwoh she guh wren
Mexico	Mo\ xi— ge—	mwoh she guh
middle	zhong—	joong
milk	nai\	nigh
milk, cow's	niu/ nai\	neo nigh
minutes	fen— (zhong—)	fin joong
mirror	jing\ zi	jeeng dzuh
Miss, store assistant	xiao\ jie\	shee—ow jee—eh
Mister, sir, husband,	xian— sheng—	shee—in shuung

gentleman		
moment/little while, in a	yi/ xia\	ee shee-ah
moment/little while, in a	yi- hui\ er	ee hway urh
Monday	xing- qi/ yi- (li\ bai\ yi-)	sheeng tchee ee
money	qian/	tchee-in
month	yue\	yu-eh
month, last	shang\ ge yue\	shahng guh yu-eh
month, next	xia\ ge yue\	shee-ah guh yu-eh
month, this	zhei\ ge yue\	jay guh yu-eh
month, two ago	shang\ shang\ ge yue\	shahng shahng guh yu-eh
month, two from now	xia\ xia\ ge yue\	Shee-ah shee-ah guh yu-eh
moon	yue\	yu-eh
moon	yue\ liang\	yu-eh lee-ahng
more	hai/	high
morning 6 am to 9 am	zao\ chen/	zow chun
morning, early 3am to 6 am	qing- chen/	tcheeng chun
most	zui\	zway
mother	ma- ma	mah mah
mountain, hill	shan-	shahn
mountain, on the	shan- shang\	shahn shahng
mouth	kou\	koe
mouth	zui\ ba-	zway bah
movie	dian\ ying\	dee-in eeng
much	duo-	dwaw
mustard, ground	jie\ mo	jee-eh mwoh
my, mine	wo\ de	waw duh
myself	wo\ zi\ ji\	waw dzuh jee
N		
name, first	ming/ zi\	meeng dzuh
name, last	xing\	sheeng
named (to be)	xing\	sheeng
napkin	can- jin- zhi\	tsahn jeen jr
narrow	zhai\	jigh
nation	guo/	gwaw
neck	bo/ zi\	bwoh dzuh
necktie	da\ ling\ dai\	dah leeng die
nephew	zhi/ er/	jr urh

new	xin–	sheen
niece	zhi/ nu\	jr nuu
night 11 pm - 3 am	ye\ li\	yeh lee
no matter (choice between two things)	bu/ lun\ ... dou– (hao\)	buu lwun ... doe (how)
No thanks.	Bu/ xie\.	buu she–eh
no, not	bu\	buu
noodles	mian\	mee–in
noon time 11 am to 1 pm	zhong– wu\	joong wuu
noon, before 9 am to 11 am	shang\ wu\	shahng wuu
north	bei\	bay
North America	Bei\ mei\ zhou–	bay may joe
north side	bei\ bian–	bay bee–in
nose	bi/ zi\	bee dzuh
not, not yet	mei/	may
not bad, so-so	bu/ cuo\	buu tswaw
not both	bu\ dou–	buu doe
not very, not too	bu/ tai\	buu tie
notebook	ben\ zi\	ben dzuh
notebook	bi\ ji\ ben\	bee jee ben
November	shi/ yi– yue\	shr ee yu–eh
now	xian\ zai\	shee–in zigh
Now what time (is it)?	Xian\ zai\ shi\ shen/ma shi/ hou\?	shee–in zigh shr shuun mah shr hoe
number	hao\ ma\	how mah
nurse	hu\ shi\	huu shr
O		
o'clock	dian\ (zhong–)	dee–in joong
occupy	zai\	zigh
ocean	hai\	high
ocean	(hai\)	high yahng
ocean, big	da\ hai\	dah high
October	shi/ yue\	shr yu–eh
office	ban\ gong– shi\ shi\ wu\ suo\	bahn goong shr shr wuu swaw
office (for lawyer, accountant)		
office, go to (to)	shang\ ban–	shahng bahn
often	chang/ (chang/)	chahng chahng
OK	xing/	sheeng
OK?	Hao\ ma?	how mah
old	jiu\	jeo

on	zai\	zigh
on duty, go (to)	shang\ ban-	shahng bahn
one month	yi- ge yue\	ee guh yu-eh
one of (used with verb to be)	yi- ge	ee guh
onion, green	cong-	tsoong
only	jiu\	jeo
only	zhi\ shi\	jr shr
open (to)	kai-	kigh
opening	kou\	koe
or	huo\ shi\	hwaw shr
or (still is)	hai/ shi	high shr
orange (color)	ju/ se\	juu suh
orange (fruit)	liu\ ding-	leo deeng
Orange County	cheng/ xian\	chuung shee-in
orange juice	liu\ ding- zhi-	leo deeng jr
order food (to)	dian\ cai\	dee-in tsigh
origin	ben\	bin
ours	wo\ men/ de	waw mun duh
outside	wai\	wigh
outside	wai\ tou	wigh toe
outside	zai\ ... wai\ tou	zigh ... wigh toe
outside edge	wai\ bian-	wigh bee-in
outside edge	zai\ ... wai\ bian-	zigh ... wigh bee-in
outside surface	wai\ mian\	wigh mee-in
outside surface	zai\ ... wai\ mian\	zigh ... wigh mee-in
ox	niu/	neo
P		
pair	yi\ shuang-	ee shwahng
pair, a	liang\	lee-ahng
pants	ku\ zi\	kuu dzuh
pants, long	chang/ ku\	chahng kuu
pants, short	duan\ ku\	dwahn kuu
paper	zhi\	jr
paper, white	bai/ zhi\	buy jr
park	gong- yuan/	goong ywen
part	fen-	fin
pass, exceed, crossover (to)	guo\	gwaw
passport	hu\ zhao\	huu jow
pay money to (to)	fu\ qian/	fuu tchee-in
peach	tao/ zi\	tou dzuh
pen, ball-point	yuan/ zi\ bi\	ywen dzuh bee

pen, fountain	gang– bi\	gahng bee
pen, pencil, marker	bi\	bee
pencil	qian– bi\	tchee–in bee
people	ren/	wren
pepper	hu/ jiao– fen\	huu jee–ow fin
permission	ke\ yi\	kuh ee
person	ren/	wren
piece	kuai\	kwie
pink color	fen\ hong/ se\	fin hoong suh
place	di\ fang–	dee fahng
plan to (to)	xiang\	shee–ahng
plastic bag (Taiwan)	su\ jiao– dai\	suu jee–ow die
plastic bag (China)	su\ liao\ dai\	suu lee–ow die
plate	pan/ zi	pahn dzuh
play ball	da\ qiu/	dah tcheo
play, (to)	wan/	wahn
please	qing\	tcheeng
policeman	jing\ cha/	jeeng chah
potato	ma\ ling/ shu\	mah leeng shuu
power	li\	lee
precisely	jiu\	jeo
present	li\ wu\	lee wuu
pretty	piao\ liang\	pee–ow lee–ahng
problem	wen\ ti/	wun tee
problem, no	mei/ you\ wen\ ti/	may yoe wun tee
purple color	zi\ se\	dzuh suh
purse	pi/ bao–	pee bow
put on accessories (to)	dai\	die
Q		
quarter hour, first	yi/ ke\ (zhong–)	ee kuh joong
quarter hour, third	san– ke\ (zhong–)	sahn kuh joong
question	wen\ ti/	wun tee
question, no	mei/ you\ wen\ ti/	may yoe wun tee
quick	kuai\	kwie
R		
rain	xia\ yu\	shee–ah yuu
rather, really	hen\	hin
read books	kan\ shu–	kahn shuu
real, is	zhen– de	jun duh
really	zhen–	jun
really is	zhen– shi\	jun shr
rear	hou\	hoe
recently	jin\ lai/	jeen lie

recently	zui\ jin\	zway jeen
rectangle	chang/ fang– xing/	chahng fahng sheeng
red	hong/	hoong
red color	hong/ se\	hoong suh
region	bu\	buu
remember now	xiang\ qi\ lai/ le	shee–ahng tchee lie luh
rent (to)	zu–	zuu
request (to)	qing\	tcheeng
reservation, make a (to)	ding\ wei\	deeng way
rest (to)	xiu– xi	sheo she
restaurant	can– ting–	tsahn teeng
restaurant	fan\ guan\	fahn gwahn
return, come back (to)	hui/ lai/	hway lie
return from work (to)	xia\ ban–	shee–ah bahn
return home (to)	hui/ jia–	hway jee–ah
rice plant	dao\ zi\	dow dzuh
rice, cooked	fan\	fahn
rice, cooked	mi\ fan\	me fahn
rice, fried	chao\ fan\	chow fahn
rice, uncooked	mi\	me
ricksha	ren/ li\ che–	wren lee chuh
ride astride (to)	qi/	tchee
right (in direction)	you\	yoe
right side, at the	you\ bian–	yoe bee–in
right side, at the	zai\ ... you\ bian–	zigh ... yoe bee–in
road	lu\	luu
room	wu– zi	wuu dzuh
root	ben\	bin
ruler	chi\	chr
Russia	E\ guo/	uh gwaw
Russia	Su– lian/	suu lee–in
Russian people	E\ guo/ ren/	uh gwaw wren
Russian people	Su– lian/ ren/	suu lee–in wren
S		
sailboat	fan/ chuan/	fahn chwahn
salad	sha– la–	shah lah
salt	yan/	yahn
same	yi/ yang\	ee yahng
Saturday	xing– qi/ liu\ (li\ bai\ liu\)	sheeng tchee leo
say (to)	shuo–	shwaw
scarf	wei/ jin–	way jeen

seasons, four (of the year)	si\ ji\	suh jee
seconds	miao\ (zhong-)	mee-ow joong
secretary	mi\ shu-	me shuu
see (people)	jian\	jee-in
See you again. (again see)	Zai\ jian\.	zigh jee-in
See you tomorrow.	Ming/ tian- jian\.	meeng tee-in jee-in
seek (to)	zhao\	jow
self	zi\ ji\	dzuh jee
sell (to)	mai\	my!
September	jiu\ yue\	jeo yu-eh
Shansi province (mountains west)	Shan- xi-	shahn she
Shantung province (mountains east)	Shan- dong-	shahn doong
shape	xing/	sheeng
ship, boat	chuan/	chwahn
shirt, blouse	chen\ shan-	chun shahn
shoes	xie/ zi\	she-eh dzuh
shoes, leather	pi/ xie/	pee she-eh
short (for people)	ai\	eye
short (length, for things)	duan\	dwahn
should, ought to	ying- gai-	eeng guy
side	bian-	bee-in
sister, older	jie\ jie	jee-eh jee-eh
sister, younger	mei\ mei	may may
sit (to)	zuo\	zwaw
skirt	qun/ zi\	tchwun dzuh
sky	tian-	tee-in
sleep (to)	shui\ jiao\	shway jee-ow
slower, be	man\ yi\ dian\	mahn ee dee-in
small	xiao\	shee-ow
smart	piao\ liang	pee-ow lee-ahng
snack (before bed)	xiao- ye\	shee-ow yeh
snack (street stand)	xiao\ chi-	shee-ow chr
snack, dim sum	dian\ xin-	dee-in sheen
snow	xia\ xue\	shee-ah shu-eh
so	suo\ yi\	swaw ee
so-so	ma\ ma\ hu- hu-	mah mah huu huu
socks	wa\ zi\	wah dzuh
soda	qi\ shui\	tchee shway
soil	tu\	tuu

son	er/ zi	urh dzuh
son	zi\	dzuh
south	nan/	nahn
South America	Nan/ mei\ zhou–	nahn may joe
south side	nan/ bian–	nahn bee–in
Spain	Xi– ban– ya/	she bahn yah
Spanish people	Xi– ban– ya/ ren/	she bahn yah wren
speak	jiang\ (shuo–)	jee–ahng shwaw
speak (to)	shuo–	shwaw
speech	hua\	hwah
speech	yan/	yahn
spinach	bo– cai\	bwoh tsigh
spoon	tang– chi/	tahng chr
spring season	chun– tian–	chwun tee–in
square	fang– xing/	fahng sheeng
stamp, postage	you/ piao\	yoe pee–ow
stapler	ding\ shu– ji–	deeng shuu jee
state (political area)	zhou–	joe
stewardess	kong– zhong– xiao\ jie\	koong joong shee-ow jee-eh
still	hai/	high
still not yet (verb)	hai/ mei/ (verb) ne	high may ... nuh
stranger, wayfarer	lu\ ren/	luu wren
straw	xi– guan\	she gwahn
street	jie–	jee–eh
strength	li\	lee
student, pupil	xue/ sheng–	shu–eh shuang
sugar, candy	tang/	tahng
suit	xi– zhuang–	she jwahng
summer season	xia\ tian–	shee–ah tee–in
sun	ri\	rr
sun	tai\ yang/	tie yahng
Sun Yatsen (middle mountain)	Zhong– shan–	joong shahn
Sunday	xing– qi/ tian (li\ bai\ tian)	sheeng tchee tee–in
surface	mian\	mee–in
sweater	mao/ yi–	mou ee
swim (to)	you/ yong\	yoe yoong
T		
take a nap (to)	shui\ wu\ jiao\	shway wuu jee–ow
take care of (to)	zhao\ gu\	jow guu
talk (to)	shuo–	shwaw

tall	gao—	gow
tea	cha/	chah
teacher	lao\ shi—	lou shr
teeth	ya/ chi\	yah chr
telephone	dian\ hua\	dee-in hwah
telephone call, make a (to)	da\ dian\ hua\	dah dee—in hwah
tell (to)	gao\ su\	gow suu
thank you	xie\ xie	she she—eh
that	na\	nah
that	nei\	nay
their	ta— men/ de	tah mun duh
there	nar\	nahr
there	na\ li\	nah lee
therefore	suo\ yi\	swaw ee
these	zhe\ xie—	juh shee—eh
they, them	ta— men/	tah mun
thigh	da\ tui\	dah tway
thing	dong— xi	doong
think of (to)	xiang\	shee—ahng
this	zhei\	jay
this	zhe\	juh
this one	zhe\ ge	juh guh
Thursday	xing— qi/ si\ (li\ bai\ si\)	sheeng tchee suh
tie	ling\ dai\	leeng die
time (number hour: number minutes)	(number) dian\	dee—in ... fin
time (by clock or calendar)	(number) fen— shi/ hou	shr hoe
time, leisure	gong— fu	goong fuu
time, next	xia\ ci\	shee—ah tsu
tired (to be)	lei\	lay
to (go)	shang\	shahng
to go (food; means sell outside)	wai\ mai\	wigh my
today	jin— tian—	jeen tee—in
together	yi\ qi\	ee tchee
tomato	fan— qie/	fahn tchee—eh
too	tai\	tie
too	ye\	yeh
toothpick	ya/ qian—	yah tchee—in
top	shang\	shahng
toward	wang\	wahng

traffic lights	hong/ lu\ deng–	hoong luu duung
train	huo\ che–	hwaw chuh
train station	huo\ che– zhan\	hwaw chuh jahn
travel (to)	lu\ xing/	luu sheeng
tree	mu\	muu
tree	shu\	shuu
tree leaf	shu\ ye\ (zi)	shuu yeh dzuh
triangle	san– jiao\ xing/	sahn jee–ow sheeng
true, is	zhen– de	jun duh
true, is not	bu/ shi\ zhen– de	buu shr jun duh
Tuesday	xing– qi/ er\ (li\ bai\ er\)	sheeng tchee urh
turn on (to)	kai–	kigh
turn over (to)	fan\	fahn
turn right	you\ zhuan\	yoe jwahn
two of	liang\	lee–ahng
two of ... (measure)	liang\ ge\	lee–ahng guh
U		
understand (to)	dong\	doong
underwear	nei\ yi– ku\	nay ee kuu
United States	Mei\ guo/	may gwaw
use (to)	yong\	yoong
used	jiu\	jeo
V		
vegetable	qing– cai\	tcheeng tsigh
vegetable	shu– cai\	shuu tsigh
vegetable dish	su\ cai\	suu tsigh
vegetables, stir–fry	chao\ qing– cai\	chow tcheeng tsigh
vehicle	che–	chuh
vehicle	qi\ che–	tchee chuh
vehicle, electric; trolley	dian\ che–	dee–in chuh
bus		
very	hen\	hin
very many	hen\ duo–	hin dwaw
videotape	lu\ ying\ dai\	luu eeng die
Viet Nam	Yue\ nan/	yu–eh nahn
Vietnamese people	Yue\ nan/ ren/	yu–eh nahn wren
visa	qian– zheng\	tchee–in juung
visit (to)	zhao\	jow
vocabulary	sheng– zi\	shuung dzuh
volume (of books)	ben\	bin
W		
wait (to)	deng\	duung

waiter	fu/ wu\ sheng—	fuu wuu shuung
wallet, leather	pi/ jia/ zi\	pee jee—ah dzuh
want (to)	yao\	yow
want, don't	bu/ yao\	buu yow
want, still	hai/ yao\	high yow
warm	nuan\ huo/	nwahn hwaw
watch	shou\ biao\	show bee—ow
water	shui\	shway
watermelon	xi— gua—	she gwah
way	fang— fa\	fahng fah
we, us	wo\ men/	waw mun
wear clothes (to)	chuan—	chwahn
weather	tian— qi\	tee—in tchee
Wednesday	xing— qi/ san— (li\ bai\ san—)	sheeng tchee sahn
week	li\ bai\ (xing— qi/)	lee buy
week	xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	sheeng tchee
week, last	shang\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	shahng guh sheeng tchee / lee buy
week, next	xia\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	shee—ah guh sheeng tchee / lee buy
week, this	zhei\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	jay guh sheeng tchee / lee buy
week, two ago	shang\ shang\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	shahng shahng guh sheeng tchee / lee buy
week, two from now	xia\ xia\ ge xing— qi/ (li\ bai\)	shee—ah shee—ah guh sheeng tchee / lee buy
west	xi—	she
west side	xi— bian—	she bee—in
What is your name?	Gui\ xing\?	gway sheeng
What time (is it)?	Ji\ dian\ zhong—?	jee dee—in joong
what?	na\	nah
what?	nei\	nay
what?	shen/ me	shuun muh
what?	shen/ mo	shuun—mwoh
when?	shen/ me shi/ hou\	shuun muh shr hoe
where?	na\ li\	nah lee
where?	nar\	nahr
which	na\	nah
which	nei\	nay
which (plural)	na\ xie—	nah shee—eh
which one	na\ ge	nah guh
white	bai/	buy

who	shei/	shay
whose	shei/ de	shay duh
why (used at beginning of sentence)	wei\ shenme/	way shuun mah
wide	kuan—	kwahn
wife, Mrs.	tai\ tai	tie tie
willing to	yuan\ yi\	ywen ee
wind blow	gua— feng—	gwah fuung
window	chuang— hu\	chwahng huu
winter season	dong— tian—	doong tee—in
wipe (to)	ca—	tsah
with, follow	gen—	gun
woman	nu\ ren/	nuu wren
woman, career	zhi/ ye\ fu\ nu\	jr yeh fuu nuu
wood	mu\	muu
word	yan/	yahn
work	gong—	goong
work	gong— zuo\	goong zwaw
work, do (to)	zuo\ gong— zuo\	zwaw goong zwaw
work, have a job; handle affairs (to)	zuo\ shi\	zwaw shr
worker	gong— ren/	goong wren
write (to)	xie\	she—eh
writing	wen/	wun
wrong	bu/ dui\	buu dway
wrong	cuo\	tswaw
Y		
year	nian/	nee—in
year, last	qu\ nian/	tchuu nee—in
year, next	ming/ nian/	meeng nee—in
year, this	jin— nian/	jeen nee—in
year, two ago	qian/ nian/	tchee—in nee—in
year, two from now	hou\ nian/	hoe nee—in
yellow color	huang/ se\	hwahng suh
yes	shi\ a!	shr ah
yes (in response to are you...?)	shi\	shr
you (plural)	ni\ men/	nee mun
you (polite)	nin/	neen
you (singular)	ni\	nee
You dialed the wrong number.	Ni\ da\ zuo\ le.	Nee dah zwaw luh
You're welcome.	Bu/ ke\ qi\.	buu kuh tchee

your (plural)
your (singular)
yourself

ni\ men/ de
ni\ de
ni\ zi\ ji\

nee mun duh
nee duh
nee dzuh jee

English	Mandarin Pinyin	Pronunciation
Numbers		
zero	ling/	leeng
one	yi–	ee
two	er\	urh
two of ...	liang\ ge\	lee–ahng guh
two (measure)	liang\ tian–	lee–ahng tee–in
three	san–	sahn
four	si\	suh
five	wu\	wuu
six	liu\	leo
seven	qi–	tchee
eight	ba–	bah
nine	jiu\	jeo
ten	shi/	shr
eleven	shi/ yi–	shr ee
twelve	shi/ er\	shr urh
hundred	bai\	buy
thousand	qian–	tchee–in
ten thousand	wan\	wahn
hundred thousand (use 1 wan)	shi/ wan\	shr wahn
million (use 1 wan)	bai\ wan\	buy wahn
ten million (use 1 wan)	qian– wan\	tchee–in wahn
hundred million (use 1 wan wan)	wan\ wan\ (yi\)	wahn wahn
billion (use 1 wan wan)	shi/ wan\ wan\	shr wahn wahn
ten billion (use 1 wan wan)	bai\ wan\ wan\	buy wahn wahn
hundred billion (use 1 wan wan)	qian– wan\ wan\	tchee–in wahn wahn
how many (less than ten)	ji\	jee
how many?	duo– shao\	dwaw shou
how many? (quantity)	duo– shao\ hao\	dwaw shou how
how many people?	ji\ wei\	jee way
how many things?	ji\ ge\	jee guh
how much money?	duo– shao\ qian/	dwaw shou tchee–in

Time

year

year, two ago
year, last
year, this
year, next
year, two from
now
year 1999

nian/
qian/ nian/
qu\ nian/
jin- nian/
ming/ nian/
hou\ nian/

nee-in
tchee-in nee-in
tchuu nee-in
jeen nee-in
meeng nee-in
hoe nee-in
ee jeo jeo tchee nee-in

seasons

spring
summer
autumn, fall
winter

si\ ji\
chun- tian-
xia\ tian-
qiu- tian-
dong- tian-

suh jee
chwun tee-in
shee-ah tee-in
tcheo tee-in
doong tee-in

month

month, two ago
month, last
month, this
month, next
month, two from
now

yue\
shang\ shang\ ge yue\
shang\ ge yue\
zhei\ ge yue\
xia\ ge yue\
xia\ xia\ ge yue\
yi- ge yue\
yi- yue\
er\ yue\
san- yue\
si\ yue\
wu\ yue\
liu\ yue\
qi- yue\
ba- yue\
jiu\ yue\
shi/ yue\
shi/ yi- yue\
shi/ er\ yue\
li\ bai\ (or) xing- qi/
shang\ shang\ ge xing-
qi/ (li\ bai\)
shang\ ge xing- qi/ (li\
bai\)
zhei\ ge xing- qi/ (li\
bai\)
xia\ ge xing- qi/ (li\
bai\)

yu-eh
shahng shahng guh yu-eh
shahng guh yu-eh
jay guh yu-eh
shee-ah guh yu-eh
shee-ah shee-ah guh yu-
eh

one month

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

ee guh yu-eh
ee yu-eh
urh yu-eh
sahn yu-eh
suh yu-eh
wu yu-eh
leo yu-eh
tchee yu-eh
bah yu-eh
jeo yu-eh
shr yu-eh
shr ee yu-eh
shr urh yu-eh

week

week, two ago

week, last

week, this

week, next

lee buy (or) sheeng tchee
shahng shahng guh
sheeng tchee
shahng guh sheeng tchee
jay guh sheeng tchee
shee-ah guh sheeng tchee

week, two from now	xia\ xia\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\)	shee-ah shee-ah guh sheeng tchee tee-in
day	tian-	
day, before yesterday	qian/ tian-	tchee-in tee-in
day, yesterday	zuo/ tian-	zwaw tee-in
day, this; today	jin- tian-	jeen tee-in
day, tomorrow	ming/ tian-	meeng tee-in
day, after tomorrow	hou\ tian-	hoe tee-in
day of the month	hao\	how
day, every	tian- tian-	tee-in tee-in
Monday	xing- qi/ yi- (li\ bai\ yi-)	sheeng tchee ee
Tuesday	xing- qi/ er\ (li\ bai\ er\)	sheeng tchee urh
Wednesday	xing- qi/ san- (li\ bai\ san-)	sheeng tchee sahn
Thursday	xing- qi/ si\ (li\ bai\ si\)	sheeng tchee suh
Friday	xing- qi/ wu\ (li\ bai\ wu\)	sheeng tchee wuu
Saturday	xing- qi/ liu\ (li\ bai\ liu\)	sheeng tchee leo
Sunday	xing- qi/ tian (li\ bai\ tian)	sheeng tchee tee-in

time of day

early morning 3am to 6 am	qing- chen/	tcheeng chun
morning 6 am to 9 am	zao\ chen/	zow chun
before noon 9 am to 11 am	shang\ wu\	shahng wuu
noon time 11 am to 1 pm	zhong- wu\	joong wuu
afternoon 1 pm to 6 pm	xia\ wu\	shee-ah wuu
evening 6 pm to 11 pm	wan\ shang\	wahn shahng
night 11 pm to 3 am	ye\ li\	yeh lee
hours	dian\ (zhong-)	dee-in joong

o'clock	dian\ (zhong-)	dee-in joong
hour of time	xiao\ shi/	shee-ow shr
hour of time	zhong- tou/	joong toe
half past dian\ ban\ (zhong-)	... dee-in bahn joong
half an hour of time	ban\ ge zhong- tou/	bahn guh joong toe
quarter hour, first	yi/ ke\ (zhong-)	ee kuh joong
quarter hour, third	san- ke\ (zhong-)	sahn kuh joong

quarter hour, fourth	si\ ke\ (zhong-)	suh kuh joong
minutes	fen- (zhong-)	fin joong
seconds	miao\ (zhong-)	mee-ow joong
time, next	xia\ ci\	shee-ah tsu
What time is it?	Ji\ dian\ zhong-?	jee dee-in joong
time (number	(number) dian\	... dee-in ... fin
hr:number mins)	(number) fen-	

Location

north	bei\	bay
north side	bei\ bian-	bay bee-in
east	dong-	doong
east side	dong- bian-	doong bee-in
south	nan/	nahn
south side	nan/ bian-	nahn bee-in
west	xi-	she
west side	xi- bian-	she bee-in
direction from one place to another	zai\ (place)de (direction)bian-	zign ...duh ...bee-in
before	yi\ qian/	ee tchee-in
after	yi\ hou\	ee hoe
above, upper part	shang\ tou	shahng toe
above surface	shang\ mian\	shahng mee-in
above edge	shang\ bian	shahng bee-in
below, lower part	xia\ tou	shee-ah toe
below surface	xia\ mian\	shee-ah mee-in
below edge	xia\ bian-	shee-ah bee-in
front of, in	qian/ tou	tchee-in toe
front of surface, in	qian/ mian\	tchee-in mee-in
front of edge, in	qian/ bian-	tchee-in bee-in
back of, in; rear	hou\ tou	hoe toe
back of surface, in; behind, rear	hou\ mian\	hoe mee-in
back of edge, in;	hou\ bian-	hoe bee-in

rear		
left side, at the	zuo\ bian–	zwaw bee–in
between in, middle	zhong– jian–	joong jee–in
right side, at the	you\ bian–	yoe bee–in
inside	li\ tou	lee toe
inside surface	li\ mian\	lee mee–in
inside edge	li\ bian–	lee bee–in
outside	wai\ tou	wigh toe
outside surface	wai\ mian\	wigh mee–in
outside edge	wai\ bian–	wigh bee–in

Numbers

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hundred billion (use 1 wan wan)	qian– wan\ wan\	tchee–in wahn wahn

Modifiers

(best)	zui\	zway
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(experiential suffix to verb)	guo\ (after a verb)	gwaw
(future again)	zai\	tsai
(future tense, used before verb)	jiang—	jee—ahng
(measure for book)	ben\	ben
(measure for buildings)	suo\	swaw
(measure for clothes)	jian\	jee—in
(measure for flat objects)	zhang—	jahng
(measure for long slender objects)	zhi—	jr
(measure for long, narrow objects; roads)	tiao/	tee—ow
(measure for movies)	bu\	buu
(measure for people, polite form)	wei\	way
(measure, general)	ge\	guh
(modifier, changes adjective into adverb)	de	duh
(particle at end of imperative sentence implying probability)	ba	bah

(past tense, change of condition; used at end of sentence)		luh
(pluralizing suffix)	men	mun
(possessive, used after word, omit for close relationship)	de	duh
(question particle)	a	ah
(question particle; used at end of sentence)	ma	mah
(substantive suffix used with location word)	tou	toe
(verb) taking place	... qi\ lai	tchee lie

asparagus	Sun zi	笋子
Bamboo Shoots	Zhu sun	竹笋
Bean Shoots	Dou ya	豆芽
Beans	Da dou	大豆
Beetroot	Zi shu (zi shan yu)	紫薯 (紫山芋)
Broccoli	Xi lan hua	西兰花
Carrots	Hu Luo bo	胡萝卜
Cauliflower	Hua Cai	花菜
Chilli Peppers	Hong la jiao	红辣椒
Corn	Yu mi	玉米
Dorfu (Not Wet)	Dou fu gan	豆腐干
Egg	Ji dan	鸡蛋
Mushrooms	Mo gu	蘑菇
Onions	Yang Cong	洋葱
Pea Pods	Dao dou	刀豆
Peas	Wan dou	豌豆
Peppers	La jiao	辣椒
Potatoes	Tu Dou	土豆
Rice	Mi fan	米饭
Ginger	Sheng jiang	生姜
vinigar	cu	
Eel	Shan yu	善鱼
Fish (preferably without bones)	Yu (mei you gu tou he pi)	鱼 (没有骨头和皮)
Octopus	Zhangyu	章鱼
Prawns	Mingxia	明虾
Squid	Youyu	鱿
Beef (Lean)	Shou niu rou	瘦牛肉
Chicken (no bone)	Ji rou (mei you gu tou he pi)	鸡肉 (没有骨头和皮)
Kidney	Zhu shen	猪肾 (肝)
Lamb (Lean)	Yang rou	羊肉
Liver	Zhu xin	猪心
Pork (Lean)	Shou zhu rou	瘦猪肉
Sausages (Smooth cut)	Rou gou	热狗 (火腿)
The Hot - Potato chicken pepper and	Gong bao ji ding gai jiao fan (bushi huasheng mi	宫爆鸡丁盖浇饭 (不是花生米炒的，

rice dish	chao de, shi tudou)	是土豆和鸡丁)
Meat cake	Yi ge bing	一个饼
Cold beer	bing pijiu	冰啤酒
Reading William	Lai ding wei lian mu	莱丁 威廉姆
At where are the toilets	Ce suo zai no li	厕所子那里
Can I have ...	Wo Xiang yao...	我想要
Canal	Yun He	运河
Cannot understand Chinese	Ting bu dong PuTongHua	听不懂
Eat	Chi Fan	吃饭
Fried	Chao	炒
Glass	Bo Li	玻璃
Have you eaten	Ni chi le ma	你吃了吗
Mi	Cooked	米
My home at dan ni si	Wo jia zai dan ni si	我家在丹尼斯
Orange	Jui Zi	橘子
Terminal stop	Zhong dian zhan	终点斩
Thank you	Xiexie	谢谢
Very delicious	Fei chang hao chi	非常好动
Wait	Deng Hui	等会
Chair	YiZi	以子
Chinese language	PuTongHua	普通话
Cup	BeiZi	被子
Spoon	Shao Zi	
Plate	Die Zi	
Pen - Pencil	Bi	
A pen (singular)	Yi ge bi (ge = units)	
Two pens (plural)	Er ge bi (ge = units)	
Tea pot	Cha hu	
Water pot	Shur hu	
And ice	Jia bing	
No ice	Mei bing	
Desk	ZhouZi	
Drink Alcohol	HeJiu	
Drunk	HeZui	
Fried rice	Chao mi fan	
Harmonious Park	He xie gong yuan	
Hear not understand	Ting bu dong	
Lang	Chang	
Longest	ZuiChang	
Mountain river fish	Shan jiang yu	
Now (go)	XianZai - zou	

People garden	gong yuan
public – transport – car (bus)	Gong Jiao Che
Rice	Da mi fan
Tai Ji	Tai Ji
Tall	Gao
Tallest	ZuiGao
Thick	Hou
Thickest	ZuiHou
Vehicle	Qiche
Waiter	Fu wu yuan
Walk	San Bu
I Want	Xiang Yao
How much money	Duo Shao Qian
Where is XXX	XXX Zai Na
How do I get to XX	Wo zen me qu
Eat shop (restaurant)	Fan dian
waiter	Fu/ wu\yuan
Finish bill	Jie zhang
chopsticks	Quai zi

Mandarin Sounds - The word for **"good"** in Mandarin Chinese is spelled **"hao"** using the Pinyin system. To learn how to pronounce it, find **"H"** in to top row of this chart. Find **"AO"** in either the left or right column. Then locate where the column and row intersect and you will see it is pronounced **"how."**

	A	B	C	CH	D
A	ah	bah	tsah	chah	dah
AI	eye	buy	tsigh	chigh	die
AN	ahn	bahn	tsahn	chahn	dahn
ANG	ahng	bahng	tsahng	chahng	dahng
AO	ow	bow	tsow	chow	dow
E	.	.	tsuh	chuh	duh
EI	.	bay	.	.	.
EN	.	bin	tswun	chun	.
ENG	.	buung	tsuung	chuung	duung
ER
I	.	bee	tsu	chr	dee
IA
IAN	.	bee·in	.	.	dee·in
IANG
IAO	.	bee·ow	.	.	dee·ow
IE	.	bee·eh	.	.	dee·eh
IN	.	bin	.	.	.
ING	.	beeng	.	.	deeng
IONG
IU	deo/dew
O	.	bwoh	.	.	.
ONG	.	.	tsoong	choong	doong
OU	.	.	tsoe	choe	doe
U	.	buu	tsu	chuu	duu
UA	.	.	.	chwah	.
UAI	.	.	.	chwie	.
UAN	.	.	tswahn	chwahn	dwahn
UANG	.	.	.	chwahng	.
UE
UI	.	.	tsway	chway	dway
UN	.	.	tswun	chwun	dwun
UO	.	.	tswaw	chwaw	dwaw

	E	F	G	H	J
A	·	fah	gah	hah	·
AI	·	·	guy	high	·
AN	·	fahn	gahn	hahn	·
ANG	·	fahng	gahng	hahng	·
AO	·	·	gow	how	·
E	uh	·	guh	huh	·
EI	(long.a)	fay	gay	hay	·
EN	un/in	fin	gun	hin	·
ENG	ung	fuung	guung	huung	·
ER	urh	·	·	·	·
I	·	·	·	·	jee
IA	·	·	·	·	jee·ah
IAN	·	·	·	·	jee·in
IANG	·	·	·	·	jee·ahng
IAO	·	·	·	·	jee·ow
IE	·	·	·	·	jee·eh
IN	·	·	·	·	jeen
ING	·	·	·	·	jeeng
IONG	·	·	·	·	jee·ohng
IU	·	·	·	·	jeo/jew
O	·	fwoh	·	·	·
ONG	·	·	goong	hoong	·
OU	·	foe	go	hoe	·
U	·	fuu	guu	huu	juu
UA	·	·	gwah	hwah	·
UAI	·	·	gwie	hwie	·
UAN	·	·	gwahn	hwahn	jwen
UANG	·	·	gwahng	hwahng	·
UE	·	·	·	·	ju·eh
UI	·	·	gway	hway	·
UN	·	·	gwun	hwun	jwin
UO	·	·	gwaw	hwaw	·

	K	L	M	N	O
A	kah	lah	mah	nah	·
AI	kigh	lie	my	nigh	·
AN	kahn	lahn	mahn	nahn	·
ANG	kahng	lahng	mahng	nahng	·
AO	kow	lou	mou	now	·
E	kuh	luh	muh	nuh	·
EI	·	lay	may	nay	·
EN	kin	·	mun	nun	·
ENG	kuung	luung	muung	nuung	·
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	·	lee	me	nee	·
IA	·	lee·ah	·	·	·
IAN	·	lee·in	mee·in	nee·in	·
IANG	·	lee·ahng	·	nee·ahn g	·
IAO	·	lee·ow	mee·ow	nee·ow	·
IE	·	lee·eh	me·eh	nee·eh	·
IN	·	leen	meen	neen	·
ING	·	leeng	meeng	neeng	·
IONG	·	·	·	·	·
IU	·	leo/lew	meo	neo	·
O	·	·	mwoh	·	aw
ONG	koong	loong	·	noong	·
OU	koe	low	moe	no	oh
U	kuu	luu	muu	nuu	·
UA	kwah	·	·	·	·
UAI	kwie	·	·	·	·
UAN	kwahn	lwahn	·	nwahn	·
UANG	kwahng	·	·	·	·
UE	·	lu·eh	·	nu·eh	·
UI	kway	·	·	·	·
UN	kwun	lwun	·	·	·
UO	kwaw	lwaw	·	nwaw	·

	P	Q	R	S	SH
A	pah	·	·	sah	shah
AI	pie	·	·	sigh	shy
AN	pahn	·	rahn	sahn	shahn
ANG	pahng	·	rahng	sahng	shahng
AO	pow	·	rou	saow	shou
E	·	·	ruh	suh	shuh
EI	pay	·	·	·	shay
EN	pin	·	wren	sin	shuun
ENG	puung	·	ruung	suung	shuung
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	pee	tchee	rr	suh	shr
IA	·	tchee·ah	·	·	·
IAN	pee·in	tchee·in	·	·	·
IANG	·	tchee·ahng	·	·	·
IAO	pee·ow	tchee·ow	·	·	·
IE	pee·eh	tchee·eh	·	·	·
IN	peen	tcheen	·	·	·
ING	peeng	tcheeng	·	·	·
IONG	·	·	·	·	·
IU	·	tcheo	·	·	·
O	pwaw	·	·	·	·
ONG	·	·	roong	soong	·
OU	poe	·	roe	sow	show
U	puu	tchu	ruu	suu	shuu
UA	·	·	·	·	shwah
UAI	·	·	·	·	shwie
UAN	·	tchwahn	rwahn	swahn	shwahn
UANG	·	·	·	·	shwahng
UE	·	·	·	·	·
UI	·	·	rway	sway	shway
UN	·	tchwun	rwun	suun	shwun
UO	·	·	rwaw	swaw	shwaw

	T	W	X	Y	Z
A	tah	wah	·	yah	zah
AI	tie	wigh	·	·	zigh
AN	tahn	wahn	·	yahn	zahn
ANG	tahng	wahng	·	yahng	zahng
AO	tou	·	·	yow	zow
E	tuh	·	·	yeh	zuh
EI	·	way	·	·	zay
EN	·	wun	·	·	zen
ENG	tuung	wuung	·	·	zuung
ER	·	·	·	·	·
I	tee	·	she	ee	dzuh
IA	·	·	shee·ah	·	·
IAN	tee·in	·	shee·in	·	·
iang	·	·	shee·ahng	·	·
IAO	tee·ow	·	shee·ow	·	·
IE	tee·eh	·	shee·eh	·	·
IN	·	·	sheen	een	·
ing	teeng	·	sheeng	eeng	·
IONG	·	·	shee·ong	·	·
IU	·	·	sheo	·	·
O	·	waw	·	yaw	·
ONG	toong	·	·	yoong	zoong
OU	toe	·	·	yoe	zoe
U	tuu	wuu	shu	yuu	zuu
UA	·	·	·	·	·
UAI	·	·	·	·	·
UAN	twahn	·	shwen	ywen	zwahn
UANG	·	·	·	·	·
UE	·	·	shu·eh	yu·eh	·
UI	tway	·	·	·	zway
UN	twun	·	shwun	ywun	zwun
UO	twaw	·	·	·	zwaw

	ZH					
A	jah					
AI	jigh					
AN	jahn					
ANG	jahng					
AO	jow					
E	juh					
EI	jay					
EN	jun					
ENG	juung					
ER	.					
I	jr					
IA	.					
IAN	.					
IANg	.					
IAO	.					
IE	.					
IN	.					
ING	.					
IONg	.					
IU	.					
O	.					
ONG	joong					
OU	joe					
U	juu					
UA	jwah					
UAI	jwie					
UAN	jawhn					
UANG	jawhng					
UE	.					
UI	jway					
UN	juwun					
UO	jaww					