

Mandarin - English
English - Mandarin
Dictionary





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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 |
| | | | | | |

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|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 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 | jwahn | | | | | |
| UANG | jwahng | | | | | |
| UE | . | | | | | |
| UI | jway | | | | | |
| UN | juwun | | | | | |
| UO | jwaw | | | | | |
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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 |
| (hao\) | (how) | two things) |

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

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|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| | | bus |
| dian\ hua\ | dee-in hwah | telephone |
| dian\ nao\ | dee-in now | computer (electric brain) |
| dian\ nao\ cheng/ shi\ | dee-in now chuung | computer programmer |
| she\ ji\ shi- | shr shuh jee shr | |
| 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/ | dwaw shou tchee-in | how much money? |
| E | | |
| 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 shuung | 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) |

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|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| gen- | gun | with, follow |
| gen- (someone) jie\ | gun ... jee-eh | borrow from (someone) (to) |
| gen- wo\ lai/ | gun waw lie | follow me |
| gong- | goong | labor |
| gong- | goong | work |
| gong- bao\ ji- ding- | goong bow jee deeng | chicken, diced with paprikas |
| gong- cheng/ shi- | goong chuung shr | engineer |
| gong- fu | goong fuu | time, leisure |
| gong- gong\ qi\ che- | goong goong tchee chuh | bus, public |
| 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 |

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|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |

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| 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) |

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| 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? |
| ji- | jee-ah | home |
| ji- 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |

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|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 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 |

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| 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. |
| | | your (singular) |
| ni\ de | nee duh | you (plural) |
| ni\ men/ | nee mun | your (plural) |
| ni\ men/ de | nee mun duh | your (plural) |
| Ni\ ne? | nee nuh | How about you? |

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| ni\ zi\ ji\ | 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 |

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

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| 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) |

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| shi\ a! | shr ah | you...?) |
| shi\ wu\ suoV | shr wuu swaw | yes |
| shouV | show | office (for lawyer, accountant) |
| shouV biaoV | show bee-ow | hand |
| shouV gong- | show goong | watch |
| shouV tao\ | show tou | handicraft |
| shouV zhiV | show jr | gloves |
| shu- | shuu | finger |
| shu- cai\ | shuu tsigh | book |
| shu- fu/ | shuu fuu | vegetable |
| shu\ | shuu | comfortable |
| shu\ ye\ (zi) | shuu yeh dzuh | tree |
| shui\ jiao\ | shway jee-ow | tree leaf |
| shui\ wuV jiao\ | shway wuu jee-ow | sleep (to) |
| shuiV | shway | take a nap (to) |
| shuiV guoV | shway gwaw | water |
| shuo- | shwaw | fruit |
| shuo- | shwaw | say (to) |
| shuo- | shwaw | speak (to) |
| si\ ji\ | suh jee | talk (to) |
| si\ yue\ | suh yu-eh | seasons, four (of the year) |
| song\ | soong | April |
| Su- lian/ | suu lee-in | give a gift (to) |
| Su- lian/ ren/ | suu lee-in wren | Russia |
| su\ cai\ | suu tsigh | Russian people |
| su\ jiao- dai\ | suu jee-ow die | vegetable dish |
| su\ liao\ dai\ | suu lee-ow die | plastic bag (Taiwan) |
| suan\ | swahn | plastic bag (China) |
| suoV yiV | swaw ee | garlic |
| suoV yiV | swaw ee | so |
| T | | therefore |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| xing- qi/ wu\ (li\ | sheeng tchee wuu | Friday |
| bai\ wu\) | | |
| xing- qi/ yi- (li\ | sheeng tchee ee | Monday |
| bai\ yi-) | | |
| 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- | shu-eh shuung | student, pupil |
| Y | | |
| 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 |

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| Yi\ da\ li\ ren/ | ee dah lee wren | Italian people |
| yì\ dian√ | ee dee-in | little bit, a |
| yì\ qì√ | ee tchee | together |
| yì\ shuang- | ee shwahng | pair |
| yì\ hou\ | ee hoe | after, afterwards |
| yì\ jing- | ee jeeng | already |
| yì\ qian/ | ee tchee-in | before |
| Yin\ du\ | een duu | India |
| Yin\ du\ ren/ | een duu wren | Indian people |
| ying- | eeng | brave |
| ying- gai- | eeng guy | should, ought to |
| Ying- guo/ | eeng gwaw | England |
| Ying- guo/ ren/ | eeng gwaw wren | English people |
| ying- han\ zì\ dian√ | eeng hahn dzuh dee-in | dictionary, English- Chinese |
| Ying- wen/ | eeng wun | English language, literature |
| yong\ | yoong | use (to) |
| you/ piao\ | yoe pee-ow | stamp, postage |
| you/ yong√ | yoe yoong | swim (to) |
| you\ | yoe | again (past) |
| you\ | yoe | also |
| you\ | yoe | right (in direction) |
| you\ ... you\ | yoe ... yoe | both ... and |
| you\ bian- | yoe bee-in | right side, at the |
| you\ zhuan√ | yoe jwahn | turn right |
| you√ | yoe | have (to) |
| yu/ | yuu | fish |
| yuan/ xing/ | 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\ liang\ | yu-eh lee-ahng | moon |
| Yue\ nan/ | yu-eh nahn | Viet Nam |
| Yue\ nan/ ren/ | yu-eh nahn wren | Vietnamese people |
| Z | | |
| zai\ | zigh | at |
| zai\ | zigh | be at |
| zai\ | zigh | in |
| zai\ | zigh | occupy |
| zai\ | zigh | on |
| zai\ (place)de | zigh ...duh ...bee-in | direction from one place |

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| (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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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\ | lung 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| businessman | che– | chuh |
| busy (to be) | shang– ren/ | shahng wren |
| but | mang/ | mahng |
| butter | ke\ shi\ | huh shr |
| buy (to) | niu/ you/ | neo yoe |
| C | mai\ | my |
| C.P.A., certified public | kuai\ ji\ shi– | kwie jee shr |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| Hunan province (lake south) | Hu/ nan/ | huu nahn |
| Hupeh province (lake north) | Hu/ beiV | huu bay |
| I | | |
| I don't know. | WoV bu\ zhi- dao\. | waw buu jr dow |
| I, me | woV | waw |
| if | yao\ shi\ | yow shr |
| in | zai\ | zigh |
| in all | yi/ gong\ | ee goong |
| incorrect | bu/ dui\ | buu dway |
| incorrect | cuo\ | tswaw |
| indeed | jiu\ | jeo |
| India | Yin\ du\ | een duu |
| Indian people | Yin\ du\ ren/ | een duu wren |
| ink | mo\ shuiV | mwoh shway |
| ink stick | mo\ | mwoh |
| ink stone | yan\ tai/ | yahn tie |
| inquire (to) | wen\ | wun |
| inside | liV | lee |
| inside | liV tou | lee toe |
| inside | zai\ ... liV tou | zigh ... lee toe |
| inside edge | liV bian- | lee bee-in |
| inside edge | zai\ ... liV bian- | zigh ... lee bee-in |
| inside surface | liV mian\ | lee mee-in |
| inside surface | zai\ ... liV mian\ | zigh ... lee mee-in |
| intelligent | cong- ming | tsoong meeng |
| introduce (to) | jie\ shao\ | jee-eh shou |
| invite (to) | qingV | tcheeng |
| Is it all right? | KeV yiV 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\ benV | rr bin |
| Japanese language, literature | Ri\ wen/ | rr wun |
| Japanese people | Ri\ benV ren/ | rr bin wren |
| job | gong- zuo\ | goong zwaw |
| juice | zhi- | jr |
| July | qi- yue\ | tchee yu-eh |
| June | liu\ yue\ | leo yu-eh |

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| 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 |

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| 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 shuang |

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

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| 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- chang/ (chang/) | shahng bahn chahng chahng |
| often | | |
| OK | xing/ | sheeng |
| OK? | Hao\ ma? | how mah |
| old | jiu\ | jeo |

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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\ | sheeng tchee suh |
| | bai\ si\) | |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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

| | | |
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| year, two ago | nian/ | nee-in |
| year, last | qian/ nian/ | tchee-in nee-in |
| year, this | qu\ nian/ | tchuu nee-in |
| year, next | jin- nian/ | jeen nee-in |
| year, two from now | ming/ nian/ | meeng nee-in |
| year 1999 | hou\ nian/ | hoe nee-in |
| | yi- jiu\ jiu\ jiu\ nian/ | ee jeo jeo tchee nee-in |

seasons

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| spring | si\ ji\ | suh jee |
| summer | chun- tian- | chwun tee-in |
| autumn, fall | xia\ tian- | shee-ah tee-in |
| winter | qiu- tian- | tcheo tee-in |
| | dong- tian- | doong tee-in |
| | yue\ | yu-eh |

month

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| month, two ago | shang\ shang\ ge yue\ | shahng shahng guh yu-eh |
| month, last | shang\ ge yue\ | shahng guh yu-eh |
| month, this | zhei\ ge yue\ | jay guh yu-eh |
| month, next | xia\ ge yue\ | shee-ah guh yu-eh |
| month, two from now | xia\ xia\ ge yue\ | shee-ah shee-ah guh yu-eh |

one month

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| January | yi- ge yue\ | ee guh yu-eh |
| February | yi- yue\ | ee yu-eh |
| March | er\ yue\ | urh yu-eh |
| April | san- yue\ | sahn yu-eh |
| May | si\ yue\ | suh yu-eh |
| June | wu\ yue\ | wuu yu-eh |
| July | liu\ yue\ | leo yu-eh |
| August | qi- yue\ | tchee yu-eh |
| September | ba- yue\ | bah yu-eh |
| October | jiu\ yue\ | jeo yu-eh |
| November | shi/ yue\ | shr yu-eh |
| December | shi/ yi- yue\ | shr ee yu-eh |
| | shi/ er\ yue\ | shr urh yu-eh |

week

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| week, two ago | li\ bai\ (or) xing- qi/ | lee buy (or) sheeng tchee |
| | shang\ shang\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\) | shahng shahng guh sheeng tchee |
| week, last | shang\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\) | shahng guh sheeng tchee |
| week, this | zhei\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\) | jay guh sheeng tchee |
| week, next | xia\ ge xing- qi/ (li\ bai\) | shee-ah guh sheeng tchee |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 hr:number mins) | (number) dian\ (number) fen- | ... dee-in ... fin |

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 |

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| 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

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| zero | ling/ | leeng |
| one | yi- | ee |
| two | er\ | urh |
| 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 |

Modifiers

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| (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) | le | 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 |

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| 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， |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 |
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| | 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 | · |
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| | 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 |
| | | | | | |

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|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 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 | jwahn | | | | | |
| UANG | jwahng | | | | | |
| UE | . | | | | | |
| UI | jway | | | | | |
| UN | juwun | | | | | |
| UO | jwaw | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |