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Words

Character	Pinyin	English
忙	máng	busy
吗	ma	questioning particle (yes/no)
爸爸	bàba	dad
妈妈	māma	mum
他们	tāmen	they; them
他	tā	he; him
们	men	denotes plural
都	dōu	both; all
不	bù	not; no
男	nán	male
朋友	péngyou	friend
哥哥	gēge	elder brother
弟弟	dìdi	younger brother
要	yào	to want
咖啡	kāfēi	coffee
我们	wǒmen	we; us
喝	hē	to drink
哥哥	gēge	elder brother
听	tīng	listen to
发音	fāyīn	pronounce
看	kàn	look at
黑板	hēibǎn	blackboard
白板	báibǎn	whiteboard

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Phrases

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你爸爸，妈妈好吗？	Nǐ bàba, māma hǎo ma?	How are your mum and dad?
他们都好。	Tāmen dōu hěn hǎo.	They are both very good.
你忙吗？	Nǐ máng ma?	Are you busy?
我不忙。	Wǒ bù máng.	I am not busy.
你男朋友 呢？	Nǐ nán péngyou ne?	And your boyfriend?
他很忙。	Tā hěn máng.	He is very busy.
你要咖啡吗？	Nǐ yào kāfēi ma?	Would you like a coffee?
我要咖啡。	Wǒ yào kāfēi.	I would like a coffee.
我也要咖啡。	Wǒ yě yào kāfēi.	I would also like a coffee.
好，我们都喝咖啡。	Hǎo, wǒmen dōu hē kāfēi.	Good, we shall all drink coffee.
听我发音。	Tīng wǒ fāyīn.	Listen to my pronunciation.
看黑板。	Kàn hēibǎn.	Look at the blackboard.
看白板。	Kàn báibǎn.	Look at the whiteboard.

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Initials

Initial	Sound	Rough English sound
b	baw	bore
p	paw	pore
m	maw	more
f	faw	fall
d	duh	done
t	tuh	tore
n	nuh	nail
l	luh	late
g	guh	guard
k	kuh	come
h	huh	loch
j	gee	jeep
q	chee	cheese
x	she	ship
z	dzuh	suds
c	tsuh	cats
s	suh	see
zh	jir	germ
ch	chir	chin
sh	shir	shirt
r	rj	rank
w	ooh	swoon
y	ee	ye

Pronunciation of the vowels

The openness of the mouth for the vowels, from widest to smallest is as follows:

a o e i u ü

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Finals

Final	Sound	Rough English sound
a	ah	are
ai	i	eye
ao	ow	owl
an	ahn	ant
ang	ahng	bang
o	aw	straw
ong	oong	too + ng
ou	oh	go
e	uh	duh
ei	ay	say
en	un	taken
eng	ung	lung
er	ar	are
i	ee / uh	tea / huh
ia	ya	yak
iao	yaow	meow
ian	yan	yen
iang	yahng	y + angst
ie	yeh	yes
in	een	din
ing	eeng	mowing
iong	yuong	you + ng
iu	you	Cleo
u	oo	moo
ua	wa	suave
uo	waw	war
ui	way	way
uai	why	why
uan	won	oo-won
un	un	won
uang	whang	wan + ng
ü	yoo	you
ue	oo-weh	you + eh
üan	ywan	you + wan
üe	yewn	you + n