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Pinyin Made Simple: Initials, Finals, and Tricky Sounds

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Word	Pinyin	Type	Meaning	Example
b	b	initial	consonant	
p	p	initial	consonant	
m	m	initial	consonant	
f	f	initial	consonant	
d	d	initial	consonant	
t	t	initial	consonant	
n	n	initial	consonant	
l	l	initial	consonant	
g	g	initial	consonant	
k	k	initial	consonant	
h	h	initial	consonant	
j	j	initial	consonant	
q	q	initial	consonant	
x	x	initial	consonant	
zh	zh	initial	consonant	
ch	ch	initial	consonant	
sh	sh	initial	consonant	
r	r	initial	consonant	
z	z	initial	consonant	
c	c	initial	consonant	
s	s	initial	consonant	
a	a	final	vowel	
ai	ai	final	diphthong	
an	an	final	nasal	
ang	ang	final	nasal	
ma	ma	syllable	example	
ni	ni	syllable	example	
hao	hao	syllable	example	
我	wǒ	pronoun	I, me	我們
你	nǐ	pronoun	you (singular)	你們
好	hǎo	adjective	good	好吃
是	shì	verb	to be (am, is, are)	是否
大	dà	adjective	big, large	大人
小	xiǎo	adjective	small	小孩

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吃	chī	verb	to eat	吃飯
喝	hē	verb	to drink	喝水
人	rén	noun	person, people	人口
山	shān	noun	mountain	山脈
水	shuǐ	noun	water	水果
火	huǒ	noun	fire	火車
的	de	particle	possessive particle	我的
一	yī	number	one	一個
不	bù	adverb	not	不要
了	le	particle	completed action marker	好了
在	zài	preposition/verb	at, in, on; to be located	現在
有	yǒu	verb	have; there is/are	沒有
他	tā	pronoun	he, him	他們
她	tā	pronoun	she, her	她們
這	zhè	determiner/pronoun	this	這裡
那	nà	determiner/pronoun	that	那裡
來	lái	verb	come	過來
去	qù	verb	go	回去
學	xué	character	to learn; to study	學生
生	shēng	character	life; to be born	生活
老	lǎo	character	old; prefix for a respected person	老師
師	shī	character	teacher; master	老師
朋	péng	character	friend	朋友
友	yǒu	character	friend	朋友
家	jiā	character	home; family	家人
愛	ài	character	love; to like	愛好
國	guó	character	country; nation	國家
中	zhōng	character	middle; China (abbreviation)	中文
文	wén	character	language; writing	文化
語	yǔ	character	language	語言
們	men	suffix	plural marker for people	他們
很	hěn	adverb	very	很多
嗎	ma	particle	question particle for yes/no questions	是嗎?
謝謝	xièxie	expression	thank you	謝謝
對不起	duìbuqǐ	expression	sorry	對不起
再見	zàijiàn	expression	goodbye; see you again	再見