

Pinyin 2

Level:

Beginner

You will learn:

During this lesson you will learn initials j, q, x, z, c, s, zh, ch, sh, r, y(i), w(u) and finals ai, ei, ui, ao, ou, iu, ie, ue.



2-Initials

- j** like 'j' in 'jeep' - tongue is positioned below lower teeth
- q** like 'ch' in 'cheap' - tongue is positioned below lower teeth
- x** like 'sh' in 'sheep' - tongue is positioned below lower teeth
- z** like 'ds' in 'woods'
- c** like 'ts' in 'cats'
- s** like 's' in 'see'



In English, you can find the similar sounds for **j,q,x,z,c,s** .But need to practice.

2-Initials

- zh like 'j' in 'jam'
- ch like 'ch' in 'cheap'
- sh like 'sh' in 'ship'
- r like 'z' in 'zoo'
- (y) i like 'ee' in 'bee'
- (w) u like 'oo' in 'room'



zh, ch and sh are called retroflexions. You must curl up slightly your tongue tip and place it close to the front of the hard palate when pronouncing them.

Exercise:

朗读声母和音节。

Read the following initials and syllables.

j q x
ji qi xi

zh ch sh r z c s
zha cha sha za ca sa
zhe che she re ze ce se
zhu chu shu ru zu cu su

Compound Finals-1

Finals which consist of two or three vowels are called compound finals.

When you pronounce a compound final , glide smoothly from one vowel to another instead of jumping from one to another.

Compound Finals-1

ai like 'y' in 'by'



ei like 'ay' in 'bay'



ui like 'ui' in 'quit'



Compound Finals-1

ao like 'au' in 'sauerkraut'

ou like 'o' in 'go'

iu like 'you'

ie like 'ye' in 'yes'

ue is a combination of 'u' + 'ei', in which 'ei' is pronounced louder and clearer than 'u'



Exercise:

朗读下列复韵母和音节。

Read the following finals and syllables.

1. ai ei ao ou
bai lei zhao lou

2. ia ie ua uo ue
jia xie hua guo yue

3. iao iou uai ui
jiao you guai hui

zi, ci, si, ri, zhi, chi, shi

'i' in the syllables 'zi', 'ci', 'si', 'zhi', 'chi', 'shi' and 'ri' is not the common final 'i', The pronunciations of these syllables are the same as those of the initials without "i"

zi = z; ci = c; si = s

	i
z	zi
c	ci
s	si

	i
zh	zhi
ch	chi
sh	shi

ju,qu,xu

The finals in column “ü” should be spelt as “u” when they are used with the initials “j” “q” “x” .

Jü=ju ,
qü=qu,
xü=xu

	ü
j	ju
q	qu
x	xu

Exercise:

辨声母。 Discriminate the initials.

ji-zhi	qi-chi	xi-shi	ji-zi	qi-ci	xi-si
zhi-zi	chi-ci	shi-si	ji-qi	qi-xi	xi-ji

Exercise

1. 辨声母。 Discriminate the initials.

qī jī jù qù chú zhú
七 鸡 句 去 除 竹

zhè chē cì zì cū zū
这 车 次 字 粗 租

2. 朗读下列双音节词语。 Read the following dissyllables.

shújià
书架

xuéxí
学习

máoyī
毛衣

qìshuǐ
汽水

kāishǐ
开始

fēijī
飞机

huídá
回答

lǎoshī
老师

kēxué
科学

dàxué
大学

tèbié
特别

huòzhě
或者