

PERIODIC TABLE OF PINYIN

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INITIALS			
1 B	2 P	3 M	4 F
5 D	6 T	7 N	8 L
9 Z	10 C	11 S	
12 ZH	13 CH	14 SH	15 R
16 J	17 Q	18 X	
19 G	20 K	21 H	
22 Y	23 W		

KEY



COLOR

- LIP SOUNDS
- BEHIND UPPER TEETH EASY
- BEHIND UPPER TEETH RIGID
- ROLL TONGUE SOUNDS
- TONGUE SPLITTING
- THROAT SOUNDS
- PSEUDO INITIALS
- FINALS

REWRITING

WITHOUT AN INITIAL, SOME FINALS CHANGE
Notice how I, U and Ü are rewritten if there is no initial in a pinyin syllable.

PUFF OF AIR

- SLIGHT PUFF OF AIR**
Like the word for pig, which is 猪 (zhū) in Chinese
- STRONG PUFF OF AIR (ASPIRATED)**
Like the word for rabbit 兔 (tù), which sounds almost like the word for to spit 吐 (tǔ)

TRICKY VOWELS

- I** **IT ISN'T AN 'I'**
In ZI, CI, SI, ZHI, CHI, SHI and RI, the 'I' is not pronounced like 'ee' in tree.
- Ü** **IT ISN'T A 'U'**
In any syllable with both a U and a J, Q or X, the U is always really a Ü. See also finals with Ü.
- A** **THIS 'A' IS DIFFERENT**
In the finals IAN and ÜAN, the A is not the same as in other finals. It is like 'a' in 'ban'.

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FINALS									
1 A	2 AI	3 AN	4 ANG	5 AO					
6 O	7 ONG	8 OU							
9 E	10 EI	11 EN	12 ENG	13 ER					
14 -I									
15 I	16 IA	17 IAN	18 IANG	19 IAO	20 IE	21 IN	22 ING	24 IOU	23 YONG
25 U	26 UA	27 UAI	28 UAN	29 UANG	30 UEI	31 UEN	32 UENG	33 UO	
34 Ü	35 ÜE	36 ÜAN	37 ÜN						

