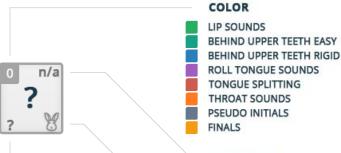


KEY



REWRITING

WITHOUT AN INITIAL, SOME FINALS CHANGENotice 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

智 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 \ddot{U} . See also finals with \ddot{U} .

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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