Pinyin Listening Exercises: Poems

- Write down the word initials as you hear them.

静夜思 Jingyèisī IN THE QUIET NIGHT by LI Bai (Tang dynasty, 618-907 A.D.)

____uang    ____iang    ____ing    ____ue    ____uang
So bright a gleam on the foot of my bed

____i     ____i     ____i     ____ang    ____uang
Could there have been a frost already?

____u     ____ou    ____ang    ____ing    ____ue
Lifting myself to look, I found that it was moonlight.

____i     ____ou    ____i     ____u     ____iang
Sinking back again, I thought suddenly of home.

- Write down the tone of each character as you hear them.

春晓 Chunxiāo A SPRING MORNING by MENG Haoran (Tang dynasty, 618-907 A.D.)

Chun       mian    bu     jue     xiao
I awake light-hearted this morning of spring,

Chu        chu     wen    ti      niao
Everywhere round me the singing of birds.

Ye         lai     feng    yu      sheng
But now I remember the night, the storm,

Hua        luo     zhi     duo     shao
And I wonder how many blossoms were broken.

(Translation adopted from http://zhongwen.com. Highly recommended!)