### Chinese Pronunciation: Pinyin 拼音

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<td>ua uo uai ui (uei) uan un uang ong (ueng)</td>
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If there’s no initial before i, u, and ü, they are written as follows:

- i  ia  iao  ie  iou  ian  iang  in  ing
  = yi  ya  yao  ye  you  yan  yang  yin  ying

- u  ua  uai  uei  uan  uang  uen  ueng
  = wu  wa  wai  wei  wan  wang  wen  weng

- ü  üe  üan  ün
  = yu  yue  yuan  yun
Chinese *pinyin* spelling

The seven groups of single syllables cover all types of spelling in Chinese pinyin.

**Group 1**  
The final 'iou' changes into the form 'iu' when spelt with an initial.  
iou = iu

**Group 2**  
The final 'uei' changes into the form 'ui' when spelt with an initial.  
uei = ui

**Group 3**  
The final 'uen' changes into the form 'un' when spelt with an initial.  
uen = un

**Group 4**  
The finals in column 'ü' should be spelt as 'u' when they are used with the initials 'j', 'q' and 'x', and also 'üen' changes into 'un'.  
j ü = ju  
q ü = qu  
x ü = xu

\[j \text{ ü en} = \text{jun}\]  
\[q \text{ ü en} = \text{qun}\]  
\[x \text{ ü en} = \text{xun}\]

**Group 5**  
'i' in the syllables 'zi', 'ci' and 'si' is not the common final 'i', but a blade-alveolar vowel. The pronunciations of the syllables 'zi', 'ci' and 'si' are the same as those of the initials 'z', 'c' and 's'.  
zi = z  
ci = c  
si = s
**Group 6**

'i' in the syllables 'zhi', 'chi', 'shi' and 'ri' is not the common final 'i', but a blade-palatal vowel. The pronunciations of the syllables 'zhi', 'chi', 'shi' and 'ri' are the same as those of the initials 'zh', 'ch', 'sh' and 'r'.

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\begin{align*}
\text{zhi} &= \text{zh} \\
\text{chi} &= \text{ch} \\
\text{shi} &= \text{sh} \\
\text{ri} &= \text{r}
\end{align*}
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**Group 7**

When finals in the columns 'i', 'u' and 'ü' make syllables themselves without preceding, they are written as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\text{i} &= \text{y} \\
\text{u} &= \text{w} \\
\text{ü} &= \text{yu}
\end{align*}
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