

400 Unique Sounds in Mandarin Chinese (Traditional Chinese Version)

啊八擦插搭發嘎哈喀拉媽拿趴仁殺他啞渣播佛摸噢坡策車啞婀歌呵科了麼呢熱色奢特責遮哀
 掰猜拆呆該嗨開來霾奶拍鰓篩胎災摘杯得飛給黑尅勒煤內胚誰賊凹包操超刀高蒿尻撈貓孬拋
 饒搔燒掏糟招抽湊兜否鉤猴摳樓啐歐剖揉收艘偷周安班餐攙單翻肝斃刊藍瞞南潘然三山貪簪
 沾奔岑嗔恩芬跟痕肯悶嫩噴人森身怎真骯幫倉昌噹方剛夯康啣忙囔兵讓桑商湯髒張崩噌撐燈
 風耕亨坑冷夢能烹扔僧生疼增爭逼低雞哩咪妮批七踢西一吃疵日師私知資嗲家倆掐蝦鴨慙爹
 接咧咩捏瞥切貼些噎標雕交撩烏喵漂敲佻消腰丟糾溜謬妞秋修優邊顛肩連棉拈篇千天先煙賓
 金拎民您拼侵心音江良娘槍香央冰盯京零名凝乒清聽星英捕出粗督夫孤呼哭擻母奴撲如書酥
 禿屋豬租瓜花誇刷挖抓戳搓多鍋活闊囉挪弱說縮拖窩桌昨踹乖壞快摔歪拽吹催堆歸灰虧銳睡
 雖推威追最穿躡端官歡寬卵暖軟拴酸湍彎專鑽春村蹲棍婚昆掄潤順孫吞溫準尊窗光荒筐雙汪
 裝充匆東工轟空龍農容鬆通翁忠宗居屈旅女需迂噉略虐缺靴約捐全宣冤君群熏暈囧窮兄庸兒

How to use this resource

1. Find a native speaker of Chinese, preferably one who speaks standard Mandarin, and of the same gender.
2. Ask the speaker to pronounce each of these characters one by one.
3. Shadow the speaker with your own attempts at pronunciation, trying to sound as similar to them as possible.
4. Circle any pronunciations you have difficulty imitating and practice these daily until you sound closer to your native speaker friend.
5. For better results, record your session and play it back later to 'hear' the difference between your utterances and that of your friend.
6. When in doubt, listen to the mp3 recording.

Note that, for the purposes of this activity, the following characters with more than one reading (多音字) should be read as:

嘎: gā	尅: kē	撩: liāo
喀: kā	勒: lēi	溜: liū
佛: fó	誰: shéi	鑽: zuān
嘍: dē	奔: bēn	拎: līn (Taiwan: līng)
了: le	悶: mēn	拽: zhuài
麼: me	哩: lī	蹲: dūn
呢: ne	妮: nī (Taiwan: ní)	掄: lūn
色: sè	倆: liǎ	空: kōng
得: děi	咧: liē	暈: yūn
給: gěi	切: qiē	

I have chosen these 400 characters because they make up virtually all sounds in Mandarin – excluding, of course, variations in tone. This resource is best used as a quick diagnostic tool for learners of Chinese who wish to figure out which sounds they need to work on. Enjoy!

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