

歡迎 / 欢迎

Huānyíng!
Welcome!

大家好！我是彭老師。

Dàjiā hǎo! Wǒ shì Péng lǎoshī.

Hi! Everyone, I am teacher Peng.

我姓彭，名字叫玉梅。

Wǒ xìng Péng, míngzi jiào yù-méi.

My last name is Peng, my name is yu-mei.

Chinese Phonetics

拼音表

pīnyīn biǎo

pinyin chart

Initials 声母

b p m f

d t n l

g k h

j q x

zh ch sh r

z c s

Initials 声母

b(bo)

p(po)

m(mo)

f(fo)

d(de)

t(te)

n(ne)

l(le)

g(ge)

k(ke)

h(he)

j(ji)

q(qi)

x(xi)

zh(zhi)

ch(chi)

sh(shi)

r(ri)

z(zi)

c(ci)

s(si)

Sounds - Consonants

- Initial consonants:
 - bo, po, mo, fo —> lips
 - de, te, ne, le —> top front teeth
 - ge, ke, he —> throat
 - ji, qi, xi —> palatal
(back of the tongue arches upward)
 - zhi, chi, shi, ri —> retroflex
(tongue curled back)
 - zi, ci, si —> dental sibilant

Finals 韻母

(y)i (w)/u ü

a o e ê

ai ei ao ou

an en ang eng er

Finals 韻母

i (yi)

u (wu)

ü(yu)

ia(ya)

ua(wa)

io(yo)

uo(wo)

ie(ye)

üe(yue)

uai(wai)

uei(wei)

iao(yao)

iou(you)

ian(yan)

in (yin)

iang(yang)

ing (ying)

iong(yong)

uan(wan)

uen(wen)

uang(wang)

ueng(weng)

üan(yuan)

ün (yun)

Sounds - Vowels

- V: a, e, i, o, u, ü
- VV: ei, ai, ao, ou
- VN: an, en, ang, eng, ong
- Medials: (y)/i, (w)/u, ü
- Medials + Vowel
 - ia, iao, ie, iu(iou), ian, iang, in, ing, iong
 - ua, uo uai, ui(uei), uan, uang, un(uen)
 - üe(üê), üan, ün(üen)
- Vr: er

Similar English Sounds

jī	=	j	ee	p
qī	=	ch	ee	p
xī	=	sh	ee	p
zī	=	ad	s	
cī	=	bi	t	s
sī	=	s -tongue pressed more forward		
zhī	=	ad	j	ure
chī	=	ch	ir	p
shī	=	sh	ir	t
rī	=	mea	s	ure

b p m f Song

b p m f

d t n l

g k h

j q x

zh ch sh r

z c s

i u ü

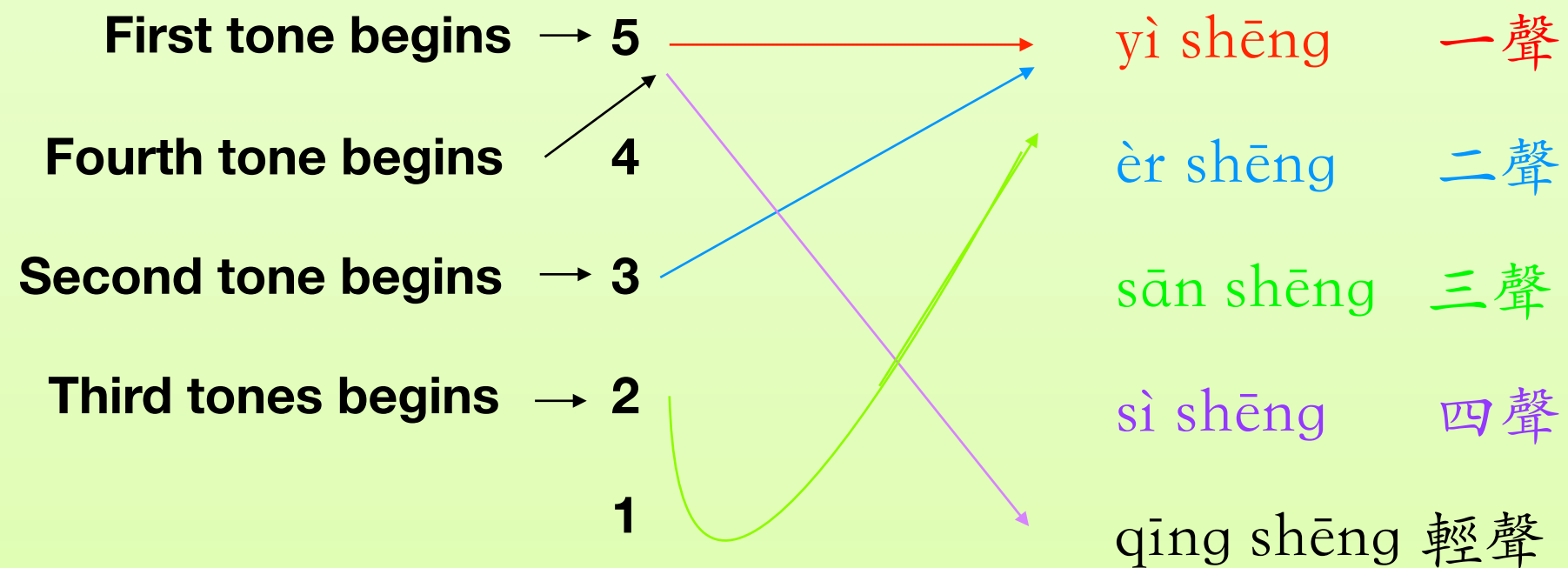
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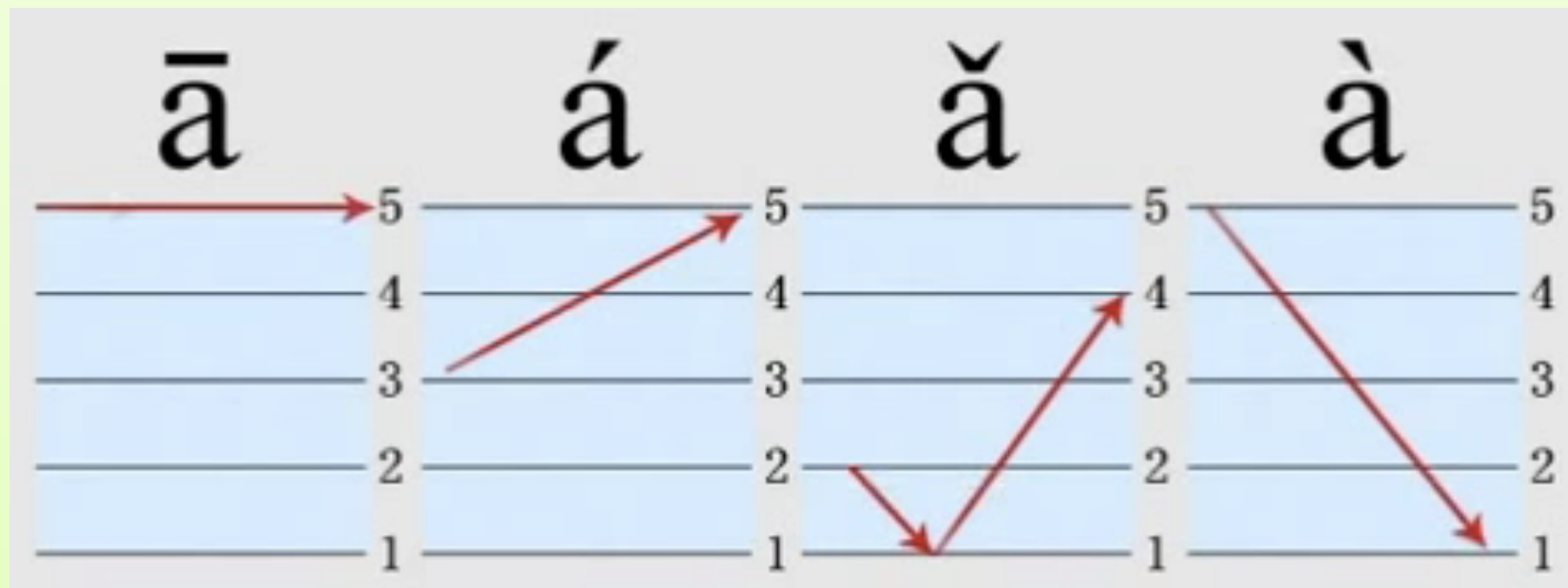
an en ang eng er

dà jiā lái cháng b p m

Tone Contour



Four Tones



Tones	Tone Marks	Descriptions
1st tone	mā	high level
2nd tone	má	high rising
3rd tone	mǎ	low dipping
4th tone	mà	high falling

媽

mā

mother

麻

má

hemp

馬

mǎ

horse

罵

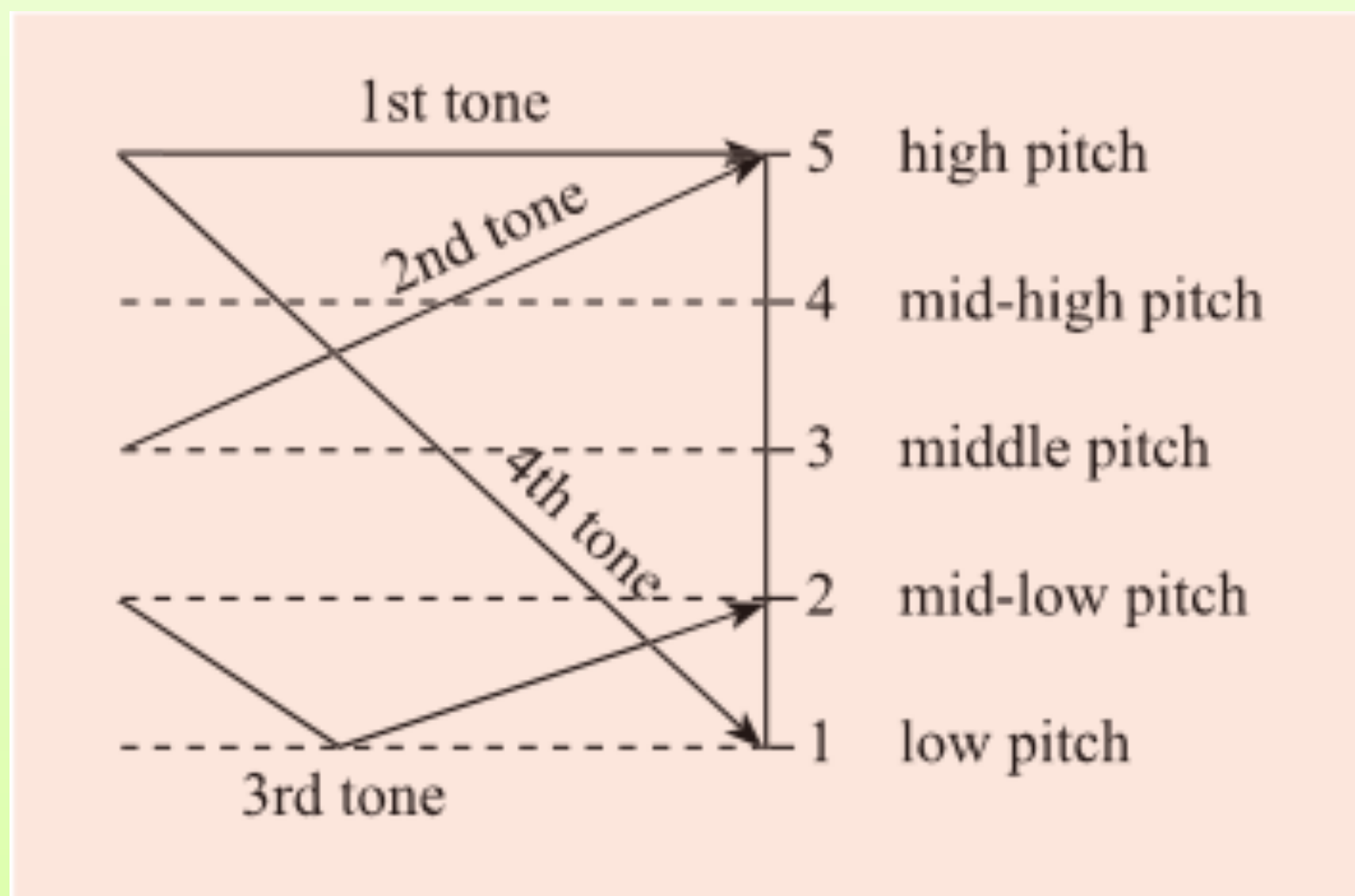
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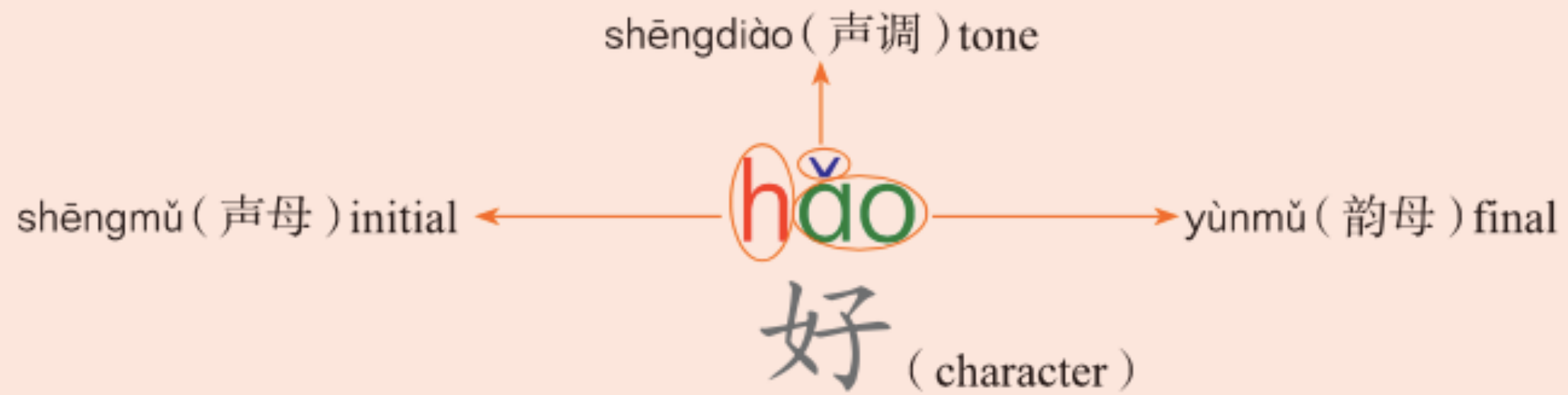
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嗎

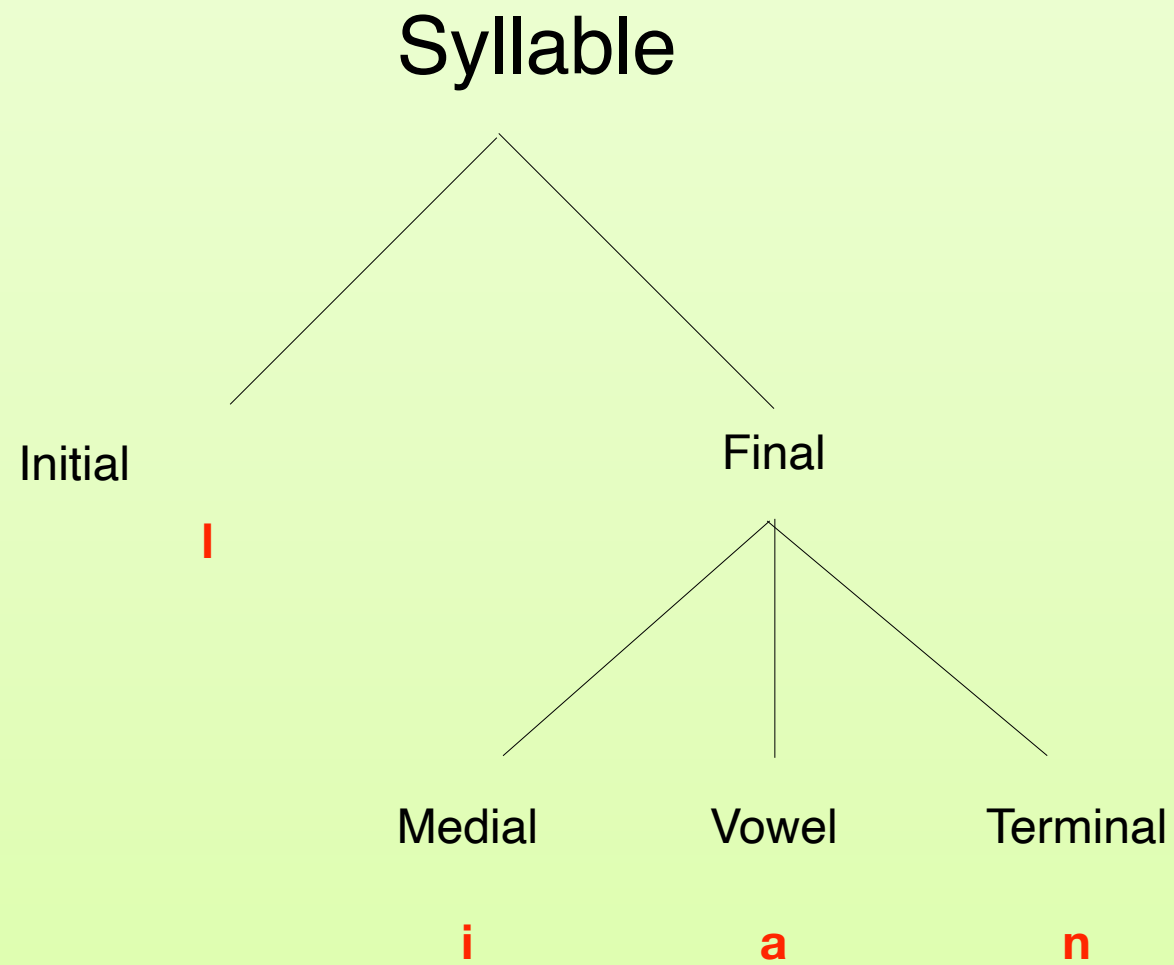
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interrogative particle



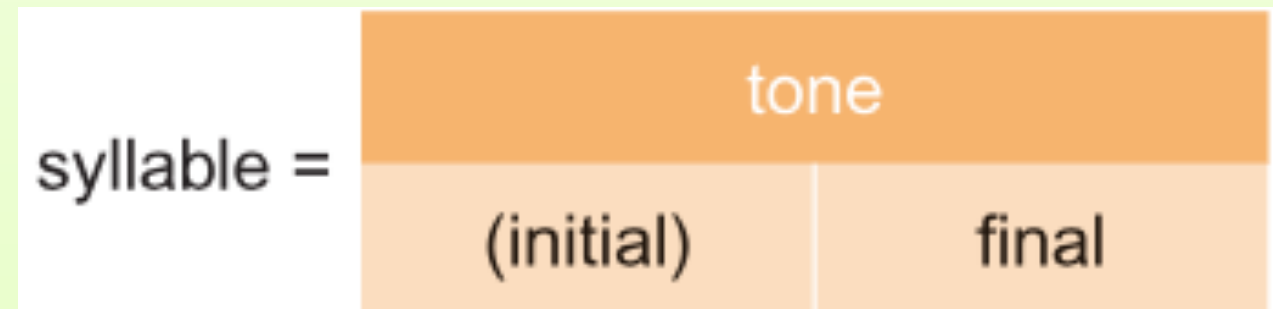


liǎn



Syllable

- Basic syllable structure:



C M V N

l i a n liǎn 臉 face

V: a 啊 wow!

CV: la 拉 pull

CMV: lia 倆 two

CMVN: lian 臉 face

Syllable with Tones

- Tones are meaning-differentiating:
- Not every syllable has four tones:

tā 他 he

tá X

tǎ 塔 tower

tà 踏 step on

Pīnyīn liàn xí (Pinyin practice)

bī bí bǐ bì

zā zá

tū tǔ

dī dì

zhé zhē

gé gě

xǐ xí

qǔ qù

cí cì

chī chí