

爱	ài	eye	to love	不爱读	Dislike study
八	bā	bar	8	八点	8 o'clock
爸爸	bàba	bar bar	Father	爸爸	Father (informal)
吧	ba	bar	Ok?	你看着办吧	Do as you please
白	bai	buy	White	黑白	Black and white
百	bǎi	buy	100	几百	Several hundred
帮助	bāngzhù	barn joe	Assistance	有帮助	Helpful
报纸	bàozhǐ	bow jer	Newspaper	报纸报导	Newspaper report
杯子	bēizi	bay zur	Cup	银杯子	Silver cup
北京	Běijīng	bay-jing	Beijing	驻北京	Stationed in Beijing
本	běn	ben	Measure word for books	四本书	Four books
比	bǐ	bee	to compare	比不上	Can't compare with
别	bié	bier	to leave	别人	Other people
不客气	bù kèqi	boo ker chee	You are welcome	不客气	You are welcome
不	bù	boo	No	不谢	No need to thank
菜	cài	tie	Dish	菜农	Vegetable farmer
茶	chá	char	Tea	茉莉花茶	Jasmine tea
长	cháng	charng	Length	长久	(for a) long time
唱歌	chànggē	charng ger	to sing a song	唱歌	to sing a song
吃	chī	chee	to eat	好吃	Delicious
出	chū	choo	to go out	说不出	Unable to say
出租车	chūzūchē	choo zoo cher	Taxi	出租车	Taxi
穿	chuān	chwan	to pierce	穿着	Clothes
船	chuán	chwan	Boat	船货	Cargo
次	cì	ser	Next in a sequence	次日	Next day
从	cóng	cong	From	从何	From where?
错	cuò	cuoa	Mistake	错用	To misuse
打电话	dǎ diànhuà	dar dee-en hwar	to ring	打电话	to ring
打篮球	dǎlánqiú	da lan cho	Basketball	打篮球	Basketball
大	dà	dar	Big	大学	University
大家	dàjiā	dar jiah	Everyone	大家	Expert
但是	dànshì	darnshur	But	但是	However
到	dào	dow	to arrive	到现在	To date
的	de	der	of	的姐	Female taxi driver
得	de	der	Particle indicating effect	戳得住	Up to it
等	děng	dung	Equal to	等值	Of equal value
弟弟	dìdì	dee dee	Younger brother	弟弟	Younger brother
第一	dìyī	dee ee	First	第一步	First step
点	diǎn	dee-en	o'clock	三点半	3:30
电脑	diànnǎo	dee-en now	Computer	个人电脑	Personal computer
电视	diànshì	dee-en sher	Television	有线电视	Cable television
电影	diànyǐng	dee-en ying	Movie	电影票	Cinema ticket
东西	dōngxi	dong see	Thing	买东西	to do one's shopping
懂	dǒng	dong	to understand	懂眼	Expert
都	dōu	dough	All	都会	Society, community
读	dú	do	to read	读书会	Study group
对	duì	dway	Correct	不对	Incorrect
对不起	duìbuqǐ	day boo chee	Unworthy	对不起	I am sorry
多	duō	door	Many	十多亿	Over one billion
多少	duōshao	door-shal	How much	多少有些	Somewhat
儿子	érzi	r-zu (i not sounded)	Son	神的儿子	The Son of God
二	èr	are	2	二月	February
饭馆	fànguǎn	fan-gwan	Restaurant	小饭馆	Tearoom, canteen
房间	fángjiān	fan jee-in	Room	开房间	Take a hotel room
非常	fēicháng	fay-charng	Unusual	非常多	Very many
飞机	fēiji	fayjee	Airplane	飞机师	Pilot
分钟	fēnzhōng	fen jong	Minute	三分钟热度	Brief enthusiasm
服务员	fúwùyuán	foowooyuan	Waiter	服务员	Server
高	gāo	gow	High	高价	High price
高兴	gāoxìng	gow sing	Happy	高高兴兴	In a good mood
告诉	gàosu	Gow sue	to tell	告诉	to inform
哥哥	gēge	gerger	Older brother	哥哥	Older brother
个	gè	gur	Classifier (people, general)	个性	Individuality, personality
给	gěi	gay	to give	给以	to give
公共汽车	gōnggòngqìchē	gonggongcheecher	Bus	公共汽车站	Bus stop
公斤	gōngjīn	gongjeen	Kilogram	公斤	Kilogram
公司	gōngsī	goongsee	Company	公司会议	Company meeting
工作	gōngzuò	gong-zore	to work	工作时间	Working hours
狗	gǒu	go	Dog	唐狗	Mongrel
贵	guì	gway	Expensive	贵人	Respected person
过	guò	gwor	to cross	过不去	to make life difficult for
还	hái	high	Still	还是	Nevertheless
孩子	háizi	high zu	Child	孩子们	Children
汉语	hànyǔ	han you	Chinese language	汉语拼音	Hanyu Pinyin
好	hǎo	how	Good	你好	You good?
好吃	hǎochī	how cher	Tasty	好吃	Delicious
号	hào	how	Ordinal number	号召	to call
喝	hē	her	to drink	喝掉	to finish (a drink)
和	hé	hur	And	平和	Gentle, mild
黑	hēi	hay	Black	黑加仑	Blackcurrant
很	hěn	hun	Very (Adverb)	很多时	Often
红	hóng	hong	Red	小红帽	Little Red Riding Hood
后面	hòumiàn	hoe mee-in	Rear	后面	Afterwards
欢迎	huānyíng	hwar eeng	to welcome	欢迎光临	Welcome

回	huí	hway	to return	打来回	to make a round trip
回答	huídá	hwayda	to reply	回答	to answer
会	huì	hway	to be able to	他们会	They can
火车站	huǒchēzhàn	hwor cher jan	Train station	火车站	Train station
机场	jīchǎng	jee charng	Airport	国际机场	International airport
鸡蛋	jīdàn	jeedarn	Egg	鸡蛋炒饭	Egg fried rice
几	jǐ	jee	How much	几个	A few
家	jiā	ji-ar	Home	家人	Family person
件	jiàn	jee-in	CL things, clothes	器件	Component
叫	jiào	jow	to shout	叫车	Order a cab
教室	jiàoshì	jow shur	Classroom	阶梯教室	Lecture theatre
姐姐	jiějie	jear jear	Elder sister	姐姐	Elder sister
介绍	jièshào	jear shal	to introduce	简短介绍	Brief introduction
今天	jīntiān	jin tee-en	Today	今天	Today
进	jìn	jin	to advance	进来	To come in
近	jìn	jin	Near	近来	Recently
九	jiǔ	jee-owe	9	一九一二年	1912 (the year)
就	jiù	jeo	At once	就地	Locally
觉得	juéde	ju-eh der	To think	觉得	To think
咖啡	kāfēi	car fay	Coffee	咖啡店	Café
开	kāi	kye	to open	开车	to drive (a vehicle)
开始	kāishǐ	kigh shur	to begin	开始营业	to open for business
看	kàn	kan	to look at	受看	Good looking
看见	kànjiàn	kan jee-in	to see	看见	to see
考试	kǎoshì	kow shur	to take an exam	考试卷	Exam answer sheet
可能	kěnéng	ker nung	Might	可能性	Possibility
可以	kěyǐ	ker ee	Can	不可以	May not
课	kè	ker	Lesson	课本	Textbook
块	kuài	kweye	Lump	多模块	Many modules
快	kuài	kwi	Rapid	快件	Express delivery
快乐	kuàilè	kwi	Happy	快乐幸福	Cheerful
来	lái	lie	to come	天天来大学	Everyday come to University
老师	lǎoshī	low-sher	Teacher	语文老师	Language teacher
了	le	le	to finish	了了	To settle a matter
累	lèi	lay	Tired	累垮	To be worn out
冷	lěng	lon	Cold	冷天	Cold weather
离	lí	lee	to leave	离任	To leave office
里	lǐ	lee	Inside	里面	Inside
两	liǎng	lee-ahng	Two	两下	For a little while
零	líng	ling	0	一百零一	101
六	liù	leo	6	星期六	Saturday
路	lù	loo	Road	走路	to walk
旅游	lǚyóu	lu yoe	Trip	旅游景点	Tourist attraction
妈妈	māmā	mama	Mother	妈妈	Mother
吗	ma	mar	Sentence ending to form a question	她姓王吗	She named Wang?
买	mǎi	my	to buy	买主	Customer
卖	mài	my	to sell	贩卖机	Vending machine
慢	màn	mahn	Slow	慢慢吞吞	Very slow
忙	máng	mahng	Busy	我忙	I am busy (lit. I busy)
猫	māo	mow	Cat	三毛猫	Tortoiseshell cat
没	méi	may	Has not	没有	Doesn't exist
没关系	méi guānxi	may gwan see	It does not matter	没关系	It does not matter
每	měi	may	Each	每年	Every year
妹妹	mèimei	maymay	Younger sister	妹妹	Younger sister
门	mén	mun	Door	门岗	Gate
米饭	mǐfàn	me fan	Cooked rice	米饭	Lit. Rice meal
明天	míngtiān	ming tee-en	Tomorrow	明天见	See you tomorrow
名字	míngzì	ming zur (i not sounded)	Name		相同名字 Same name
哪	nǎ	nar	Which	哪儿	Where
那	nà	na	That (one)	那个人	That person
男人	nánrén	nahn wren	A man	男人婆	Tomboy
呢	ne	nuh	Is it so (sentence ending for follow up question)	我姓王呢	I named Wang You?
能	néng	nung	to be able to	能否	Whether or not
你	nǐ	nee	You	你姓什么	You named what?
年	nián	nee en	Year	一九一四年	1914
您	nín	neen	you (polite form)	您姓什么	You named what?
牛奶	niúnnǎi	neo nie	Milk	不加牛奶	Without milk
女儿	nǚér	nure	Daughter	孙女儿	Granddaughter
女人	nǚrén	nuwren	Woman	女人气	Femininity
旁边	pángbiān	parnbeein	Lateral	旁边	Beside
跑步	pǎobù	powboo	to run	跑步者	Runner
朋友	péngyou	pung yo	Friend	好朋友	Good friend
便宜	piányi	pi-en yi	Inexpensive	便宜货	A bargain
票	piào	pi-ow	Ticket	票价	Ticket price
漂亮	piàoliang	pee-ow lee-ong	Pretty	漂亮	Pretty
苹果	píngguǒ	ping gwar	Apple	苹果汁	Apple juice
七	qī	chee	7	七点	7 o'clock
妻子	qīzi	cheezu	Wife	妻子	Wife
起床	qǐchuáng	chee chwahng	to get up	起床号	Reveille
千	qiān	chee-in	1000	一字千金	One word worth 1000 in gold
钱	qián	chee-n	Money	钱币	Money
前面	qiánmiàn	chee-en mee-en	Ahead		前面 In front
晴	qíng	ching	Clear	晴天	Clear sky
请	qǐng	ching	Please	请坐	Please sit

去	qù	choo	to go	我天天去 I everyday go
去年	qùnián	chu ni-en	Last year	去年底 Late last year
让	ràng	rahng	to permit	让开 To step aside
热	rè	rur	to heat up	热带鱼 Tropical fish
人	rén	wren	Person	工人 Worker
认识	rènshi	wren shur	to know	理性认识 Cognition
日	rì	ugh	Sun	一月二日 January 2
三	sān	san	3	三月二日 March 2nd
商店	shāngdiàn	shan dee-en	Shop	连锁店 Chain store
上	shàng	shang	Up	上网 to go online
上班	shàngbān	sharng bahn	to go to work	上班时间 Rush hour
上午	shàngwǔ	shan woo	Morning	上午 Morning
少	shǎo	shal	Few	少之又少 Very few
谁	shéi	shay	Who	谁知 Who knows
身体	shēntǐ	shun ti	Health	身体力行 Practice what preach
什么	shénme	shay ma	What	你姓什么 You named what?
生病	shēngbìng	shung bean	to fall ill	生病 To fall ill
生日	shēngrì	shung roo	Birthday	生日快乐 Happy birthday
十	shí	sher	10	二十 20
时候	shíhou	shur how	Time	时候 Time
时间	shíjiān	shur jee-an	Time	时间表 Timetable
是	shì	sher	to be	那是英国人 That is English person
事情	shìqing	sher ching	Affair	军事情报 Military intelligence
手表	shǒubiǎo	show bi-ow	Wristwatch	手表 Wristwatch
手机	shǒujī	show jee	Mobile phone	平板手机 Phablet
书	shū	shoe	Book	图书馆 Library
水	shuǐ	shway	Water	水果 Fruit
水果	shuǐguǒ	shway gwor	Fruit	水果 Fruit
睡觉	shuìjiào	sway jee ow	to sleep	睡觉 to sleep
说话	shuōhuà	show wa	to speak	说话算数 To keep a promise
四	sì	sir (i not sounded)	4	三月四日 March 4th
送	sòng	song	to deliver	送交 To hand over
岁	suì	sway	Year	早岁 Early years
所以	suǒyǐ	soy ee	Therefore	所以然 The reason why
他	tā	ta	He	他不姓王 He not named Wang
她	tā	ta	She	她姓王 She named Wang
它	tā	ta	It	它们 They
太	tài	tie	Too (much)	太好了 Very good
踢足球	tīzúqiú	ti ju cho	to play football	踢足球 To play football
题	tí	ti	Topic	题目 Title
天气	tiānqì	tee-en chee	Weather	鬼天气 Awful weather
跳舞	tiàowǔ	ti-ow woo	to dance	跳舞 to dance
听	tīng	ting	to listen	听不见 Not to be able to hear
同学	tóngxué	tong shu eh	Classmate	同班同学 Classmate
外	wài	wie	Outside	外事 Foreign affairs
完	wán	wahn	to finish	完全 Complete
玩	wán	wahn	Toy	玩伴 Playmate
晚上	wǎnshang	wahn sharng	Evening	晚上好 Good evening
喂	wèi	way	Hello	喂 Hello, answering the phone
为什么	wèishénme	way shum ma	Why	为什么 Why
问	wèn	wun	to ask (a question)	请问 May I ask ..?
问题	wèntí	wunti	Question	安全问题 Safty issue
我	wǒ	wor	I	我姓王 I named Wang
我们	wǒmen	wor mun	We	我们 Our
五	wǔ	woo	5	星期五 Friday
西瓜	xīguā	sheegwah	Watermelon	西瓜 Watermelon
希望	xīwàng	sheewong	to wish for	希望 To desire
洗	xǐ	shee	to wash	洗手 To wash one's hands
喜欢	xǐhuan	see when	to like	招人喜欢 Charming
下	xià	she ar	Down	下一个 The next one
下午	xiàwǔ	she ar woo	Afternoon	下午 Afternoon
下雨	xiàyǔ	she ar you	to rain	下雨 To rain
先生	xiānsheng	she-en sung	Mister	好好先生 Yes man
现在	xiànzài	she-en j-eye	Now	现在式 Present tense
想	xiǎng	she-ang	to think	想得美 In your dreams
向	xiàng	shee-eng	Direction	向北 Northward
小	xiǎo	she-ow	Small	小人 Dishonourable person
小姐	xiǎojiě	shal jear	Young lady	人鱼小姐 Mermaid
小时	xiǎoshí	sh-ow shur	Hour	半小时 Half hour
笑	xiào	shee-ow	Laugh	笑容 Smiling expression
些	xiē	shear	Some	哪些 Which ones
写	xiě	shear	to write	手写 to write by hand
谢谢	xièxie	shear shear	To thank	谢谢 Thank you
新	xīn	shin	New	新年 New Year
星期	xīngqī	shin chee	Week	星期 Week
姓	xìng	shing	to be surnamed	你姓什么 You named what?
休息	xiūxi	sheoshe	to rest	休息室 Staff room
学生	xuéshēng	swear sung	Student	高中学生 High school student
学习	xuéxí	swear see	to learn	刻苦学习 To study hard
学校	xuéxiào	sware shal	School	公立学校 Public school
雪	xuě	shu-eh	Snow	雪柜 Snowball
颜色	yánsè	enser	Color	各种颜色 Multicolored
眼睛	yǎnjīng	yahn jing	Eye	鼓眼睛 Protruding eyes
羊肉	yáng ròu	yan groe	Lamb meat	羊肉馅 Minced lamb

药	yào	yow	Medicine	药剂师 Pharmacy
要	yào	yow	to want	要地 Important location
也	yě	ear	Also	再也 (not) any more
一	yī	ee er	1	一月 January
衣服	yīfu	ee foe	Clothes	脱衣服 Undress
医生	yīshēng	ee shung	Doctor	内科医生 Medical doctor (type)
医院	yīyuàn	ee you-en	Hospital	精神病医院 Psychiatric hospital
已经	yǐjīng	ee jing	Already	已经 Already
椅子	yǐzi	ee zur	Chair	椅子 Chair
一起	yīqǐ	ee chee	Together	在一起 Together
意思	yìsi	ee sur	Idea	有意思 Interesting
阴	yīn	een	Overcast	阴天 Cloudy day
因为	yīnwèi	ee way	Because	因为 Owing to
游泳	yóuyǒng	yo yong	to swim	游泳池 Swimming pool
有	yǒu	yow	to have	有主见 to have strong views
右边	yòubian	yoe bi-in	Right side	右边 To the right
鱼	yú	yuu	Fish	鱼饼 Fishcake
元	yuán	you en	Chinese yuan (currency)	千位元 Kilobit
远	yuǎn	you en	Far	远天 Heaven
月	yuè	you-eh	Moon	一月三日 January 3
运动	yùndòng	un dong	Sports	运动场 Sports field
在	zài	zigh	to be located at	不在 Not to be present
再	zài	zigh	Again	再见 Goodbye (again see)
再见	zàijiàn	zigh jee-an	Goodbye	再见 Goodbye
早上	zǎoshang	zow sharng	Early morning	早上好 Good morning
怎么	zěnmē	ze ma	How	怎么了 What happened
怎么样	zěnmeyàng	ze migh yong	How	怎么样 How are things
张	zhāng	jarng	to open up	张开 to post a notice
丈夫	zhàngfu	jang foo	Husband	大丈夫 A man of character
找	zhǎo	jow	to look for	找回 to retrieve
这	zhè	jur	This	这是中国人 This is Chinese person
着	zhe	jur	Particle for action	着呢 Emphasis at end of sentence
真	zhēn	jern	Really	真人 Actual person
正在	zhèngzài	jun zigh	In the process of	正在 In the process of
知道	zhīdào	jear dow	to know	谁知道 Who would imagine
中国	Zhōngguó	jong gwar	China	中国人 Chinese person
中午	zhōngwǔ	jong woo	Noon	中午 Noon
住	zhù	joo	to live	居住 to live in a place
准备	zhǔnbèi	jeun bay	to prepare	准备好了 To be ready
桌子	zhuōzi	jor zur	Table	桌子 Table
字	zì	zur (i not sounded)	Written character	生字 New word
自行车	zìxíngchē	zur shing cher	Bicycle	自行车架 Bike rack
走	zǒu	zoe	to walk	走人 To leave (slang)
最	zuì	zway	Most	最佳 Peak
昨天	zuótiān	zor tee en	Yesterday	昨天 Yesterday
左边	zuǒbian	zwor bi-en	Left	左边 Left side
坐	zuò	zor	to sit	请坐 Please sit
做	zuò	zor	to do	做菜 to cook