

5-Hour Pinyin & Practical Speaking

1、 **Target Audience:** Beginners

2、 **Core Objective:** Master Pinyin logic and pronunciation techniques for independent reading of Pinyin-annotated materials.

Course Highlights

1、 **Visual Achievement:** A "Pinyin Progress Map".

2、 **No textbooks required:** all PDF resources are accessible via Google Drive.

3、 **Language Transfer:** Leveraging English phonetic similarities for a faster learning curve.

4、 **Gesture-Conducted Tones:** Using hand gestures to build muscle memory for the four tones.

Lesson 1: Pinyin Structure & The Music of Tones

1、 The 4 Tones

2、 Simple Finals: a, o, e, i, u, ü. 。

3、 Mark the letters that are almost identical to their English pronunciation to reduce the burden of memorization.

4、 Rhyme memorization techniques

Lesson 2: "Easy Wins" & Airflow Control

1、 Master the difference between aspirated and unaspirated sounds, and begin basic phonics.

2、 Easy Initials: b, p, m, f, d, t, n, l, g, k, h. 。

3、 Compound Finals: ai, ei, ui, ao, ou, iu. 。

4、 "The Tissue Test Technique": Use a tissue to test the airflow intensity when producing a breathy sound.

5、 Practical Exercise: The tongue twister "Eating Grapes"

Lesson 3: The Tongue Challenge (Z/C/S vs. ZH/CH/SH)

1、 Dental Sibilants: z, c, s

2、 Retroflexes: zh, ch, sh, r

3、 Accurately distinguish between the flat and retroflex consonants, which are the most difficult for native English speakers to master.

4、 Tongue twister "Four and Ten": A simple yet effective exercise combining s/sh with tones.

5、 Tongue position cues: Visually demonstrating the difference between "tongue tip flat" and "tongue tip slightly curled".

Lesson 4: Palatals & Hidden Spelling Rules

1、 Palatals: j, q, x

2、 Master the spelling changes of j, q, x and their encounters with ü.

3、 The vanishing dot rule for ü: j, q, x automatically loses two dots when they encounter ü.

4、 The rules for vowel abbreviation: Recognize iu (iou), ui (uei), un (uen).

Lesson 5: Flow of Speech & Real-World Reading

- 1、 It handles tone changes between words and phrases, completing the transition from syllables to paragraphs.
- 2、 3rd Tone Sandhi
- 3、 "一" and "不": Learn common tones in everyday spoken language.
- 4、 Phonetic separator: Resolve ambiguity in connected speech.
- 5、 Graduation Challenge: Independently read a short passage with phonetic annotations.

Expected Outcome

By the end of this 5-hour course, students will be able to:

- 1 Recognize all phonetic symbols in the Pinyin system.
- 2 Independently read any Chinese text with Pinyin annotations.
- 3 Overcome the habit of using English-style "stress," achieving a more natural and fluid Chinese intonation.
- 4 Master the accurate pronunciation of 50-100 core high-frequency spoken words.