

Chinese Proficiency Test(HSK)

Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), an international standardized test of Chinese language proficiency, assesses non-native Chinese speakers' abilities in using the Chinese language in their daily, academic and professional lives.

HSK consists of six levels, namely HSK (level I), HSK (level II), HSK (level III), HSK (level IV), HSK (level V), and HSK (level VI).

Initials and Finals of Pinyin

声母 Initials

b p m f
d t

韵母 Finals

a o e i u ü

b and p

b is an unaspirated sound.

p is an aspirated sound, pronounced with a strong release of breath.

d and t

d is an unaspirated sound.

t is an aspirated sound, pronounced with a strong release of breath.

m and f

m is a nasal sound. The vocal cords should vibrate.

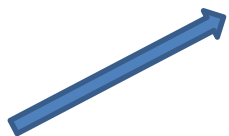
f upper teeth contacting lightly with the inner side of lower lip

声调 Four tones



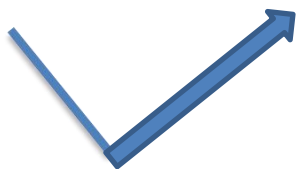
the first tone

ā



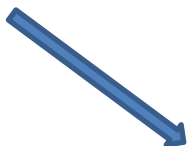
the second tone

á



the third tone

ǎ



the fourth tone

à

mā
妈

mother

má
麻

fibrous crops

mǎ
马

horse

mà
骂

to scold

Practice tones

ā	á	ǎ	à
ō	ó	ǒ	ò
ē	é	ě	è
ī	í	ǐ	ì
ū	ú	ǔ	ù
ǖ	ǘ	ǚ	ǜ

汉语音节的组成 Formation of Chinese syllables

汉语的音节 Syllable	声母 Initial	韵母 Final	声调 Tone
māo (猫, cat)	m	ao	-
jiě (姐, elder sister)	j	ie	v
èr (二, two)		er	˘
yú (鱼, fish)	y	u	/

声母 (Initial) + 韵母 (Final) + 声调 (Tone) → 音节 (Syllable)

Note: A Chinese syllable can have no Initial, but must have a Final and a Tone.

Read syllables



yī



wǔ



yú



ěr



bǐ



māo



dǎo



huā



jī



qī



xié



xuě

Two syllables words



kāfēi



kělè



kǎoyā



huǒguō



dìtú



fēijī



máobǐ



ěrjī

第三声的变调 The sandhi in the third tone

- When two third-tone syllables are read together, the first syllable turns to second tone. There is no change in written form. 3+3=2+3

V + V \longrightarrow / + V			
nǐ (你)	hǎo (好)	ní	hǎo
kě (可)	yǐ (以)	ké	yǐ
fǔ (辅)	dǎo (导)	fú	dǎo

$$3+3=2+3$$

nǐ hǎo

kěyǐ

fǔdǎo

xiǎojiě

kǒuyǔ

yǔfǎ

Fǎyǔ

tǎo hǎo

liǎojiě

yǒuhǎo

yǔsǎn

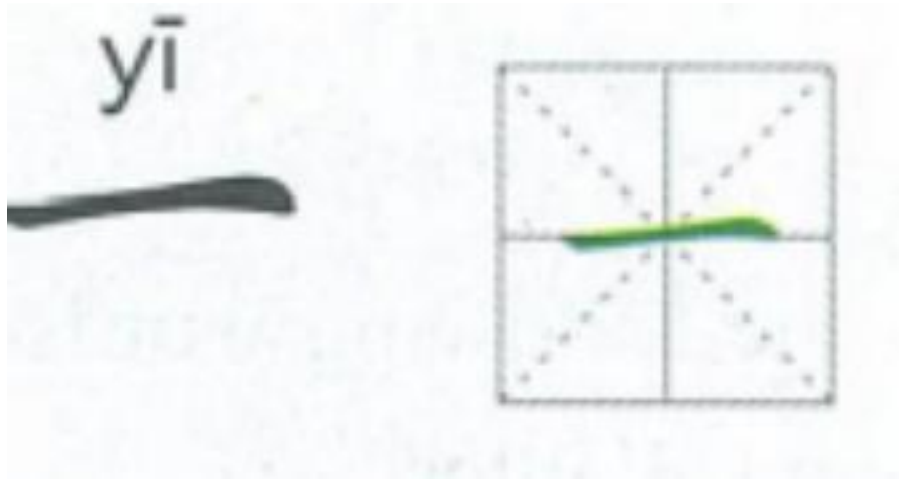
shǒubiǎo

Strokes of Chinese Characters

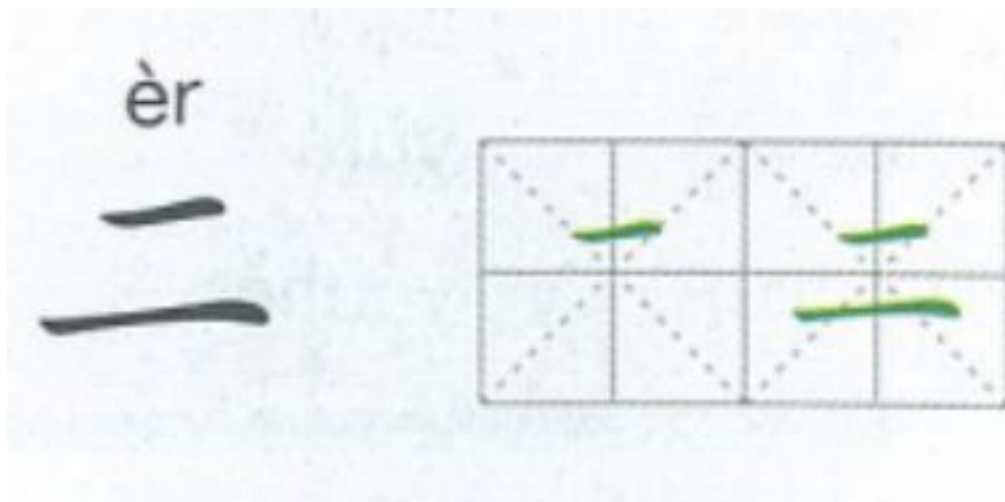
笔画名称 Stroke	运笔方向 Direction	例字 Example Characters
 横 héng horizontal		一 yī one 二 èr two
 竖 shù vertical		十 shí ten 工 gōng work, labor
 撇 piě left-falling		人 rén human 八 bā eight
 点 diǎn dot		不 bù no, not 六 liù six
 捺 nà right-falling		大 dà big 天 tiān sky

Single-component Characters

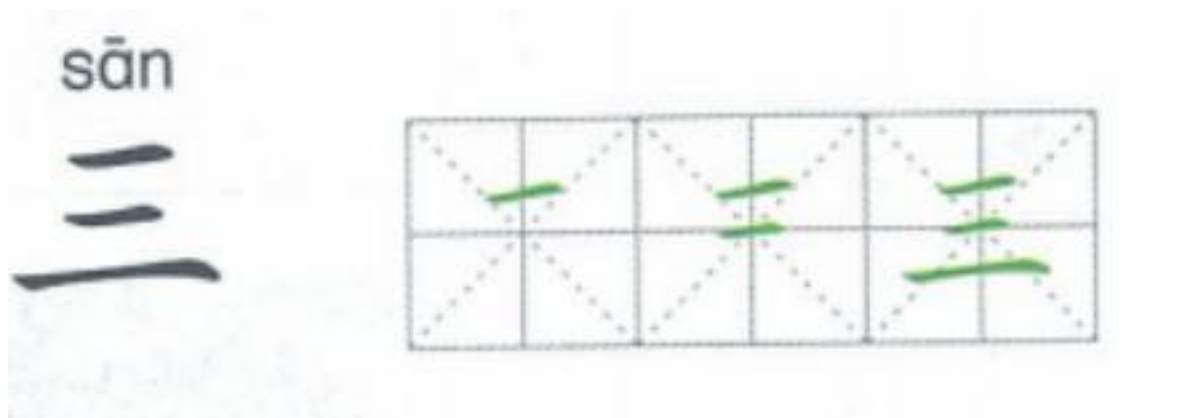
- 一 yī one



- 二 èr Two



- 三 sān Three



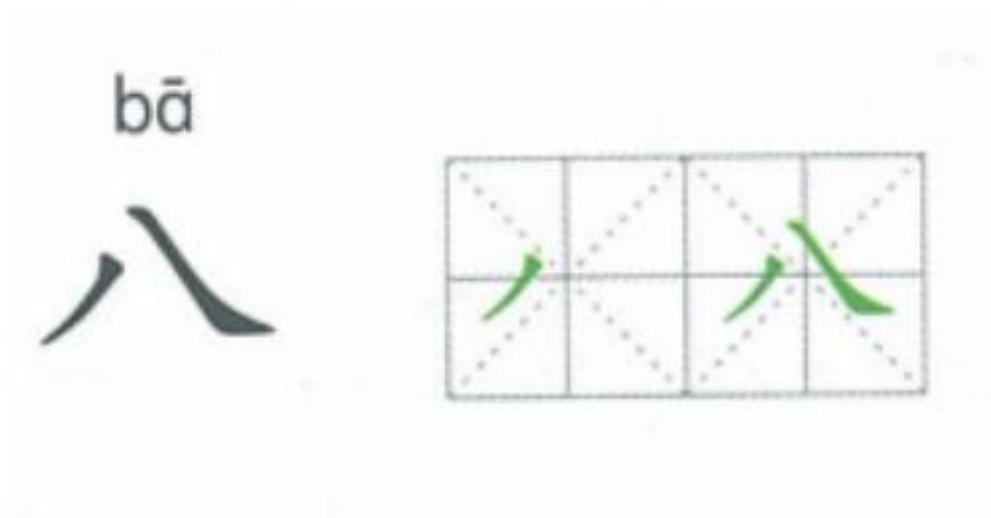
- 六 liù six

liù

六



八 bā eight



- 十 shí ten

