

Initials and Finals of Pinyin

声母 Initials

zh ch sh r

z c s

韵母 Finals

ie üe er

an en in un ün

zh ch sh r

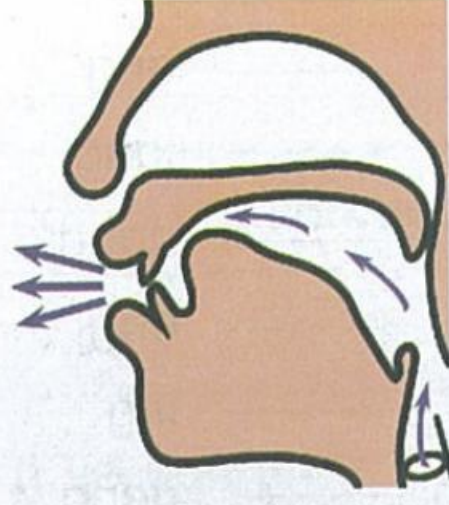
zh ch sh r are articulated by the coordination of the raised tongue tip and the front part of hard palate.

zh is unaspirated, while **ch** is aspirated. A strong release of breath is made when **ch** is articulated.

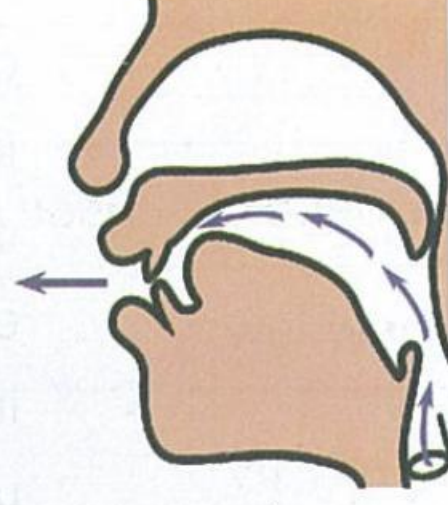
The difference between **r** and **sh** is that the vocal cords should vibrate while pronouncing **r**.



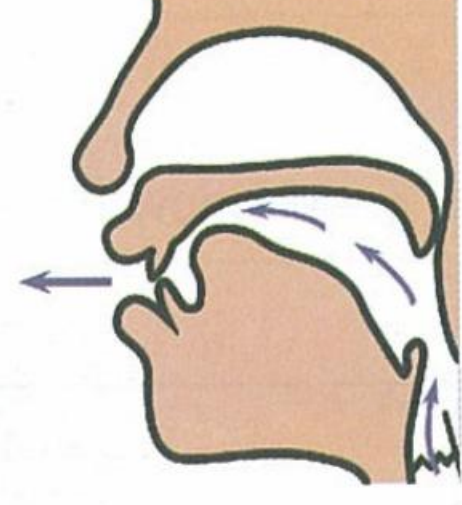
zh



ch



sh



r

Z C S

z c s require the coordination between the tongue tip and the inner side of the upper incisors.

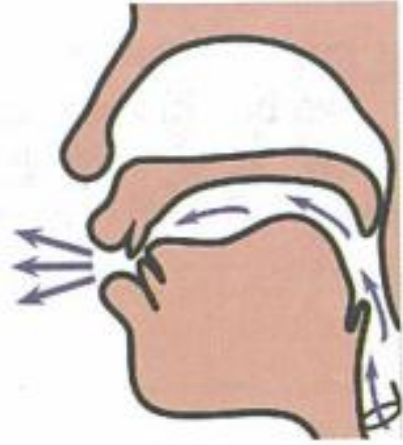
When **z** and **c** are articulated, the tongue tip touch the inner side of the upper incisors, then open a narrow passage to let the airstream go out.

When **s** is articulated, the tongue tip and inner side of the upper incisors always exist a narrow passage between them.

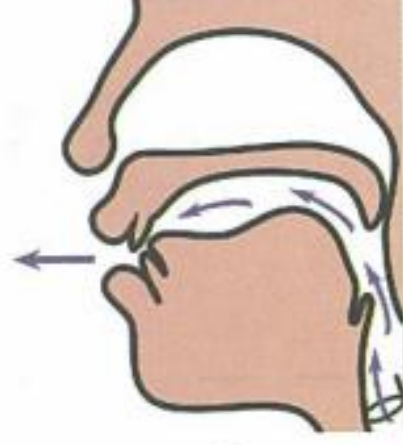
z is unaspirated while **c** is aspirated. a strong release of breath is made when **c** is articulated.



z



c



s



Nasal finals **an en in un**

tongue tip should press upper teeth inside



Read the syllables



sān



shān



zhōng



yáng



líng



cài



shǒu



xióng



yún



xīng



yuán



rén

Read the words

zhīshi

chúshī

shēngrì

shàng chē

rènshi

chángshí

shìshí

chāorén

ránshāo

rènao

chū chāi

Chángchéng

shǒushù

shāngchǎng

chāoshì

chōng zhí

Note

When ü follows j,q,x, the two dots on ü must be removed.

ü	üe	üan	ün
ju	jue	juan	jun
qu	que	quan	qun
xu	xue	xuan	xun

New words

1. 名字 míngzì name
2. 什么 shénme what
3. 美国人 měiguó rén American
4. 书 shū book
5. 这是 zhèshì this is

Text1 In the school

A:你叫什么名字? Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì ?

what's your name?

B: 我叫小明。 Wǒ jiào xiǎo míng.

My name is xiǎo míng



Ask name

Q:Nǐ jiào shénme míngzì?

A:Wǒ jiào_____。

Chinese name



Jackie Chan

Chéng

Lóng



Jet Li

Lǐ

Lián

jié

Family name+given name

Text2 In the classroom

A: 你是老师吗? Nǐ shì lǎoshī ma?

Are you a teacher?

B: 我不是老师, 我是学生 Wǒ bù shì lǎoshī, wǒ shì xuéshēng.

No, I am not, i am a student.

Text3 In school

A:你是中国人吗? Nǐ shì Zhōngguó rén ma ?

Are you Chinese?

B:我不是中国人, 我是美国人。 Wǒ bù shì zhōngguó rén, wǒ shì Měiguó rén.

No, I am not, I am American.

The Interrogative Pronoun “什么” (shén me)

什么shén me means “What”

- subject+predict +什么 (shénme) + (None)

Object

- 你叫什么名字? nǐ jiào shénme míngzì ? what's your name?
- 这是什么? zhè shì shénme ? what's this?
- 这是什么书? zhè shì shénme shū ? This book is for what?

Interrogative sentences with“吗” (ma)

Declarative sentence+**ma** → Interrogative sentence

你好nǐ hǎo

你好吗? nǐ hǎo ma?

How are you?

Interrogative sentences with“吗” (ma)

你是老师 nǐ shì lǎoshī 。

you are a teacher.

你是老师吗? nǐ shì lǎoshī ma?

Are you a teacher?

你是美国人。 nǐ shì měiguó rén 。

you are American.

你是美国人吗? nǐ shì měiguó rén ma ?

Are you American?

Answer

Yes 是的 shì de

No 不是 bù shì

Q:你是法国人吗? nǐ shì Fǎguó rén ma? Are you French?

A:不是, 我不是法国人 **bù shì** , wǒ bù shì Fǎguó rén。

No, i am not French.

A:是的。 **shì de** Yes, i am .

Answer questions

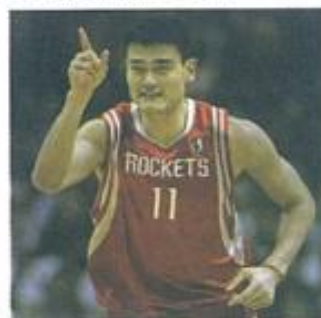
1. Nǐ jiào shénme míng zì?
2. Nǐ shì zhōngguó rén ma?
3. Nǐ shì měi guó rén ma ?
4. Nǐ shì xué shēng ma ?
5. Nǐ shì lǎo shī ma ?

Describe the picture



Tā jiào Qiáodān, tā shì rén.
他叫 乔丹 (Michael Jordan), 他是 人。

Tā jiào Yáo Míng,
他叫 姚 明 (Yao Ming),
tā shì rén.
他是 人。









Wǒ bú shì wǒ shì xuésheng,
我 不是, 我 是 学生,
wǒ shì rén.
我 是 人。



Wǒ shì wǒ bú shì xuésheng, wǒ shì rén.
我 是, 我 不是 学生, 我 是 人。

Strokes of Chinese characters

笔画名称 Stroke	运笔方向 Direction	例字 Example Characters
 横折 héngzhé horizontal-turning		口 kǒu mouth 日 rì sun
 竖折 shùzhé vertical-turning		山 shān mountain 出 chū to come/go out
 竖钩 shùgōu vertical hook		丁 dīng man, member of a family 小 xiǎo small, little