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中国汉字

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Pin Yin

Pin Yin is the Chinese language phonetic system. It is used to mark the Mandarin Chinese pronunciation by Latin alphabet.

Lesson 1

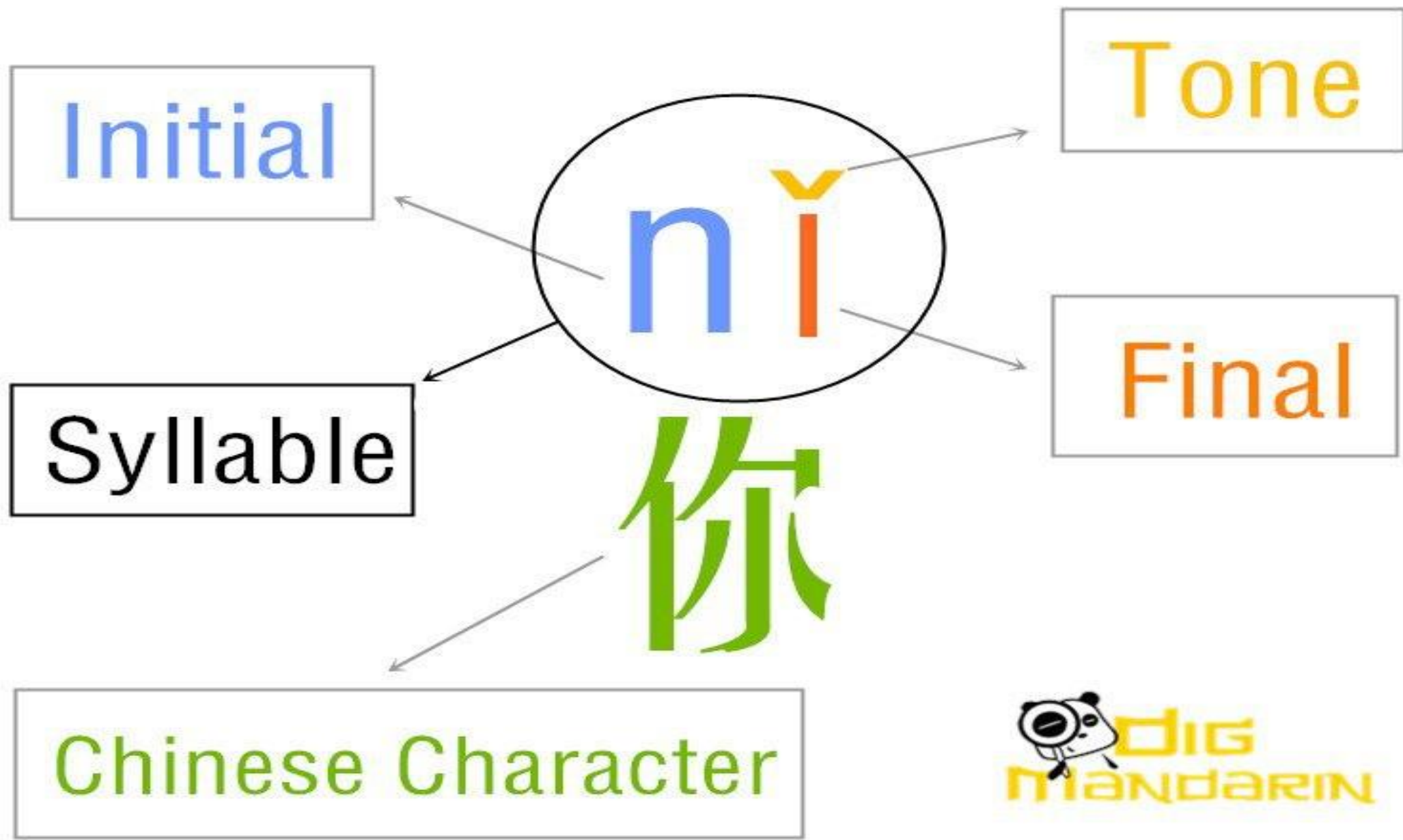
The Syllable in Modern Chinese

- The phonetic unit of modern Chinese is syllable, which is composed of **initial, final** and **tone**.

Initial: The consonant that begins a syllable is called an initial and there are 23 of them in modern Chinese .

Final: The element after the initial in a Chinese syllable is the final. There are 24 finals in modern Chinese.

Tone: Mandarin Chinese is a tonal language, in order to differentiate meanings, the same syllable can be pronounced with different tones. Mandarin has 4 main tones .



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qī
七

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八

gè
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声母 Initials

b p m f d t n l

g k h j q x

z c s zh ch sh r

y w

韵母 Finals

a	o	e	i	u	ü
ai	ei	ui	ao	ou	iu
ie	üe	er			
an	en	in	un	ün	
ang	eng	ing	ong		

声调 Tones

The Mandarin has four basic tones.

the 1st tone: —

the 2nd tone: /

the 3rd tone: v

the 4th tone: \

Different tones may express different meanings.

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initial \ final	a	o	e	i	u	ü
b	ba	bo		bi	bu	
p	pa	po		pi	pu	
m	ma	mo		mi	mu	
f	fa	fo			fu	
d	da		de	di	du	
t	ta		te	ti	tu	
n	na		ne	ni	nu	nü
l	la		le	li	lu	lü

initial \ final	u				
b	bu	bū	bú	bǔ	bù
p	pu	pū	pú	pǔ	pù
m	mu	mū	mú	mǔ	mù
f	fu	fū	fú	fǔ	fù
d	du	dū	dú	dǔ	dù
t	tu	tū	tú	tǔ	tù
n	nu	nū	nú	nǔ	nù
l	lu	lū	lú	lǔ	lù

initial \ final	a				
b	ba	bā	bá	bǎ	bà
p	pa	pā	pá	pǎ	pà
m	ma	mā	má	mǎ	mà
f	fa	fā	fá	fǎ	fà
d	da	dā	dá	dǎ	dà
t	ta	tā	tá	tǎ	tà
n	na	nā	ná	nǎ	nà
l	la	lā	lá	lǎ	là

• **ma**

• **mā**



mother

má



linen

mǎ



horse

mà



to scold

优酷

bà
爸





mā
妈



gē
哥
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