



Here is how each Mandarin sound is written in pinyin, with its approximate English equivalent. Remember, they are only APPROXIMATE equivalent sounds. Please refer to the Pinyin series on www.yoyochinese.com for correct pronunciation.

Consonants	
Pinyin	English Equivalent
b	<u>b</u> ear
p	<u>p</u> oor
m	<u>m</u> ore
f	<u>f</u> ake
d	<u>d</u> are
t	<u>t</u> ake
n	<u>n</u> ow
l	<u>l</u> earn
g	<u>g</u> et
k	<u>k</u> ing
h	<u>h</u> elp
j	<u>j</u> EEP
q	won't <u>y</u> ou or <u>ch</u> ease
x	<u>sh</u> eeP
zh	<u>j</u> udge, <u>g</u> eorge
ch	<u>ch</u> urch
sh	<u>sh</u> hhh!
r	<u>J</u> acque, <u>A</u> sia, <u>m</u> easure
z	<u>y</u> ards
c	<u>i</u> ts
s	<u>s</u> ing
w	<u>w</u> ant
y	<u>y</u> es

Vowels	
Pinyin	English Equivalent
a	<u>f</u> ather
ai	<u>m</u> y
an	<u>s</u> un
ang	<u>a</u> hng
ao	<u>p</u> out
e	<u>s</u> erve
ei	<u>d</u> ay
en	<u>t</u> aken
eng	<u>m</u> ung or <u>e</u> rng
er	<u>a</u> re
i	<u>s</u> ee
ia	<u>y</u> ah
iao	<u>m</u> eow
ian	<u>y</u> en
iang	<u>y</u> oung
ie	<u>y</u> es
in	<u>s</u> in
ing	<u>e</u> eng
iong	<u>ee</u> + <u>own</u>
iu = iou	<u>yo</u> -yo
o	<u>aw</u> esome (British accent)
ou	<u>bo</u> at
ong	<u>lo</u> an
u	<u>sh</u> oot
ua	<u>su</u> ave
uai	<u>w</u> ide
uan	<u>w</u> on
uang	<u>oo</u> +ahng
ui = uei	<u>w</u> ay
un = uen	<u>oo</u> + <u>t</u> aken
uo	<u>w</u> ok



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