

Pinyin Finals

a/o/e/i/u/ü

There are 36 finals, including basic finals, compound finals and nasal finals. Among them, the 6 basic finals are the foundation.

The six basic finals:

a

when you pronounce it, your mouth should be wide open, your tongue should be at its lowest place, and your lips should be unrounded.

It sounds like when you have a sore throat and go to see a doctor, the doctor will say that “open your mouth, and say a.”

It’s also like English letter “a” in the word “father”.

o

When you pronounce it, your mouth should be half-way open, your tongue should be at medium height and in the very back of your mouth.

Your lips should be rounded.

It sounds like English letter “o” in the word “boy”.

e

The difference of the pronunciation between “e” and “o” is just the shape of your mouth. So you can pronounce “o” first, then change the shape of your mouth from rounded to unrounded, make your corners of your mouth apart as if you are smiling.

“e” is like English letter “e” in the word “her”.

i

Please note that the opening of your mouth should be narrow, the shape of your mouth also looks like you are smiling.

Your tongue should be at the highest point in your mouth and directly touch your upper jaw.

It just sounds like the English letter “i” in the word “ill”.

u

You should also make your lips a circle, but notice that the opening of your mouth should be narrow. Your tongue should be high and at the back of your mouth.

“u” is like the English letter “oo” in the word “food”.

ü

Firstly you can pronounce “i”, and then change the shape of your mouth from unrounded to rounded. “i-ü”.

The opening of your mouth is narrow and the top of your tongue should touch the back of your lower teeth.

o / u / ü

As rounded lip shape, “o” has the biggest circle. “u” has a smaller circle. “ü” has the smallest one. “o > u > ü”.

