

PINYIN CHART FOR PRONOUNCING CHINESE NAMES #SAYMYNAME

Pinyin Spelling	Sounds Like	Rhymes With
Ai	eye	high
An	on	con
Bao	bow (the verb)	cow
Cai	ts (its) + eye	high
Cao	ts (its) + ow (how)	cow
Chang	ch (cheap) + ong	long
Chen	ch + un	gun
Cheng	ch + ung	lung
Dai	die	high
Deng	dung	lung
Du	do	you
Duan	du + on	con
Fan	f + on	con
Fang	f + ong	long
Feng	f + ung	lung
Fu	foo	you
Gao	g + ow (how)	cow
Gong	g + oong	Jung (German)
Gu	goo	you
Guo	gu + awe	raw
Han	h + on	con
He	h + uh	duh
Hu	who	you
Hua	hw + ah	spa
Huang	hw + ong	long
Ji	gee	see
Jiang	gee + ong	long
Jin	Jean	mean
Kang	k + ong	long
Lin	lean	mean
Liu	lee + owe	owe
Lu	lou	you
Luo	lu + awe	raw
Ma	ma	spa
Mao	m + ow (how)	cow
Ni	knee	see
Peng	p + ung	lung
Qi	ch + ee	knee
Qian	ch + ee + en	men
Qiu	ch + ee + owe	owe

Pinyin Spelling	Sounds Like	Rhymes With
Ren	wren	men
Rong	r+ oong	Jung (German)
Shao	sh + ow (how)	cow
Shen	shun	run
Shi	New Hampshire	sir
Song	s + oong	Jung (German)
Su	sue	you
Tang	t + ong	long
Wang	w + ong	long
Wei	weigh	day
Wu	woo	you
Xia	she + ah	spa
Xiao	she + ow (how)	vow
Xie	she + yeah	yeah
Xu	shoe	you
Yan	y + an (tan)	man
Yang	y + ong	long
Ye	yeah	yeah
Yu	you	you
Yuan	you + on	con
Zeng	dz (sudsy) + ung	lung
Zhang	j + ong	long
Zhao	j + ow	cow
Zheng	j + ung	lung
Zhong	j + oong	Jung (German)
Zhou	Joe	show
Zhu	Jew	you

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