

## Radical Beasts - Pinyin Beasts lists - initials and finals

Initial	Beast (pronunciation in red)	Notes
b	bird	bird of paradise with dramatic coloured tail
c	czar	tsar - pronunciation, bit of a nasty guy
ch	chimpanzee	chimpanzee - so friendly!
d	dragon	dragon - Chinese dragons don't breathe fire.
f	frog	frog, hops everywhere
g	goatherd	goatherd (with goat). A child, so gorgeous!
h	hydra	hydra, an animal with many heads
j	jester	jester - he is very funny
k	kitten	kitten - so cute
l	lion	lion - roars, but very docile companion
m	monkey	marmoset monkey
n	neanderthal	neanderthal - more intelligent than usually depicted
p	panther	panther - slinks along beside me
queen	chat	queen - Queen Charlie is a bit haughty
r	rooster	pronunciation varies between Jaques and run
s	seal	seal, she's very shy
sh	shrew	shrew -very pointed nose, points in the direction of tone
t	toucan	toucan, big bill bites off things
w	wombat	wombat - a quiet creature who eats anything
x	xióngmāo (panda)	Somewhere between shun and sun - varies
y	yak	yak is so cheerful
z	zebra	I think it as dzebra, the stripes dominate
zh	Zhou, Duke and dynasty	I call him Joe, and he is the expert on Chinese

## Pinyin Finals - actions for the Initial Beasts to take

Initial	pronunciation	image aid	action	Notes
a	banan <b>a</b>	banana	eats a banana	ok
ai	<b>a</b> isle	aisle	wears a wedding veil	I get some very strange beastly marriages using this one
an	<b>can't</b>	ant	long file of ants	you can't cross a line of ants they can move in the direction of the tone.
ang	<b>hun</b> g	angel	add wings	need to pronounce it un-gel
ao	<b>cacao</b> (-ow)	cacao (bean for making chocolate)	eating lots of chocolate	Need to use what is possibly an unfamiliar word.
e	<b>her</b>	elephant (f) – a her	swings trunk	Middle e
ei	<b>lay</b>	lei	wears flowers	Only word in English with 'ei' as 'ay'
en	<b>taken</b>	engraver	engraves	Depends on accent!
eng	<b>hun</b> g	engineer	builds	Ung-eneer
er	<b>are</b>	loner	always alone	only used for er, no other words
i	<b>bikini</b>		beast wears a bikini	two pronunciations, like the first and last 'i'. See 'special 7' below.
ia	<b>phobia</b>	phobia	screams	ok
ian	<b>magician</b>	magician	magic props	ok
iang	<b>young</b>	triangle	Triangular action	Tri-ungle
iao	<b>miao</b>	miaow	cat draws blood	ok
ie	<b>piercer</b>	piercer	pierce	ok
in	<b>ingot</b>	ingot	glows gold	ok
ing	<b>ring</b>	ring	adds a circle	ok
iong	<b>Jung</b> (sort of)	nothing!	cries in despair	there is no English word with iong
iu (iou)	<b>Jiu</b> jitsu	Jiu jitsu	fight	ee-oh, so call it jee-oh jitsu
o	<b>orca</b>	orca	leaps	ok -killer whale, but really a dolphin
ong	<b>gong</b>	dong	smashes gong	ok
ou	<b>low</b>	<b>over</b>	over the top	only way to remember pronunciation easily
u	<b>unicorn</b>	unicorn	stabs	ok
ua	<b>skua</b>	skua ???	fishing	Want better. Sea bird, eats fish.
uai	<b>why</b>	River Kuai	swims	ok
uan	<b>Juan</b>	Don Juan	kisses	ok
uang	<b>quango</b>	quango is a government organisation	attend a meeting	not a familiar word, but best I could find.
uar	<b>jaguar</b>	jaguar	runs really fast	ok

ue	you-way	queue (pronounced que- way)(ok, this is desparate)	queues	Very long queue goes way into the distance
ui (uei)	you, ay!	ennui (pronounced on- wee - also desparate)	sleeps	Boredom, change on-wee to on- way [to sleep]
un (uen)	UN	UN	wears blue beret	you-en. Works well.
uo	liquor	liquor	drunk	only thing I could find which works for pronunciation

The **Special 7** are the initials for which 'i' is pronounced like the first 'i' in bikini - an almost not there, urh. These are the three pairs in which there is an 'h' version, and 'r'.

<b>Special 7</b>	
c	ci
ch	chi
s	si
sh	shi
z	zi
zh	zhi
r	ri