

Fine-tune your tones

Fix your 1st tone

The first tone vs. other tones

The 1st tone vs. the 2nd tone

Xuéshēng huíjiā xué Zhōngwén.

學生回家學中文。/ 学生回家学中文。

The students go home to study Chinese.

The 1st tone vs. the 3rd tone

Wǒ gāi mǎi duōshǎo zhī bǐ?

我該買多少支筆？/ 我该买多少支笔？

How many pens should I buy?

The 1st tone vs. the 4th tone

Tā yào sān fèn suānlàotāng.

他要三份酸辣湯。/ 他要三份酸辣汤。

He wants to have three servings of the hot and sour soup.

Minimal pairs

shānzhū 山豬/山猪

wild boar

lǎoshī 老師/老师

teacher

gūlì 孤立

to isolate

qīshí 七十

seventy

yīshēng 醫生/医生

doctor

gānbēi 乾杯/干杯

Cheers!

shānzhú 山竹

mangosteen

lǎoshí 老實/老实

honest

gǔlì 鼓勵/鼓励

to encourage

qǐshí 乞食

to beg for food

yìshēng 一生

one's lifetime

gānbèi 干貝/干贝

Tip: Listen to a recording for a few times, and then repeat it back.

Mandarin *Tune-Up!*