

# UNIT 2

m

n

f

l

+

ai

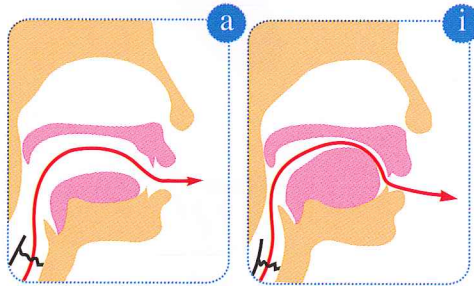
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## SIMPLE PINYIN SOUNDS

Track 9

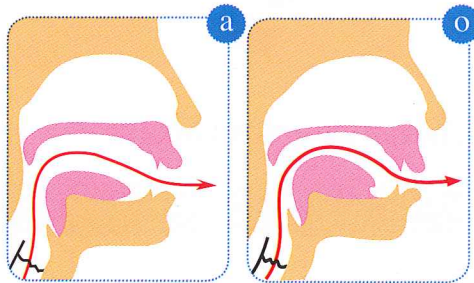
ai



- 1 **ai** consists of **a** and **i**. To pronounce **ai**, open your mouth and say **a** first. Then close it a bit to pronounce **i**.
- 2 as in *by*

Ex *nǎi* *n.* milk

ao



- 1 **ao** consists of **a** and **o**. To pronounce **ao**, open your mouth and say **a** first. Then round your mouth to say **o**.
- 2 as in *mouse*

Ex *māo* *n.* cat



## NOTES

The following finals do not combine with the following initials:

Initials \ Finals	m	n	f	l
ai			X	
ao			X	



## COMBINING SOUNDS

Listen to the audio track. Practice pronunciation and tones.



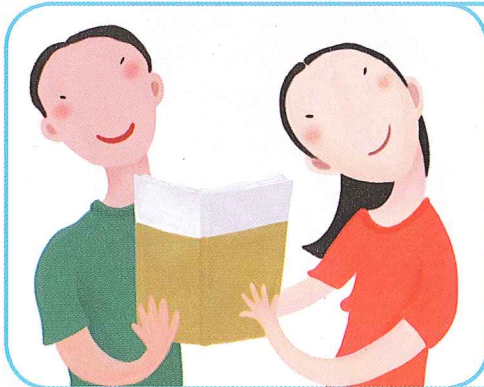
m + ai = mai  
mái mǎi mài  
mǎi v. to buy

- Bāo lǎoshī yào mǎi niúǎi.  
Teacher Bao wants to buy milk.



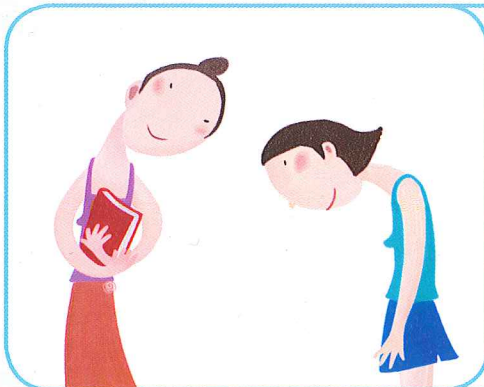
n + ao = nao  
nāo náo nǎo nào  
chǎonào sv. to be noisy

- Jiàoshì lǐ hěn chǎonào.  
It's noisy in the classroom.



l + ai = lai  
lái lài  
lái v. to come

- Wǒmen lái kànshū.  
Let's read.



l + ao = lao  
lāo láo lǎo lào  
lǎoshī n. teacher

- Lǎoshī zǎo.  
Good morning, Teacher.