

UNIT 4

b

p

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a

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ao

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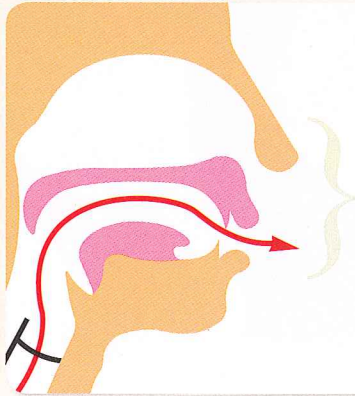
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SIMPLE PINYIN SOUNDS

Track 20

b

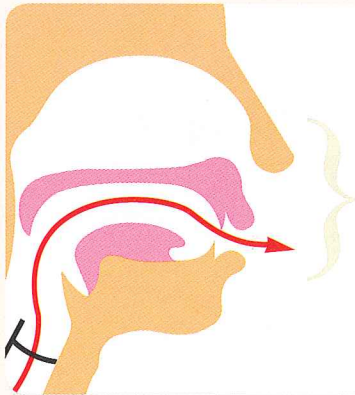


- 1 Shut the lips tightly to obstruct breathing. Then open them to let out the air. This sound is not aspirated.

2 as in *bay*

Ex *bǎo* sv. to be full

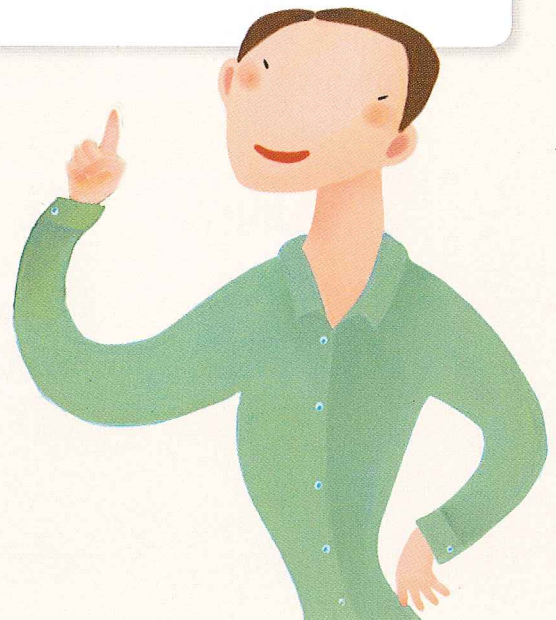
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- 1 Like with **b**, the lips are shut tightly to obstruct breathing. Open them quickly and force the air out. This sound is aspirated.

2 as in *pop*

Ex *pàng* sv. to be fat





COMBINING SOUNDS

Listen to the audio track. Practice pronunciation and tones.



b + ao = bao
bāo báo bǎo bào

bāozi *n.* steamed bun

- Bàba chī bāozi.
Dad eats steamed buns.



p + a = pa
pā pá pà

pà *v.* to be afraid

- Wǒ dìdi hěn pà gǒu.
My younger brother is very afraid of dogs.



b + ang = bang
bāng bǎng bàng

bāng *v.* to help, to assist

- Wǒ bāng nǎinai ná dōngxi.
I helped my grandmother to pick up some stuff.



p + ao = pao
pāo páo pǎo pào

sàipǎo *v.* to have a race

- Wǒmen lái sàipǎo ba!
Let's have a race!