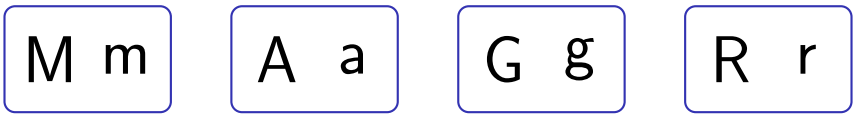
English Pre-A1 · Printed letters, names and labels

Starter English for Chinese speakers; invented classroom examples, not official exam items.

Two forms, one letter

M and m are the same letter in different sizes and shapes.

- English uses 26 letters.
- Each has a capital and a small form.



The letter chart

Look alike: C c, O o, S s, W w. Look different: A a, G g, R r.

- Some pairs look alike; some look very different.
- The chart shows shape, not sound.

A a	B b	C c	D d	E e	F f	G g	H h	I i
J j	K k	L l	M m	N n	O o	P p	Q q	R r
S s	T t	U u	V v	W w	X x	Y y	Z z	

Copying a name

Printed in capitals	Written as a name
MINA	Mina
TOM	Tom
LEE	Lee

Order and repeated letters

Change	Example	Same name?
capital to small	TOM → Tom	yes
letters swapped	Mina → Mian	no
letter lost	Lee → Le	no
letter changed	Tom → Tim	no

Letters and digits in a label

Label	Letter	Digit
Room A3	A	3
Bus B7	B	7

Use the evidence

A3, not 3A. The 3 is part of the name, not a count of three rooms.

Four traps

Looks alike	How to tell
capital I and small l	use the word; Ian starts with capital I
b and d, p and q	mirror shapes; b has its round part on the right
letter O and digit 0	letters in names, digits in numbers
pinyin x and English x	same shape; this chart says nothing about sound

Check yourself

Your turn

Answer each one.

A. Write the small form of G.

B. Copy the name ANNA as a name.

C. Is Mian a correct copy of Mina?

D. Copy the label Room B4.