基础一 · Find your first sounds

Chinese Foundations · Vocabulary in context

Write each word once. 把每个单词抄写一遍。

Vocabulary and example	Write it
initial 声母 Initial 声母: the quick launch at the front of the syllable (m in ma).	
final 韵母 Final 韵母: the vowel part that carries the syllable, loud and long (a in ma).	
a map, not English 地图，不是英文 Pinyin letters map Chinese sounds; never read them as English (xi is not zee).	
mother 妈 妈 (mā) mother: high flat first tone, one beat.	
Central; middle 中 中 (zhōng) middle: the heavy curled j starts it.	
peace; safe 安 安 (ān) peace: all final, no initial at all.	
eight 八 八 (bā) eight: b with no puff; p would flap the tissue.	
to fear 怕 怕 (pà) afraid: fourth tone chopping down.	
big 大 大 (dà) big: the d stays still, no puff.	
he; him 他 他 (tā) he: t flaps the tissue, d would not.	
elder brother 哥 哥 (gē) elder brother: first tone, high and flat.	
thirsty 渴 渴 (kě) thirsty: third tone, dip then lift.	

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Vocabulary and example	Write it
four 四 四 (sì) four: the thin flat hiss with the tongue low.	
to be 是 是 (shì) to be: the curled fat hiss.	
west 西 西 (xī) west: the smiling hiss, tongue high and forward.	