# Chinese tone practice

To help understand the importance of tones in Chinese and how they change the meaning of sounds, words and phrases, complete the following activities.

## Translate sounds into English

Complete the table below by writing the English meaning for each sound based on its tone.

Hint: If you need some help click on [*da*](https://blog.tutorabcchinese.com/mandarin-chinese-learning-tips/what-are-chinese-tone-pairs) or [*ba*](http://learningchineseword.blogspot.com/2018/12/ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-mandarin-pinyin-five.html) to take you to a helpful website.

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|  | Tone 1 | Tone 2 | Tone 3 | Tone 4 |
| Chinese | *dā* | *dá* | *dǎ* | *dà* |
| English |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese | *bā* | *bá* | *bǎ* | *bà* |
| English |  |  |  |  |

## Translate words and phrases into English

First, highlight the matching sounds in the 2 corresponding Chinese phrases in each row of the table below. Next, identify the tones of each sound by writing the corresponding tone number under each sound. Then write the English meaning for each word or phrase. The first one has been done for you.

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|  | Word or phrase 1 | Word or phrase 2 |
| Chinese | tā kàn shū.  1 4 1  他看书 | tā kǎn shù.  1 3 4  他砍树 |
| English |  |  |
| Chinese | huǒchē  火车 | huòchē  货车 |
| English |  |  |
| Chinese | dàrén  大人 | dǎrén  打人 |
| English |  |  |

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