

Initial (声母)

j (i)

q (i)

x (i)

j

The sound is unaspirated and the vocal cords do not vibrate

q

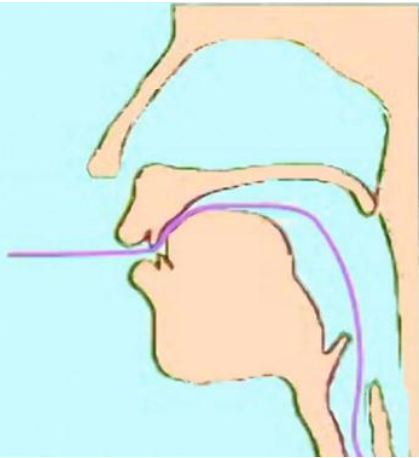
pronounced similar to “j”, aspirated

x

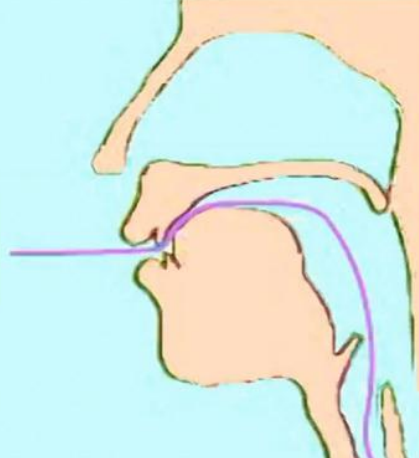
To pronounce it, first raise the front of the tongue (but not touching) the hard palate and then let the air squeeze out.

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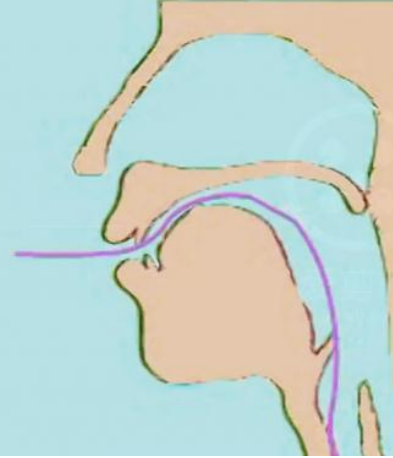
j



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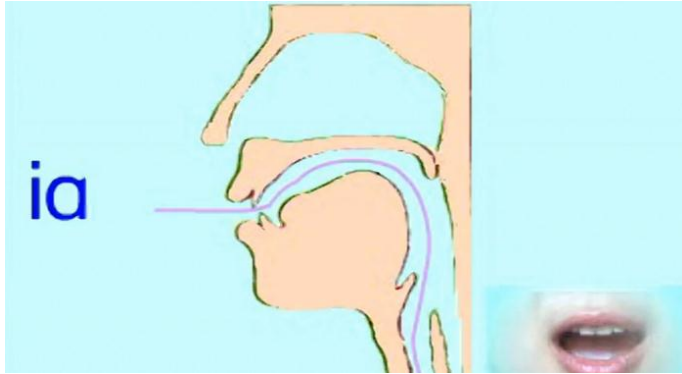


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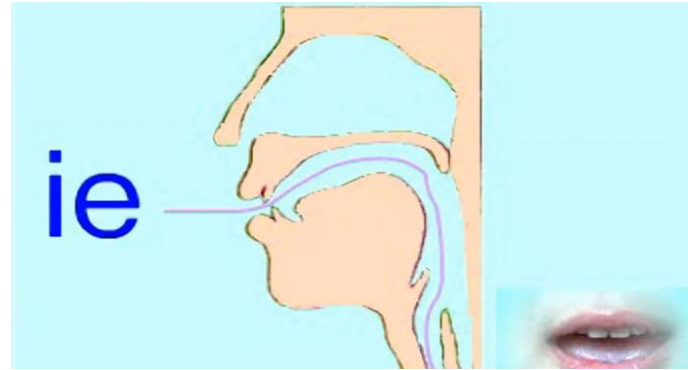


Final (韵母)

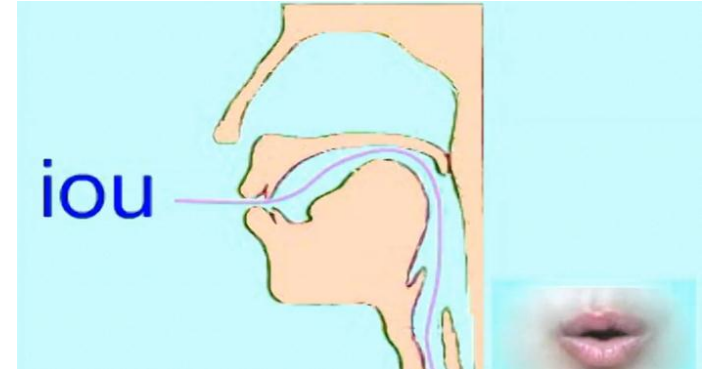
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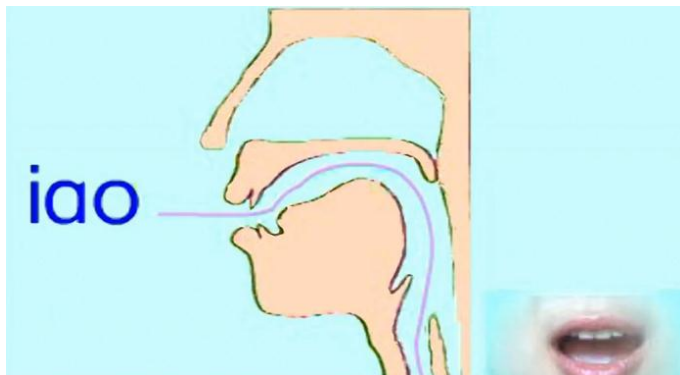
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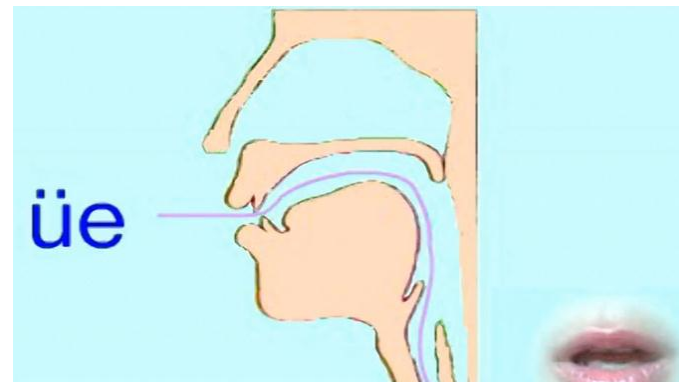
iou/iu



iao



üe



Practice (练习)

jiā jiá jiǎ jià
qiē qié qiě qiè
xiū xiú xiǔ xiù

jiāo jiáo jiǎo jiào
quē qué quě què
xiā xiá xiǎ xià

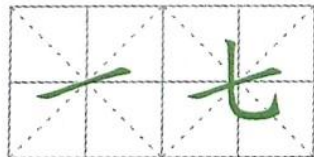
xià-xiā (down-shrimp)	shuǐ-shuì (water-sleep)	xiǎo-xiào (small-smile)
jiāo-qiāo (teach-knock)	yuè-yè (month-night)	duì-tuì (right-move back)

Character (汉字)

笔画 Stroke	名称 Name	例字 Examples
乚	竖弯钩 (shù wān gōu) vertical curved hook	七 qī seven 儿 ér son
乙	横折弯钩 (héng zhé wān gōu) horizontal-turning curved hook	九 jiǔ nine 几 jǐ how many

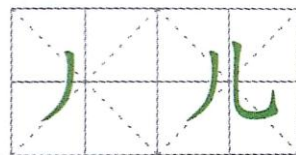
Single-Component Characters (认识独体字)

十 → 十 → 七 → 七^{qī}



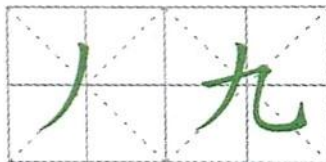
seven

儿 → 儿 → 儿 → 儿^{ér}



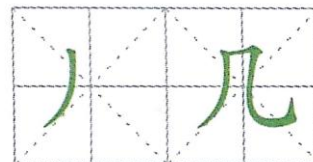
son

九 → 九 → 九 → 九^{jiǔ}



nine

几 → 几 → 几^{jǐ}



how many
(original meaning: low table)