

# Hanyu Pinyin Special Rules

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- Two third tones together
- Changing tones of 不 and —



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# 3-3 特別法则 (3-3 Special Rule)

ONLY change the way we **read** the tone marks; do not change the way we **write**

	Examples	First Word HYPY Tone 声调	Second Word HYPY Tone 声调
	可以 kě yǐ 举手 jǔ shǒu 九点 jiǔ diǎn 洗脸 xǐ liǎn	3 kě	3 yǐ
Write 写	可以 kě yǐ 举手 jǔ shǒu 九点 jiǔ diǎn 洗脸 xǐ liǎn	3 kě	3 yǐ
Read 读	可以 ké yǐ 举手 jú shǒu 九点 jiú diǎn 洗脸 xí liǎn	2 ké	3 yǐ

Writing of tone marks remain  
**UNCHANGED**



**CHANGE**  
reading of first  
word HYPY to  
**SECOND** tone



# “不”拼音特别法则 (Changing Tone of “不” )

Write the tone marks the **SAME** as how we read them

不的变调		Read 读	Write 写	Changes
“不” alone	单说：“不！”		bù 4	No change
“不” in front of words with HYPY first, second, third tone	在第一、第二、第三声前	bù chī bù dú bù hǎo	4 4 4 1 2 3	No change
“不” in front of words with HYPY fourth tone	第四声前	bú yào	2 4 4	Change to second tone
“不”being sandwiched	夹在词语中	hǎo bu hǎo yào bu yào	2 4 2 4 2	Change to light tone

# “一” 拼音特别法则 (Changing Tone of “一” )

Write the tone marks the **SAME** as how we read them

不的变调		Read 读	Write 写	Changes
“一” alone or at the end of sentence	单说： “一” 或 在句末		yī 1	No change
“一” in front of words with HYPY first, second, third tone	在 第一、 第二、 第三声前	yì zhī yì pán yì běn	4 4 4 1 2 3	No change
“一” in front of words with HYPY fourth tone	第四声前	yí gè	2 4 4	Change to second tone
“一” being sandwiched	夹在词语中	xiǎng yí xiǎng 	kàn yí kàn	Change to light tone