

# Practice for Consonants (1)

**Labial**

b p m f

pútaopír  
葡萄皮儿

R001

Practice: b p

Chī pútao bù tǔ pútaopír,  
吃葡萄不吐葡萄皮儿,  
bù chī pútao dào tǔ pútaopír.  
不吃葡萄<sup>(1)</sup>倒吐葡萄皮儿。

English

Eat grapes, but don't spit out the grape skin,  
Didn't eat grapes, but somehow spat out the grape  
skin.

(1) 倒 [dào] adv.  
(contrary to expectation)

bā bǎi biāobīng  
八百标兵

Practice: b p

Bā bǎi biāobīng bèn běipō,  
八百<sup>(1)</sup>标兵奔北坡，  
pàobīng bìngpái běibian pǎo.  
炮兵<sup>(2)</sup>并排北边跑。  
Pàobīng pà bǎ biāobīng pèng,  
炮兵怕把标兵碰，  
biāobīng pà pèng pàobīng pào.  
标兵怕碰炮兵炮。

## English

800 parade guards running towards slope in the north,  
Artillerymen running with them by the north side.  
Artillerymen are afraid of touching the parade guards,  
And the parade guards are afraid of touching the artillerymen's cannons.

(1) 标兵 [biāobīng] n.  
parade guards

(2) 并排 [bìngpái] v.  
be side by side

lào bǐng  
烙饼

Practice: b p m

Yì píng pén miàn,  
一平盆<sup>(1)</sup>面,

lào yì píng pén bǐng,  
<sup>(2)</sup>烙一平盆<sup>(3)</sup>饼,

bǐng pèng pén,  
饼碰盆,

pén pèng bǐng.  
盆碰饼。

## English

One level pan of flour,  
Bakes one level pan of cake,  
Cake meets pan,  
Pan meets cake.

(1) 面 [miàn] n.  
(wheat) flour

(2) 烙 [lào] v.  
bake in a pan

(3) 饼 [bǐng] n.  
round flat cake

báimiào hé báimiào

白庙 和 白猫

R004

Practice: b m

Báimiào wài dūnzhe yì zhī báimāo,  
白庙外<sup>(1)</sup>蹲着一只白猫，

báimiào li yǒu yì dǐng báimiào.  
白庙里有一顶白帽。

Báimiào wài de báimāo kànjiànle báimiào,  
白庙外的白猫看见了白帽，

diāozhe báimiào li de báimiào pǎo chū le báimiào.  
<sup>(2)</sup>叼着白庙里的白帽跑出了白庙。

English

A white cat crouches outside a white temple,  
Inside the white temple is a white cap.  
The white cat outside the white temple saw the  
white cap,  
Clamping its jaws on the white temple's white cap, it  
skedaddles from the white temple.

(1) 蹲 [dūn] v.  
crouch, squat

(2) 叼 [diāo] v.  
hold in the mouth

huà fènghuáng

画 凤凰

R005

Practice: f

Fěnhóng qiáng shàng huà fènghuáng,

粉红墙上画凤凰，

fènghuáng huà zài fěnhóng qiáng,

凤凰画在粉红墙，

hóng fènghuáng, fěn fènghuáng,

红凤凰，粉凤凰，

hóng fěn fènghuáng, huā fènghuáng.

红粉凤凰，<sup>(1)</sup>花凤凰。

English

Draw a phoenix on the pink wall,  
The phoenix drawing is on the pink wall,  
Red phoenix, pink phoenix,  
Rose pink phoenix, multicoloured phoenix.

(1) 花 [huā] adj.  
multicoloured