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# LEARNING CHINESE THE FOUR TONES

Spoken Chinese language uses four tones. Depending on the tone you use to say a word, the meaning will change. For example, the word “tang” can mean sugar, soup, hot, or lying down — depending on the tone you use to say it.

Trace and color four tone symbols and meanings for the word “tang” below, then go the following page for further practice.

**tip:** practice saying the words out loud as you color them in.

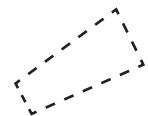


## FIRST TONE



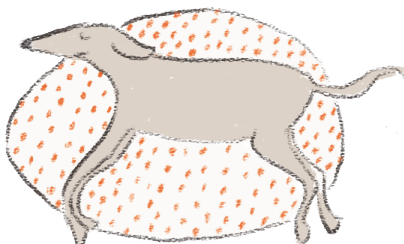
tāng  
soup  
汤

## SECOND TONE



táng  
sugar  
糖

## THIRD TONE



tǎng  
lie down  
躺

## FOURTH TONE



tàng  
hot  
烫

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Depending on what tone you use, the words “ma” and “yu” mean different things. Look at the words below, then draw a line to the correct tone.

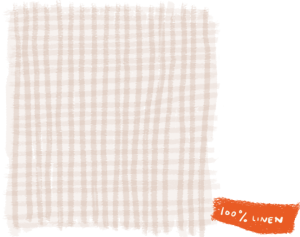
**tip:** practice saying the words out loud as you match them to the correct tone.



mā *example*  
mother  
媽

FIRST  
TONE

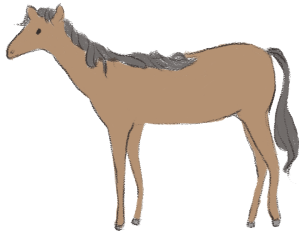
yú  
fish  
魚



má  
linen  
麻

SECOND  
TONE

yǔ  
rain  
雨



mǎ  
horse  
馬

THIRD  
TONE

yù  
jade  
玉



mà  
scold  
罵

FOURTH  
TONE

yú  
foolish  
愚

