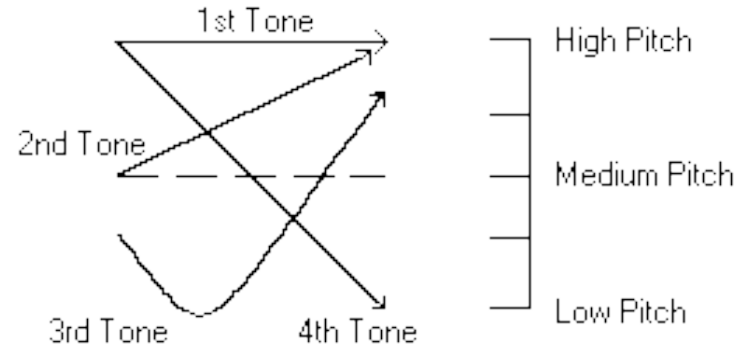


The Four Tones of Mandarin

Single Syllable Modulation



- 1st Tone: A high and level tone marking corresponds to a flat, yet high pitch sound. It is spoken at the top of your vocal range.
- / 2nd Tone: A rising tone begins at the middle of your voice and rises quickly to the top of your vocal range.
- ∨ 3rd Tone: A falling-then-rising tone begins at the middle of your voice, dips down to the bottom of your vocal range and then rises at the end.
- ↘ 4th Tone: A falling tone begins at the top of your vocal range and ends at its bottom in a forceful or scolding manner.

The Syllable “MA”

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