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bā 八 eight			bà 爸 dad ³	ba 吧 <i>particle:</i> <i>suggestion</i>
	bái 白 white 白 <i>surname</i>	bǎi 百 hundred		
bān 西班牙 Spain			bàn 半 half 办 to manage ³	
bāng 帮 to help			bàng 棒球 bàngqiú	
bēi 杯 <i>measure: cup,</i> <i>glass</i>		běi 北 north		
		bǐ 笔 pen 比 <i>comparison</i>		
biān 边 side ³			biàn 便 convenient ³	
	bié 别 don't 别 other			
			bù 不 not 步 step ³	
	chá 茶 tea		chà 差 short of	

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	cháng 常 often ³ 长 long	chǎng 场 field	chàng 唱 to sing ³	
chū 出 to go out ³	chú 除 except ³	chǔ 楚 clear, neat ³		
chuān 穿 to wear	chuán 船 boat			
	cí 词 word ³		cì 次 <i>measure:</i> <i>occurrence</i>	
		dǎ 打 to hit	dà 大 big	
			dào 到 to go 到 to arrive 道 path ³	
	dé 得 to get ³ 德国 Germany			de 的 <i>particle:</i> <i>possessive</i> 得 <i>particle:</i> <i>complement</i>
			dì 弟 brother ³ 第 <i>ordinal prefix</i> 地 earth ³	
		diǎn 点 dot ³	diàn 电 electricity	
dīng 拉丁文 Latin		dǐng 顶 <i>measure: hats</i>		

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dōng 东 east ³ 冬 winter ³		dǒng 懂 to understand		
duō 多 how many/much 多 many, much				
	ér 儿 son ³ 而 and ³		èr 二 two	
fā 发 to emit ³		fǎ 法 method ³		
	fán 烦 bother ³		fàn 饭 meal	
fēi 菲律宾 Phillipines 咖啡 coffee 飞 fly ³				
fēn 分 minute 分 cent		fěn 分红色 pink		
	fú 服 clothing ³		fù 复 duplicate ³ 付 to pay ³	
gāng 刚 just now 钢笔 fountain pen		gǎng 香港 Hong Kong		

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gāo 高 tall 高 <i>surname</i> 糕 cake ³			gào 告 to tell (inform) ³	
gē 哥 older brother ³ 歌 song				gè ¹ 个 <i>measure:</i> <i>general</i>
		gěi 给 to give 给 to, for		
gōng 工 work ³ 公 public ³ 功 skill ³			gòng 共 altogether ³ 一共 altogether	
		guǎn 馆 accomodations ³	guàn 惯 to be used to ³ 惯 habit ³	
			guì 贵 honorable 贵 expensive	
	guó 国 country		guò 过 pass ³	
	hái 还 still ³ 还 also 孩 child ³	hǎi 海 sea, ocean ³		
	hán 寒 cold ³ 韩国 Korea		hàn 汉 Chinese	

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		hǎo 好 good, okay	hào 号 day of month 号 <i>measure:</i> <i>number, size</i>	
hē 喝 to drink	hé 和 and 合 to suit ³			
			hòu 候 wait ³ 后 after ³	
huā 花 to spend	huá 温哥华 Vancouver		huà 话 speech, words	
huān 欢 joyful ³			huàn 换 to change	
huī 灰 grey	huí 回 to return		huì 会 meeting ³ 会 can (know how) 会 will	
		huǒ 火 fire ³	huò 或 or ³ 货 merchandise ³	huo 和 warm ³
jī 机 machine	jí 级 level ³	jǐ 几 how many 几 some 己 oneself	jì 记 to record ³ 计程车 taxi (in Taiwan)	
jiā 家 home 家 family 加拿大 Canada	jiá 夹克 jacket		jià 假 vacation ³	

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jiān 间 <i>measure: rooms</i>			jiàn 见 to see 件 <i>measure: clothes</i>	
jiāo 教 to teach			jiào 叫 to be called 教 education ³	
	jié 节 <i>measure: class period</i>	jiě 姐 older sister ³	jiè 介 between ³	
jīn 今 today ³		jǐn 紧 tight ³	jìn 进 to enter 近 near ³	
jīng 经 pass through 北京 Beijing		jǐ 己 oneself ³		
		jiǔ 九 nine 久 a long time 酒 wine	jiù 就 the very one 就 sooner than expected 就 as soon as	
kāi 开 to open (a door) 开 to hold (a meeting) 开 to drive (a car)				

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		kě 可 but ³	kè 刻 quarter hour 客 guest ³ 课 class, lesson 夹克 jacket	
			kuài 快 quick 快 soon, about to 块 dollar	
lā 拉丁文 Latin			lā 希腊 Greece	
	lán 蓝 blue	lǎn 橄榄 football		
			lè 乐 happy ³	le 了 <i>particle:</i> <i>past/change</i>
		lǐ 李 plum 李 <i>surname</i> 里 inside ³		
	liáng 凉 cool ³	liǎng 两 two, couple	liàng 亮 bright ³ 辆 <i>measure:</i> <i>vehicles</i>	
			lù 录 to record 路 road ³	

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			lǜ 律 law ³ 绿 green	
mā 妈 mom ³	má 麻 hemp ³			ma 吗 <i>particle:</i> <i>question</i>
		mǎi 买 to buy	mài 卖 to sell	
	máo 毛 hair 毛 dime		mào 帽 hat ³	
	méi 没 not	měi 美 beautiful 每 every	mèi 妹 younger sister ³	
mēn 闷 stuffy				men 们 <i>plural</i>
	míng 明 bright ³ 名 name ³			
	ná 加拿大 Canada	nǎ 哪 which	nà 那 that	
	nán 男 male 难 difficult 越南人 Vietnamese people			
	nián 年 year		niàn 念 to read aloud	

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piān 篇 <i>measure: essays</i>	pián 便 <i>cheap</i> ²		piàn 片 <i>slice</i> ^{2,3}	
	piào 漂 <i>pretty</i> ² 票 <i>ticket</i>			
	píng 瓶 <i>measure: bottles</i> 平 <i>level</i>			
qī 七 <i>seven</i> 期 <i>period of time</i> ³		qǐ 起 <i>to rise</i> ³	qì 气 <i>air</i> ³ 汽 <i>steam</i> ³	
qiān 铅笔 <i>pencil</i>	qián 前 <i>front</i> ³ 钱 <i>money</i>			
	qíng 清 <i>to clear, clean</i> ³ 晴 <i>sunny, clear</i>	qǐng 请 <i>to invite</i> 请 <i>please</i>		
qiū 秋 <i>autum</i> ³	qiú 球 <i>ball</i>			
	rén 人 <i>person, people</i>		rèn 认 <i>to recognize</i> ³	
shī 师 <i>teacher</i> ³ 湿 <i>wet, humid</i> ³	shí 十 <i>ten</i> 时 <i>time</i> ³ 识 <i>to recognize</i> ³	shǐ 始 <i>to begin</i> ³	shì 是 <i>to be</i> 事 <i>business, going on</i> 视 <i>vision</i> ³ 试 <i>to try, to test</i> ³ 室 <i>room</i> ³ 适 <i>to suit</i> ³	

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shū 舒 to stretch ³ 书 book		shǔ 暑假 summer vacation		
		shuǐ 水 water	shuì 睡 to sleep ³	
sī 思 to think ³			sì 四 four	
			sù 宿 to stay ³ 诉 to tell (relate) ³ 速 speed ³	
suī 虽 while ³			sui 岁 years of age	
tā 他 he, him 她 she, her				
	tái 台 platform		tài 太 too 太太 wife 泰国 Thailand	
	tiáo 条 <i>measure: long objects</i>		tiào 跳 to jump ³	
tīng 听 to listen 厅 hall ³				

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wān 湾 bay, straits	wán(r) 玩 (儿) to play, visit	wǎn 晚 late 晚 evening		
	wáng 王 king 王 <i>surname</i>	wǎng 网球 tennis	wàng 望 hope, wish ³	
	wéi 为 for ³ 喂 Hello!		wèi 为 for ³ 喂 Hello! 位 <i>measure: people</i>	
wēn 温哥华 Vancouver	wén 文 language		wèn 问 to ask	
		wǔ 五 five 舞 dance ³ 午 noon		
xī 希 to hope ³ 西 west ³	xí 习 to study ³	xǐ 喜 to like ³ 洗 to wash ³		
			xià 下 under, next 夏 summer ³	
xiān 先 first			xiàn 现 present ³ 线 line	
xiānggǎng 香港 Hong Kong		xiǎng 想 to like	xiàng 像 image ³	

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		xiǎo 小 small	xiào 校 school ³ 笑 to laugh	
	xié 鞋 shoe	xiě 写 to write	xiè 谢 thanks ³ 谢 <i>surname</i>	
xīn 新 new			xìn 信 letter	
xīng 星 star ³	xíng 行 all right, ok		xìng 姓 surname 姓 to be surnamed 兴 mood ³	
	xué 学 to study	xuě 雪 snow		
			yà 马来西亚 Malaysia	呀 <i>particle:</i> <i>exclamatory</i>
			yào 要 to want 要 will, to be going to	
		yě 也 also	yè 夜 night 业 occupation ³ 叶 leaves ³	
yī 一 one 医 medicine ³ 衣 clothing ³	yí 宜 suitable ³ 夏威夷 Hawaii	yǐ 以 with ³ 已 already ³	yì 意 meaning ³ 易 easy ³	

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yīn 因 for ³ 音 music ³ 阴天 overcast ³				
yīng 英 England ²		yǐng 影 shadow ³		
		yǒu 友 friend ³ 有 to have	yòu 又 again	
		yǔ 语 language ³ 雨 rain ³	yù 预 to prepare ³	
	yuán 元 dollar 员 clerk ³ 园 garden ³			
yuē 约 to make an appointment			yuè 月 month 乐 music ³ 越南人 Vietnamese person	
			zài 再 again 在 at, in, on 在 to be at	
zāo 糟 messy ³		zǎo 早 early 澡 bath ³		

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		zhǎo 找 to look for 找钱 to make change	zhào 照 shine ³	
	zhè 这 this	zhě 者 <i>suffix</i> ³		
zhī 知 to know ³		zhǐ 只 only		
zhōng 中 center 中 medium 钟 clock ³				
			zhù 助 to assist ³ 祝 to express good wishes	
		zǐ 子 son ³ 紫 purple	zì 字 character 自 self ³	
zū 租 to rent	zú 美术足球 American football			
	zuó 昨 yesterday ³		zuò 做 to do 坐 to sit 坐 to travel by 作 work ³	

Notes

1. The possessive article gè 个 is 4th tone but is pronounced neutral tone.
2. These syllables do not appear by themselves. They are always combined with other syllables to form a word.
3. These syllables were not introduced by themselves, but as part of a compound syllable or expression.
4. Tone changes in compound syllables are not listed. Examples: bàba is not listed under bà and ba, érzi is not listed under zi and zǐ.