

Mandarin Tone Change

1. **When there are two 3rd tones in a row, the first one becomes 2nd tone.** Examples: 你好 (nǐ + hǎo = ní hǎo), 很好 (hěh + hǎo = hén hǎo), 好懂 (hǎo + dǒng = hǎo dǒng).
2. **不 is 4th tone except when followed by another 4th tone, when it becomes second tone.**
Examples: 不对 (bù + duì = bú duì), 不去 (bù + qù = bú qù), 不错 (bù + cuò = bú cuò).
3. **一 is 1st tone when alone, 2nd tone when followed by a 4th tone, and 4th tone when followed by any other tone.** Examples: 一个 (yī + gè = yí gè), 一次 (yī + cì = yí cì), 一半 (yī + bàn = yí bàn), 一般 (yī + bān = yì bān), 一毛 (yī + máo = yì máo), 一会儿 (yī + huǐr = yì huǐr).