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Typing pinyin tonal characters

There are several ways to type pinyin tonal characters. Here we list the two easiest methods. One of them uses an **on-screen, online keyboard**. The other one is a **free software programme** that you can install onto your own PC or laptop as a Windows or MacOS **language input add-on**.

Option #1 – on-screen, online keyboard

Lexilogos



+ **Advantage** – use it anywhere with internet access: at university or at home

- **Disadvantage** – you will need to copy and paste the characters from the online keyboard into a document or text box

1. Open your browser and navigate to http://www.lexilogos.com/keyboard/chinese_pinyin.htm or google 'Lexilogos Chinese pinyin'.
2. Click on the character you need. It will appear in the on-screen window.
3. Copy the character(s) into a document or text box.

1	ā	ē	ī	ō	ū	ǖ
2	á	é	í	ó	ú	ǘ
3	ǎ	ě	ǐ	ǒ	ǔ	ǚ
4	à	è	ì	ò	ù	ǜ
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Option #2 – free add-on software

Pinyininput



+ **Advantage** – allows you to type directly into a document or text box (no need to copy/paste)

- **Disadvantage** – currently not available on student computers at Victoria University

To use the Pinyininput software, you will need to download it from the Pinyininput website and install it on your computer.

To type tone marks, simply enter the tone number (from 1-4) at the end of a pinyin syllable. For example, to enter Nǐhǎo, type Ni3hao3.

1. Open your browser and go to <https://sourceforge.net/projects/pinyininput/> or google 'Pinyininput sourceforge'. You will be able to download the software for free.
2. Download the green .zip file onto your computer.
3. To install the programme, double-click the .zip file and follow the instructions for installation on the following website: <https://www.pinyininput.net/install-guide.html>
 This website also has instructions for how to use Pinyininput once it has been installed.

