

# Taiwanese Hakka - Pronunciation

1. Consonants									
Bopomofo	ㄅ	ㄆ	ㄇ	ㄈ	ㄎ	ㄏ	ㄏ	ㄨ	ㄨ
Taiwan Hakka Romanization	b	p	m	f	v	bb	d	t	n
IPA Phonetics	[p <sup>h</sup> ]	[p <sup>h</sup> ]	[m]	[f]	[v/v]	[b]	[t <sup>h</sup> ]	[t <sup>h</sup> ]	[n]
Notes						● <sup>[1]</sup>			
Bopomofo	ㄌ	ㄍ	ㄎ	ㄍ	ㄏ	ㄐ	ㄑ	ㄎ	ㄒ
Taiwan Hakka Romanization	l	g	k	ng	h	j(i)	q(i)	ng(i)	x(i)
IPA Phonetics	[l]	[k <sup>h</sup> ]	[k <sup>h</sup> ]	[ŋ]	[h]	[tɕ <sup>h</sup> (i)]	[tɕ <sup>h</sup> (i)]	[ŋ(i)]	[ɕ(i)]
Notes					● <sup>[4]</sup>	● <sup>[2]</sup>	● <sup>[2]</sup>		● <sup>[2]</sup>
Bopomofo	ㄗ	ㄘ	ㄙ	ㄗ	ㄗ	ㄘ	ㄙ		
Taiwan Hakka Romanization	zh	ch	sh	rh	z	c	s		
IPA Phonetics	[ʈ <sup>h</sup> ]	[ʈ <sup>h</sup> ]	[ʃ]	[ʒ]	[ts <sup>h</sup> ]	[ts <sup>h</sup> ]	[s]		
Notes	● <sup>[3]</sup>	● <sup>[3]</sup>	● <sup>[3]</sup>	● <sup>[3]</sup>					
2. Vowels									
Bopomofo	ㄚ	ㄛ	ㄜ	ㄝ	ㄞ	ㄟ	ㄚ	ㄚ	ㄨ
Taiwan Hakka Romanization	a	o	oo	er	e	ee	i	ii	u
IPA Phonetics	[a]	[ɔ]	[o]	[ɛ]	[ɛ]	[e]	[i]	[i/ɨ]	[u]
Notes			● <sup>[5]</sup>	● <sup>[6]</sup>		● <sup>[5]</sup>		Usually not labeled	
3. Syllabic Consonants									
Bopomofo	ㄇ	ㄎ	ㄍ	ㄅ	ㄆ	ㄎ			
Taiwan Hakka Romanization	-m	-n	-ng	-p	-t	-k			
IPA Phonetics	[m]	[n]	[ŋ]	[p̚]	[t̚]	[k̚]			
4. Tones									
	Layout: Tone symbols→Tone values→IPA Phonetics								
Northern Xiien	vˊ 24 [4]		vˊ 11 [11]	vˊ 31 [4]	v 55 [11]		vdˊ 2 [4]	vd 5 [1]	
Southern Xiian	vˊ 24 [4]	vˊ 33 [4]	vˊ 11 [11]	vˊ 31 [4]	v 55 [11]		vdˊ 2 [4]	vd 5 [1]	
Hoiliug	vˊ 53 [1]		v 55 [11]	vˊ 24 [4]	vˊ 11 [11]	vˊ 33 [4]	vd 5 [1]	vdˊ 2 [4]	
Taibu	vˊ 33 [4]	vˊ 35 [4]	vˊ 113 [4]	vˊ 31 [4]	vˊ 53 [1]		vdˊ 21 [4]	vdˊ 54 [1]	
Ngiaupin (Xinzhu)	vˊ 11 [11]		v 55 [11]	vˊ 53 [1]	vˊ 24 [4]		vˊ 2 [4]	v 54 [1]	
Ngiaupin (Zhuolan)	vˊ 11 [11]		vˊ 53 [1]	vˊ 31 [4]	v 55 [11]		vˊ 2 [4]	vˊ 24 [4]	v 5 [1]
Zhioon	vˊ 11 [11]		vˊ 53 [1]	vˊ 31 [4]	v 55 [11]		vdˊ 24 [4]		vdˊ 43 [1]

Tips:  
 ●<sup>[1]</sup> - Used in Zhaoan accent, Nantou Guoxing Township and some of the Southern Hakka areas.  
 ●<sup>[2]</sup> - Only for North Xiien and Southern Xiian accent.

●<sup>[3]</sup> - Used in Taibu, Hoiliug, Ngiaupin, Zhioon Accents, even it's “ㄗ, ㄘ, ㄙ, ㄗ / zh, ch, sh, rh” but unlike Mandarin Chinese, it is pronounced with no retroflex sound, which means in Mandarin Chinese is pronounced as [dʒ̥], but in Hakka, it's pronounced like [ɕ].

●<sup>[4]</sup> - In Hakka, “ㄏ / h” is pronounced Voiceless glottal fricative, in IPA it's [h], Unlike Mandarin Chinese Voiceless velar fricative [x].

●<sup>[5]</sup> - Only for Zhioon accent.

●<sup>[6]</sup> - Used in Hoiliug, Ngiaupin Accent.

❖ “v” in the Tones part means normal vowels, and vd stands for vowels end with b, d, g. (No audible release)