

Mainland Mandarin vs. Taiwanese Mandarin: What are the pronunciation differences?

*Focus: Common words that have different **tones**.*

Mainland Mandarin Chinese	Taiwanese Mandarin Chinese
xīng qī 星期 week	xīng qí 星期 week
zhá jī 炸鸡 fried chicken	zhà jī 炸雞 fried chicken
wēi bō lú 微波炉 microwave	wéi bō lú 微波爐 microwave
qī dài 期待 to look forward to	qí dài 期待 to look forward to
ā yí 阿姨 aunt / housekeeper	ǎ yí 阿姨 aunt / housekeeper
xiāng qīn 相亲 blind date	xiàng qīn 相親 blind date
yà zhōu 亚洲 Asia	yǎ zhōu 亞洲 Asia
zhì liàng 质量	zhí liàng 質量

quality	quality
wēi xiǎn 危險 dangerous	wéi xiǎn 危險 dangerous
é luō sī 俄罗斯 Russia	è luō sī 俄羅斯 Russia
fǎ guó 法国 France	fà guó 法國 France
chéng jì 成绩 achievement / grades	chéng jī 成績 achievement / grades
gōng jī 攻击 to attack	gōng jí 攻擊 to attack
chōng jī 冲击 to batter / impact	chōng jí 沖擊 to batter / impact

Mainland Mandarin Chinese Neutral tone on final syllables	Taiwanese Mandarin Chinese No neutral tone (syllables retain original tone)
piào liang 漂亮 beautiful	piào liàng 漂亮 beautiful
dōng xi 东西 thing/ stuff	dōng xī 東西 thing/ stuff

yì si 意思 meaning	yì sī 意思 meaning
xiān sheng 先生 Mr.	xiān shēng 先生 Mr.
xué sheng 学生 student	xué shēng 學生 student
xǐ huan 喜欢 to like	xǐ huān 喜歡 to like

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