

The following Mandarin sentences, shown here in Roman orthography, are included in the file for exercise 3 in chapter 6, each read twice at a slow rate and twice at a fast rate by a native speaker of Mandarin. You will need the SILDoulos font for the tone marks to appear correctly on your computer.

1. Nǐ bú lèi ma?  
‘Aren’t you tired?’
2. Jiāotōng luàn jiù bú yào shàng jiē.  
‘Traffic is too messy to go on the street.’
3. Ràng wǒ lái gào sù nǐ.  
‘Let me tell you.’
4. Wǒmen dōu dǒng, méi wèntí.  
‘We understand everything—no problem.’
5. Nǐ yuànyì qǐng wǒ chīfàn ma?  
‘Would you like to treat me to a meal?’
6. Nǐ yào mǎi shénme?  
‘What do you want me to buy?’