

Exercise 1: Write full sentences from the phonetic symbols

/taʊ/ (Pinyin: Dào) /ɪz/ /ə/ /,metə'fɪzɪkəl/ /'kɒnsept/

Tao

/faʊnd/ /ɪn/ /'taʊɪzəm/, /kən'fjuːʃənɪzəm/, /ænd/

/mɔːr/ /'ɒfən/ /ɪn/ /'eɪnfənt/ /ʃaɪ'niːz/ /fɪ'lɒsəfi/.

/ðə/ /ʃaɪ'niːz/ /'kærəktə/ /trænz'leɪts/ /æz/ "/weɪ/,"

"/paːθ/," /ɔː/ "/ruːt/".

/ɪn/ /'taʊɪzəm/, /ðə/ /taʊ/ /wɒz/ /ði/ /'brɪdʒɪn/ /ɒv/ /ðə/

Taoism

/həʊl/ /'ju:nɪvɜ:s/.

/ˈtaʊɪsts/ /bɪˈli:v/ /ðæt/ /ði:/ "mɪriəd/ /θɪŋz/", /ɔ:r/

/ˈevrɪθɪŋ/ /ɪn/ /ðə/ /'ju:nɪvɜ:s/ /frɒm/ /ˈænɪməlz/ /tu:/

/məˈtɪəriəlz/ /tu:/ /aɪˈdɪəz/, /əˈrɪdʒənəli/ /keɪm/ /frɒm/

/ðə/ /taʊ/, /ænd/ /wen/ /'sʌmθɪŋ/ /,dɪsə'prɪz/, /ɪts/

/ˈenədʒi/ (/ɔ:/ qi) /gəʊz/ /bæk/ /tu:/ /ðə/ /taʊ/ /tu:/ /bi:/

/əb'zɔ:bd/ /ænd/ /,ri:'bɜ:θt/ /ɪn/ /ə/ /'dɪfərənt/ /fɔ:m/.

Exercise 2: Fill in the missing vowel letters

Taoists th____ght that if s____me____ne "forg____t thems____lv____s", and let go of int____ntions, they w____ld be able to "m____ve effortlessly" (wu wei, or "non-action"), and be in h____rmony with the Tao, like the ____nim____ls, pl____nts, and ____v____rything else. This harm____ny is the ultimate g____l of Taoism.

Exercise 3: Fill in the missing consonant letters

The Tao is a ____smic for____e that can't be named or de____ribed, which is the ____a____ral harmony ____et____een all li____ing ____ings, and the way they all ____o____e together.

Exercise 4: Group words with the same vowel sounds

· /æ/:

· /i:/:

· /a:/:

· /u/:

· /ɪ /:

Ans

Exercise 1:

Tao (Pinyin **Dào**) is a metaphysical concept found in Taoism, Confucianism, and more often in ancient Chinese philosophy. The Chinese character translates as "way," "path," or "route". In Taoism, the Tao was the origin of the whole universe. Taoists believe that the "myriad things", or everything in the universe from animals to materials to ideas, originally came from the Tao, and when something disappears, its energy (or *qi*) goes back to the Tao to be absorbed and re-birthed in a different form.

Exercise 2:

Taoists thought that if someone "forgot themselves", and let go of intentions, they would be able to "move effortlessly" (wu wei, or "non-action"), and be in harmony with the Tao, like the animals, plants, and everything else. This harmony is the ultimate goal of Taoism.

Exercise 3:

The Tao is a cosmic force that can't be named or described, which is the natural harmony between all living things, and the way they all move together.

Exercise 4:

/æ/ - character animals natural translate action

/i:/ - believe Chinese between

/a:/ - path harmony plants can't

/u/ - route universe to move

/ɪ / - if in with this living