

## Exercise 1: Write full sentences from the phonetic symbols

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

Tao

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/faʊnd/ /ɪn/ /'taʊɪzəm/, /kən'fju:ʃənɪzəm/, /ænd/

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/mɔ:r/ /'ɒfən/ /ɪn/ /'eɪnʃənt/ /tʃaɪ'ni:z/ /fɪ'lɒsəfi/.

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/ðə/ /tʃaɪ'ni:z/ /'kærəktə/ /trænz'leɪts/ /æz/ "/wei/,"

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"/pa:θ/", /ɔ:/ "/ru:t/"

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

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### Taoism

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/həʊl/ /'ju:nɪvɜ:s/.

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/'taʊɪsts/ /bɪ'li:v/ /ðæt/ /ði:/ "/mɪriəd/ /θɪŋz/", /ɔ:r/

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/'evrɪθɪŋ/ /ɪn/ /ðə/ /'ju:nɪvɜ:s/ /frəm/ /'ænɪməlz/ /tu:/

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/mə'trəriəlz/ /tu:/ /aɪ'dɪəz/, /ə'rɪdʒənəli/ /keɪm/ /frəm/

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

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

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

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## Exercise 2: Fill in the missing vowel letters

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animals, plants, and everything else. This harmony is the ultimate goal of Taoism.

## Exercise 3: Fill in the missing consonant letters

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 come 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-borned in a different form.

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### **Exercise 3:**

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### **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