Some examples: The following is a popular textbook for learning Chinese.

- Fourth tone: High Falling
  
  "má mù má má" (mad, ma, ma, scold).

- Third tone: Low Dipping
  
  "má 3 má" (maid, ma, horse).

- Second tone: High Rising
  
  "má 2 má" (maid, ma, hemp).

- First tone: High Level
  
  "má 1 má" (maid, ma, mother).

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