





The number 8 “bā” rhymes with “fā”, from the word meaning ‘to get rich’. 8 is therefore considered a lucky number.

Numbers 6-10

6	liù	=	six
7	qī	=	seven
8	bā	=	eight
9	jiǔ	=	nine
10	shí	=	ten

Pronunciation

1st Tone	2nd Tone	3rd Tone	4th Tone	Neutral tone
				
a single, constant pitch, almost like you are singing	a rising tone	a dipping tone	an ‘angry’ tone, abruptly falling in pitch	Neutral tone words are said lightly and without emphasis
qī, bā	shí	jiǔ	liù	



Extension

Use your sound-bites to listen carefully to the difference between the second tone word ‘shí’ meaning ten and the fourth tone word ‘sì’ meaning 4. These are similar enough that they are sometimes confused. Make sure you give them plenty of practise.