**Appendix A** Thirty-six pairs of Mandarin words and their corresponding pictures.

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| **List** | **Tone Contrast** | **Item 1** | **Item 2** |
| Trained | 1-2 | Chuāng (window, Tone 1) | Chuáng (bed, Tone 2) |
| Māo (cat) | Máo (anchor) |
| Qiān (swing) | Qián (money) |
| 1-3 | Jiāo (glue) | Jiǎo (foot) |
| Shū (comb) | Shǔ (mouse) |
| Xuē (boot) | Xuě (snow) |
| 1-4 | Bā (eight) | Bà (father) |
| Huā (flower) | Huà (paint) |
| Zhū (pig) | Zhù (pour) |
| 2-3 | Bí (nose) | Bǐ (pen) |
| Wán (to play) | Wǎn (bowl) |
| Niú (cow) | Niǔ (button) |
| 2-4 | Dí (siren) | Dì (earth) |
| Xié (shoe) | Xiè (crab) |
| Yún (cloud) | Yùn (iron) |
| 3-4 | Dǎn (brush, verb) | Dàn (egg) |
| Mǐ (rǐce) | Mì (honey) |
| Yǎn (eye) | Yàn (flame) |
| Novel | 1-2 | Shī (teacher) | Shí (ten) |
| Tuō (mop) | Tuó (to carry) |
| Tī (ladder) | Tí (hoof) |
| 1-3 | Mā (mother) | Mǎ (horse) |
| Guī (tortoǐse) | Guǐ (ghost) |
| Zhēn (needle) | Zhěn (pǐllow) |
| 1-4 | Dēng (lamp) | Dèng (bench) |
| Kū (cry) | Kù (trousers) |
| Xǐāng (box) | Xiàng (elephant) |
| 2-3 | Chí (spoon) | Chǐ (ruler) |
| Hú (moustache) | Hǔ (tǐger) |
| Yú (fǐsh) | Yǔ (feather) |
| 2-4 | Mó (mushroom) | Mò (mill) |
| Shé (snake) | Shè (house) |
| Wá (baby) | Wà (sock) |
| 3-4 | Bǎo (treasure) | Bào (newspaper) |
| Dǎo (island) | Dào (road) |
| Jǐǎn (scissors) | Jiàn (arrow) |