

The name of the famous Taoist 庄子 is spelled in Pinyin

Zhuāngzǐ

How does one pronounce this?

In each cell below,

the first line indicates the principal allophone in [IPA],

the second indicates the Pinyin symbol for each phoneme.

	Labial		Alveolar		Retroflex		Palatal		Velar	
Stop	[p] <i>b</i>	[p ^h] <i>p</i>	[t] <i>d</i>	[t ^h] <i>t</i>					[k] <i>g</i>	[k ^h] <i>k</i>
Affricate			[ts] <i>z</i>	[ts ^h] <i>c</i>	[tʂ] <i>zh</i>	[tʂ ^h] <i>ch</i>	[tʃ] <i>j</i>	[tʃ ^h] <i>q</i>		
Fricative	[f] <i>f</i>		[s] <i>s</i>		[ʂ] <i>sh</i>	[ʐ]* <i>r</i>	[ç] <i>x</i>		[x] <i>h</i>	
Nasal	[m] <i>m</i>		[n] <i>n</i>						[ŋ] <i>ng</i>	
Approximant			[l] <i>l</i>			[ɻ]* <i>r</i>				

* [ʐ] and [ɻ] are interchangeable (i.e., Mandarin /r/ is fricated).

Conventional order is **b p m f*** **d t n l** **g k h** **j q x** **z c s** **zh ch sh r**

*whence *bopumofu*, the usual Chinese name for the Pinyin alphabet.