

**Beijing: A Symmetrical City**Architectural Terminology Chinese/English Comparison Table  
建筑名称中文、汉语拼音、英文对照

中文名称 Chinese official name	汉语拼音 Hanyu Pinyin (Official English Translation)	English translation
紫禁城/故宫	Zijincheng / Gugong	Forbidden City / Imperial Palace
皇城	Huangcheng	Imperial City
内城	Neicheng	Inner City
外城	Waicheng	Outer City
永定门	Yongdingmen	Forever Stable Gate
天坛	Tiantan	Temple of Heaven/Heaven Altar
先农坛	Xiannongtan	Temple of Agriculture
正阳门/前门	Zhengyangmen / Qianmen	Positive Yang Gate / Gate of Zenith Sun
大清门	Daqingmen	Great Qing Gate
天安门	Tiananmen	Gate of Heavenly Peace / Heaven Safety Gate
金水桥	Jinshuiqiao	Gold Water Bridge
端门	Duanmen	Proper Gate/ Upright Gate
太庙	Taimiao	Imperial Ancestral Shrine/ Imperial Ancestral Temple
社稷坛	Shejitan	Altar of Earth and Harvest / Altar of Land and Grain
午门	Wumen	Meridian Gate/Noon Gate
太和殿	Taihedian	Hall of Supreme Harmony
中和殿	Zhonghedian	Hall of Central Harmony

保和殿	Baohedian	Hall of Preserving Harmony
乾清门	Qianqingmen	Gate of Heavenly Purity
乾清宫	Qianqinggong	Hall of Heavenly Purity
坤宁宫	Kunninggong	Palace of Earthly Tranquility
御花园	Yuhuayuan	Imperial Garden
景山	Jingshan	Mount Jing
钟鼓楼	Zhonggulou	Bell and Drum Tower
中轴线	Zhongzhouxian	Central Axis Line