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Chinese Link: Beginning Chinese, Simplified Character Version, Level 1/Part 1, Books A La Carte Edition (2nd Edition)



Synopsis

Chinese Link, 2e provides a practical, learner-centered and enjoyable language and cultural learning experience for beginning students of Chinese, as well as an efficient and comprehensive teaching resource for instructors. This best-selling text takes care to introduce and explain grammar points clearly and systematically, yet not in a fashion that would be overwhelming to beginners. In keeping with the communicative focus of the text, grammar points are related to communicative task-oriented content. The textbook presents both traditional (complex) and simplified versions of Chinese characters, since learners will encounter both forms during their course of study or in travel abroad. Photographs and drawings make the text vivid and eye-catching, and to provide visual cues to aid in communicative exercises and activities. And the Video Program to accompany the "Language in Use" sections enhances the in-text dialogues by presenting them in authentic settings. This Books à la Carte Edition is an unbound, three-hole punched version of the textbook and provides students the opportunity to personalize their book by incorporating their own notes and taking only the portion of the book they need to class – all at an affordable price.

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Customer Reviews

Chinese Link is by far the best structured and sequenced textbook I have ever seen with a scope covering all necessary structural and communicative elements for elementary Chinese. I am a strong supporter for this practice to combine pinyin with characters in first year textbook since it will

give learners immediate hints about the pronunciation of characters which are totally foreign to English speaking Chinese learners. The video for "Language in Use" is great! The video presentations impressed me greatly in that with its authentic settings and naturally occurring communicative activities, they will not only help learners outside class but also in class.

Wenze Hu Ph.D., Assistant Professor, US Naval Academy Given students' beginning level of proficiency in Chinese, the accompanied Pinyin would be a welcome service to the students who can then focus better on the sentence structures involved. This is a great textbook with an integrated approach for developing students' overall linguistic and communicative competence.

The "Culture Link" sections are what make this book different from other traditional textbooks. I find the audio resources on this Companion Website wonderful and they should be taken advantage of by all who use the textbook. I love the video presentation of this textbook. I think it tremendously enhances the dialogues and the texts because of quality of the pronunciations of the cast who acted out these texts.

Jean Wu Ph.D., Director Chinese Language Program, University of Oregon The grammar activities are well-guided and involve more interaction [than Integrated Chinese].

Chao-mei Shen Ph.D., Senior Lecturer of Chinese, Rice University

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PURPOSE: I bought this book for my Beginner's Chinese class. We finished all 11 chapters in one semester.

OVERALL THOUGHTS: I found it to be very helpful and easy to power through.

CONS:>In

each chapter, there is a set of main vocab as well as supplementary vocab. I found that some supplementary vocab from the earlier chapters were repeated in the later chapters as the main set of vocab.>At the back of the book is a chinese->english dictionary and vice versa. However, I feel that the dictionary could be more extensive as they were missing some vocabulary that was used in the book.PROS:>You learn a lot of Chinese surnames in this textbook.>A lot of helpful conversations are littered throughout the book.>There are also a few chapter reviews.> At the end of each chapter, there are sections about Chinese culture.>Prior to chapter one, there is a brief section on pinyin.

I needed this textbook for my Chinese class. I feel that the textbook is really awesome and when paired up with the student activities manual and the character book it really works. I like the passages in the textbook and the fact that there are traditional and simplified characters in the beginning when it is introducing the new characters to the readers. By doing this, people that write in simplified and traditional at least can recognize the other way of writing the character - simplified or traditional. I like this textbook a lot more than some of my other Chinese textbooks that I have had previously.

This is the text book for a Mandarin class I am taking. It is just OK. The audio resources are only available online unless you buy the audio cd's separate or pay \$149 for MyChineseLab. They are in Flash so they don't work on a mobile device and you can't even download them as MP3's

I've been taking Chinese for two semesters now, and these books (both Part 1 and Part 2) are EXTREMELY helpful and easy to use. They're well organized, full of practical information, and include explanations of many different language phenomenons that I'm sure I wouldn't be learning otherwise. One of the most helpful things, though, I think, is the sections in the back. They include cumulative collections of phrases learned over the course of the book, organized into different categories, lists of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and measure words respectively, an English to Chinese and Chinese to English glossary, and a section that reviews all of the grammatical points throughout the book, among other things. Definitely a great way to learn Chinese :)

I bought this book for a basic intro Chinese course. It does a fairly good job of introducing the structure of the language and a few basic words and phrases. You will learn the "pinyin" which is basically the equivalent of a phonetic spellings of the Chinese words, to help English speakers with

their pronunciation. You will learn the basic syllables used in Chinese speech. You will learn the four basic tones. Then you will be introduced to the written characters and grammar. This book does an ok job as an introduction to the language. If you're serious about learning Chinese though, the best way is to augment study and classroom work by individual practice. Find a study-buddy (someone from your class is fine but someone fluent in Chinese is better) and really practice speaking the words. Also you will want to spend some time **EVERY DAY** practicing your Chinese writing. You will not learn much just by reading the book and doing the included exercises... you will learn it but not really retain that information or perfect your technique.

This is a text book for a class.

many mistakes of chinese expressions need to be revised, all contents are written by english then translated into chinese literally only, some expression are never seen by chinese native speakers

The first part of each chapter has a correlating set of online audio files to listen to and comprehend in order to answer a few questions. Personally, I wish there were many more of these, as comprehending words spoken in another language at normal speed is beyond difficult. Other than that, I think the exercises are fair. Still a good book for courses at school, but not terribly easy if it is your only chance to learn Chinese. This may be one of the better resources to use and learn from on your own, so I will not rate it TOO low as I haven't tried everything.

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