

in Beijing going to his job interview and learning to speak Chinese in a variety of settings. An An will teach you everything you need to know to master basic conversational Mandarin. Follow along as he introduces himself to the job interviewer, describes his favorite pastimes, and as he meets his dream significant other, panda Ping Ping. Ranging from asking for directions, to communicating with the taxi driver in Mandarin while learning how to count, each lesson combines cultural insights about Chinese traditions and customs alongside basic language instruction. Free audio and flashcards are downloadable from www.inspirang.com/resource.

Learning Chinese can be frustrating and difficult, partly because it's very different from European languages. Following a teacher, textbook or language course is not enough. They show you the characters, words and grammar you need to become proficient in Chinese, but they don't teach you how to learn them! Regardless of what program you're in (if any), you need to take responsibility for your own learning. If you don't, you will miss many important things that aren't included in the course you're taking. If you study on your own, you need to be even more aware of what you need to do, what you're doing at the moment and the difference between them. Here are some of the questions I have asked and have since been asked many times by students: How do I learn characters efficiently? How do I get the most out of my course or teacher? Which are the best learning tools and resources? How can I become fluent in Mandarin? How can I improve my pronunciation? How do I learn successfully on my own? How can I motivate myself to study more? How can I fit learning Chinese into a busy schedule? The answers I've found to these questions and many others form the core of this book. It took eight years of learning, researching, teaching and writing to figure these things out. Not everybody has the time to do that! I can't go back in time and help myself learn in a better way, but I can help you! This book is meant for normal students and independent language learners alike. While it covers all major areas of learning, you won't learn Chinese just by reading this book. It's like when someone on TV teaches you how to cook: you won't get to eat the delicious dish just by watching the program; you have to do the cooking yourself. That's true for this book as well. When you apply what you learn, it will boost your learning, making every hour you spend count for more, but you still have to do the learning yourself. This is what a few readers have said about the book: "The book had me nodding at a heap of things I'd learnt the hard way, wishing I knew them when I started, as well as highlighting areas that I'm currently missing in my study." - Geoff van der Meer, VP engineering "This publication is like a bible for anyone serious about Chinese proficiency. It's easy for anyone to read and written with scientific precision." - Zachary Danz, foreign teacher, children's theatre artist About me I started learning Chinese when I was 23 (that's more than eight years ago now) and have since studied in many different situations, including serious immersion programs abroad, high-intensity programs in Sweden, online courses, as well as on the side while working or studying other things. I have also successfully used my Chinese in a graduate program for teaching Chinese as a second language, taught entirely in Chinese mostly for native speakers (the Graduate Institute for Teaching Chinese as a Second Language at National Taiwan Normal University). All these parts have contributed to my website, Hacking Chinese, where I write regularly about how to learn Mandarin.

Reinforce your written Chinese with this practice book for the best-selling Tuttle Learning Chinese Characters. Learning Mandarin Chinese Characters helps students quickly learn the basic Chinese characters that are fundamental to the language. Intended for self-study and classroom use, this character workbook presents 178 Chinese characters and over 534 common words using these characters. These are the characters and words students need to know if they plan to take the official Chinese government HSK Level 1 Exam or the Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese Language and Culture Exam. Each character is presented in a very simple and clear way. A step-by-step diagram shows how to write the character, and boxes are provided for freehand writing practice. The meaning and pronunciation are given along with the key vocabulary compounds and an example sentence. Review exercises reinforce the learning process and an index at the back allow you to look up the characters according to their English meanings or romanized Hanyu Pinyin pronunciation. Key features of this Chinese workbook include: Designed for HSK Level 1 and AP exam prep Learn the 178 most basic Chinese characters Example sentences and over 534 vocabulary items Step-by-step writing diagrams and practice boxes

Chinese For Dummies

Rules and Scenarios

Fun Mnemonic Devices for Remembering Chinese Words and Their Tones

Easy Peasy Chinese

A Practical Approach to Fluency in Spoken Mandarin (Downloadable Audio Included)

Pimsleur Chinese (Mandarin) Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD

The Language Revolution That Made China Modern

Essential Chinese for Travelers

This comprehensive Mandarin workbook can be used with any textbook or on its own to dramatically enhance your Mandarin speaking and listening skills. No matter what textbook you're using to learn Mandarin, it requires a lot of practice. Here is a wealth of effective activities and drills—plus over 16 hours of audio recordings—to help you improve your spoken Mandarin Chinese quickly and effectively. This book follows the Basic Mandarin Chinese—Speaking & Listening textbook but works equally well with other coursebooks or on its own. The free disc contains hours of audio recording as well as printable PDF files providing hundreds of pages of extra practice exercises and activities. Basic Mandarin Chinese—Speaking & Listening Practice Book includes hundreds of carefully designed activities to help you with every aspect of your speaking skills, including: Pronunciation exercises Vocabulary and Grammar summaries Substitution drills Transformation and Response drills Role Playing and Listening Comprehension Dictation exercises Transition exercises The downloadable audio includes: 16 hours of audio recordings by native Mandarin speakers Printable practice pages Printable exercises and activities About the Basic Mandarin Chinese series: Respected Chinese language educator Dr.

Cornelius Kubler has taught Mandarin Chinese to diplomats, business people and students for several decades—using an effective learning system with two separate but integrated "tracks" to help you learn the spoken and written forms of the language more efficiently and more successfully. The materials in this series have been acclaimed as a breakthrough in Mandarin Chinese language learning. This is a beginning-level course in spoken Chinese that employs a revolutionary new method designed to have you quickly speaking and comprehending Mandarin Chinese. Along with its sister book Basic Written Chinese and their accompanying workbooks, Basic Spoken Chinese offers a complete introductory course to the Chinese language. As a native English speaker, working hard to learn Chinese is not enough; you have to work smart to learn this very different language efficiently. An accompanying MP3 audio CD and a separate DVD with video software reinforce the material introduced in the book. No matter why you've chosen to learn Chinese—for business, travel, cultural studies or another goal—the Basic Chinese approach of two separate but integrated tracks in spoken and written Chinese will help you learn this language most efficiently and successfully.

Detailed explanations in English of Chinese pronunciation, grammar, usage, culture, society, and recommended learning approaches. A digital Instructor's Guide is available electronically. A written Character Transcript (Simplified and Traditional) is available electronically. The MP3 audio CD and software CDs feature: 40 videos with dozens of native speakers filmed on location in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia. 6 hours of native-speaker audio, including all of the book's conversations. Build up sections, new words, and pronunciation exercises. Available separately, Basic Spoken Chinese Practice Essentials is the companion workbook for Basic Spoken Chinese. This practical guide includes a broad range of drills and exercises designed to enhance your proficiency in speaking and comprehending dramatically. While intended for use with the companion textbook, it can be used together with any Chinese textbook or teaching program to hone your Chinese language skills.

Essential Chinese for Travelers is a must for tourists, business people, and students traveling in China. The pocket-sized phrase book has over 2,000 useful words and phrases, plus an all new 60 page dictionary of commonly used vocabulary.

Take your mastery of Mandarin Chinese to the next level with this comprehensive workbook and CD! Learning to speak Mandarin Chinese requires many hours of practice — there's just no way around it! But by using this one-of-a-kind practice guide, together with whatever Chinese language-learning book or program you're already involved with, you can dramatically improve your ability to speak and comprehend spoken Chinese and Chinese grammar. This book presents a wealth of tested and proven practice activities-including approximately 16 hours of audio recordings and over 200 pages of drills and exercises — to help you polish your spoken Chinese to a high intermediate-level. It can be used successfully with any intermediate-level Chinese language learning book (such as Intermediate Spoken Chinese) and enables you to quickly move from beginner to intermediate level proficiency in the language. It's also beneficial for people with plans to travel to China, or who wish to brush up and review their spoken Chinese in preparation for an exam. Intermediate Spoken Chinese Practice Essentials includes hundreds of activities that have been carefully designed to perfect and reinforce each aspect of your Chinese speaking and comprehension ability: Pronunciation exercises Vocabulary and grammar summaries Substitution drills Transformation and response drills Role play and listening comprehension exercises Dictation exercises Translation exercises Also included on the disk are printable PDF files for dozens of additional pages of useful activities. If your goal is to learn Chinese at a higher level of mastery, Intermediate Spoken Chinese Practice Essentials offers the broadest range of activities and drills for you to use on their own or pair with another textbook to reach your desired expertise.

Speak Chinese with Confidence! (Mandarin Chinese Phrasebook & Dictionary)

An Introduction to Speaking and Listening for Beginners (DVD and MP3 Audio CD Included)

Speak Japanese with Confidence!

The Way of the Linguist

Write and Speak Chinese Like a Native! The Ultimate Guide to Everyday Chinese Usage

Speak Cantonese with Confidence (Cantonese Chinese Phrasebook & Dictionary with Manga illustrations)

Basic Mandarin Chinese - Reading & Writing Textbook

A complete beginning-level course for spoken Mandarin Chinese designed to have you talking quickly and accurately! The Basic Mandarin Chinese series offers a complete introductory Chinese language course specifically designed for native English speakers. These books teach spoken and written Chinese separately, allowing you to focus on the area most important to you, and to learn the spoken and written forms of Chinese at different speeds depending on your available time and interest. The free audio and video recordings included with this book reinforce the content and make the learning process easy. No matter whether you're learning Mandarin for work, travel or other reasons—the Basic Mandarin Chinese approach of having two separate but integrated "tracks" helps you to learn the language more efficiently and more successfully. Key features of this Chinese textbook and discs include: Clear and detailed pronunciation, grammar and cultural explanations Exercises and activities based on real-life experiences in China Hours of video recordings filmed on location featuring dozens of native speakers in various parts of China and beyond Six hours of native-speaker audio recordings for all the book's dialogues and exercises Special software allowing you to interact with the recordings. This Mandarin textbook is designed to be used with its separately available workbook, Basic Mandarin Chinese—Speaking & Listening Practice Book which provides a range of drills and exercises designed to dramatically enhance your spoken proficiency and improve your Chinese language skills.

Essential Japanese Phrase Book & Dictionary teaches you the practical phrases and expressions needed for common, everyday interactions in Japan in a clear, concise, accessible and enjoyable way. Key features of this Japanese phrasebook and dictionary include: Over 1,500 practical phrases for everyday use An English to Japanese dictionary with over 2,000 terms and expressions Essential expressions used for meeting people, starting conversations, and asking and replying to simple questions Manga illustrations to illustrate key phrases and situations A pronunciation guide and Japanese grammar notes explain the basic sounds and sentence patterns of the Japanese language The latest Japanese vocabulary and phrases for smartphones, social media and more Japan travel tips, cultural notes and much more! All words and phrases are in Romanized form as well as the Japanese script. Basic Japanese grammar and pronunciation notes get you speaking right away, and tips on culture and etiquette allow you to interact in Japanese without making serious blunders. Whether you're a novice or have some experience with the language, this is a reference you'll turn to again and again when visiting Japan and interacting with Japanese people.

Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar is a systematic overview of Mandarin grammar, oriented toward self-study, English-speaking students. Through explanations of common mistakes learners make, useful example sentences and exercises with an answer key, this book provides a detailed introduction to the unique grammar structures of the Mandarin language. Ideal for any student who is interested in taking their skills to the next level, this book makes the difficult task of perfecting grammar efficient, interesting and rewarding. Essential Mandarin Chinese Grammar is a perfect tool to help you form correct and natural-sounding sentences, and determine how to best use the grammar you need for reading or writing Mandarin. Each example and exercise is written in both pinyin and Simplified Chinese Characters to accommodate learners with varying levels of character literacy, including those who have learned only to speak but not read.