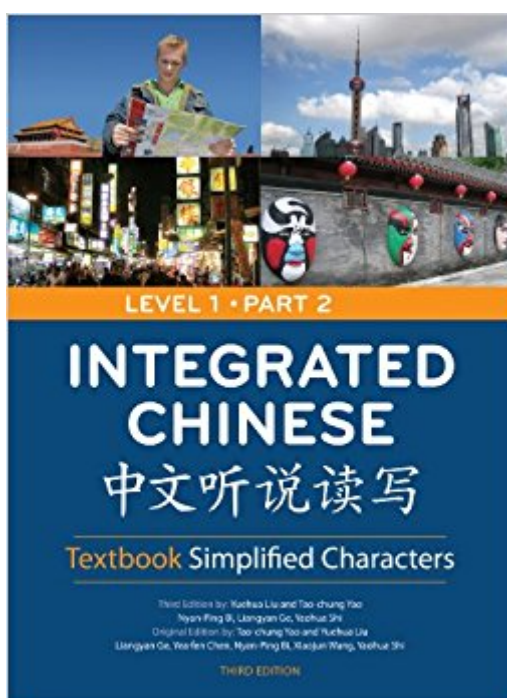


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Customer Reviews

Generally these books are required for classes. Yes, it has lots of vocabulary and the grammar is helpful. However, if you're a teacher reading this review, please consider using another book to teach by. Integrated Chinese began to get sloppy with the illustrations in the book and the content jumps around. At the level most students are when learning material of this type, I would think that the dialogue between the characters would have a little more substance and not seem so random. In fact, some of the translations of the words in English many students are unfamiliar with because

they are outdated.

Integrated Chinese Textbook Simplified Character Level 1, Part 2, Third Edition, Yuehua Liu et al., Review by Dr. Ali Fant, WB5WAF This review is written from the perspective of a second semester Chinese language student and native-American English speaker with a scientific background. I am fluent in several computer programming languages, but only one human language. This is the textbook used by the University of Alaska, the Kansas State University, and many American high schools including the US Department of Defense Dependent Schools located overseas. The textbook is divided into ten chapters. In the Fairbanks (Alaska) high schools, only the first five chapters are covered in one semester. Universities vary their scope in covering from five to ten chapters during the course of one semester. The Level 1 Part 1 book and this Level 1 Part 2 book together prepare one for the Chinese government's HSK Level 1 proficiency exam for non-native Chinese language speakers. My biggest complaint against the textbook is the exclusive use of font size 28, handwritten, cursive style Chinese characters rather than the more easily read printed style Chinese characters. The latter are used as the standard Microsoft YaHei font in Microsoft Word and in most newspapers and books. According to my university instructor, native Chinese learners eventually recognize their characters based upon overall shape regardless of font differences similar to American students learning to read bubble and Gothic English fonts. I would pay more for a textbook with a larger Chinese characters font size and a spiral coil bound edition. I paid \$5.50 to have a local copy shop cut/bind the textbook for improved access to its many slick pages. The font styles may be a small difference for experienced Chinese language readers, but it is a difficult and unnecessary hurdle for beginning Chinese language students. Kindergarten students, by contrast, prefer standardized printed characters instead of cursive writing in the age of computer texting. This textbook has separately purchased audio CDs to match the vocabulary list and dialogs.

Unfortunately, I had to strip off the individual word pronunciations using the Microsoft Sound Recorder program included with all Microsoft Windows operating systems. Using the Sound Recorder, I was able to turn on repeat to hear a single word repeated over and over again. In studying other Chinese textbooks that are currently available, I believe this is the best textbook in existence despite its flaws as textbook for native-American English speakers. One should not have 50% variance in scope based upon the five to ten chapter coverage limit found in US schools.

I'm a Mandarin Chinese teacher. There are very few decent textbooks available. This is the best I've found, and I have adopted the series for full implementation in my school's Mandarin program. It does require supplementary materials generated by the teacher.

Daughter found it very useful

excellent shape

Loved it.

Poorly organized curriculum. They should introduce the words first, give simple phrases, and introduce the dialogs a bit later. It needs to have pinyin with the Chinese characters, and the English translation right there too. 3rd edition is a huge improvement on the 2nd edition which I also have... It is much more manageable, the 2nd edition was so difficult to use and quite a bit of work.

I've had a lot of trouble finding Chinese learning books. Either they're too complicated, too simple, don't have pinyin, or have some new-fangled way of teaching. Anyway, this book is the best I've found. Admittedly, the text is geared toward college students, so you'll learn a lot about things you may never want to talk about. But you'll get a good solid base to learn from. This is book 2 in a series. I visited China for a while and never found anything this good. They only use pinyin for babies and Chinese books for Chinese people are much, much too difficult. When I return, I'll be taking these books along with me as a refresher.

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