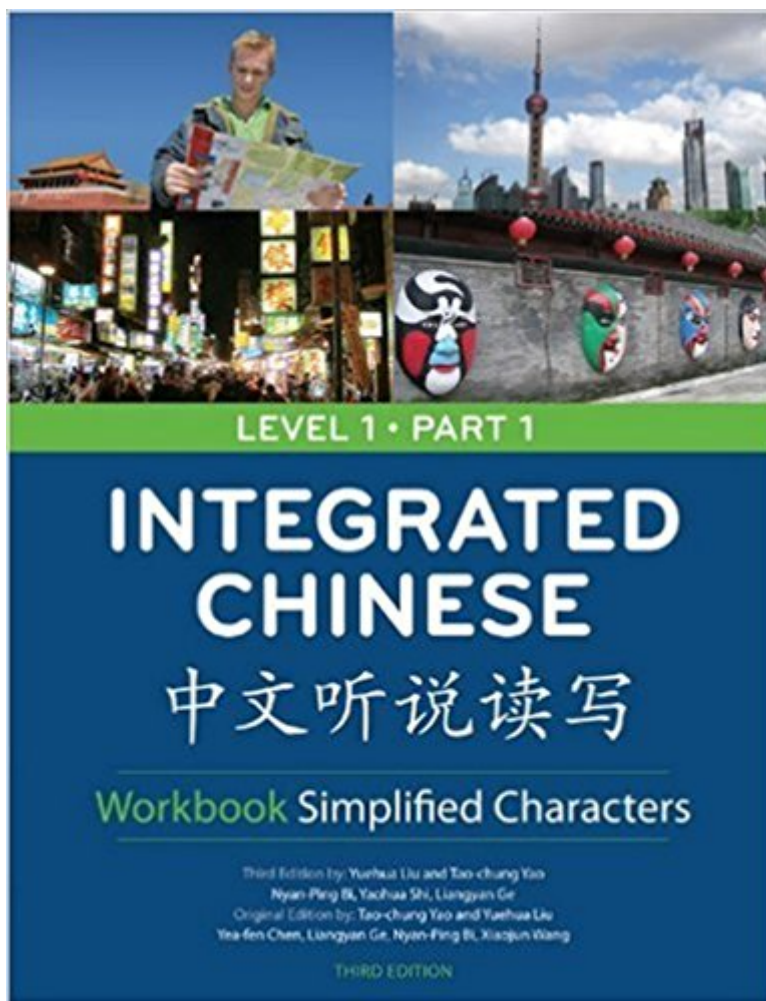


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These books are amazing! They focus on vocabulary, grammar, and phrases that are actually practical and useful in normal, human conversation (unlike other books I've used). They're organized and written very well, and they explain complicated nuances of Chinese grammar and speech to the non-Chinese student. Normally I sell off all textbooks as fast as I can after the course is done, but I've kept all my Chinese books because they're so useful and a great resource for anyone looking to actually learn the language. The entire Integrated Chinese series is very good.

To begin, this Chinese Workbook was exactly what I needed for class. Workbook was packaged well and is as expected. No complaints on the quality. I would have been even happier if the textbook, workbook and character workbook became just one book instead of three. I found it inconvenient to carry three books to class every day.

I love the Integrated Series! As some reviewers have pointed out, the textbook has a modern layout

with many colorful graphics and photos, as well as a cast of engaging characters. The cast are Wang Peng, a Chinese freshman from Beijing; Li You, an American student from New York; Gao Wenzhong, an English student; Gao XiaoYin, his older sister who is a school librarian; Bai Ying Ai, a student from Seoul and Chang Laoshi who is from China and teaches Chinese in the United States. These wonderful characters star in all the various dialogues throughout the book. They teach us about hobbies, family, Chinese greetings, making appointments, transportation, shopping and school life, among other things. There are ten chapters in all. Each chapter has two dialogues with vocabulary sections. These vocabulary windows have the traditional characters, pinyin and English translations printed clearly. I really appreciated this as some other books I have used have their characters too small to see the fine strokes clearly. The grammar sections explain everything very well, with explanatory sentences in traditional characters, pinyin and English translations. Again, the layout is neat and logical. This book may not completely meet the needs of English learners, I understand. I speak both Chinese and English; my recommendation for English learners is to supplement with other textbooks if possible. Even though this is Level 1, Part 1, it assumes a lot. The first is probably that he/she who buys this book has a tutor or is being taught by someone knowledgeable in the language, whether in school or college. At the very least, one should probably have knowledge on how to properly pronounce the four tones. In my opinion, the book assumes fundamental knowledge of very basic Chinese; yes, it does start with simple Chinese words, but if you are looking for very basic words like 'gou' (dog), 'mao' (cat), 'cao' (grass), 'qiu' (ball) etc, you won't find it in a predominant context in this book. That is not to say that this book contains no basic words at all; it does, but leaves out many other basic type words like the ones I mentioned. For English speaking self-learners, I recommend simpler grammar and reading books to start before jumping to these excellent Integrated books. These can be found at [...] and other online retailers.

I've used this whole series of books in Chinese class. It's a very good textbook for students just starting Chinese and its following books are great for continuing your studies. Each chapter has a dialogue in Chinese, with its pinyin and English translation; grammar lessons and a little explanation of Chinese culture pertaining to the chapter. I have to admit that without a teacher explaining each chapter and its vocabulary I would be lost. I would only suggest this book if you either have a teacher or someone of the like to help you along.

As a Chinese American who didn't take any Mandarin classes and walked into a classroom where half the students spoke the language, this book kept me from falling behind. I recommend it to any

person starting Chinese. The dialogue between the characters are not only helpful, but entertaining as well. I remember everyone in our class looking forward to learning the new words just to understand the drama between the characters.

A very useful and still fundamental system to learn Chinese. A language in which many students alike are getting into. Integrative Chinese level 1 part 1 has 10 lessons from family, dates and times, making appointments, shopping, visiting friends just to name a few. I have been learning Mandarin for 6 years so far and I still need to review some of the basics, especially the characters and how to write them. Luckily, I have friends and associates I can practice speaking with.

This book would be very difficult to complete on your own without the textbook and a teacher to help you but otherwise, this book is a great addition which makes you utilize what you learn in the textbook. It's long and sometimes difficult for me but it definitely helped.

I took Chinese my first year of college. This book is really good! I got a B in that class :D

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