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Experiencing Chinese-Living In China (English And Chinese Edition)



Synopsis

Experiencing Chinese: Living in China is a language book especially written for foreign beginners of the Chinese language. It is suitable for adults who want a short course for learning Chinese. It provides material suitable both for short-term classes and for one-on-one teaching. The book incorporates the concept of learning-through-experience and functional language learning. It is designed to meet the basic requirements for daily social communication, and focuses on the training and listening and speaking skills. The book consists of one Pronunciation cap, and 12 units, totaling 40-50 teaching hours. Lesson 1: Hello; Lesson 2: What time is it now; Lesson 3: How much does the sweater cost; Lesson 4: I'd like a fried diced chicken with peanuts; Lesson 5: What do you do; Lesson 6: Is Jenny in; Lesson 7: Go straight ahead; Lesson 8: Where is your new house; Lesson 9: What's the matter with you; Lesson 10: Can you repair a computer; Lesson 11: It's too cold; Lesson 12: Please clean the table.

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Customer Reviews

I think this is an excellent book for learning conversational Mandarin. As with any course, more depends on the instructor. My disappointment, which probably does not apply to 95% of users, is that it discusses very little about the written language and the characters used are Simplified rather than Traditional Chinese. So if you plan on Taiwan, Macau, or Hong Kong, probably not the best book, but definitely much better than average.

It's for beginner who wants to study spoken Chinese. It's difficult to follow the audio with the text for beginner though.

This book was required for a University of New Mexico Chinese language class, but was marginally useful in that class for two major reasons: the CD index as well as most other instructional material was in Mandarin (both hǎnzì and pinyin)! If I knew enough Mandarin to fully utilize this book, then I wouldn't have needed it to start with!.The CD did play on my PC, but I spent a lot of time having to correlate tracks to text lessons and marking up the book with each track number at its relative lesson.

Useful situations, good methodology.

A very good book for the beginning chinese learner. Contains very useful basic vocabulary words and phrases for day to day living (e.g. ordering food at a restaurant). See the description for the various topics. I recommend this for beginners who are already in China or about to move to China. If you are past that stage and are in the upper beginner or intermediate level this book will not be very useful. If you are studying Chinese outside of China and are not planning to head immediately there, I would recommend a book or course that is more comprehensive that incorporates character learning more. Do not recommend to those who want to study traditional chinese characters.

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