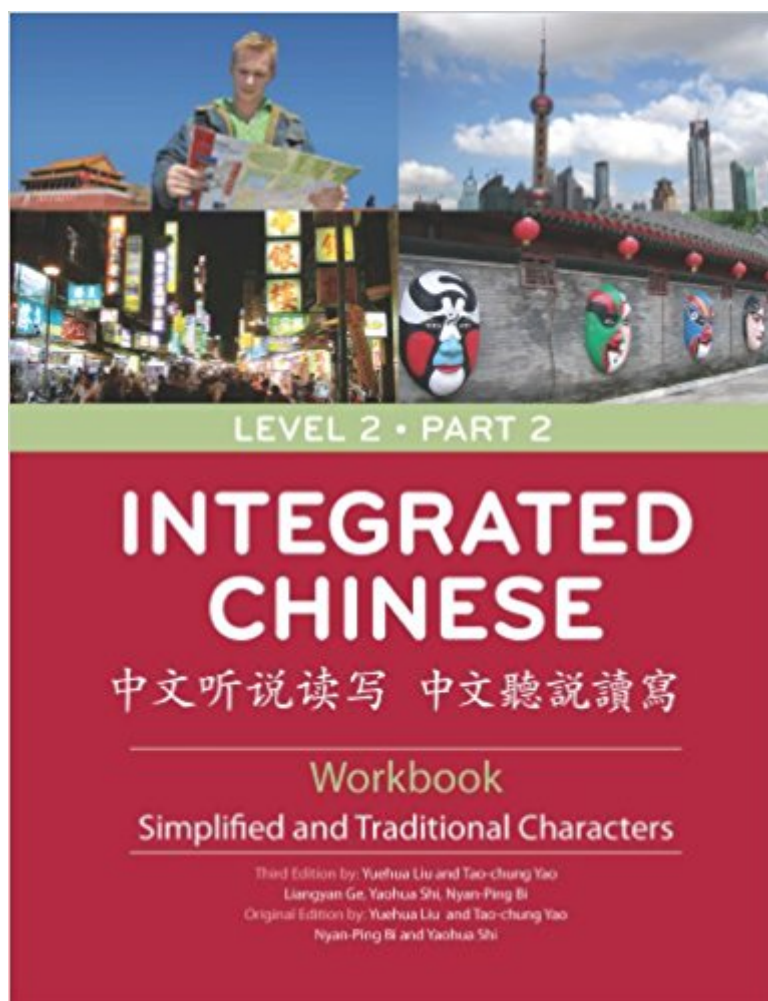


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Customer Reviews

Absolutely fantastic series of books! The first two years of my Chinese classes in college used the Integrated Chinese series as the main curriculum material. The entire series incorporates vocabulary and grammar points that are relevant to the beginner/intermediate student. Rather than simply listing out dozens of vocab words, each chapter is prefaced with a dialogue or short commentary that uses the following vocab words. Teaching relevant words is one thing, but giving them in a relevant context was incredibly helpful. In addition, the dialogues and commentaries were not random stories - the Integrated Chinese series follows the lives of a handful of characters as they walk through life together, recording their conversations and experiences. It very much resembles Friends the way that the characters interact with one another, fall in love, go to school, express struggles, etc. For our class, we wanted to plow through each chapter for the sake of getting to the next drama-filled episode of Li You and Wang Peng's love story. The accompanying

videos were the icing on the cake, as (very clearly) white actors were used with terrible dubs to tell the thrilling storyline of how Gao Wenzhong tries to intervene in the aforementioned love story. People have Bachelor parties and Gossip Girl get-togethers, but each day of class for us became an Integrated Chinese viewing party. All joking aside, the approach this series takes to teaching language (much less a language which is often deemed "too difficult" for native English speakers) is simple and natural and caters well to the cultural environments that college age students encounter. Each chapter concludes with a handful of vocab/grammar practices, and the workbooks (purchased separately) really helped to drive these points home for me. They also introduced new points that could be extrapolated from the main text. We tore the workbook sheets out each week when we turned them in as homework. Using these books four semesters in a row prepared me well for third year Chinese and I still have/read through all of these books. Thank you Integrated Chinese!

This workbook is definitely essential for use with the textbook and for use in a class. I can honestly say I did almost every single exercise in this workbook for homework so I used this, on average, four days a week. While some of the exercises really are helpful in practicing new grammar principles and in practicing translation, most of them just called copying the long sentences given and rearranging or adding in the characters for the given grammar principle. The helpfulness will depend on where your Chinese is at, but I felt like most of it was busy work and wasn't as helpful in progressing as other approaches would be. Overall, it was still very helpful and the experience will vary depending on the skill level and needs of the learner.

I lived in China for two years, then returned to go back to school. This semester I decided to audit a Chinese course to see if I could get it back/improve on what I knew. This (and the two associated books) was perfect for expanding my vocabulary and grammar in a direction different from what I learned in China. In China, they taught exactly what I needed to know to talk with people that day, or travel that weekend. They knew that people could get by without advanced grammar skills, so I knew very little of that. This book won't help you perfect your tones - you really need to go there for that - but it will make your Chinese sound more educated and proper.

Great textbook!

Very helpful because it breaks down the characters and let's you use them how you see them. I also like the fact that some of the words are located in the glossary in the back.

The workbook for level 2 is getting harder than the level 1 workbooks. But it is needed to practice the complex sentence structures. The content is very funny too.

This is the textbook series that my college uses and I think they are wonderful. They cover a lot of material and even though their "plot" is rather corny, I learned a lot from them.

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