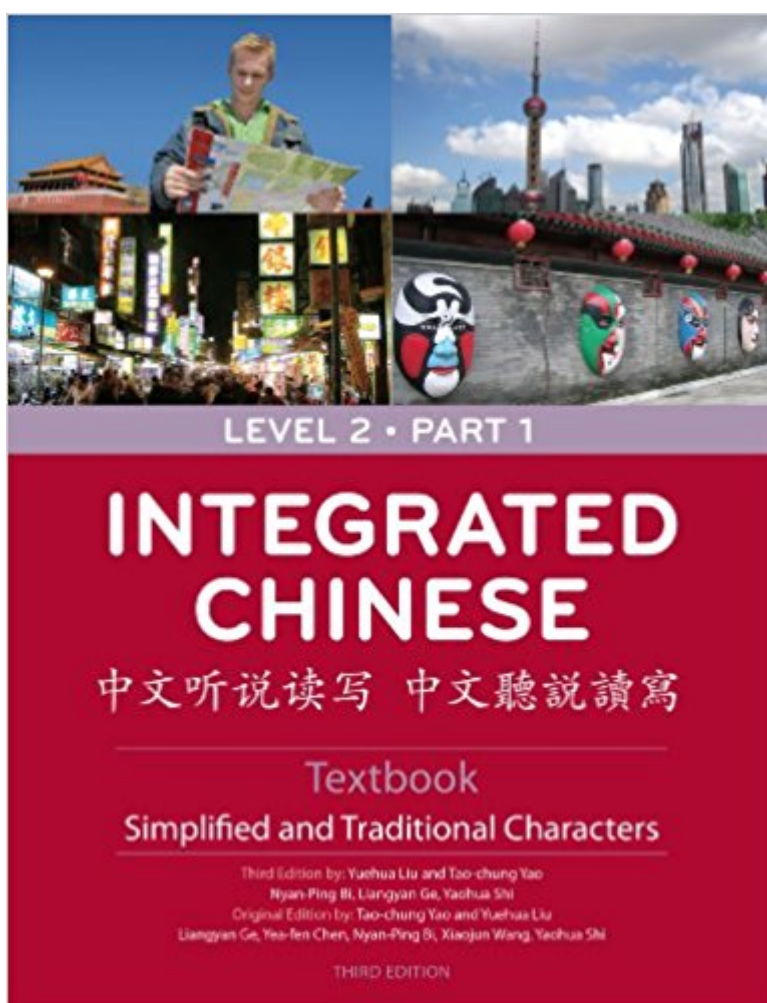


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# Integrated Chinese: Level 2, Part 1 (Simplified And Traditional Character) Textbook (Chinese Edition)



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Cheng & Tsui's best-loved Chinese textbook series is new, revised, and better than ever! Integrated Chinese is already the leading introductory Chinese textbook at colleges and universities around the world. The third edition of this time-tested series has been fully updated to meet the needs of today's students with new communicative and interactive exercises, a full-color design, up-to-date vocabulary, enhanced cultural coverage, a diverse cast of characters, and a realistic storyline linking all the dialogues and readings. In the third edition, Level 2 has also been split into two parts to match the format of Level 1. This new arrangement covers the material from the second edition --with 10 lessons in each part -- yet allows for additional exercises in each lesson and accommodates more flexibility in teaching schedules.

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As a native English speaker and fluent French speaker Chinese was a great challenge. The Cheng-Tsui Integrated Chinese series is excellent. The books provide a clear, coherent and well-written guide to learning Chinese reading, writing, speaking and cultural education. There is a consistent set of characters you follow through subject-related lessons. Travel words, food, finding an apartment, seeing tourist sites, etc. The book has a set of great indices/vocabulary lists at the back of the book. One gives English->Pinyin and the other gives Pinyin->English. My class used the whole series of textbook, workbook, character workbook and online audio exercises. After 6 months

of studying I spent a month in China. Great trip thanks to this book series! One note of caution: Books are available in traditional and simplified. Make sure you buy the one you/your course requires.

I studied Chinese in Beijing for 4 years. This textbook introduces most of the things I learned in my first 6 months. With that said, I do consider it an excellent learning aid for a beginner. It does review many of the grammar points that were introduced in Level 1, but that is okay, because review is a good thing. The only thing I don't like about Level 2 is the combining of both traditional and simplified characters on the same page. I prefer to read simplified only and keep the traditional on a separate page for reference if I need it.

I love this series of books. I started learning Mandarin (simplified characters) through school last September, but I wanted to get ahead this summer so I took it upon myself to continue. I wanted to transition to traditional characters and this book helped me do just that. I don't have the recordings which makes it a little difficult, but I manage. Sometimes characters are used before they're introduced but that's ok, I use a Chinese-English dictionary on my phone to translate things and it's fine. The lessons are clear, themed, and systematic. My only complaint is that in the 5 chapters I've covered, I feel like the majority of the grammar was just review (though people who didn't use the first two books in the series might beg to differ). Overall good book.

This served as a great text book for my second year of Chinese. The book built off the previous versions, and each lesson built off the previous lessons. The book follows the stories of several relatable characters; each lesson containing a vocabulary list, new grammar rules, and dialogues between the characters. It can be tough if you don't know your characters, as there is no pinyin for the translations as in the level 1 books. Overall, a great book to learn your second year Chinese!

As a teacher of Mandarin, it is very difficult to find a suitable teaching text. This is the best one I've come across. It can be adapted to a variety of age groups, but it assumes foundation in characters and must be supported by textbooks that teach characters specifically. For that, I recommend "The Way of Chinese Characters: The Origins of 400 Essential Words."

I love the Integrated Chinese series of books. The characters in Level 2 are not the same as Level 1's -- I think they're actually better and more fun (and sassy!) However, some hanyu pinyin below the

characters in the grammar examples wouldn't hurt -- would make learning so much easier.

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 series was written for college students but it is also good for high school students as well. My son is a freshman in high school and he likes this series much better than the other books he had before. He finds the content more interesting and the format is easier to follow. The language notes and culture highlights are excellent.

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