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## Introduction

This textbook is intended for learners of Mandarin Chinese (also called Zhōng-wén or Hà-n-yǔ) who start with little or no knowledge of the language. It is written to support teachers and learners in a classroom situation where the emphasis is on developing free-flowing oral and listening skills. Students who complete a course based on this book should be at lower intermediate level.

The lessons contain dialogue, vocabulary, examples, and sentence or phrase patterns. For motivated learners, there are also additional vocabulary and some simple exercises and songs. The textbook teaches a vocabulary of 500 words, not including the songs or appendix. The appendix contains a number of grammatical patterns and explanations.

The audio that accompanies this book contains audio for the dialogues, pronunciation, vocabulary, and exercises.

Pinyin is used for writing Mandarin, but Chinese characters (simplified form) are also included where they might be of interest to some learners. Chinese characters in traditional form are included in the appendix.

## Abbreviations and conventions

Adj	adjective	Pa	particle
Adv	adverb	Pl	plural
AdvT	adverb time	PN	proper noun
Aux	auxiliary	Pos	possessive
Con	conjunction	Pre	preposition
Def	definitive	Pro	pronoun
DN	direction noun	QP	question particle
Ex	exclamation	S	subject
Int	interrogative pronoun	Sg	singular
MW	measure word	Suf	suffix
N	noun	V	verb
Num	number	V-Aux	verb auxiliary
O	object		

Symbols used:

-  **Tn** listen to the audio (track *n*)
-  students should write answers here
-  an answer for a previous question
-  cross reference to further information
- [ ... ] explanations are placed in square brackets