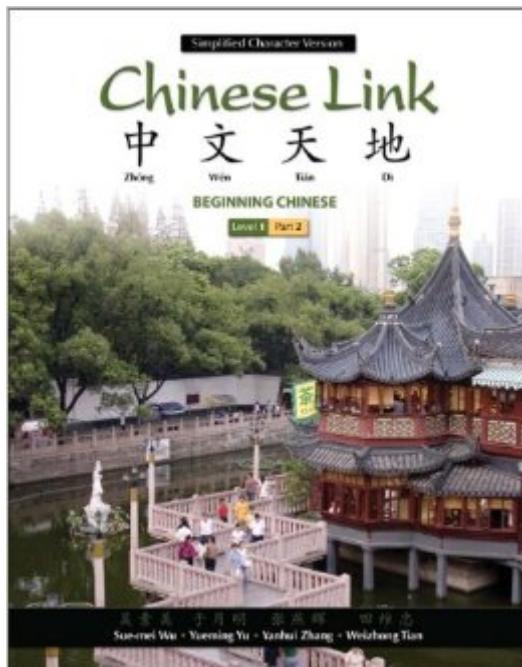


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# Chinese Link: Beginning Chinese, Simplified Character Version, Level 1/Part 2 (2nd Edition)



## **Synopsis**

Chinese Link, 2e provides a practical, learner-centered and enjoyable language and cultural learning experience for beginning students of Chinese, as well as an efficient and comprehensive teaching resource for instructors. This best-selling text takes care to introduce and explain grammar points clearly and systematically, yet not in a fashion that would be overwhelming to beginners. In keeping with the communicative focus of the text, grammar points are related to communicative task-oriented content. The textbook presents both traditional (complex) and simplified versions of Chinese characters, since learners will encounter both forms during their course of study or in travel abroad. Photographs and drawings make the text vivid and eye-catching, and to provide visual cues to aid in communicative exercises and activities. And the Video Program to accompany the *Language in Use* sections enhances the in-text dialogues by presenting them in authentic settings.

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## **Customer Reviews**

**PURPOSE:** I bought this book for my Beginner's Chinese class. We finished all 11 chapters in one semester.  
**OVERALL THOUGHTS:** I found it to be very helpful and easy to power through.  
**CONS:** In each chapter, there is a set of main vocab as well as supplementary vocab. I found that some supplementary vocab from the earlier chapters were repeated in the later chapters as the main set of vocab.  
At the back of the book is a chinese->english dictionary and vice versa. However, I feel that the dictionary could be more extensive as they were missing some vocabulary that was used in

the book. PROS:> You learn a lot of Chinese surnames in this textbook.> A lot of helpful conversations are littered throughout the book.> There are also a few chapter reviews.> At the end of each chapter, there are sections about Chinese culture.> Prior to chapter one, there is a brief section on pinyin.

I needed this textbook for my Chinese class. I feel that the textbook is really awesome and when paired up with the student activities manual and the character book it really works. I like the passages in the textbook and the fact that there are traditional and simplified characters in the beginning when it is introducing the new characters to the readers. By doing this, people that write in simplified and traditional at least can recognize the other way of writing the character - simplified or traditional. I like this textbook a lot more than some of my other Chinese textbooks that I have had previously.

I bought this book for a basic intro Chinese course. It does a fairly good job of introducing the structure of the language and a few basic words and phrases. You will learn the "pinyin" which is basically the equivalent of a phonetic spellings of the Chinese words, to help English speakers with their pronunciation. You will learn the basic syllables used in Chinese speech. You will learn the four basic tones. Then you will be introduced to the written characters and grammar. This book does an ok job as an introduction to the language. If you're serious about learning Chinese though, the best way is to augment study and classroom work by individual practice. Find a study-buddy (someone from your class is fine but someone fluent in Chinese is better) and really practice speaking the words. Also you will want to spend some time EVERY DAY practicing your Chinese writing. You will not learn much just by reading the book and doing the included exercises... you will learn it but not really retain that information or perfect your technique.

I'm a Chinese teacher working in SHSU, TX, and I have been using Chinese Link in my Chinese classes for almost 2 years. I think I got right choice and my students and I both like it and I also introduce it to my colleagues in China.

This product is great for teaching a student Mandarin Chinese grammar and culture. The vocabulary is very good too; however, it's a limited dictionary so you will need to buy a separate dictionary. The e-book is also great which can be found at [mychineselab.com](http://mychineselab.com) You can access audio and video resources there. I will buy Sue-mei Wu's higher level books.

I've been taking Chinese for two semesters now, and these books (both Part 1 and Part 2) are EXTREMELY helpful and easy to use. They're well organized, full of practical information, and include explanations of many different language phenomenons that I'm sure I wouldn't be learning otherwise. One of the most helpful things, though, I think, is the sections in the back. They include cumulative collections of phrases learned over the course of the book, organized into different categories, lists of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and measure words respectively, an English to Chinese and Chinese to English glossary, and a section that reviews all of the grammatical points throughout the book, among other things. Definitely a great way to learn Chinese :)

I am a Mandarin teacher using Chinese Link text books. The series of books is excellent, well supported by websites etc too. The book arrived in good time. Response from seller was prompt.

This book is pretty darn good for learning Chinese characters. However, it does seem to lack a bit in learning how to use those characters to correctly form sentences. If your goal is simply to learn how to read Chinese, then this book is great. If you are wanting to learn how to write grammatically correct sentences, you will need a little extra help.

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