



# LANGUAGE LINK

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Welcome to 2008, Language Link and a whole lot of exciting new material from all corners of the world!

The next few pages will sample some cutting-edge course books for European languages as publishers design more and more methods to meet the requirements of the European Common Reference Framework. From the other side of the world, the Chinese have lifted their game to create some innovative and good-looking multimedia packs to ensure a richer experience for all come Olympics time. On our own shores, there are updates and new editions all around as high school texts jazz up and catch on to the curricula changes. And for all those who have soldiered on with their beginner-level readers, grammar and skills books, we think you deserve to move up a level, so we have extended our range of intermediate material.

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Editor



## CHINESE

### Chinese Essentials: What and How

This two-volume set answers two essential questions for a teacher of K-12 Chinese language: What to teach in a K-12 classroom? How to teach it? Volume one centres on 'what' and provides a series of building blocks, each of which is structured with a topic and connects functional language use with linguistic structures. Volume two outlines the 'how' by giving teachers guidelines to design efficient lessons that cater to the needs of today's classroom. Written in Simplified Chinese and English, the books are suitable for both native Chinese and advanced-level foreign Chinese teachers. All language examples used appear in Simplified Chinese and pinyin.

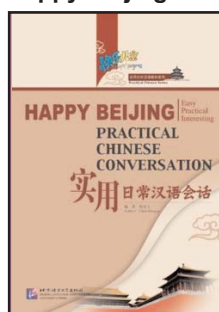
**Volume One (What)** \$29.95  
**Volume Two (How)** \$29.95

### Easy Peasy Chinese: Mandarin Chinese for Beginners

\$24.95

A colourful little book with lots of photos and comic-type illustrations to pepper Chinese learning with some fun. The units are a manageable two-page spread that clarify a point without taxing the brain. You learn some essential characters, correct intonation and helpful cultural hints. You get enough words and phrases to participate in basic conversations about yourself, family, food, shopping, weather, games, travelling, transport and more. Regular conversation practice units aid revision and memorisation. The accompanying audio CD contains the listening tasks and pronunciation for every unit. Suitable for older teens to adults, groups or self-study.

### Happy Beijing: Practical Chinese Conversation \$149.00



If you are on your way to the Beijing Olympics, or just want to feel the buzz, this pack of two textbooks, three DVDs and four audio CDs will train those language muscles. Structured as a 40-part TV series based around Beijing, it equips the short-term tourist with over 600 commonly used words and expressions and 200 key sentences, all appearing in Simplified Chinese and pinyin with English translations. Six hours of DVD material contain the series plus instructions and exercises. A fun course for a beginner group with the travel bug, but equally suitable for self-study as the material is thoroughly explained throughout.

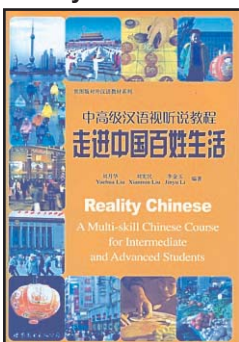
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## Happy China – Learning Chinese (Book and DVD)

Each elegant book and DVD set from the *Places of Interest and Scenery* series presents a significant Chinese city or region. Presenters from CCTV, in collaboration with the local administration, integrate interviews, guided tours, history snapshots and humour to entice the intermediate student to learn new words and expressions, while becoming familiar with Chinese culture and history. The books contain segments of transcripts studied in detail, and beautiful colour photos to illustrate. Dialogues appear in both Simplified Chinese and English. Excellent supplementary material for classrooms or self-study. A perfect gift for Sinophiles.

<b>Beijing</b>	\$34.95
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<b>Huang Shan</b>	\$39.95
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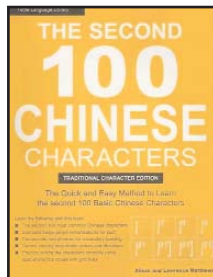
## Reality Chinese \$99.00



This is an intermediate-advanced level conversation course based on the TV series *We Common People*. The pack consists of a textbook and five DVDs. The ten episodes used here mirror urban life in today's China, demonstrating how the Chinese interact with each other in various social groups and settings. Each text unit starts with an introductory paragraph in Simplified Chinese and English, followed by the series transcript in Chinese and a list of vocabulary (Chinese, pinyin, English). Grammar, explanatory notes and exercises ensure comprehension of the episodes. Good for adding extra listening and speaking in a cultural context in the classroom. Advanced self-learners will also benefit.

## The Second 100 Chinese Characters (Traditional) \$21.95

The follow-up to **The First 100 Chinese Characters** (\$21.95), this volume contains another 100 characters carefully selected for rapid learning. Each character is shown separately on a single page, along with its English definitions, pinyin, alternate form (if any), stroke-order guide and grids for writing practice. Also included are three indexes - alphabetical by the English meanings, the pinyin and radicals.



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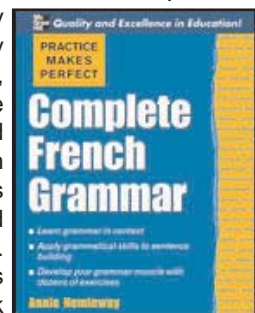
A four-level textbook series from Hachette, following the Common European Framework of Reference, and preparing learners for DELF units A1, A2, B1 and B2 respectively. The usual grammar essentials are presented through exciting contemporary topics drawn from French-speaking cultures. Glossy colour photos and illustrations, along with a good dose of information on real people and celebrities, fill the text and keep up interest levels. Practice activities are task-based and interactive. Transcripts, grammar and basic conjugation tables, and vocabulary lists appear at the back of the textbooks. The workbooks provide further practice of relevant language points. The teacher's guide has the answer keys, along with ideas for lively presentation. DELF preparation booklets keep track of progress. Levels one and two are accompanied by a DVD.



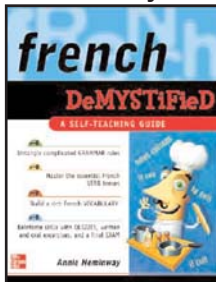
<b>Level 1 Textbook with audio CD</b>	\$52.45
<b>Level 1 Workbook (French version)</b>	\$29.55
<b>Level 1 Workbook (English version)</b>	\$29.55
<b>Level 1 Teacher's Guide</b>	\$66.50
<b>Level 1 Class CDs</b>	\$157.25
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<b>Level 1 DELF Notebook</b>	\$24.95
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<b>Level 4 Textbook with audio CD</b>	\$55.95
<b>Level 4 Workbook (French version)</b>	\$30.75

## Complete French Grammar (Practice Makes Perfect) \$19.95

Master the essentials of grammar by practising useful French as it is really spoken. All verb tenses and moods, adjectives, adverbs and pronouns are explained in clear English and illustrated with plenty of example sentences at an intermediate language level. Exercises consist of both gap-fill and open-ended questions to encourage fluency. Students can review units separately as supplementary material, or use the book as the main text. Contains answers and glossary at the back.



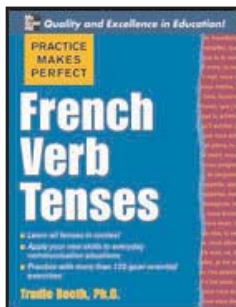
## French Demystified \$34.95



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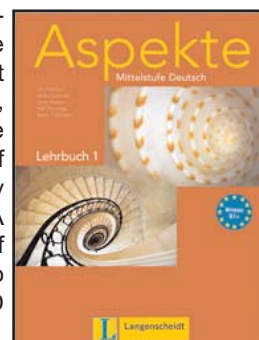
**French Verb Tenses (Practice Makes Perfect)** \$19.95

The Practice Makes Perfect team has come up with yet another effective gem. Beginner to intermediate students will develop spoken and written fluency in verb tenses with examples of use in everyday contexts. Comparisons to English equivalents and major differences clarify meaning. 250 engaging exercises reinforce memorisation in a practical way and extend vocabulary. Answers are included at the back, making it handy for self-study.

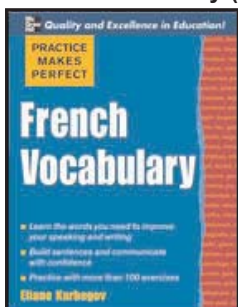


**Aspekte 1**

Aspekte Mittelstufe Deutsch is a three-level method conforming to the European Framework. Stage one is at level B1 with preparation into level B2, so an intermediate level in the language is assumed. Each chapter of the textbook is accompanied by authentic materials on the DVD. A double-page of activities at the end of each chapter is provided in the text to make the best use of the DVD sequences.



**French Vocabulary (Practice Makes Perfect)** \$19.95

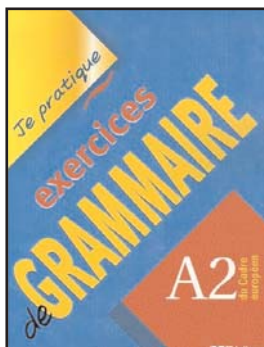


Extend your lexicon with 24 thematically organised units. Learn more nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to speak about your house, your garden, modern technology, what you studied at school, your family's background and lots more. This guide and workbook is suitable for advanced beginners to intermediate level learners, either for independent study or as part of classroom work. Over 100 exercises reinforce the clear descriptions of correct usage. Answers are provided at the back.

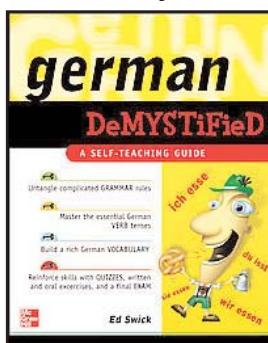
- Lehrbuch 1 without DVD** \$59.95
- Lehrbuch 1 with DVD** \$68.95
- Arbeitsbuch 1** \$37.95
- DVD 1** net \$49.95
- Audio CDs 1** net \$49.95

**Je Pratique Exercices de Grammaire**

This is a collection of grammar exercises for adult beginners, based on the Common European Framework of Reference. Five extensive units present lively, bite-sized tasks on nouns, verbs, prepositions, sentence structure and expressions of quantity, space and time. Units are further divided into five sub-units, each followed by a quiz to reinforce learning. Black and white sketches and tables illustrate various points. A summary of the grammar, conjugation tables of essential verbs, and all the answers appear at the end. The first level is available in two versions: with French or English instructions.



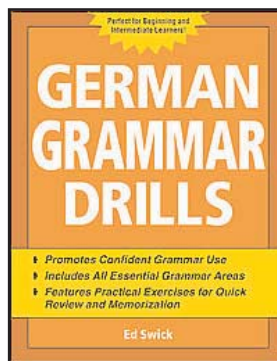
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**German Grammar Drills** \$19.95

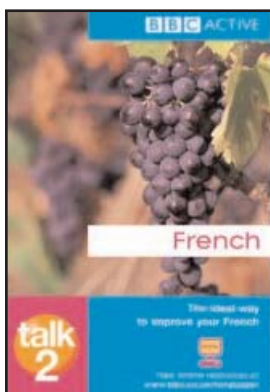
More than 200 drills demonstrate how the German grammar system works. 27 independent units clearly explain gender of nouns and how to determine it, the four cases, how to form plurals, verb tenses, prepositions and pronouns and modal verbs, among others. Explanations are in English with plenty of example sentences to clarify the points. Answer key at the back makes this suitable for beginner-intermediate students studying alone. Also good to supplement main textbooks in the classroom.



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- Book** \$19.95
- Book and CD Pack** \$39.95

**Scrabble Game (Original)** \$110.00



The classic crossword game in German. Two to four players battle it out to make high-scoring words from their seven letters, plus those on the board. Language geeks with comprehensive dictionaries never had it so good!

**Studio d**

Studio d A2 and B1 are now available for those who have mastered A1. This new course has excellent multimedia materials for the teacher and learner. Both books follow the combined textbook and workbook format with a supplementary audio CD. The textbooks consist of 12 and 10 units respectively, three revision units and additional thematic material. They integrate an appendix with a model test, grammar overview, vocabulary list, all listening texts and key. The topics continue to cater to adult interest in the professional area and everyday life. Meets the European Common Reference Framework requirements.



**Studio d A2 (Text/Workbook & CD)** \$65.10  
**Studio d B1 (Text/Workbook & CD)** \$62.95

**WAHRIG: Die Deutsche Rechtschreibung** hb\$39.95



A readily comprehensible overview of the most important new spelling rules. More than 700 information boxes explain the essential changes and help impart certainty in the many doubtful cases that can arise.

**WAHRIG: Wörterbuch der Deutschen Sprache** \$54.00

This is the updated paperback edition of the famous **Wahrig**. It is based on the 2006 spelling rules and contains more than 25,000 keywords and 125,000 uses and examples on grammatical, semantic and orthographical aspects of present-day German. This excellent monolingual dictionary is one more invaluable tool in the quest to master the German language and find the perfect expression in every situation.



**INDONESIAN**

**Kenalilah Indonesia 1 Third Edition**

Beginners in junior high school can now start their Indonesian language and culture studies with the revised and updated third edition of this popular course. This revision is to support the implementation of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) and as a response to curriculum changes in other states. The familiar structure remains, but there are new topics within chapters, with more photos to illustrate them. All facts and figures have been updated, and extra grammar and vocabulary added. The workbooks provide a range of new reading, writing, speaking and listening tasks. The audio CDs contain all the workbook exercises and reading passages from the text. The teacher's resource book and CD-ROM are a new addition to the set and contain worksheets, revision and test sheets, games and audio transcripts. A new edition of the upper levels will be released later in 2008.



**Student Book 1** \$42.95  
**Workbook 1 Year 7** \$21.95  
**Workbook 1 Year 8** \$21.95  
**Audio CDs** \$120.00  
**Teacher's Resource Book with CD-ROM** \$79.95



**ITALIAN**

**Amore e Cinema Book and Audio CD** \$31.65

Pre-intermediate readers can follow the story of Filippo and Eleonora in CIDEB's latest offering. As ever, the book is richly illustrated and there are plenty of comprehension exercises (both writing and listening) and relevant cultural insights between chapters. New vocabulary is explained in Italian at the bottom of every page. The CD contains the recorded story plus listening tasks.

**Ecco Uno**



Lots of purpose-shot photographs and cleverly written cartoon stories make this two-level text an engaging, culturally authentic introduction to Italian language and life. 13- to 14-year-old beginners will quickly develop communication abilities in all four skills through fun and interactive exercises. The multidisciplinary approach means that students learn about various topics alongside language. The teacher's audio CDs accompany the text's listening tasks, while the teacher's resource kit suggests presentation ideas, tests and activities. The workbook and CD-ROM provide plenty of fun games to increase vocabulary and reinforce grammar skills. **Ecco Due** will be available later in the year.

**Textbook** \$42.90  
**Workbook & CD-ROM** \$36.30  
**Textbook, Workbook & CD-ROM Pack** \$75.25  
**Teacher's Audio CDs** \$200.20  
**Teacher's Resource & Assessment Kit** \$200.20

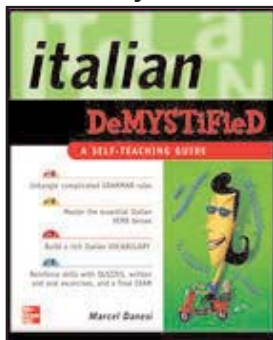
## Esplora

A super trendy way to explore Italy and Italian indeed! High school seniors will follow the cartoon stories of a group of Italian-Australian youth who travel through Italy. But any resemblance to other textbooks ends here, as students practise grammar through mobile phone games, upload video clips and vocabulary lists to their iPods, watch the drama unfold on the accompanying DVD, visit the interactive website for extra audio material, clip art, links and a blog! Traditional teachers, do not fear: there is still plenty of old-style pen and paper work to be done and the teacher's resource CD-ROM will make a tech-savvy instructor out of you yet!

<b>Student Book Level 1</b>	\$41.95
<b>Workbook with DVD Level 1</b>	\$27.95
<b>Audio CDs (6)</b>	\$199.95
<b>Teacher's Resource CD-ROM</b>	\$49.95

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## Italian Film Study Program

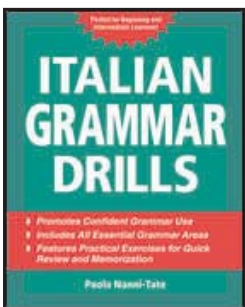
Here is a systematic approach to learning Italian through film, an excellent way to experience language and culture in context. Each book splits its relevant film into a series of 15 to 20 minute sequences. Each part is followed by a series of photocopiable comprehension exercises, grammar activities, vocabulary builders and cultural readings that focus on specific language points. Answers and solution appear at the back. Suitable for intermediate level self-study and group study at high school or adult level. The accompanying DVDs contain the feature film.



<b>Ciao Professore with DVD</b>	\$58.00
<b>Cinema Paradiso with DVD</b>	\$87.00
<b>Io Non Ho Paura with DVD</b>	\$68.00
<b>Meglio Gioventu with DVD</b>	\$87.00
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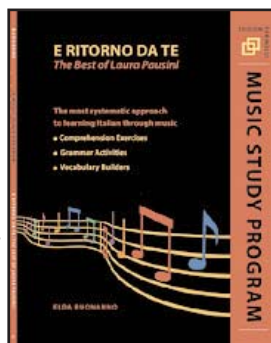
More than 200 drills demonstrate how the Italian grammar system works. These cover nouns, articles, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verb tenses, and verbal and idiomatic expressions, divided into 19 independent units. Explanations are in English with plenty of example sentences to clarify the points. Answer key at the back makes this suitable for beginner-intermediate students studying alone. Also good to

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## Italian Music Study Program

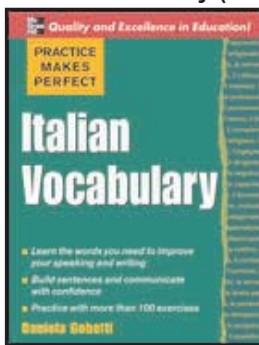
\$69.95

Intermediate to advanced students will have fun building their lexicon and reviewing their grammar while listening to 13 songs from the popular singer Laura Pausini. Each tune is followed by a series of photocopiable comprehension, grammar and vocabulary exercises that encourage discussion of the cultural context of language. Answers appear at the back, making it suitable for both classrooms and self-study. Includes a compilation audio CD of the songs.



## Italian Vocabulary (Practice Makes Perfect)

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Extend your lexicon with 16 thematically organised units. Learn more nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to speak about your family, emotions and the mind, body and senses, work and business, government, politics and society and lots more. This guide and workbook is suitable for advanced beginners to intermediate learners, either for independent study or as part of classroom work. Over 100 exercises in context reinforce the clear descriptions of correct usage. Answers are provided at the back.

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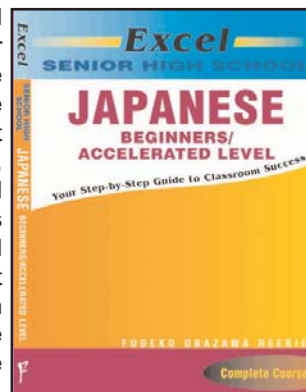


## JAPANESE

### Excel Senior High School Japanese Beginners/Accelerated Level with CDs

\$24.95

This is the second edition, updated for the 2008 HSC syllabus for beginners in Japanese. There are over a 100 pages of HSC-style questions for practice. The first part of the book presents grammar, vocabulary and the prescribed kanji within lively themes such as the family, friends, education and work, holidays and tourism. Part two contains three practice exam papers, transcripts for the dialogues and exercises on the audio CDs and an answer key.



## High School Japanese Q & A

These books give students practice with all the grammar, vocabulary and kanji they need to cope with Japanese at all high school levels. A collection of short exercises, each task is preceded by an explanation of how the grammar works, followed by practice translation exercises for each grammar point - both Japanese to English and English to Japanese. An answer book contains the translated sentences for exercises in the three books. All four come in blackline masters format so teachers can copy freely within their own schools.

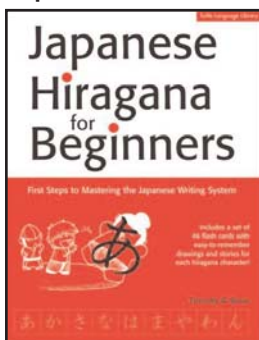
<b>Junior Book</b>	\$59.95
<b>Intermediate Book</b>	\$59.95
<b>Senior Book</b>	\$59.95
<b>Answer Book</b>	\$59.95

## Holiday Paper Crafts from Japan \$24.95

Contains easy-to-follow instructions in English for making 17 seasonal crafts inspired by washi, traditional paper handmade by Japanese artisans. Colour photographs show finished projects, as well as imaginative ways for displaying the finished crafts. The projects include gift boxes, ornaments, poinsettia and angel decorations, calendar magnets, wreaths, stars and many more.

## Japanese Hiragana for Beginners \$29.95

## Japanese Katakana for Beginners \$29.95



These books use picture mnemonics to enhance memory by associating the shape and sound of each character with combinations of images and English words that students know. The first part of each book teaches the 46 basic characters with lots of tracing and writing exercises. Part two teaches usage rules with further exercises for practice. The last part strengthens skills through fun games and activities such as word searches,

crossword puzzles, fill in the blanks, visual discrimination and other quizzes. A set of flashcards of the characters printed on perforated cardstock appears at the back of the books.

## Japanese in a Flash Volume 1 \$39.95

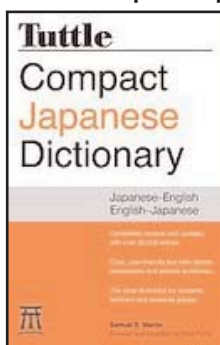
A series of 448 flashcards (9cm x 6cm) giving the most common Japanese words used in everyday speech and writing. Front of card shows a clear bold type of the main word, followed by four closely related words (adverbs, adjectives etc) or phrases. The back presents sample sentences using the word, together with its romanised reading and English translation. Includes a 32-page booklet with a list of all entries.



## Japanese Paper Crafting \$34.95

An attractive hardcover edition suitable as a gift, prize or as part of a library or classroom collection for some fun, hands-on activity in Japanese culture. The first half of the book explores two traditional methods of making washi paper. Colour photos illustrate every step accompanied by clear English instructions. The second half guides the reader in turning the paper into exquisite works of art such as photo albums, vases, boxes and elegant stationery.

## Tuttle Compact Japanese Dictionary \$29.95

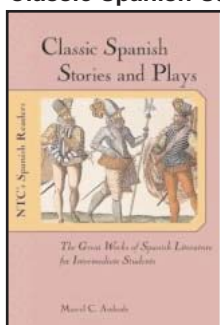


This is the updated and expanded version of Martin's Concise Japanese Dictionary, with a user-friendly layout. Headwords are in light blue and entries are given in Japanese script as well as romanised equivalents. Idiomatic expressions and example sentences contextualise the words in everyday Japanese. Includes a pronunciation guide and notes on grammar. Japanese-English/English-Japanese with 20,000 entries.



## SPANISH

## Classic Spanish Stories and Plays \$35.00



The Great Works of Spanish Literature for Intermediate Students. From El Cid to El Burlador de Sevilla, this book contains eight Spanish classics including Don Quixote. Expertly abridged and adapted for learners, each tale or play includes cultural notes, comprehension questions and translations of difficult words. An extensive glossary is included at the back of the book.

## Espanol Lengua Viva

This course from the University of Salamanca covers levels A1 and A2 of the European Common Reference Framework.

It features colourful graphics illustrating contemporary topics of interests to young adults. Themes range from family, city life, health, food and nutrition, to history, Spanish in South America, technology and entertainment. Grammar and vocabulary are taught and practised in short communicative tasks in each unit. There are also listening and writing exercises. A corresponding workbook provides further practice for students. This is a four-level course. Levels two to four can be ordered and cover units B1, B2 and C1 of the above Framework.



<b>Textbook with Audio CD Level 1</b>	\$77.95
<b>Workbook with Audio CD &amp; CD-ROM Level 1</b>	\$59.95
<b>Teacher's Manual Level 1</b>	\$53.75



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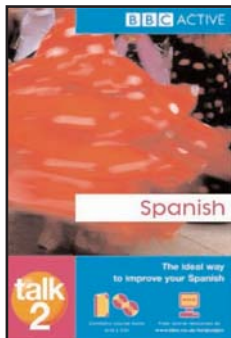
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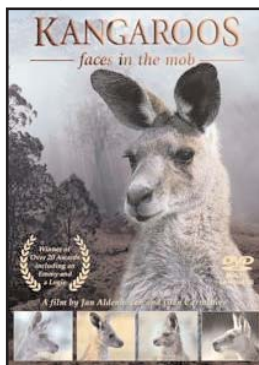
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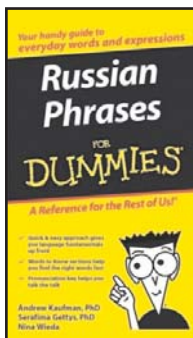
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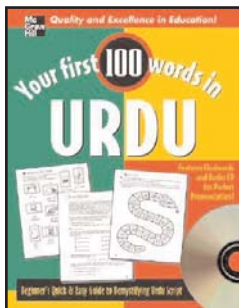
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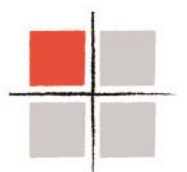


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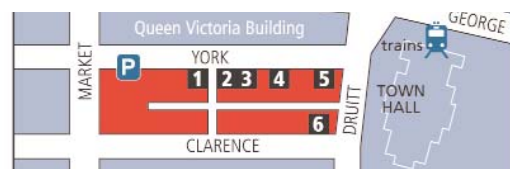
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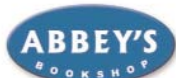
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