



## OTHER LANGUAGES

**501 Arabic Verbs** \$35.00  
Another *Barron's* verb book, this one keeps to the tradition of presenting the fully conjugated forms. Words are written in the Arabic script, so familiarity (if not reading fluency) is recommended. The book is written from right to left, as Arabic is. This is also true for the English introductory essay on the Arabic verbs at the front of the book! As usual, exemplary bilingual sentences for each verb give some idea of how it is used.

**Oxford Papua New Guinea Tok Pisin English Dictionary** \$18.65  
Spoken by over half the population of Papua New Guinea, Tok Pisin has developed naturally over the last 150 years as a means of communication among various language groups. This new 350-page paperback edition goes two ways, English-Tok Pisin and Tok Pisin-English.

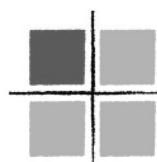
**Modern Persian: Spoken and Written**  
This complete course from Yale University is designed for adult beginners. Detailed English instructions clarify the idiosyncrasies and complexities of spoken Persian. The traditional, no-nonsense approach means lots of vocabulary drills and sentence translations. Cultural notes for each language point ensure correct use in the right context. All structures are then presented in dialogues which appear on the accompanying audio CDs. This is a rather serious textbook with only a few black and white photos and little by way of entertainment, but it makes up for it with solid instruction that takes the diligent beginner all the way to upper intermediate fluency. Best used in classroom study since the books contain group tasks and have no answer key.

**Volume 1 with Audio CD** Hb\$140.00  
**Volume 2 with Audio CD** Hb\$140.00

**Read and Speak Greek for Beginners (Book with CD)** \$29.95  
This program teaches basic vocabulary and sentence structure for eight key areas of everyday life: introducing yourself, saying where you are from, asking what and where things are, describing objects and people, asking how to get around, talking about family and describing what you do. This is accomplished through lots of games and fun activities, illustrated flash cards and puzzles. The accompanying 60-minute CD features all the key words and phrases. Suitable for teens and adults alike. Also available in Korean.

## DVDS

**Umbrellas of Cherbourg** \$29.95  
Director: Jacques Demy  
French with English subtitles  
This is Demy's homage to the Hollywood musical and French melodrama. It is a movie operetta in which the characters sing all the dialogue to Michel Legrand's score. The story spans five years (1957 to 1962) in the life of Geneviève (Catherine Deneuve), the teenage daughter of a woman who owns a Cherbourg umbrella shop. After Geneviève's boyfriend, Guy (Nino Castelnuovo), is drafted and sent to Algeria, she discovers she's pregnant and complications follow. The exuberant and joyful colours and textures of the film ultimately melt away to show the fleeting essence of romantic love. (97 minutes, rated PG, region 4 PAL).



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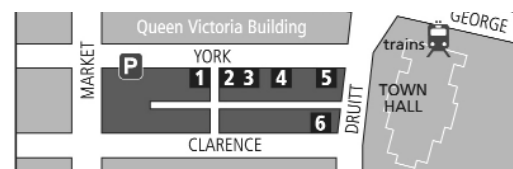


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Welcome to the second edition of *Language Link* for 2008.

This edition leans a little towards the digital. This is because contemporary language learning is heading that way. The point of language is communication and communicative group settings - whether traditional classrooms or informal tutorials - won't lose their value or disappear any time soon. However, learner autonomy and independent study are significant elements of any language-learning endeavour. As such, motivating the tech-savvy generation to take responsibility for their own learning is a worthwhile idea. Resource producers have been on the lookout, busily updating their software programs and coming up with clever uses for the ubiquitous MP3 player. Three cheers for a multilingual future!

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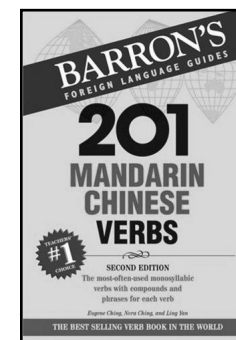
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## CHINESE

**201 Mandarin Chinese Verbs**

\$29.95



A welcome addition to the *Barron's* verbs series stable! The book presents 201 of the most commonly used monosyllabic Mandarin verbs, with compounds and phrases for each verb. This edition is different from the usual *Barron's* verbs books as it does not have conjugation tables. Chinese verbs do not change to indicate tense, person or number. One verb is presented on each page with both its Chinese character and its English infinitive form printed at the top. Examples of common verb compounds are then presented in phrases. Pronunciation for each phrase is given in pinyin and their meaning is given in English. The introduction contains an essay on Mandarin verb usage. Appendices at the end of the book list Chinese characters in both regular and simplified forms.

**Great Wall Chinese: Essentials in Communications**

This six-volume textbook and workbook series is designed by the Beijing Language and Culture University, aiming to enable communication fluency in foreigners learning Chinese. The simple yet effective textbook structure consists of 10 units divided into three lessons. Units start with a vocabulary list in simplified characters and pinyin with their English meanings. Using this list, students decode the simple conversations that unfold in the one-page lessons. The conversations form the four ongoing story threads throughout the series, exploring Chinese culture, economy, sports, ethics and social life. An accompanying multi-ROM provides extra activities. The workbooks contain grammar instruction and writing practice.

**Level 1 Textbook with CD** \$26.95  
**Level 1 Workbook** \$19.95  
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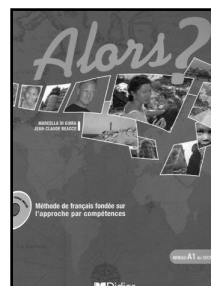
**Volume 1** \$12.95  
**Volume 2** \$12.95  
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**101 French Verbs: The Art of Conjugation** \$16.95  
This charming little book follows the adventures of a gnomish couple. Each page contains a quirky colour drawing that illustrates the verb. Below is a table with the six most useful tenses of the verb, followed by a few example sentences based on the picture. Listen to pronunciations on the companion website. A French-English index of the verbs appears at the back. Also available for English, German, Italian and Spanish.

**Alors?**

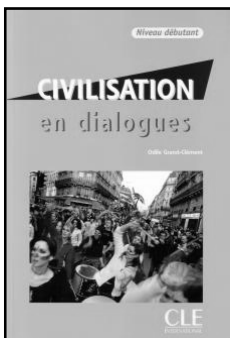


You already know the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. So Didier offers this A1 level textbook, following the Common European Framework of Reference, to show daily life for French people and the language of their everyday interaction. The usual grammar essentials are presented through unusual (but nonetheless relevant) task-based activities on topics based on French life, whether it's writing a catchy slogan for the next street demonstration in Paris, or learning the finer points of taking wine to dinner with friends. Glossy colour photos and illustrations keep up the motivation to learn French already and get on the next Air France jet to Charles de Gaulle International! Transcripts, grammar and vocabulary lists appear at the back of the textbook. The workbook provides further practice of relevant language points. Suitable for older teens and adults. Volume 2 and 3, plus other components of Volume 1, will be available later this year.

- Level A1 Textbook with DVD** \$52.50
- Level A1 Workbook with Audio CD** \$34.50

**Civilisation en Dialogues (Débutant)** \$47.95

Elementary-level older adolescents and adults with some 50 hours of French study will enjoy this useful volume. The 29 units can be used independently as supplementary material in the classroom, or used as self-study for those keen to understand the French way of life. The language taught in textbooks is put in enjoyable and practical contexts, such as reading passages and character dialogues. Graphs and tables prompt interpretation and further fluency practice in groups. The accompanying audio CD contains all dialogues. An answer key appears at the back. Also contains seven short tests to be given after set series of units.



**Vocabulaire Expliqué du Français (Débutant)** \$49.25

An elementary-level reference book that assumes some prior French knowledge, as all instructions are in French. The book consists of three parts. Part 1 introduces prefixes and suffixes and explains their effects on meaning. Part 2 deals with synonyms and antonyms. Part 3 clarifies idiomatic expressions and nuances of meaning. Graphs and illustrations abound, making points easier to grasp. The range of vocabulary is kept to practical, everyday written and spoken French. Suitable for older adolescents and adults.

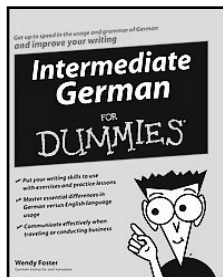


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**Intermediate German for Dummies** \$27.95

This friendly, hands-on reference/workbook gives plenty of practice and instruction in intermediate-level grammar in the context of the written language. Complex tenses, word gender and cases are explained in clear English. Answer keys appear at the end of each chapter. Check new vocabulary in the glossary at the back of the book. Provides solid instruction to take learners to an advanced level.



**Learn German Now Version 10 Mac/Win CD-ROM** \$79.95

Transparent Language has updated its popular and effective program, and how! Beginners will reach the intermediate level with over 15,000 words and phrases, all thanks to a new flash-card system. Then experience the learnt language in video clips of native speakers in everyday conversations. Listening and speaking activities, plus the record-and-playback feature, provide conversation practice. Parts of the program can be uploaded onto MP3 players to take language-learning away from traditional books and desks and right into daily life. Available in Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Irish, Japanese, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Swedish.

**Tell Me More German Premium Edition Windows CD-ROM** \$399.95

This interactive system takes the beginner all the way to the advanced level. 800 hours of tutorial ensure the learner is immersed in the spoken language, whether through video clips of natives or the spoken dialogues throughout. Speech recognition technology assesses pronunciation and detects errors, using graphs and 3D animation to suggest ways to improve. In addition, all dialogues can be turned into audio CDs or MP3 files for extra listening practice away from your computer. The program keeps track of your progress and suggests activities best suited to your needs. Also available in English, French, Italian and Spanish.



**INDONESIAN**

**I Can Speak Indonesian CD-ROM** \$39.95

This is a fun, beginner-level program from Transparent Language that quickly teaches the fundamentals of Indonesian, together with 600 practical words used in everyday life. Interactive dialogues, games and activities, together with audio and video clips of native speakers, give the learner the opportunity to use the language they have learned. There are facilities to record, play back and compare to native speakers. A flash card program aids with memorising vocabulary and phrases. The program is suitable for anyone looking for a solid foundation in Indonesian, whether for school, university, business or travel. Windows and Macintosh. Also available in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

**Indonesian Fun Time: Puzzle Fun Photocopy Masters** \$54.00

An A4-sized blackline masters of crossword, wordsearch, number code and maze puzzles. Topics include animals, food, fruit, location, feelings, clothes, school, transport and others relevant to upper primary and junior high school levels. Available in French, German, Italian and Spanish.



**In Giro Per l'Italia**

This is a streamlined version of the popular *Prego* text series and is suitable for less intensive curricula. It is still a complete program for beginning-level Italian for adults and provides instruction in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Sleek photos and drawings illustrate the English instructions throughout, adding humour and cultural knowledge. A comprehensive vocabulary list and a reference grammar section appear at the back.

- Textbook with Online Registration Card** Hb \$117.95
- Workbook / Laboratory Manual** \$72.95
- Audio CD** \$60.95
- Interactive CD-ROM** \$24.95

**iSync Italian MP3 CD** \$24.95

Over five hours of vocabulary, phrases, grammar and conversation on one disc ready for upload on any video digital media device. The course is based on the popular *Learn in Your Car* audio series, but has now evolved into an interactive program with visual input. So now you can learn on the plane, in the street, at the gym, on the bus... anywhere at all! Also available in Chinese, French, German and Spanish.

**iVideo Italian DVD** \$29.95

Turn your iPod into a language lab. This 2-hour DVD can be played on any DVD player or uploaded to other digital media devices. Over 1,500 words and phrases are presented in short clips of native speakers in simple conversation. Subtitles accompany the clips, with English above the video and Italian below. Topics include greetings, travel, lodging, food, weather and more. Also available in French, German and Spanish.



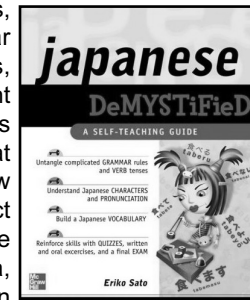
**JAPANESE**

**Beginning Origami** \$17.95

This is another simple introduction from origami guru Vicente Palacios. Step-by-step diagrams illustrate 85 fun little projects for hobbyists of every age. Designs include a rabbit, boat, coin purse, house, flowers, Santa Claus, penguin and birds. Suitable as lesson plan fillers, to encourage conversation or just sheer fun!

**Japanese Demystified** \$34.95

Using everyday Japanese expressions, this book covers key grammar fundamentals such as verb tenses, nouns and pronouns in a clear, efficient way. Essential words and phrases quickly build vocabulary, and quizzes at the end of each chapter reinforce new skills. There is emphasis on correct pronunciation throughout the book. The Japanese is presented in hiragana, katakana, kanji and phonetic translation for easy pronunciation. Good for beginners or as review for intermediate readers. Answers appear at the end. *Due June 2008*



**Learn Japanese: New College Text Volume 2** \$38.95

This respected series is now revised and based on the contemporary communicative (sociolinguistic) approach of language learning, while retaining the useful aspects of grammar instruction. New Culture Notes sections throughout clarify the context in which the language is used. Volume 2 uses kana and kanji, limiting romanised Japanese. Even so, it is the oral-aural aspects of the language that are the focus of this volume. 15 sizeable lessons present language for shopping, telephoning, transport, leisure and general life. Each lesson contains a large section of drills and exercises. Although instructions are in English, this text is more suitable for a classroom or study with a tutor. Volume 1 also available.



**SPANISH**

**A Que Si**

This is the third edition of the intermediate/advanced conversation course. The 16 topics from Spanish speaking cultures improve reading and comprehension skills, while developing vocabulary. But above all, the material is designed to help students practise fluency and challenge them to express themselves in debates, presentations or conversations. In the process, they understand and appreciate Hispanic society, sampling the authentic material used throughout. Chapters consist of various sections for teachers to choose. The workbook provides extra writing and grammar practice.

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- Workbook/Manual** \$59.95
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For those who have mastered the fundamentals of Spanish and need new challenges. The first chapter reviews some basics just to be sure it's all up to scratch. Instructions then shift to a higher-level grammar and language structure in the context of writing. There is no speaking or listening, but plenty of reading and writing. The English instructions are as easy to follow as ever and examples illustrate points well. Answer keys appear at the end of each chapter. A glossary appears at the back.

**Just Enough Spanish Grammar Illustrated** \$19.95

This little beginner-level reference book uses colourful illustrations throughout to drive the grammar points home. Nouns, adjectives, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections are drawn and explained with bite-sized English. A short answer key for the few practice questions scattered throughout appears at the back. Good for self-study or to supplement mainstream textbooks. Suitable for older teens to adults.

**Panoramas Literarios: America Hispana** \$79.95

Intermediate to advanced students will be challenged by this collection of key representative authors from Latin America, from pre-Columbian times to contemporary writers. A variety of genres and literary trends encourage the exploration of issues such as gender, race and social class in the region. Pre- and post-reading activities emphasise the importance of literary analysis in historical and cultural contexts. Comprehension exercises and strategies, and vocabulary lists ensure readers get the full benefit of this collection. Excellent for self-study or to enrich cultural awareness within Spanish language classrooms.

