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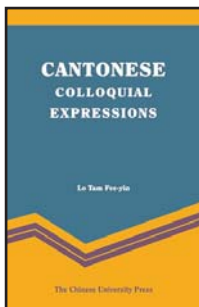
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CHINESE

Cantonese Colloquial Expressions

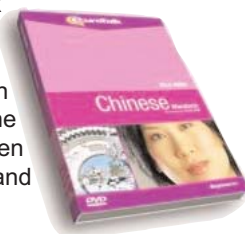
Here is a pragmatic reference guide to everyday Cantonese conversation. It will help learners understand speakers' intended meanings, since people do not always use the literal meaning of words or phrases in communication with others. It covers over 1,800 of the most commonly-used expressions today. Entries are grouped under ten categories, with an index for ease of reference. The user-friendly Yale Romanization system is adopted, with a brief pronunciation guide.



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Talk More Chinese DVD

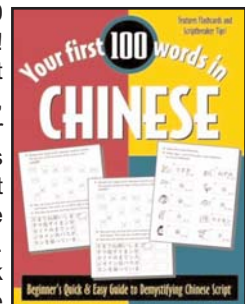
This is the latest series in the Eurotalk range for beginners. The main part of the course has 70 minutes of video material, where native speakers participate in situations such as the restaurant, on the phone, greetings, business and others. Ten interactive quizzes test what is learnt and keep track of progress.



\$34.95

Your First 100 Words in Chinese

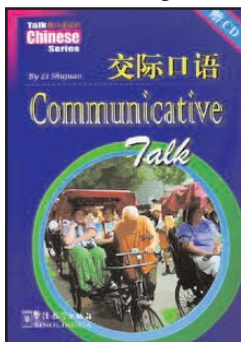
Learn to decipher and write your first 100 Chinese characters with fun and games! The words are divided into eight categories such as clothes, animals, opposites and body parts. Each character is shown with a picture and its pronunciation. The rest of each unit presents games and puzzles to reinforce learning and aid memorisation. Removable flashcards appear at the back of the book to be used in some of the activities or on their own. A short introduction suggests ways the book can be used either in the classroom or for self-study. This is suitable for beginner-level adults and children alike. The characters taught are mostly simplified with a few traditional ones.



\$19.95

Talk Chinese Series

A series of little books focusing on practical situational Chinese as spoken in specific contexts. There are several units in each book. Each begins with a colloquial dialogue in which every line is given in Pinyin, simplified Chinese and English. The conversations mimic real-life scenarios and often contain humour and slang. This is followed by lists of vocabulary, relevant expressions and idioms, language and cultural tips, and short exercises. An accompanying CD contains a read-out of conversations.



- Campus Talk with CD \$19.95
- Communicative Talk with CD \$19.95
- Emergency Talk with CD \$19.95
- IT Talk with CD \$19.95

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Ca Roule!

This is a brand new two-level course for adolescent beginners. It is colourful and fun with attractive graphics throughout. Frequent consolidation and revision through dialogues, group activities and short exercises keep up the pace and student involvement at maximum level. The coursebooks are packed with quick and quirky linguistic and cultural information from French-speaking countries and Franco-Australian links. The accompanying student CD-ROM contains interactive and listening activities from both the course and workbooks. A separate workbook provides more practice material. Each level includes a Teacher's Resource Pack and Class Audio CDs. A companion website for the complete course encourages further exploration of French. All instructions are in English.

Coursebook and CD-ROM 1	\$39.00
Workbook 1	\$12.95
Audio CDs 1	\$160.00
Teacher's Resource Pack 1	\$160.00
Coursebook and CD-ROM 2	\$39.00
Workbook 2	\$12.95
Audio CDs 2	\$160.00
Teacher's Resource Pack 2	\$160.00

Focus on France

Two sets of 20 A4-sized laminated cards providing ideas for supplementary cultural activities in the language classroom. One side holds a colour photo of a famous French landmark or social event. The flipside gives a short description in English followed by a series of suggested tasks for group or class work.

Set 1	net \$132.00
Set 2	net \$132.00

Francofolie Text Workbook and Audio CD Pack

An ideal course for the beginner or false beginner adult. The textbook has an easy-to-follow design, illustrated throughout with attractive graphics. Eight units (each containing four lessons) teach grammar and vocabulary through authentic dialogues and reading passages. On-going characters and contemporary stories based in three different regions of France sustain students' interest and rapid language acquisition and give lively cultural information. Lessons contain group activities to foster communication skills. In addition there are many individual exercises and tasks for DELF preparation. An accompanying workbook with two audio CDs contains extensive tasks to further reinforce what is taught in the textbook. Level one takes the students to a lower intermediate stage, and level two goes all the way to advanced.

Level 1	\$80.95
Level 2	\$80.95

La Francophonie dans le Monde 2006-2007 \$62.00

Lovers of the French language: this volume plots the exciting trajectory of French in the last two years. How many people speak it and where? Who is learning it, why and where? How is it mixing and evolving with Creole, Arabic or other native languages? Then move on to deeper analyses of how it is faring in literature, cinema, various media, business and politics. A reference book for scholars and teachers of French. Written in French.



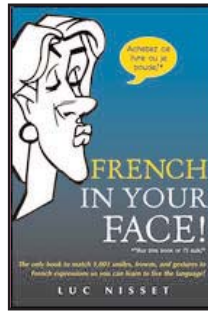
Francoscopie 2007

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Now in its 12th edition, Francoscopie 2007 is the reference for anyone interested in knowing the social trends in France. The book is divided into themes such as health and the body; the role of money; employment; relationships; media and communications; and leisure. Each section provides statistical analyses and comparisons, both within France and in comparison with other countries. Author Mermet shows what makes the French exceptional by his descriptive analyses of French life and thought, and also offers a prospective view for the future. Celebrated by the media and Francophiles alike, this is the definitive work to place the reader in the currents of social change and French history. Written in French.

French in Your Face!

\$14.95



A handy little book, tweaking fluency by linking common expressions, idioms, colloquialisms and insults to character, personality, mood, facial appearance and gestures. "Character and Personality", "Moods, Emotions and Attitudes", and "Appearance and Gestures" make up the three sections. Funny comics with speech bubbles illustrate every page, enabling memorisation. 'Personnalité-sts' throughout the book couple learning with fun self-discovery. The book wraps up with a series of comic identity sketches based on looks and attitude, used in short games and activities.

French Themesters

Two sets of 15 A4-sized laminated cards ideal for vocabulary pre-teaching, consolidation and revision. Themes correspond to the usual topics of popular textbooks and include work, food, transport, leisure and others. Each card presents short lists of vocabulary, expressions and verbs, with suggested role play activities and scenarios or writing tasks.

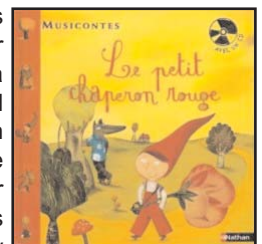
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Living French Culture or Découvrons la France net \$132.00

A set of 24 A4-sized laminated cards. Each card contains a photo of a famous French landmark, location or statue with a paragraph of historical information, followed by six short questions to encourage class discussion or group work. The two sets contain the same material, but one is in English, the other in French.

Musicontes: Book and Audio CD Series

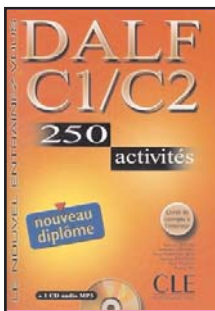
A series of eight classic stories for ages seven and up. Each square, hardcover book contains a simple version of a timeless fairytale, gorgeously illustrated by Vanessa Hie's whimsical artwork. An accompanying audio CD narrates the story with background music - good for non-readers who can follow the pictures instead. A beautiful collection for any library.



Musicontes: Belle au Bois Dormant	\$39.95
Musicontes: Blanche-Neige	\$39.95
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Musicontes: Petite Poule Rousse	\$39.95
Musicontes: Trois Petits Cochons	\$39.95

Nouveau DALF C1/C2 250 Activites

Since September 2005, the DELF and DALF have taken on a new format following the Cadre Européen Commun de Référence. Each unit is now independent and the tests cover all four skills: speaking, writing, listening and reading. This collection of practice tests covers units C1 and C2 in two separate parts, with equal emphasis on language comprehension and production. It is suitable for adults and adolescents. Book contains transcripts and a removable answer key.



- Book** \$48.35
- Audio CDs** \$40.00
- Book/CD Pack** \$72.95

Vocabulaire Progressif du Francais pour les Adolescents (Intermediaire) \$40.75

A colourful book for intermediate-level adolescents to extend their vocabulary. There are 26 two-page units on the usual themes of school, travel, leisure, friends, sport, food, IT, feelings and holidays, among others. Units begin with a speech-bubbled comic sketch, followed by quick exercises, contextualising the new words in their various forms (adjectives, nouns, adverbs, etc). Each two-unit group is followed by four pages of revision activities, including short and longer free-form questions and answers. Instructions are in French. Includes a removable answer key.



Der Grosse Liederschatz \$29.95

A hardcover collection of 100 classic children's songs and rhymes. Song categories include animals, seasons, lullabies, fairytales and Christmas. Each page is colour illustrated and contains the music notation and chordal progression of the main melody. Useful for the primary language classroom as extra or filler activities.

German Themesters

Two sets of 15 A4-sized laminated cards ideal for vocabulary pre-teaching, impromptu oral work or conversation starters. Themes correspond to the usual topics of popular textbooks and include work, food, transport, leisure and others. Each card presents short lists of vocabulary, expressions and verbs, with suggested role play activities and scenarios or writing tasks.

- Set 1** net \$132.00
- Set 2** net \$132.00

Duden Bildwörterbuch Deutsch als Fremdsprache hb \$59.95

This new picture dictionary published by Duden is specifically designed for learners of German. It consists of over 400 coloured plates arranged by subject areas covering approximately 30,000 terms. The search for a particular word is helped by the detailed alphabetical register at the end of the book. The number of the vocabulary covered, the explanation through the picture and the user-friendly register make this a very helpful reference book for both students and teachers of the German language.



Germany (Country Topics) \$16.95

It can be a tough task making Germany appeal to young kids (Germans being everyone's favourite bad guys and all). This book will help teachers seduce the kids with pictures and descriptions of the beautiful Bavarian Alps, tasty German food and some of those riveting historical tales. And for those teachers willing to brave over-energised children, there are also some fun classroom activities.

Spielerisch Deutsch Lernen

German teachers recommend these colourful books for primary level students learning German as a second language. The 3 levels cater to children who have just started reading, up to those with a couple of years' more experience. Grammar cases are introduced through simple language while simultaneously building vocabulary relevant to children. Exercises include puzzles, word matches, gap fill, word mazes and others. Instructions are in German. Includes answer key at the back of each book.



- Lernstufe 1** \$14.95
- Lernstufe 2** \$14.95
- Lernstufe 3** \$14.95

Wahrig Deutsches Wörterbuch New hb \$110.00

This excellent and well-established monolingual dictionary, originally published 40 years ago, has been fundamentally revised and brought up-to-date as far as the 'Rechtschreibung 2006' is concerned. The 260,000 headwords with their examples of use and idiomatic expressions cover the vocabulary of the standard, colloquial, dialectal and technical German language. Over 10,000 new words have been added, eg Vogelgrippe, Sudoku, Podcast, Minijob. Approximately 250 coloured boxes throughout the text give special information on the significance, origin and development of important and interesting words.



Wir Sprechen Deutsch (Photocopiable) net \$198.00



This is a photocopiable collection of simple picture flashcards for games and activities in the primary classroom. The cards serve either as in-between tasks intertwined with other routines, or as feature games. The tasks and cards are designed to prompt natural language in the classroom environment, with the aim of integrating the language with the pupils' daily activities. Thus the topics include everything from roll call checks to going to

the canteen, playground activities and more traditional classroom games, arts and crafts. An introduction sets out the principles behind the method and advises teachers on planning and materials.

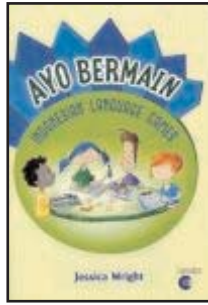


INDONESIAN

Ayo Bermain Indonesian Language Games

\$39.95

This is a collection of student-centred games for the upper primary to lower high school levels. Games are clearly organised into topics such as school, shopping, fun, talking about self and others. Each activity includes student instructions, vocabulary list and teacher tips. Teachers can photocopy the A4-sized worksheets or adapt them and create their own. Download other blank templates from the supporting website for more variety.



Focus on Indonesia

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Indonesian Themesters

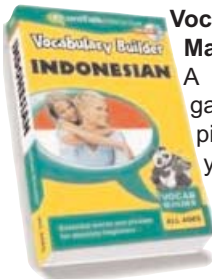
Two sets of 15 A4-sized laminated cards ideal for vocabulary pre-teaching, consolidation and revision. Themes correspond to the usual topics of popular textbooks and include work, food, transport, leisure and others. Each card presents short lists of vocabulary, expressions and verbs, with suggested role play activities and scenarios or writing tasks.

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Living Indonesian Culture

net \$132.00

A set of 25 A4-sized laminated cards. Each card contains a photo of an Indonesian landmark, location, artwork or cultural practice with a paragraph of related information in English, followed by six short questions to encourage class discussion or group work.



Vocabulary Builder Indonesian

Mac/WIN CD-ROM \$54.95

A cartoon disc for all ages! Consists of 9 games for one or more players. Click on pictures to hear them pronounced, record your pronunciation and create strips of images to make your own 'cinema stories' and put the words in context. Works on Windows 98, 2000, ME, XP, Mac OS 9 or X.

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ITALIAN

Complete Italian Grammar Review (Barron's)

\$27.95

The latest edition of this reference grammar has four parts. Part one revises Italian sounds, spelling and sentence structure. Part two reviews verb conjugation and use in various tenses. Part three looks at other parts of speech such as articles, pronouns and adjectives. Part four is a collection of special topics covered in various chapters and include idiomatic expressions, numbers, telling time, synonyms and antonyms. Each unit explains its subject in English and provides English translations of phrases for comparison. A series of short exercises (with answers) wraps up the unit. A Culture Capsule at the end of each part presents a short paragraph in Italian on some aspect of Italian culture, using some of the reviewed language with comprehension questions.



Global Access Visual Passport Italian

\$74.95



Jumpstart your Italian trip by preparing sensuously. Watch the 60-minute DVD and listen to 45 minutes of phrases and conversations on the audio CD. Let native speakers take you through simple interactions and prompt you to join in as you go shopping, eating out and meeting people. English subtitles give you the meaning, while Italian ones reinforce the spoken language visually. When your study time is over, switch to the travelogue DVD and plan an itinerary. Then play the hour-long compilation of classical and folk music to keep up your inspiration. The pack includes a Lonely Planet phrasebook for when you finally get there! Also available in French, German and Spanish.

Grammaticando Level 1

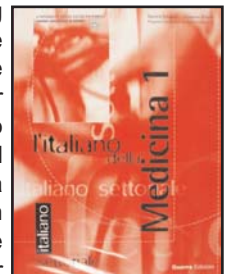
\$58.00

Ten lively units filled with short grammar tasks such as gap fill, sentence translation, multiple choice, true/false, question and answer matches, and more. Covered areas include articles, prepositions, pronouns and tenses. Answers appear at the end of the book. Instructions are in Italian, so the book will be more suitable as classroom revision or as self-study for those with a basic grasp of Italian.

Italiano Della Medicina

\$240.00

If you're one of those lucky people doing your tertiary studies in some picturesque Italian university and you just happen to be studying medicine, then we would rather enviously recommend this wonderful set to help you with some of the specialised terminology. The package includes a comprehensive, illustrated textbook, an audio CD and a video guide. The language is quite advanced, so it's not suitable for beginners.



Living Italian Culture

net \$132.00

A set of 24 A4-sized laminated cards. Each card contains a photo of a famous Italian landmark, location or statue with a paragraph of historical information, followed by six short questions to encourage class discussion or group work. Ideal for conversation classes and group work.

Nuovo Progetto Italiano Level 1



The new edition of this popular course uses modern everyday language and contains lively communicative activities, easy-to-follow grammar tables and coloured authentic material. It provides a thorough grounding in reading, writing and particularly oral skills, and at the same time introduces the learner to Italian life and culture. It is designed for adolescents and adult students of beginner to intermediate level. All instructions are in Italian.

Textbook	\$67.10
Workbook	\$41.80
Audio CD	\$48.50

Penton Italian 24 Pack \$174.95

One of the best ways to learn a language fluently is simply to listen to native speakers, learn set phrases ("lexical chunks") and vocabulary. No books, no grammar exercises, no forced speaking. It seems lazy people were onto something! Now for the first time Penton has created a combined pack of their effective audio CDs to give smart learners all they need to hear: all levels of Learn in Your Car Italian (phrases), Vocabulearn Italian (vocabulary) and Immersion Plus Italian (conversations). – 24 CDs in all. If you really need to read what is said, bilingual transcript booklets are included. Absolute beginners will reach upper-intermediate proficiency in no time. Also in French, German and Spanish.

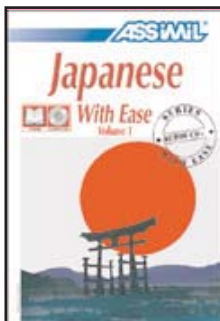


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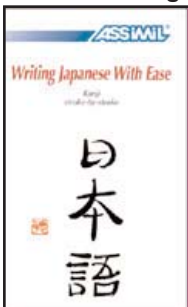
Assimil Japanese with Ease

The Assimil method is a self-study course based on the idea of learning foreign languages the way a child learns its mother tongue: through the passive phase of listening and repeating, and the active phase of building new sentences. So it is with Assimil's 99 lessons split in two volumes. Each lesson consists of a short, funny dialogue on one page and the English translation and some instruction on the facing page. By reading, listening (to the three audio CDs in each volume) and repeating, learners assimilate words, expressions and grammar without any effort. Come active phase time, the more structured study consolidates the grammar they already know. Both Kana and Kanji alphabets are used throughout, but the emphasis is on speaking, so the Romanised script is central at this level.

Volume 1 (Book and 3 CDs)	\$129.00
Volume 2 (Book and 3 CDs)	\$129.00



Assimil Writing Japanese with Ease \$36.50



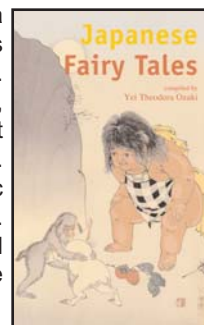
This book follows the two Japanese with Ease volumes, teaching all the Kanji (Chinese) characters used there. Each Kanji is shown with its radical, its number and order of strokes, the different pronunciations and its meaning. Appendices at the back of the book include a table of radicals, an index listing Kanji by number of strokes, and a reference to the dialogue texts from **Japanese with Ease** in which they appear.

Origami Adventure \$29.95

A fun-filled box of origami projects, some old favourites, some whacky new creatures! And each comes from a different spot in the world - hence the adventure! A 64-page book gives step-by-step instructions on 40 projects, along with fascinating, relevant facts on nature and history. The kit includes 122 sheets of folding paper in a variety of colours and patterns. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced.

Japanese Fairy Tales \$24.95

Yei Theodora Ozaki has compiled a paperback edition of Sadanami Sanjin's English translations of old legends and tales. The volume was originally created in 1903, when Sanjin's friends suggested it specifically for children in the Western world. Since then it has become a classic introduction to Japan's rich fantasy tradition. This edition was published in May 2007 and includes delicate black and white illustrations.



SPANISH

Asi Me Gusta

Here's another Spanish textbook to offer teachers more variety. This one is filled with visually stimulating pages and contents with chapters like "introducing yourself in an internet chat" to appeal to tech-savvy teenagers. There are plenty of great exercises which are much more relevant to the modern student than most of the outdated texts still in use. Asi Me Gusta comes in two levels and is suitable for lower secondary classes. Instructions are in English. A truly invaluable component is the DVD with plenty of visual exercises.

Asi Me Gusta 1 Textbook	\$58.95
Asi Me Gusta 1 Workbook	\$27.95
Asi Me Gusta 1 Teachers Book	\$64.95
Asi Me Gusta 1 Audio CD	\$58.95
Asi Me Gusta 1 DVD	TBA
Asi Me Gusta 2 Textbook	\$57.20
Asi Me Gusta 2 Workbook	\$31.90
Asi Me Gusta 2 Teachers Book	\$64.95
Asi Me Gusta 2 Audio CD	\$58.95
Asi Me Gusta 2 DVD	TBA

¡Mira! Level 1

The first level of this new textbook covers the Year 7 objectives of the Framework for Modern Foreign Languages. Photo stories and songs capture and maintain pupils' interest in learning. Strategies and hints help students with memorisation. Pronunciation and grammar boxes in each unit provide refreshers at a quick glance. Regular self-assessment keeps the students' focus on their goals. Levels two and three follow for higher years.

Textbook	\$37.95
Workbook A (Pack of 8)	\$72.00
Workbook B (Pack of 8)	\$72.00
Audio CD (3)	\$200.00
Teacher's Guide and CD	\$115.00
Flashcards	\$185.00

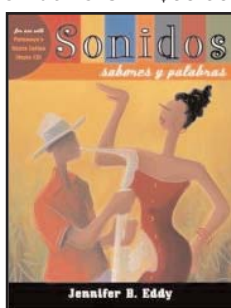
Prisma

This is a lively course featuring colourful graphics illustrating contemporary topics of interest to young adults. Unit themes range from work, family and transport, to travel, health and entertainment. Grammar and vocabulary are taught and practised in short communicative tasks in each unit. There are also listening and writing exercises. The course presents aspects of Spanish culture and prominent personalities alongside important language structures. A corresponding workbook provides further practice for students. Prisma A1 is for beginners; A2 for continuing students. All instructions are in Spanish.

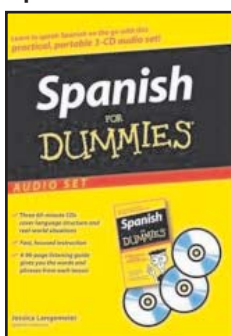
Prisma A1 Textbook	\$57.20
Prisma A1 Workbook	\$43.60
Prisma A1 Teachers Book	\$73.10
Prisma A1 Audio CD	\$30.95
Prisma A2 Textbook	\$57.20
Prisma A2 Workbook	\$42.50
Prisma A2 Teachers Book	\$57.20
Prisma A2 Audio CD	\$30.95

Sonidos Sabores y Palabras with Nuevo Latino CD \$58.95

A unique workbook to accompany Putumayo World Music's Nuevo Latino music CD. This is a compilation CD of popular new songs from Latin America. Each unit of the book explores one of the 11 songs, analysing the lyrics, presenting the artists, highlighting relevant social issues, promoting group discussions and just making it all downright fun! And the language becomes all the more memorable with a little Colombian cumbia here and a bit of hip-hop there.



Spanish for Dummies Audio Set (3 CDs) \$29.95

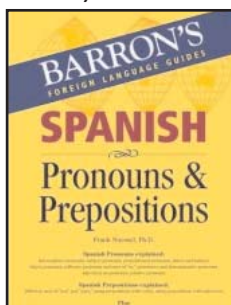


The indispensable (or inescapable?) 'Get Smart!' series expands its range of products to include a series of all-audio language-learning sets for absolute beginners. Like most 'For Dummies' products, this set is a straightforward, no-nonsense, repeat-after-me affair. Needless to say, repetition is the mother of all learning, so the tool to quick Spanish (the remote control) is in your hand. Quite a handy learning kit to have in the car.

The set introduces the student to the most commonly used words and phrases, goes through sentence structure and then caps it off with real-world situations. A useful audio-transcript is included just in case 'slow' is not slow enough!

Spanish Pronouns and Prepositions (Barron's) \$27.95

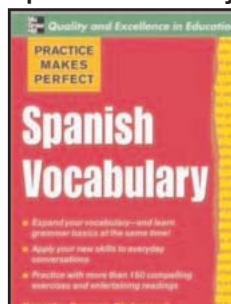
This guide is divided into two sections. The first part deals with pronouns in all their manifestations. Units begin with an outline of the rules and give short sentence exercises that put the new information in context. Part two presents the most common and important prepositions in a similar format. Here, comparisons between Spanish and the equivalent English expressions drive home the gist of preposition use. Each section is followed by a review quiz. All answers (including the quiz) appear at the back of the book. An English-Spanish list of the used vocabulary is also included.



Spanish Teachers Tool Kit net \$210.00

An A4-sized collection of ready-to-copy worksheets and classroom activity ideas for teachers of beginners at primary or secondary level. Topics fit with the usual classroom curricula and include family, house, animals, school, the body, work, shopping and others. The worksheets are ideal for creating continuity in replacement classes, work revision, homework, filler activities or interactive learning. Instructions are included on creating PowerPoint presentations for some tasks for both teachers and students. Solutions to puzzles and games appear at the end of the kit.

Spanish Vocabulary (Practice Makes Perfect) \$19.95



This book follows the success of Spanish Verb Tenses in the same series and by the same author. It is aimed at the beginner to advanced beginner learner, teenagers to adults. Over 150 entertaining and compelling activities and readings are spread across 11 chapters. These exercises revise and reinforce basic grammar and language structures even as they teach new vocabulary in the context of practical everyday scenarios.

Suitable for classroom and self-study.



GOOD READING

Povest' o Pustyakakh (Novel on Trifles) \$55.95

My favourite discovery of the year! This zesty, irreverent and hilarious novel was a one-off effort of one of the most talented Russian painters of the Silver Age – Yuri Annekov. It was not published in Russia until recently, depriving many Russian readers of a very significant gem. Detailing the chaotic, transitional period of early 1920s in St Petersburg, Annekov's book is dipped in deliciously absurdist humour, thinly veiled social criticism and razor sharp observations. Its inventive, constructivist style is a joy to behold – as aesthetically pleasing as it is intellectually stimulating. Please make some space on your bookshelf next to Bulgakov and Zoschenko, as this *Novel on Trifles* is anything but!

Neizvestniy Stalin (Unknown Stalin) hb \$69.95

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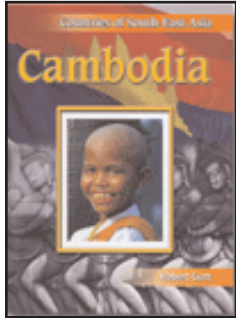




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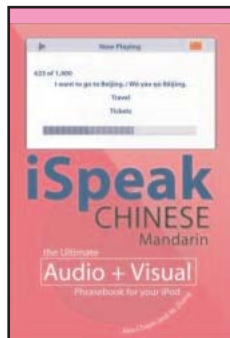
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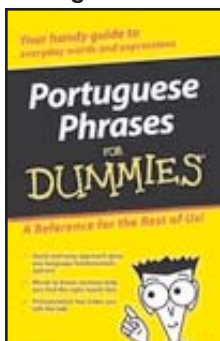
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Director: Olivier Assayas. Rated M

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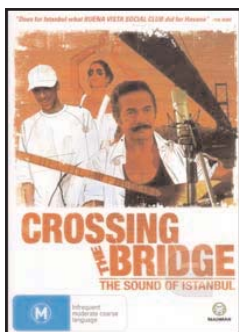
It's no wonder Olivier Assayas tied the knot with Maggie Cheung – the star of their latest collaboration. Cheung's chimerical presence is just as hypnotic as it was in *Irma Vep* (1997). Here she's playing Emily, a drug-addicted, washed-out singer married to a famous rock star who accidentally ODs during a trip to Canada. After doing time in prison, Emily embarks on a painful journey of self-assessment and attempts to recover her estranged son. Assayas and Cheung are unflinching in their portrayal of this sad and lost character. But the film is ultimately redemptive and inspirational, anchored by stellar performances of the international cast who perfectly embody the director's cautiously optimistic vision of our world. The anamorphic image on the DVD is excellent. There are also some thorough interviews with Assayas, Cheung and the rest of the cast.

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Director: *Fatih Akin*. Rated *M*

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Rousing music documentaries have been de rigueur ever since *Buena Vista Social Club* redefined the concept into a whole genre of its own. Fatih Akin, the German/Turkish director of the art-house hit *Head-On*, goes back to Turkey with his composer in tow to investigate the current trends in Istanbul's extraordinary soundscape. The result doesn't amount to much more than observational nostalgia really, but Akin's film is still fascinating in the way it gently and insightfully studies the wide range of music and musicians he comes across. There's some excellent local hip-hop, some traditional 'pop' from the 50s and some wonderful improvisational 'mugham' spiced with the magnificent sights that the camera seems to pick up every time it turns to an open window. The film also attempts to look at the impact that contemporary music has on Turkish society, albeit with less successful results. The DVD features a superb image and motley range of video clips and out-takes.

Dersu Uzala

\$34.95

Director: *Akira Kurosawa*. Rated *G*

Russian with English subtitles

Kurosawa's sole non-Japanese venture was also his sole Oscar win for a foreign-language film. Considering his unbridled admiration for Russian literature, it's not surprising that Mosfilm Studios bankrolled this expensive production based on the novel by V Arsenyev. This extraordinarily intimate epic tells the story of an eccentric Mongolian tracker whose help is enlisted by a Russian surveying team. The Russians are a condescending bunch, but the resourceful Dersu proves they're no match for his innate intelligence. Kurosawa's magnificent vision of Siberia is truly breathtaking, as is his sensitive analysis of male friendship and camaraderie. But above all, the film is a pertinent study of man's relationship with nature - the kind that seems tragically impossible nowadays. The DVD comes with a host of special features that elucidate the fascinating history of the film's making.



Miracle in Milan

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Director: *Vittorio De Sica*. Rated *G*

Italian with English subtitles

Weird, quasi-religious sermons don't come more saccharine than this fable from the master tearjerker Vittorio De Sica. In this *Palme D'Or*-winning opus, De Sica turned away from neo to magic realism, relating the story of Toto, an orphan found in a cabbage leaf who is orphaned a second time and becomes friends with a whole group of homeless people. Soon the good-natured Toto bands this destitute bunch together into a strong community who just "need a piece of land and a piece of bread" to be happy. Whatever... It gets only stranger from there as the poor have to battle a rich land-owner with some serendipitous help from Toto's dead mother. A thinly veiled celebration of proto-Marxism by way of rabid Catholicism, and more Fellini than De Sica, there are some brilliant moments of humour and social criticism, if you can get past the most gratingly nice character in the history of cinema (Toto that is). This DVD is (surprisingly) excellent with some very good extras.



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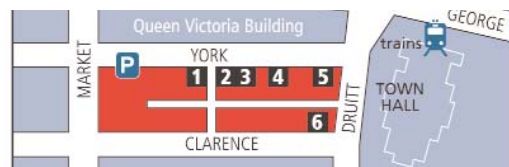
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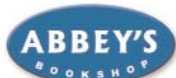
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