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- Grasp Chinese vocabulary, grammar, and cultural references
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- Make small talk, ask for directions, and order food

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- Chinese 101 — get a grasp of Chinese sounds and writing systems, essential elements of Chinese grammar, and words and phrases you can't live without
- Get going — hone your small-talk skills with Chinese words and phrases you can use when asking for directions, dining out, and more
- Take it to the streets — take your Chinese on the road and discover how to plan a trip, make arrangements for a place to stay, discuss transportation, and handle emergencies while you're away
- Mind your p's and q's — find a collection of simple phrases you can use, popular Chinese expressions, and reminders of what not to do in a Chinese setting

CD Includes More than 25 real-life conversations that give you a chance to listen to and mimic Chinese pronunciation, pitch, and inflection.

See CD appendix for details and complete system requirements.

Open the book and find:

- How to pronounce Chinese sounds
- What Chinese script looks like
- Chinese grammar basics and essentials
- Tips on forming sentences in Chinese
- The lowdown on Chinese numbers, times, and measurements
- Chinese phrases and words used in everyday situations
- Cultural conventions in China
- Ten tips to help you learn Chinese quickly

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