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Editorial Review

Review

Chinese Link is by far the best structured and sequenced textbook I have ever seen with a scope covering all necessary structural and communicative elements for elementary Chinese.

I am a strong supporter for this practice to combine pinyin with characters in first year textbook since it will give learners immediate hints about the pronunciation of characters which are totally foreign to English speaking Chinese learners.

The video for 'Language in Use' is great! The video presentations impressed me greatly in that with its authentic settings and naturally occurring communicative activities, they will not only help learners outside class but also in class.

–**Wenze Hu Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, *US Naval Academy*

Given students' beginning level of proficiency in Chinese, the accompanied Pinyin would be a welcome service to the students who can then focus better on the sentence structures involved.

This is a great textbook with an integrated approach for developing students' overall linguistic and communicative competence.

The "Culture Link" sections are what make this book different from other traditional textbooks.

I find the audio resources on this Companion Website wonderful and they should be taken advantage of by all who use the textbook.

I love the video presentation of this textbook. I think it tremendously enhances the dialogues and the texts because of quality of the pronunciations of the cast who acted out these texts.

–**Jean Wu Ph.D.**, Director Chinese Language Program, *University of Oregon*

The grammar activities are well-guided and involve more interaction [than Integrated Chinese] .

–**Chao-mei Shen Ph.D.**, Senior Lecturer of Chinese, *Rice University*

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heritage students. She is also the project leader of another textbook of Chinese for heritage students and published a series of Chinese textbooks for online use by high school students.

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