Learning Chinese I: Elementary Level: Guide to the Website

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Audioclips

The <u>Audioclips</u> provide a walk-through guide to <u>Learning Chinese</u>, with the author as host, and male and female Chinese colleagues as model speakers. The clips include (a) verbatim recording of the short interchanges, dialogs, narratives, pronunciation exercises and other material in the book; and (b) exercises designed to help users internalize the material. Audioclips range from about five to twenty minutes in length. Some require worksheets. These can be downloaded at <Supplements / Worksheets)>. A Table of Audioclip Contents>.

Supplements:

<u>Tables of Audioclip Contents</u>: a quick-reference guide to the audioclips and accompanying worksheets (if any). There is a table for each unit; each entry in the table makes reference to sections in the book. E.g.: Audioclip 10 / "days, months, years" / §1.3.4 and §1.3.5 / Wksht (1,2).

<u>Worksheets</u> [cf. Wksht (1,2) above]: downloadable pages (one or two pages only) that accompany some audioclips (not all). They contain information needed to respond to questions or exercises on the audioclips. They can be downloaded, unit by unit.

<u>Exercise Keys</u>: answers to the exercises in *Learning Chinese*, organized by unit. In some cases, answers are given for only a selection of items (all odd or even numbers, for example). Answers given may not cover all options.

Vocabulary Lists: comprehensive vocabulary lists for the conversational units of *Learning Chinese*. These are given in the order of presentation within the unit, and in alphabetical order. Vocabulary list are deliberately not included in the printed book in order to discourage attempts to learn from long lists of words rather than from material in context (question/answer, dialogues, etc.). However, once materials become familiar, then vocabulary lists can be a useful way of reminding yourself of material covered and the context in which it was elicited.

There is also a cumulative, alphabetical list of all vocabulary in the spoken lessons of volume I.

<u>Index for volumes I and II</u>: volume I items are represented in black (on the left); volume II items, in red (on the right).

<u>Corrections</u>: As someone once noted, the person who makes no mistakes doesn't usually make anything. Well, so far, I've found a few, most of them embarrassing rather than damaging; and no doubt others will be reported. Fortunately, they can be listed here. (A more extensive list will appear by late 2020.)