

Speak Chinese with Millions aimed at readers interested in learning practical Chinese of daily conversation for business, travel, or education. It is designed to be used as a stand-alone self-learning title, or as a textbook for use in the classroom.

- ✓ Over 60 vibrant conversations applicable to everyday usage.
- ✓ User-friendly layout with cultural and grammatical notes.
- ✓ List of new words to help you build up your vocabulary.
- ✓ Over 140 exercises with separate answer key

- ✓ Includes an introduction to the Chinese writing system for those who wish to progress to a higher level.
- ✓ Contains Chinese-English word list and an index for quick reference.
- ✓ Includes MP3 to help with pronunciation and listening comprehension.

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Pinyin Tutor

- A Tool to Refine Pinyin Skills for Chinese as Second Language Learners

Members of CLTA understand the important role that Pinyin can play during the first stages of learning Chinese. However, our studies across dozens of universities show that, because of the lack of adequate focused practice, the majority of students have not achieved full control of Pinyin transcription even by the end of the first year. To address this issue, we at Carnegie Mellon University have built the online *Pinyin Tutor* and have made it freely available to the CLTA community at: <http://talkbank.org/pinyin>

We would like to encourage you to browse through the materials at that site and try out a demo version of the tutor. If you are interested in using the Pinyin Tutor with your class this coming Fall, we ask that you look through the information at <http://talkbank.org/pinyin/register.html> and send us email if you wish to participate. For inquiries, please contact the Pinyin Tutor de-