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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I really like textbook and workbook materials, but the recording quality on these cds is really, really bad. It's as if the publisher recorded this on a laptop, smashed it together, and shipped it (which is odd given how meticulous the work on the textbook and workbook are)1) The speaking pace of some speakers is far too slow, while others is on the higher end of typical speech. I was able to understand it, but I can see how someone who has not studied other Chinese materials or spoken to native speakers sufficiently would be lost at this point in their progression, and I question the appropriateness of going 'high end of normal speed' as opposed to 'normal speed' for level 1 mandarin.2) The recording has bad audio quality, either from poor recording apparatus or poor sample rate, and there are various audio defects -- crackles, fading in and out, etc. Additionally, the volumes are not equalized.It's true that this is necessary for parts of the workbook and in a sense 'mandatory' for studying it fully, but honestly, I'd rather use conversational speed intermediate lessons off of Chinesepod or something as they capture conversational speeds, more colloquial speech, and are at high audio quality. I'll be discussing with my tutor switching to alternatives.

This series is great, I have been using it mostly for self-study, but I think this is a great series for learning chinese.

Very satisfied with the content and the audio quality of the CDs. I was skeptical at first when placing the order. It turned out it was much better than expected. I also purchased other sets as well after this set.

Fast!

I LOVE IT. PLEASE STOCK THE LEVEL TWO PART ONE CD, AS I NEED THIS ONE NEXT. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE, BUT WE FIND IT USEFUL.

1. Reason for buying a CD is to hear how the language is spoken and get practice. I have very sharp ears. My Mandarin teacher says I am the best pronouncer in the class; yet I could not make out what the CD speakers were saying because they talk too fast. They slur their words, and some of their sounds are swallowed. I suggest they listen to Pimsleur's cds and get some hints how to speak clearly. Repetition is necessary in case the speaker is not clear. It doesn't help to replay it if your audio is not clear. 2. Give a little pause for us new to the language to absorb it. We have to translate it in our native language and then spout it out. 3. I suggest you critique your CD and "test drive" it before marketing it. This is a ripoff.

These CDs which accompany the textbook series are no good whatsoever for students of Chinese. They are spoken too quickly with no repetition. The point of spoken Chinese is to master the tones of each word and in that respect these CDs are no help whatsoever. They are a waste of money!

This is a Great product & I received it so quick. I love it. I will do the business with you again.

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