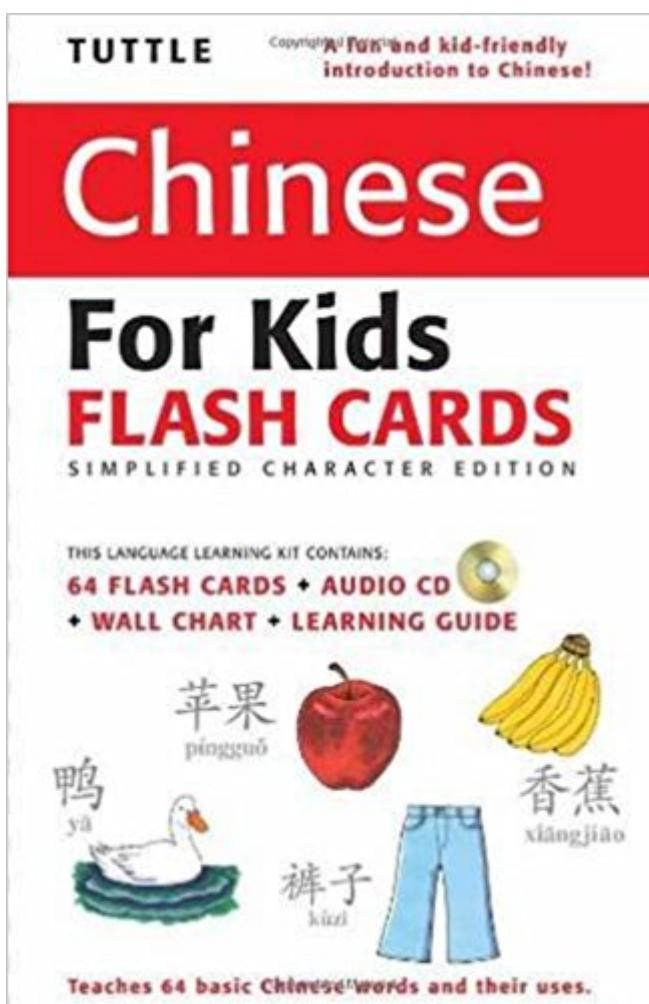


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Tuttle Chinese For Kids Flash Cards Kit Vol 1 Simplified Ed: Simplified Characters [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards) (v. 1)





Synopsis

A fun and kid-friendly introduction to Chinese! The Tuttle Chinese for Kids Flash Cards (Simplified Character Edition) kit is an introductory Chinese language learning tool especially designed to help children from preschool through early elementary level acquire basic words, Chinese characters, phrases, and sentences in Chinese in a fun and easy way. The flashcards can be used as a learning tool in a classroom setting, at home, or anywhere that learning takes place, and can easily be taped around the room for an interactive way to learn Chinese. The set contains a total of 64 words, which all represent a range of sounds in Mandarin Chinese, organized into thematic categories, including: My Family, Colors, Numbers, Animals, Food, My Body, Clothes, and My Day. All of the words are illustrated—the pictures serve as effective visual aids to help children learn and remember each word's meaning. Words often reflect cultural objects and items and can be studied in any order. Learners may focus on one theme at a time or mix them up for a little more variety. Also included in this kit is an audio CD which provides native pronunciation of the words, and sample sentences for practice—sentences that children would use in everyday life. Songs and other activities are also included on the free audio CD. Finally, the kit also includes a wall chart featuring the front of each card for kids to review and a learning guide for teachers and/or parents with tips, activities and more! Once these 64 words are mastered and the child yearns for more, check out Tuttle's MORE Chinese for Kids Flash Cards (Simplified Character Edition) kit (978-0-8048-3939-6).

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Customer Reviews

"A visual learning tool with audio support. Chinese learning material with Pinyin, simplified Chinese, and English support. Chinese character, Chinese writing stroke orders, sample sentences with the featured Chinese words are included in each flash card." -Miss Panda Chinese

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The layout is very well thought out. I'll explain below as I describe how the package has been used in the few days since its arrival. I got this for my sons, 7 and 4 of age, who speak pretty good Mandarin Chinese for their age. They instantly loved the poster, the cards and the CD. After I put the poster on the back of a door, they would go over the 64 words with the help of pictures and Pinyin spellings over and over again, and ask me for the challenge of showing them only the characters. This is when the intelligence of the layout really shines. The vertical sectioning of different components made our game easy to carry out. The top solid color bar contains the category name in small print, with Pinyin on the side. For example, for "milk" or "eggs), the top bar says "food". For "shirt" or "skirt" the top bar says "clothes). My older son relied heavily on the category names, learning them along the way, as he guessed his way through more than half of the cards. The bars are color coded, which serves as additional clue. Right below the top bar are the big bold main entry characters. Their Pinyin spellings are below them, in small print, and spaced a little apart. Further below is an illustration of the word. Both Pinyin and pictures serve as crutches before stand-alone recognition of characters is firm. So putting them below and spacing them apart is not a trivial thing, but is a balancing act of providing the crutches while preventing perpetual dependency on them. I

especially applaud the small print of Pinyin. In most of texts for kids, the Pinyin can be overwhelming and visually drowning out the shapes of characters. The back of the cards is a rich resource for sample sentences, sequence of strokes in writing out the characters', with a smaller illustration. This would be the next step for my sons. So the cards will last a while, till they've learned the ins and outs of all 64 characters. I have to point out that these cards, or any flash cards, by their nature, are no good for teaching syntax, nuance of language, flexibility and resilience in speaking the language. The cards serve only to match up written signs with known words/expressions. That my two boys have pretty solid spoken Chinese, that they spent considerable time in China, should be taken into full account. Take all that out and I don't know how they'll react to the cards.

We did not find these as useful as most reviewers. The cards are small and not particularly engaging. The poster was not very useful, maybe because I don't speak Mandarin and worry about teaching the wrong pronunciation. My grandsons (4 & 6) and I much prefer working with the book, "First Thousand Words in Chinese," which has pages of humorous and child relevant illustrations and has an internet link to help us master the correct pronunciation.

Out of the half dozen products for learning Chinese that I have purchased for my kids, these stand out as far and away the best. I am very, very pleased with the results of these flash cards and they are an excellent learning tool. In a little over a month, both my four year old son and my 6 year old daughter have learned to recognize and say (in Mandarin) everything on the cards. They are even starting to write the Chinese script and my daughter has mastered 1-10 in Mandarin writing. They both love the cards, are excited about using them, and like listening to the vocal recordings of people saying the words. The sentences with the words in them are too tough for them at this stage, so I mostly just skip over them after listening to just the individual word, but I can see how they would be useful at a later time. This is a great product and I am completely satisfied with my purchase. I have already ordered volume two.

These flash cards are great for teaching children Chinese. They have pinyin, character, picture and how to write the character on the back. They have it separate by categories in different colors, so it makes it easy to teach my kids in sections/categories. So far my 4 year old knows all the words by characters and some animals and body parts. I have not taught them others, so they don't get overwhelmed by all the new words. This is a great set with a CD, poster paper, and many flash cards. I would recommend this to people.

This is a great resource for bilingual homes. I love that the cd has nursery rhymes on it in addition to the vocabulary, it really helps keep learning fun in the car. I love the flascards so much I laminated them to protect them for years to come. My daughter likes the poster and pointing at the symbols and drawings, it's so nice that we even framed it. Great set for the cost. The vocabulary is very practical as well, it's a good level for my toddler.

I have these flash cards with me everywhere! Very practical way to learn Chinese. I love their big size. They have colorful drawings and pictures which makes it easier to remember the words. On the back of each, there are examples using the new word also it explains in detail how to write the new characters. These are great flash cards! I love them!

Nicely printed, double size cards (compared to poker playing cards), the poster also has a good size which does not require the kids to put their nose in front of it to read it. Cards have information on the back about the pinyin, radicals, sample sentences and a step by step guide on the strokes needed to render the characters.

I really liked these flash cards for kids and for adults. The only downside is that these are easy to rip. I wish these were like board books so that my son would not be able to tear it. Overall, great cards! Nice variety of words.

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