

Guide to the *Learning Chinese* Website

1. *Corrections and comments*

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. Please let me know by email if you find others.

2. *Audioclips / Worksheets*

The **Audioclips** provide a talk-through guide to *Learning Chinese*, with myself as host, and male and female Chinese colleagues as models. The clips include (a) verbatim recording of the short interchanges, dialogues, narratives, pronunciation exercises and other material in the book; and (b) exercises designed to help you internalize the material. Audioclips range from about five to twenty minutes in length.

The file called Audio Contents is a 'quick reference guide' to the audioclips. There's a table for each unit; each entry in the table makes reference to sections (and sometimes, page numbers) in the book. E.g.: *Audioclip 10/ Days, months, years/ §1.3.4 and §1.3.5 (pp 39–40) / Wksht (1,2)*.

Unit Worksheets [cf. *Wksht (1,2)* above] are downloadable pages (one or two pages, only for some audioclips). They contain information needed to respond to questions or exercises on the audioclips. They can be downloaded, unit by unit, e.g.: Unit 0 Worksheets; Unit 1 Worksheets.

3. *Keys to Exercises*

Where needed, answers to the exercises in *Learning Chinese*, organized by unit, are provided here. In some cases, answers are provided for only a selection of items (all odd or even numbers, for example). Answers given may not cover all options; doubts and uncertainties can be resolved by discussion.

4. Vocabulary Lists

Comprehensive vocabulary lists for each lesson are deliberately not included in the 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 becomes familiar, then vocabulary lists can be a useful way of reminding yourself of material covered and the context in which it was elicited.

This section contains vocabulary lists from each of the spoken units (1–7) in both presentational order (the order that they appear in each lesson) and in alphabetical order. In some cases, specialized sets of words are taken out of the regular lists and placed on their own in the files called “special sets.”

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

5. Index of Topics

The index of topics covers both volumes of *Learning Chinese*. Items relevant to *both* volumes are listed in black, otherwise, all elementary level topics and page numbers are in black, all intermediate level topics and page numbers are in red.