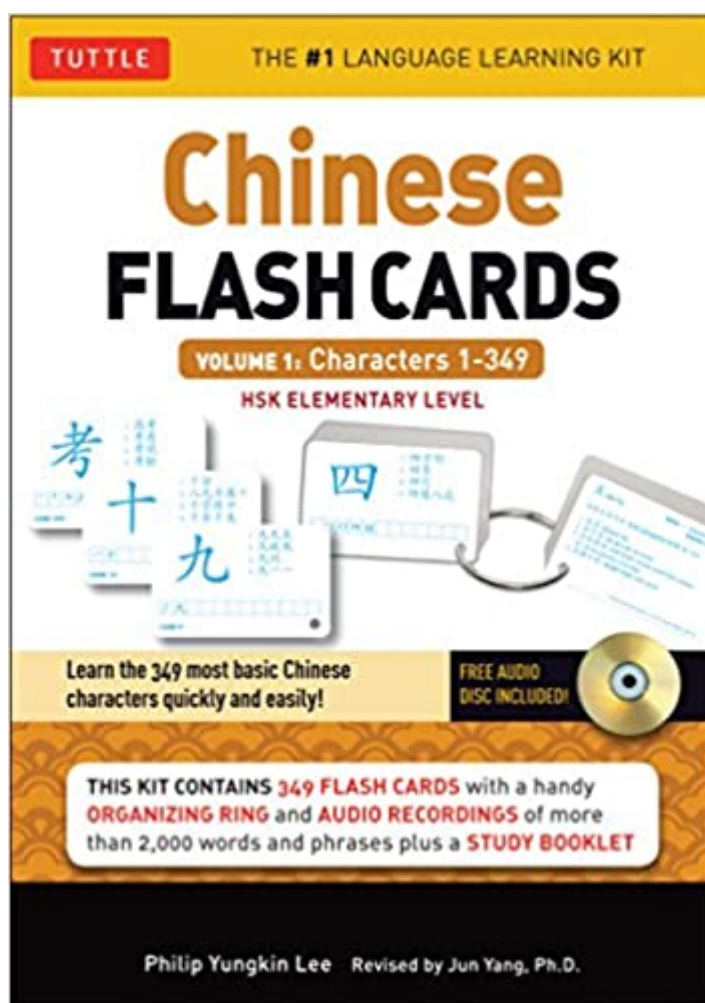


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# Chinese Flash Cards Kit Volume 1: HSK Levels 1 & 2 Elementary Level: Characters 1-349 (Audio Disc Included)



## Synopsis

Everything you need to learn the 349 most basic Chinese characters quickly and easily is in this box - our #1 Chinese language learning kit! 349 Flash Cards. A Handy Organizing Ring . Audio Recordings of More than 2000 words and phrases . Plus a 32-page study booklet. To succeed in mastering Chinese characters, there are just 3 secrets: begin with the most useful characters, study them in the most effective order, and use repetition galore! Flash cards remain one of the most effective tools for rapid memorization, and Tuttle's flash cards are the best available today. Whether on a train from Beijing to Shanghai or sitting under a tree in Berkeley, you can be study Chinese with this well-designed, easy-to-use set of flashcards. Developed with HSK study and AP test-prep in mind, the front of Tuttle's Chinese Flash Cards give one Chinese character, a stroke order guide, 4 words and phrases, and look-alike alerts to help avoid confusion. On the reverse is as much information as a dictionary entry: Romanized pronunciation and English meanings, sample sentences for correct usage, plus helpful mnemonics and learning tips. An audio CD gives native-speaker pronunciations and a handy organizing ring is the perfect way to keep the cards all together when you're on the go.

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## Customer Reviews

Master Chinese characters, and use them fluently Audio Disc Included! See & learn, with 349 specially-designed color-coded cards Hear & learn, with native-speaker audio of 2,094+ words & 349 example sentences Sort & use the cards according to your learning goals, with indexes & practice

guides Review the essentials, with the concise 32-page booklet

Comprehensive, packed with learning features, and customizable to your learning needs. This complete kit features: 349 flash cards covering the first level of characters 6 practical example compounds for every character Example sentences in Chinese (simplified and traditional forms), romanization, and English Clear stroke order diagrams Special learning tips Coded to indicate HSK and AP exams 1 kanji Audio to assist with correct pronunciation

I really like these. I recommend that you buy more rings so that you can just carry a few with you and the remainder can stay in a manageable state, rather than jumbled and loose. A ring of seventy is quite a lot for a complete beginner like myself, maybe when I am better it will not be such a struggle. The card itself seems to be of good quality, also I like the examples of the character being used in expressions/sentences. The little stroke order key is handy too. I haven't dipped into the accompanying CD yet because I am learning using another audio resource, but it seems like a decent thing to supply with the cards.

Materials are very flimsy. The metal ring is weak and feels like you're breaking it when you open it. Cards are paper thin (I expected at least regular notecard thickness/durability) and some of the hole punches are already damaged, I literally just opened the package 2 minutes ago. I bought regular none hole punched Indonesian flash cards from Tuttle a few years ago that were great quality, but I obviously was unaware that things had changed or I would not have ordered from them again. I order this and Chinese volume 2... I have no doubt when I open volume 2 in the next min it will be equally disappointing.

These sets are perfect for building and confirming vocabulary at various levels of desired proficiency. We used these for my daughter who had vocabulary gaps that kept her from progressing to higher reading levels and was otherwise impossible to root out which key words were missing. Glad to finally find something with simplified characters. The only caveat was that the audio CDs do not work on any of our CD players. But the cards alone are valuable enough to make the purchase worth it.

Flash cards are good quality, super compact but words very large so no need for glasses, include traditional and simplified as well as pinyin and definitions.

The flash cards are very good quality. The metal ring makes the set easier to use. My reason for the three stars is there is nothing burned to the CD that came with the set. I tried playing it in three different CD players. It's a blank CD. I'm hoping that there are MP3 files available somewhere on the Tuttle Publishing website. It would be a lot more convenient to get a download code with the flashcard set for MP3 files than to use a CD anyways.

Exactly what I was looking for - sturdy, easy to page through flash cards. The included ring is a little bit awkward, in that the jointed section is too big for the hole in the cards. But, oh well. The cards themselves are excellent. Each character includes "brush strokes", traditional character version (if applicable), and example sentences.

It has 349 cards, each card has pinyin, character, writing order, radical, idioms of this character. A little card has so much content, that is wonderful. One of the best purchases for learning.

These cards are fairly useful to the Chinese student seeking to increase his reading vocabulary. The Chinese character is displayed on one side so you can test your reading comprehension by reciting its pronunciation and definition to yourself. However, if you want to learn to write the characters---which, of course, ensures a higher level of comprehension---you're out of luck. On the other side of the card is displayed the Pinyin pronunciation, right next to a small picture of the character. You can't avoid seeing the character you're trying to remember. But that's not to say that these cards aren't helpful. An outline of stroke order is shown on each card, along with a list of character components and the radical used to identify it in a traditional Chinese dictionary. These are bonuses not easily added to home-made flash cards. I might recommend these cards if it weren't for one final complaint. These cards smell horrible. Let me repeat. These cards have the same toxic odor as new computer components, right out of the packaging---just stronger. I had to hang these cards in a mesh bag on my porch for a week before I could stand working with them for over five minutes. Even then, I had to turn the fan on full-blast. Considering that these cards don't provide much that you can't make yourself, or learn from other sources, I suggest getting *Reading & Writing Chinese Traditional Character Edition* or *Reading & Writing Chinese: Simplified Character Edition* instead. These books systematically introduce far more characters, and provide stroke order and helpful comments on radicals. They have the added bonus of allowing you to cover up either the pronunciation/definition or the character, so that you can thoroughly test your

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