

Basic Mandarin Chinese - Reading & Writing Textbook: An Introduction to Written Chinese for Beginners (6+ hours of MP3 Audio Included)

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This textbook is designed to be used in conjunction with the Basic Mandarin Chinese-Reading & Writing Practice Book which provides a range of drills and exercises designed to enhance your proficiency in reading and writing Mandarin Chinese quickly. This book is a new edition of Basic Written Chinese.

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