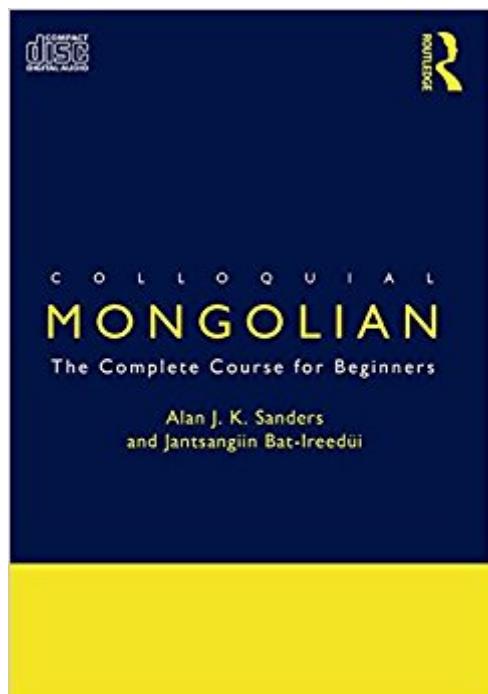


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# Colloquial Mongolian: The Complete Course For Beginners (Colloquial Series)



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These double CDs, recorded by native speakers, are an invaluable component of the Colloquial Mongolian course. While reinforcing material from the book, the CDs also contain a variety of additional exercises, including role-playing. This makes them suitable for use in conjunction with other Mongolian courses. Â Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

This text and tape set fills a great need. With it's fast-paced, no-nonsense approach, the learner is immediately introduced to the modified Cyrillic alphabet of the Mongols..for those learners desiring to acquire the language as it is spoken in Mongolia, and who are willing to get into the thick of things and learn the rules of the language by generalizing from authentic language examples, I know no better course.&#150;Mongolian Studies --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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While it is great to have a book that covers many aspects of Mongolian, I would agree with those that say this is not a "Complete Course for Beginners". The approach is to throw the reader into the deep end by plunging them directly into full conversations. Vocabulary is provided, but the description of grammatical concepts is very abbreviated and very fast-paced. I have studied half a

dozen languages (some with success :), and this is one of the highest degree of difficulty books I have seen. By the end of the book, historical and communist-era scholarly texts are sampled, and the vertical classical Mongolian script is introduced, so I would also dispute the "Colloquial" in the title. Buy something that focuses on grammar and basic language to remedy these deficiencies and study it in parallel or before getting this book. The audio files for this book are now available for free download from Routledge's web site, by the way. They are useful, but they are read in a weird stilted monotonous style that does not resemble other Mongolian I have heard. So a bit of caution is in order there too.

Any person interested in learning colloquial Mongolian should note that many of the phrases in this book are outdated. I have used many of them in casual conversation received either confused looks or laughter from young Mongolian friends. However, the grammar seems to be very good and it might be the most comprehensive Mongolian language book widely available.

You can never go wrong with the Colloquial Language Series. This happens to be (to my knowledge) the only source for Mongolian that has an audio CD to go with the textbook. A very interesting language might I add. Check it out!

The written word is great, but for language learning, hearing is the best. This is the best next thing to going to Mongolia. Practical conversations at normal speed. Good prompts and interaction.

I have a BA in Mongolian Language (old script) and wanted to find a book to review and bring it back. I saw that this book was rated as difficult and fast moving by most reviewers so I figured it would be great for me. I ordered the set with a book and CD. The book is indeed hard to follow and lacking in a lot of clarity and missing needed explanations. The CDs are sadly read very monotone, which for a language that is full of excitement in intonation is a pity. If I were to use this book as a true beginner with Mongolian I can see that it would be quite frustrating. If you have a background in Mongolian language this book will help you to review the language. Mongolian and Japanese are very similar in their syntax so maybe it will be easier to learn if you speak Japanese, but there is still a lot of lack in clarity and ease of use in this book. It doesn't seem to grasp the true essence of the language.

Excellent

Haven't really had a chance to get into it too much, but so far it seems excellent. Using along with the CD.

[I see that all of the previous reviews of this title before the reprint are now linked to the Audio CD for the title, so I am reviewing again here.] While it is great to have a book that covers many aspects of Mongolian, I would agree with those that say this is not a "Complete Course for Beginners". The approach is to throw the reader into the deep end by plunging them directly into full conversations. Vocabulary is provided, but the description of grammatical concepts is very abbreviated and very fast-paced. I have studied half a dozen languages (some with success :), and this is one of the highest degree of difficulty books I have seen. By the end of the book, historical and communist-era scholarly texts are sampled, and the vertical classical Mongolian script is introduced, so I would also dispute the "Colloquial" in the title. I have read that schoolchildren in Inner Mongolia spend up to three years learning the classical script because the modern pronunciation differs from the written forms, which also have many variant letter forms depending on position and context. Hard to just grasp this from the single table and two examples in this book!! Buy something that focuses on grammar and basic language to remedy these deficiencies and study it in parallel or before getting this book. The audio files for this book are now available for free download from Routledge's web site, by the way. They are useful, but they are read in a weird stilted monotonous style that does not resemble other Mongolian I have heard. So a bit of caution is in order there too.

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