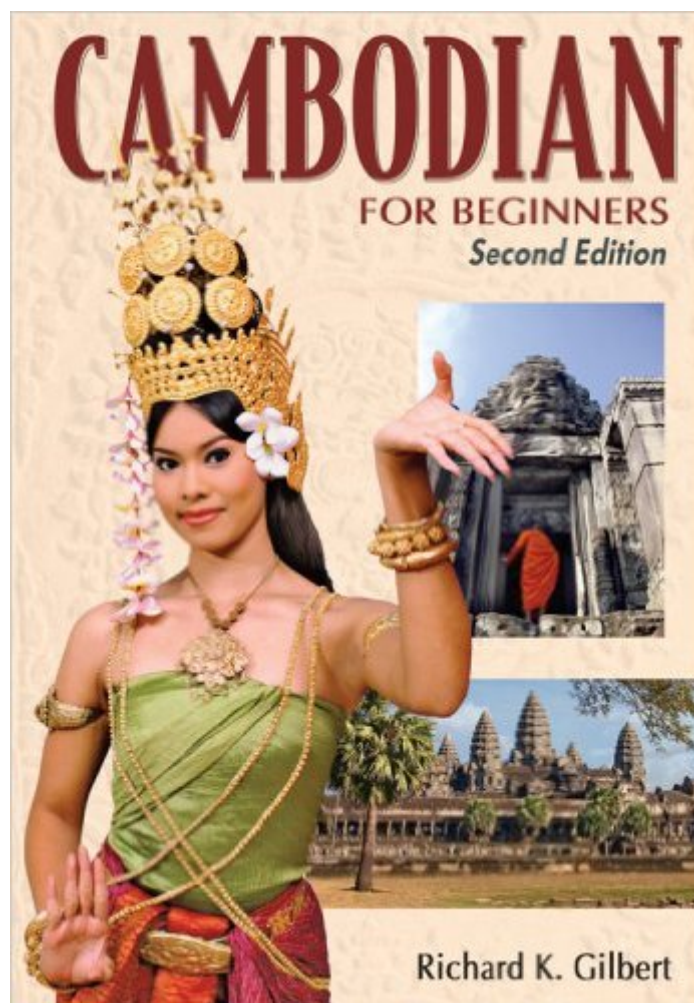


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Cambodian For Beginners CDs - Second Edition



Synopsis

This set contains three CDs which follow the book "Cambodian for Beginners - Second Edition". It can help you to rapidly improve your speaking and listening skills in Cambodian. They are approximately three hours long in total. The tracks for the CDs include a Guide to Pronunciation, Vocabulary, Conversations and Sentences for Lessons One through Ten, Consonants, Vowels, Tones and Useful Words and Phrases.

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Customer Reviews

The picture inserted here is not related to the CDs that you will get but to a book which is another product that must be ordered separately. Also some of the reviews are misleading because they are about the book and not about this product. The CDs are OK but the quality of the recordings could have been better. There are no English translations on the CDs so it's not possible to use them on their own. You have to order the book as well.

The transliteration system used, which Gilbert admits is not adequate, has a lot of inconsistencies between the word pronounced by the beginner using the transliteration system and the word spoken on the CD by the native speaker. Even the native speaker makes conflicts when she says "(1) as in (2)" that is, the vowel spoken alone, (1), is not the same sound as when she speaks the vowel in the example word, (2,) immediately following. I found 11 of these inconsistencies in the total of 46 vowel sounds on the CD. There are dozens more inconsistencies between the CD conversations and the

text transliteration system. Each of these raised the question, "Which of the two or three conflicting sounds should I learn for this symbol?" Even if the vowel symbol has two or more sounds, the beginner should be taught only the most common sound. The CD should be re-recorded to match the text, or the text re-written to match the CD. A proper job of editing would find these inconsistencies, as I did. Because the sound spoken on the CD does not always match the text transliteration sound, we beginners are always wondering which of the two or three conflicting sounds to learn, and we waste a lot of time unnecessarily with this book. Another big problem beginners have with home-learning a new language is that the self-styled "experts" who write these Khmer and Thai manuals all use different transliteration systems, It's bewildering.

My boyfriend is Cambodian and some of his family members only speak Khmer, so I thought it was a good idea for me to learn, both out of respect and interest. I saw that this was considered a great book for beginners from a YouTuber and purchased it right away. However, when I opened the book, I was bombarded with small and confusing text. The CD's were confusing to follow as well. I am currently learning Chinese and in those books the lesson's vocabulary, grammar, "language in use" (using new vocab in sentences), and cultural highlights are all organized clear and concise. I suppose I was expecting something easy to follow like that. I'm disappointed with my purchase of Cambodia for Beginners and I'll have to look elsewhere. For those looking to buy, be prepared for some inconsistencies and information overload.

This CD set (3 CDs) is a companion to a book by the same name and you really need both to learn to learn Khmer. The Khmer language has 33 vowels and being able to pronounce them properly is critical to communication. The phonetic alphabet used in the book may be helpful, but unless you are an expert, you are not likely to get the sounds right. I highly recommend you get both the book and CD set if you want to learn this language and connect with the 20 million people who speak it.

I am trying to learn Cambodian because my wife is Cambodian and I want to learn her language so I can try to speak to her in her language and try to teach our daughter the language as well. It teaches the words and pronunciations and it is difficult to learn but I now know a few words but it's still pretty hard.

The quality of the CD's is horrible - they are very long and unclear. Definitely not worth the money. Very difficult to listen to.

A must-have item for the book. Easy to follow, clear, concise, native speakers. Dialogues, vocabulary and sentences patterns are repeated in both Cambodian and English, which makes it convenient for mp3 study sessions. without the book

Excellent experience! I have to say that I have bought many books that claim they teach Cambodian/Khmer language. This is the best book yet as it is very well organized and easy to use. Highly recommended!!!

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