Beginners Vietnamese 1

This course will introduce you to a basic understanding of the language and a basic working ability in conversational Vietnamese. Dedicated students should be able to converse in simple everyday situations and grasp the basic structure of Vietnamese sentences at the conclusion of the course.

Course outline

The lessons are centered around short conversations based on everyday situations which are mostly simulated outside Vietnam to encourage daily practice beyond the classroom. Each set of conversations builds on previously studied material and introduces new structures and vocabulary, and is followed by a section of explanatory diagrams of the structures introduced in the conversations and the types of vocabulary appropriate to each structure.

Following the section of explanatory structural diagrams is the exercise section which provides practice in the new sentence structures, using both old and new vocabulary; and the last exercise in this section is a conversation reading exercise.

To conclude each lesson is a ‘self-test’ section for students to review their understanding of the lesson at their own time or with the help of the teacher/presenter.

The last lesson, lesson 5, is a review lesson with mixed types of exercises, including listening and writing exercises, narrative readings, and suggested conversations in which students can practice being interpreters in both informal and formal situations, from Vietnamese to English and vice versa.

Learning outcomes

Dedicated students should be able to converse in simple everyday situations and grasp the basic structure of Vietnamese sentences at the conclusion of the course.

Recommended for

This course aims to introduce those with no prior knowledge of Vietnamese to a basic understanding of the language and a basic working ability in conversational Vietnamese.

Materials/Textbook

The course is based on lessons 1 to 5 of Spoken Vietnamese for Beginners (Nguyen, L., Clark, M. and Nguyen, T.; 1994). Lessons will be handed out at class time. However, for those who wish to own the textbook and its accompanying CD, they can be ordered from the Co-op bookshop at the ANU (approximate cost $100). Depending on the topic, lessons will be supplemented by audio or video materials or by other print sources.

Beginners Vietnamese 2

For those who have completed Beginning Vietnamese 1 or similar study. This course will provide further understanding of the language and a stronger working ability in conversational Vietnamese.

Course outline

As in the course Beginning Vietnamese 1, the lessons in this course are centred around short conversations based on everyday situations which are a little more complicated than in course 1, and are also simulated outside Vietnam to encourage daily practice beyond the classroom.

Each set of conversations builds on previously studied material and introduces new structures and vocabulary, and is followed by a section of explanatory diagrams of the structures introduced in the conversations and the types of vocabulary appropriate to each structure.

Following the section of explanatory structural diagrams is the exercise section which provides practice in the new sentence structures, using both old and new vocabulary; and the last exercise in this section is a conversation reading exercise.

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To conclude each lesson is a ‘self-test’ section for students to review their understanding of the lesson at their own time or with the help of the teacher/presenter.

The last lesson, lesson 10, is a review lesson with mixed types of exercises, including listening and writing exercises, narrative readings, and suggested conversations in which students can practice being interpreters in both informal and formal situations, from Vietnamese to English and vice versa.

Recommended for

For those who have completed Beginning Vietnamese 1 or similar study.

Materials/Textbook

The course is based on lessons 6 to 10 of *Spoken Vietnamese for Beginners* (Nguyen, L., Clark, M. and Nguyen, T.; 1994). Lessons will be handed out at class time. However, for those who wish to own the textbook and its accompanying CD, they can be ordered from the Co-op bookshop at the ANU (approximate cost $100). Depending on the topic, lessons will be supplemented by audio or video materials or by other print sources.

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