

# Private: The Best Free Resources to Boost Your Chinese Learning

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For many of us, learning Chinese seems **hard, time-consuming, and expensive**.

I learned this the hard way through at least five years of intensive Chinese language courses in college, study in China, and in graduate school, plus an estimated \$50,000 (!!!) in tuition and other expenses related to studying Chinese.

If I'd known what I do today, I could have done it all in two years for a fraction of the cost. The key is to get away from the classroom learning mentality.

Once I realized I didn't need to go to school – or even go to China – to learn Chinese, my language skills improved more in a matter of months than they had in all those years of formal study. Better yet, the same methods that improved my Chinese are applicable to other languages I've been enjoying learning since then.

The first step toward liberation is to take advantage of all the easily accessible resources already available to you online or locally. To help you find them faster than I did, I've gathered the best **free or low-cost Chinese learning resources** nobody ever told you about in my free, downloadable report.

You know that going to the doctor for a magic pill to cure your ills isn't as good as being proactive with your health. Simply eating healthy, exercising, and learning more about what's good for you can save you big time in the long run.

The same is true with learning Chinese or any other language. You can sink a lot of time and money into classes *hoping them teachers you will learn you something* – yet still hardly be able to string words together into a sentence afterward.

The alternative to the top-down learning mentality is an attitude of **self-driven learning**.

Self-driven learning means you take charge of your own individual learning needs by leveraging the best tools out there.

Most of these resources are inexpensive, and many cost nothing. All of them will give you more value for every dollar or hour spent than the traditional classroom will.

If you have a smart phone or computer, these tools are all at your fingertips. By using them myself, I have:

- Unchained my language learning from the classroom – or even from language immersion in China.
- Gotten a Chinese language education at a fraction of the cost of taking classes.
- Squeezed language learning in wherever it fits into my busy life.
- Made friends and formed communities all over the world.
- Quickly and effectively attained fluency talking about topics I'm passionate about – in other words, I don't sound like a textbook, and learning was fun and interesting!

Download my free report, **The Best Free and Low-Cost Chinese Learning Resources** now by filling out the form below. You'll receive a confirmation email with a link to your free download – be sure to check your junk mail folder if you don't see it in your inbox!

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Hi << Test First Name >>,

By now, you've looked through my free report, **The Best Free or Low-Cost Chinese Learning Resources**. Hopefully, the great sites, apps, books, and more you found there are already enhancing your language learning at little or no cost.

However, if you're like me, you have special interests that may not be directly covered by these resources. Let me teach you how to make your own Chinese learning resources for specialized topics using the tools you just read about.

The average Chinese textbook for classroom learning covers general language usage in everyday situations. That's useful in its own right, but boring.

We learn languages more quickly when we're interested in the topics we're talking or reading about. We also tend to talk more about our passions and interests on a daily basis, so it makes sense to learn how to talk about those things.

For example, I love to brew Chinese tea using the Chinese tea ceremony. I could brew tea and talk about it all day with friends. But I have yet to find a textbook covering the topic.

So I created my own learning materials by combining some of the resources listed in my free report.

In less than an hour, I made my own textbook on Chinese tea using free online materials, complete with glossed vocabulary and accompanying audio files. The language was easily digestible, I quickly learned tons about the topic, and I could talk about it in Chinese with friends afterward!

You can also make your own textbook on specialized topics of interest. All it takes is three easy steps. Check out my tutorial below. Let me know what kinds of topics you created your textbook on!

[How to Create Your Own Chinese Textbook in 3 Simple Steps](#)

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Hi << Test First Name >>,

So you've been introduced to the best Chinese learning resources out there. You have even used those tools to craft materials on specialized topics that interest you.

So why is learning Chinese still so hard? Don't take it personally if you're struggling with some aspect of the language. It's **Chinese**, after all! Everyone struggles with this language.

Learning Chinese sometimes requires different ways of thinking than you're used to. The good news is, these ways can also be learned.

Take Chinese numbers, for example. Up to 9,999, Chinese numbers seem pretty straightforward to an English or Romance language speaker.

From 10,000 onward, though, numbers are conceptualized differently than we're used to. In my years of teaching Chinese, I've found that big numbers trip up almost everyone at first.

To get students through this, I came up with clear explanations of how big numbers work in Chinese and how to make the transition from their counting systems to Chinese numbers.

Check out my articles on communicating and converting large Chinese numbers. I even created a worksheet you can download for free practice with these concepts!

[How to Master Big Chinese Numbers](#)

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**[Test] Overcome Chinese Learning Obstacles With a Good Teacher**

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Hi << Test First Name >>,

I introduced you to the best Chinese learning resources out there, and you've made some of your own using my tutorial and creating your own specialized textbook..

These resources only do so much good if you have no one to speak with. And if you're human, you'll encounter things you don't understand or need help with - such as large Chinese numbers, as I mentioned last time.

You need a teacher. I can tell you where to find a good one, and how to make the most of your teacher.

But didn't I make it clear that I shun classroom learning?

Well, yes and no. The traditional classroom experience has many pitfalls. Instead, I want you to design **your own** Chinese language classroom.

You have gathered the materials you will use in your classroom. You just need to cap it off with a good teacher who is tailor-fitted to your needs.

In my free report, you may have noticed there are places to find free or inexpensive tutoring online. My favorite is iTalki.

You can find excellent teachers there who will give you one-on-one conversation practice and explanations at a fraction of the cost you would pay to be one of a dozen students sitting in a university classroom.

I pay \$5-\$10 per hour for my teachers. I even have different teachers to focus on different topics. I get more conversation practice in one hour than I would get during an entire week of classes at a university - all for the price of lunch!



Your assignment is to shop around for a teacher and find one that suits you. But before your first class, check out my guide on making the most of your personal Chinese teacher.

Remember, this is **your** Chinese learning classroom! Going in prepared to get what **you** want out of it is key to your success learning Chinese.

Good luck, and I look forward to hearing about your progress!

## [How to Make the Most of Your Personal Chinese Language Teacher](#)

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Hi << Test First Name >>,

With all of the great Chinese learning resources you found in my free report, the tips on my blog, and a good teacher, you're in great shape for learning Chinese.

But if you're like me, you're hungry for more.

One of my main motivators for speaking Chinese is to form friendships and communities. Talking to people about shared interests multiplies the fun of language learning.

It also multiplies the effectiveness.

Talking with peers about shared interests challenges you to engage your Chinese abilities. You will pick up words and phrases through the cross-pollination of conversation. Your incentive to learn will skyrocket.

And it won't even feel like work.

There are lots of ways to create friendships and community while learning Chinese:

- Establish conversation groups with other Chinese learners
- Join the blogosphere about some topic relating to Chinese language or culture
- Do some microblogging - Renren, Sina Weibo, etc.
- Start a special interest group or class on iTalki
- Find pen pals
- And more!

For tips on growing rich friendships and communities to support your language learning, start with this article on my blog:

[How to Establish Peer Groups and Communities to Learn Chinese](#)

Get ready for learning Chinese to become your funnest pastime ever!

All the best,

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Hi << Test First Name >>,

From the last few emails and my free report on Chinese learning resources, your eyes have been opened to various learning possibilities.

In my new book, [Hack Chinese Like a Pro](#), I've gathered these ideas together and expanded on them to give you the best tips and tricks for learning this difficult language - as well as other languages. [Buy it now on Amazon.com](#) to start making the most of these methods right away.

If you're trying to learn Chinese, you might fall into one of these categories:

- Overwhelmed businessperson trying to squeeze in learning between work, family, and the gym.
- Student putting in the work to make the grade but still waiting for the day your Chinese skills really take off.
- Living or studying in China and wondering why your progress from cultural immersion isn't as fast as you expected.
- Either constantly on the move or too rooted to make it to a Chinese class or to China itself.
- Unmotivated because Chinese feels so disconnected from your daily life.
- Frustrated by the specific challenges posed by the Chinese language itself.

No matter which of these situations you find yourself in, your needs are essentially the same: you need the best resources to learn the most Chinese in the least amount of time. Doing it on a budget or from any location may be crucial to you doing it at all.

I wrote [Hack Chinese Like a Pro](#) because I've had to work through not one, but **all** of the above issues. Nobody taught us the solutions to these problems in

school.

That doesn't mean you need to keep going through the same things I did. Take a look at [Hack Chinese Like a Pro](#) and see if the study methods and tools that worked for me and many others will work for you, too.

Hack Chinese Like a Pro focuses on a few principles that will boost your success once you master them:

***Taking learning back into your own hands:*** there is no need to take a course, go to China for linguistic and cultural immersion, or wait for the right teacher to come along.

You will learn to design your own course and find the tools and methods to meet your unique learning needs - wherever you are. Set your own appropriate and empowering goals, rather than have unrealistic goals straight from the cookie cutter imposed on you.

***Learning systematically:*** Chinese can be overwhelming, and being walked through a textbook course may not be for you.

You will discover learning methods, such as memorization systems, that will dramatically boost your learning. Find out which particular aspects of Chinese to focus on first to lay a solid foundation that accelerates your learning thereafter.

***Taking advantage of technology:*** everything you need is at your fingertips. All you really need nowadays to connect the Chinese learning community is a computer or smart phone.

Let books no longer weigh you down. Learn while roaming anywhere. Tailor your learning to your own needs and interests. And do that all on the cheap.

***Creating engagement and motivation:*** bored by textbook conversations? Does what you're learning not line up with your reasons for learning? Does it feel like Chinese has no application in your current life?

Center your learning around your passions and interests. Connect with communities to increase your opportunities to practice. Make Chinese friends wherever you are.

All of this and more is covered in my book. It's like one stop shopping for learning all the ways to level up your Chinese. These are the tips and tricks that helped me make a career of professional, freelance Chinese translation so I can work from home or while I travel.

None of this is revolutionary. There are plenty of books out there that cover the topics mentioned. How do you think I figured out how to succeed at this crazy endeavor of learning Chinese?

I learned from other language learners who had already established successful learning practices. I'm just saving you the time I spent blindly stumbling across these methods by gathering them together into one book. Better yet, I specifically apply them to learning Chinese in a systematic and effective way.

Give it a go. I guarantee you'll see more improvement and have more fun learning than ever before. Buy [Hack Chinese Like a Pro](#) on [Amazon.com](#) now.

Be sure to leave a review and let me know what you think of it!

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