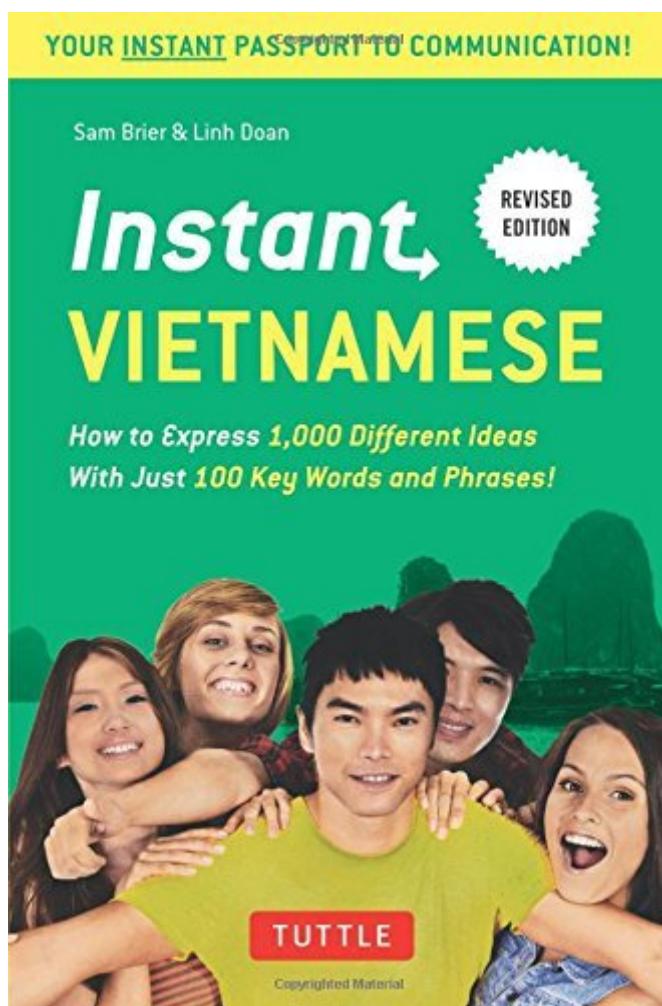


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Synopsis

It's amazing how 100 key words and phrases provide instant communication! Do you want to speak simple Vietnamese but are too busy to study it? Are you visiting Vietnam for a short time and want a Vietnamese phrase book to help you communicate? If so, this is the book for you. It's the quickest and easiest way to learn Vietnamese. It's tiny 0.4 x 4.1 x 5.9 inches size makes it incredibly convenient to travel with but without losing the most essential content for communication. The idea of Instant Vietnamese is simple: learn 100 words and phrases and say 1,000 things. The trick is knowing which 100 words to learn, but the authors Sam Brier and Linh Doan have solved the problem, choosing only those words you'll hear again and again. Even with a vocabulary this small, you'll be surprised how quickly and fluently you too can communicate in the Vietnamese language. Added features include an easy-to-use pronunciation guide that distinguishes between Northern Vietnamese (as spoken in Hanoi) and Southern Vietnamese (as spoken in Saigon), and a Vietnamese dictionary. Here's a sample of what you'll be able to do: Meet people. Go shopping. Ask directions. Ride the subway. Order food and drinks. And much more.

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Customer Reviews

i am trying to learn vietnamese and have a handful of books- but this one is really an excellent book for the beginning learner. it is very concise and the choice of words and phrases really build the basics of the language. i am also very pleased with the very accurate/understandable pronunciations that are added and the including of the northern and southern differences in pronunciation- very, very helpful for someone with vietnamese friends in the us who were born in the south. i am probably the slowest learner of languages i know- definitely not gifted at all in this area- seems like it takes me 50 times to practice something before it sticks. the tones are also harder to learn than the words themselves. so far, my spoken vietnamese is pretty poor, but my comprehension when i read vietnamese and to a smaller degree when i hear it spoken *is* coming along, however slowly. i do have lots of cds, mp3 audio files and a fair handful of books (my second fav being by j catlett). this book really seems to be helping me the most- for some reason it just "clicks" with me. it is an easy and very fun read and the explanations of useage and grammar really help this very beginning beginner! however, it is very essential that you have a few audio cds/mp3s to help you with the pronunciation- no matter how many times you read how a word is spoken, you really need to hear it.

I study this book from time to time. I find it especially useful for learning Vietnamese because unlike most learning resources, this book gives both northern (Hanoi) and southern (Saigon/US) pronunciations. Most resources only teach northern accent, which isn't as relevant in the US. It is well organized and thorough considering it's small size. There are also little tips here and there explaining cultural differences regarding pronoun usage, what's considered polite/impolite, etc. Definitely a buy for anyone interested in learning Vietnamese. It's cheap too so it's great in terms of cost effectiveness.

As advertised, it's pretty basic. I wanted a quick refresher since I have not spoken in a long time. I would have put more focus on restaurant vocabulary since that is the most frequent need for the language. I like the phonetic addition, though tones should be added. The Vietnamese can be unforgiving in their ability to listen to foreigners speak and comprehend things in context. Tip of the day: get them on your wave length by asking them if they speak Vietnamese or are Vietnamese. Then they start listening for Vietnamese instead of some other foreign language

Look, for \$6.95, you're not expecting to learn the language, right? This little book (literally small

enough to easily fit in your pocket) is fun, useful, and really, really inexpensive. I've been studying Vietnamese for two years now and consider myself a serious student of the language, even though my progress has been painfully slow. I've used the Pimsleur and L-Lingo home study systems and purchased a number of books, dictionaries and grammars, all of which have been useful to some extent. Theoretically, I guess, I should be beyond Instant Vietnamese. But I looked inside, and I liked what I saw. I was already quite familiar with 90 of the 100 key words, but I found that Sam Brier and Linh Doan brought plenty of extra information regarding pronunciation (including regional variation) and usage. It's mostly practical, very useful day-to-day information and tips that other books don't give you. And for \$6.95, why not? I'll take the help anywhere I can get it, even in a beginner's book or tourist phrase book. Of course, you can't express 1000 ideas with just 100 key words (and phrases). That's marketing talk. In the numerous usage examples, the 100 key words are surrounded by hundreds of others. I don't have anything resembling an accurate count, but if you studied the entire book diligently, I suspect that you'd learn at least 1000 words. Maybe more, maybe less, but you get the idea. Not a bad thing at all -- just pointing it out. So who should purchase the book? Well, as I wrote above, I've got two years' learning under my belt and I find it a useful supplement to what I already know. But I suppose it's aimed more at the casual visitor, who wants to know how to say thank you and use a few words here and there during a visit. I'm sure it's at least as useful as any other phrase book in that respect. Perhaps more so, given that it contains many modern, nuanced, real-world usage examples. A very tiny book, but a useful one. I'd give it four-and-a-half stars, but won't do halves, so four out of five.

Smaller than expected.

will be very useful for beginners

Exactly what I was looking for. Delivered as promised. Reasonably priced.

This booklet is different than the other booklets made by Tuttle. These are meant for beginners and the Thai, Japanese, Indonesian booklets were perfect and beginner friendly. In this one, it assumes you know the vocabulary. The glossary in the back is very incomplete. Many words I would try to look up are simply not in the back but are in the sentences. It says it is a newer edition but it is very much like the old Chinese Version that came out some 20 years ago. Make sure you know a little Vietnamese before you use this booklet because it leans more towards a refresher course than a

booklet for an absolute beginner. The other languages that the Tuttle Instants came out with are great except this one.

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