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# ***Reading Into a New China, Vol. 2***

Deciphering a Changing Society

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<b>Included:</b>	Streaming Audio

## ***Why Reading Into a New China is a must-have text***

As China continues to change at a relentless pace, *Reading Into a New China* equips students to stay abreast of these developments.

The new 2nd Edition tackles the issues of changing family dynamics, rising divorce rates, a burgeoning economy, modernizing urban consumption, harrowing environmental problems, and growing online markets.

The two-volume series has been redesigned utilizing charts, graphs, and infographics, to support the various reading and comprehension strategies introduced in the text.

Reading and comprehension strategies are critical for students embarking on advanced level study. *Reading Into a New China* models strategies for:

- 1.** Skimming blocks of text for main ideas
- 2.** Scanning for specific details and supporting arguments
- 3.** Becoming an efficient reader by studying the structure of different types of prose
- 4.** Identifying key words indicating comparison, contrast, and transition
- 5.** And actively testing reading comprehension

By applying these techniques, students can move beyond curated textbook readings and begin to consume original material from Chinese blogs, television shows, and newspapers.

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**Updated** = Content updated or changed

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