Reading Into a New China, Vol. 2
Deciphering a Changing Society

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Language: Chinese Simplified with Traditional
Included: 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.
Lesson 11: Twilight Love

Reading
- Main Reading: Twilight Love
- Reading Skills
  - Understanding Sentence-Final Particles

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns

Grammar
- Ellipsis
- Usage of 可

Practice
- Short Articles
  - A Daughter Finds a Partner for Her Mother
  - Grandma’s Companion

Lesson 12: Women Returning to the Kitchen: Progress or Regression?

Reading
- Main Reading: Women Returning to the Kitchen: Progress or Regression?
- Reading Skills
  - Analyzing How a Text is Organized

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns

Grammar
- Expressing passivity in Chinese (I)

Practice
- Short Articles
  - An Unemployed Wife Becomes Reemployed
  - Why Do Women Want to Work?

Lesson 13: Beibei’s March

Reading
- Main Reading: Beibei’s March
- Reading Skills
  - Understanding the Pragmatic Function of Interjections

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns

Grammar
- Expressing passivity in Chinese (II)
Practice
● Short Articles
  ○ First Day of School
  ○ The Post-1980 Generation

Lesson 14: Two Only-Child Families
Reading
● Main Reading: Two Only-Child Families Updated
● Reading Skills
  ○ Constructing a Structural Outline
  ○ Understanding Metaphors

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
● Modern noun suffixes
● Usage of the 则 conjunction
● Noun reduplication

Practice
● Short Articles
  ○ The Life of a “Princess” and “Prince”
  ○ 4-2-1 Families

Lesson 15: The Divorce Upsurge
Reading
● Main Reading: The Divorce Upsurge Updated
  ○ Reading Skills
  ○ Outlining Main Ideas

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
● Adjectives and adverbs with 然
● Synonyms

Practice
● Short Articles
  ● “Lightning” Marriages
  ● Modern China’s Four Surges in Divorce

Lesson 16: The State of China’s Developing Economy
Reading
● Main Reading: The State of China’s Developing Economy Updated
● Reading Skills
  ○ Summarizing a Text
  ○ Summarizing a Paragraph

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
● Literary markers of negation
● Idioms/Set phrases
Practice
- Short Articles
  - Impressions After Returning to China
  - China's Disparity between the Rich and Poor

Lesson 17: Stocks and Real Estate
Reading
- Main Reading: Stocks and Real Estate
- Reading Skills
  - Critical Reading Skills: Asking Questions

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
- Idioms/Set phrases (II)
- 将 as a preposition
- Usage of 何

Practice
- Short Articles
  - Her New Choice
  - My Investor Wife

Lesson 18: A Bird's-Eye View Urban Consumption
Reading
- Main Reading: A Bird's-Eye View of Urban Consumption
- Reading Skills
  - Critical Reading Skills: Distinguishing Fact and Opinion

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
- 之 as a classical third-person pronoun
- Rhetorical questions with answers
- Rhythmic parallelism in word formation and collocation

Practice
- Short Articles
  - From Stamps to Cards - A Change in Chinese Consumerism
  - Consumer Behavior of Only Children - The “Moonlight” Clan

Lesson 19: Cancer Village
Reading
- Main Reading: Cancer Village
- Reading Skills
  - Reading Processing: Grouping Information for Comprehension
  - Metaphor: Creating Imagery

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns
Grammar
- Special sentence patterns in formal/written Chinese
- Popular sayings
Practice

● Short Articles
  ○ Dust Storms
  ○ PM 2.5: A Saddeningly Popular Phrase

Lesson 20: The Internet is Changing China

Reading

● Main Reading: The Internet is Changing China

Reading Skills

○ A Summary of Reading Skills

Word Usage and Sentence Patterns

Grammar

● Numbers in Chinese idioms

Practice

● Short Articles
  ○ Cell Phones and Chinese People’s Daily Lives
  ○ Internet Language