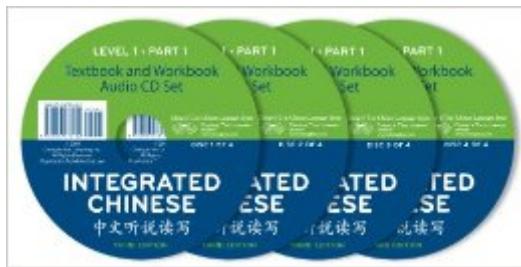


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The cd's are good but the speakers tend to speak fast. It's hard when starting to keep up. They include everything they say they have in the books.

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