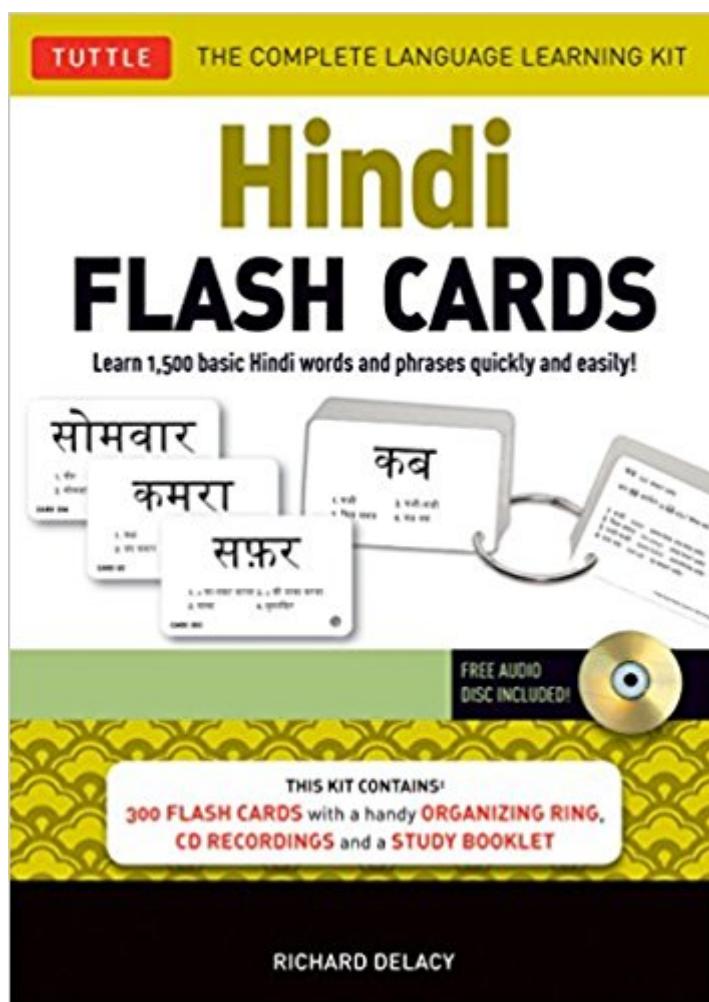


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Hindi Flash Cards Kit: Learn 1,500 Basic Hindi Words And Phrases Quickly And Easily! (Audio CD Included)



Synopsis

Hindi is the national language of India, one of the worlds largest and fastest growing countries! Flash cards are an excellent language learning tool. This comprehensive set of flash cards is designed for students, travelers and anyone who wants to learn Hindi. This is one of the best ways to learn to read and recognize Hindi words, learn new vocabulary and review and reinforce what you know already. The Hindi Flash Cards Kit has a full range of features designed to help beginning and intermediate learners. Key Features of Hindi Flash Cards Kit include: Contains 300 flash cards featuring the most common Hindi words and phrases. Each card has one main vocabulary item plus four other related items. Frequently-used idioms are also given. This set of cards contains over 1,500 words and phrases! Sample Hindi sentences are provided for each main word (in both Hindi script and romanized form) showing you how it is used, with English translations. A handy organizer ring allows you to create smaller sets of cards you can carry around easily in your pocket or purse, to look at when you have spare time. A study guide is included explaining how to use the cards for effective language learning. A free audio CD with native speaker pronunciations

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Customer Reviews

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This is, probably, one of the best products on the market for learning Hindi vocabulary. For me it works much better than electronic word lists, such as BYKI, etc. The typographic quality is excellent, and it includes the card index in both sequential and Hindi alphabetic order. To use this product fully a person has to know the Devanagari script and the basics of Hindi grammar, which is required to understand the related expressions and sentences demonstrating the word use. The card words are selected thoughtfully and will help serious language learners. Adjectives, and often verbs, are given in pairs of opposites, which is very helpful. And many related words, such as some synonyms, are very useful as well, although many synonyms, such as 3 for "sky" and 4 for "but" can be confusing because there is no way to figure out which ones are more common since it's not clear in which order they are listed. There are some repetitions and redundancies, but, in general, one can expect to learn 3 times more words than given in the card index. Some expressions are very useful as well, but not as much as the words themselves. The main sentence on the back of each card is simple, but very common in every day use. They also demonstrate the basic use of Hindi tenses. More variety for similar words, such as days of the week, would be beneficial. Most idioms and proverbs have little relevance for a beginner. Also, most verb cards contain compound verbs, which are extremely common in Hindi, and which meanings in many cases don't differ from those of single verbs. Again, it can be confusing for the beginner to select what to learn and use. And to appreciate this information adequate knowledge of grammar is required. And, the last, the set certainly emphasises the verb learning, which, along with the verbal and sentence structure, determines the mastery any language. So, overall, the set is very useful, for both beginner and intermediate Hindi learners. And I am really looking forward to see Volume II.

I like it to get my 6 yr old to a good start. She finds these cards interesting and is eager to learn the meaning to each word! They are still off with meaning on some words because it's hard to translate colloquial Hindi with the exact English sentence, but it's ok. It's not a problem since I speak fluently. They've only given 4 alternate ways to say /use the words, when many more combinations are

possible. Since few hindi learning books are available in the US, this is great even though its geared towards adults. Of course I'm not a hindi professor or a hindi newsreader so its fun getting back to the basics. I try to make it fun for my daughter by reading her hindi children stories daily so she understands the thought and text formation intuitively. These flash help only if there is a fluent hindi speaker/reader helping the student. I bought the other hindi books by this author as well.

So far I am absolutely in love with these cards. This set has been, by far, the most effective tool for learning Hindi because each thing learned comes with a context. (also, portable, affordable) They are organized logically, they are clearly written, designed and printed (not always the case with hindi texts), the continuity and they are convenient, and really interlock language into more than a word list or grammar. Its probably not something that you could learn the official language grammar rules from, since it will be helpful to know what they are doing with the way the sentence gender and tense changes the word endings... But once you have a clue -- at least enough to know to watch for it, this tool has a very helpful methodology! UPDATE: One thing stands out -- There are some small mistakes in the cards. Sometimes it asks a question, but the sentence is not in a question form... Its not life changing, and all the books have mistakes so its normal and we've had fun learning with native Hindi speakers and helping them improve their English by using these cards. (Example: practice reading the question/sentence in Hindi, then asking them to give the question/sentence in English) I've had success helping native speakers increase their English, while making sure the pronunciation is more accurate. And like other reviewers have noted, it is important to get the proper sound of the word (remember where your tongue is in your mouth, and whether or not there is aspiration of voiced qualities!) and learning Devanagri is really useful. Then the romanizations won't fool you (all those romanizations are different than how we personally might write them, and most texts use different ways to communicate the subtle differences between Hindi's 4'd sounds. I believe this set uses a more linguistic pronunciation model and not a phonetic model. I have found it best to cover up the roman with my finger and remove it only to check! I will also have the second set when it comes out!

I love the cards and the little book, but I don't have a player that will play the MP3 CD. I'll have to get a new player to handle the format.

The CD has very clear pronunciation, but the cards are read randomly so you can't easily follow along with the cards or the book.

I've been using these alongside hindi classes and they are definitely improving my vocabulary. The only thing they are missing is the ability to look at the english word and have to think of the hindi word - the back of the flashcard has the hindi, english and transcription all combined so I can't even rely on hiding part of the card to go 'backwards' this way. This means they are only usable to practice recognition, not creation of words, which is a bit of a disappointment.

This is a nice improvement over the old edition, which had errors in the text. But the gloss coating makes the cards slippery and hard to shuffle.

This was a little more than I wanted to spend, but it is a good set of flashcards. If you are the type of learner that benefits from flashcards, you will like the way it has an example of the word in a sentence, Roman alphabet transcription, and 5 related words on the card.

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