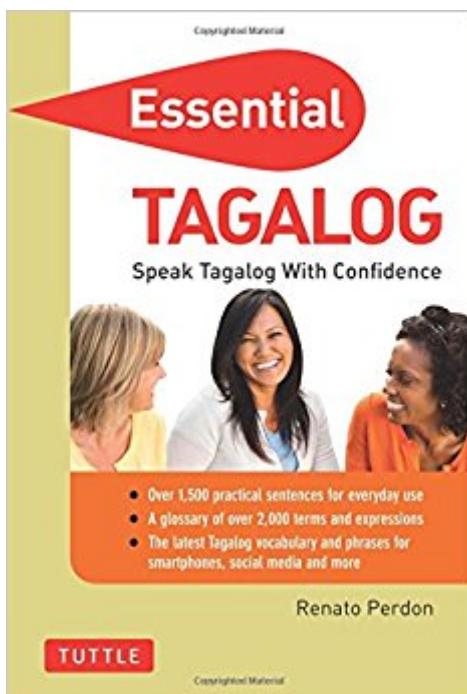


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Essential Tagalog: Speak Tagalog With Confidence! (Tagalog Phrasebook & Dictionary) (Essential Phrase Bk)



Synopsis

This portable, user-friendly Tagalog language guide, phrasebook and dictionary is the cheapest and easiest way to learn Tagalog before and during your trip. If you only want to purchase one Tagalog language book•Essential Tagalog is the way to go. Part of Tuttle Publishing's Essential Series, it is a great first introduction and beginner guide to the language of the Philippines and is also designed as a Tagalog phrasebook, making it the most versatile Tagalog language learning tool on the market. Perfect for business people or tourist traveling to the Philippines who want to supplement their learning, this book's easy indexing feature allows it to act as an Tagalog phrase book or as an English–Tagalog Dictionary. A clever "point to" feature allows you to simply point to a phrase translated in Tagalog without the need to say a single word. You will soon find yourself turning to Essential Tagalog again and again when visiting the Philippines and working or interacting with Filipinos. In this book you will find: Over 1500 practical sentences for everyday use. A glossary of over 200 terms and expressions. Terms and phrases covering essential aspects of traveling and living in the Philippines. Extensive information about Chinese grammar and pronunciation. This beginner Tagalog book will help you to quickly and easily learn Tagalog. Your ability to read Tagalog, write Tagalog, speak Tagalog, and comprehend Tagalog will be vastly improved without having to take an entire Tagalog language class. Other titles in this bestselling series of phrasebooks include: Essential Japanese, Essential Chinese, Essential Korean, Essential Tagalog, and Essential Arabic.

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<I>Essential Tagalog</I> provides all the vocabulary and sentences you will need for everyday interactions in the Philippines, presented in a way that is concise, accessible and easy to understand. It will give you the confidence to approach every situation, be it for business or pleasure. In this book you'll find:
<IL> Over 2000 essential Tagalog sentences and phrases used when meeting people, starting up conversations, asking and replying to questions <BR<IL> A glossary of 2000 key vocabulary items to ensure that the right word is always at your fingertips in every situation
<IL> Terms and phrases covering essential aspects of travel and doing things that help you make the most of your stay in the Philippines
<IL> Boxed features give special phrases and etiquette notes to help make your interactions with people much easier and smoother

Basic grammar and pronunciation guides get you speaking simple Tagalog sentences right away. Information on social customs and basic etiquette help you interact with people you meet and avoid making embarrassing mistakes. Whether you're a novice Tagalog speaker or have some experience with the language, this is a reference you'll turn to again and again.

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I purchased this book to aid in learning a second language. For learning Tagalog, I have the help of some native speakers and I had them look through the book to determine how helpful it would be for a beginner like myself. My friends agreed that this book is a great basis for the language. From my perspective, I found that the author explained the pronunciation of the language extremely well in the beginning of the book. I have been able to read and speak phrases from this book without wondering if my pronunciation was wrong. I feel that this book will be a great resource in conjunction with practice online and in person, and wonderful to keep around for reference even as I improve my fluency.

This is a useful little book for a person who is interested in being able to quickly learn some basic Tagalog, though it is light in its coverage of pronunciation. It includes commonly used phrases

divided into chapters by topic as well as a short dictionary that translates some practical English words to Tagalog.

This is a handy reference. By itself it seems a little awkward to use, but if used in conjunction with a spoken audio course (like the Pimsleur Language Program) it is very useful, as much of Tagalog must be heard so you can pronounce words correctly. I have found that in Tagalog two words that seems the same pronounced slightly different have wildly different meanings. Best to know how to pronounce the words before you open you mouth, else risk being incredibly rude and insulting.

I have not gotten into this book much yet, but it looks like it will be good. I am sure that I will learn more from this book.

Thanks item as described fast shipping well packaged

very good

I bought this for my wife. She lived and worked there for a year and was fairly skilled at reading and speaking. Still, she learned some new stuff here. I am not sure this is ideal for beginners, but maybe useful in conjunction with other texts.

Good price. Good size for traveling. Definitely has useful phrases. However, I agree with another reviewer that it should a have better description on how to pronounce ng which is not a stand alone letter combination found in English. I'd recommend this book.

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