

Books for Learning Norwegian (Bokmål)

Note: Prices were correct September 2011 but may change with the fluctuating exchange rate.

There are many books, cassettes and CDs; some can be borrowed from Birmingham Central Library. This list includes recommended books and others you may come across, with comments; it is not exhaustive. You can buy the BLC recommended course books at Reception or via the links given. Other books (and CDs) are worth buying as supplementary material and for extra reading and listening practice. Buy books published in the UK/USA online at <<http://www.amazon.co.uk>>. Books published in Norway are available at Norli bookshop in Oslo with branches in other cities <<http://www.norli.no>> but may be cheaper online (even with the extra postage) from <<http://www.bokkilden.no/SamboWeb/superSokLinkTil.do>>; searching by ISBN number or title and author is quickest, or use key words like norsk and ordbok. Click on 'Din side' to register your customer details and start placing your order. As the exchange rate is fluctuating wildly, it's best to monitor the standard rate (not tourist rate) at your bank's web site over a period of a few weeks and order on a day when the rate is more favourable. Delivery to the UK is NOK 200 per order.

NB: Some of the URLs for web sites given in this document are longer than one line. You may have to edit out carriage-returns or copy and paste the separate lines into your browser's address field.

Feedback please: If you own or come across other course books or ones that supplement them (like the grammar reference books), then please send details and also your comments to John via 'Kontakt oss' on the web site at <<http://www.norsk.org.uk>>.

Med tusen ord

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/medtusenord>

BLC supplementary coursebook: Entry level/stage 2 and Level 1/stage 2.

Author: Olaug Strand

Published: 2009

Publisher: Fagbokforlaget

Paperback



Tekst- og arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788211008688

No. of pages: 277

Price: kr 359,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Tektbook and workbook in one volume. Builds vocabulary progressively with spoken emphasis, comprehensive grammar summary and word list.

Elevhefte med lytteøvinger: ISBN: 9788211008695

No. of pages: 126

Dimensions: ?? cm

Price: kr 275,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Student booklet with listening exercises, answers, aural tests.

Lytteøvinger CD: ISBN: 9788211012838

Running time: 4 hr 9 min

Price: kr 359,- (not available from BLC Reception)

CD of listening exercises.

Website with additional exercises for Windows and Mac OS X and online text/workbook:

<http://mto.portfolio.no/>

På vei

http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/search-result.action?projectId=7030&query=_&richList=true&otherFacets=

BLC Entry level/stage 2 and Level 1/stage 1 courses.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Published: 2nd edition, 2004

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S

Paperback



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202231392

No. of pages: 184

Dimensions: 22.5 x 20.8 x 1.1 cm

Price: kr380,- (£38 from BLC Reception)

Arbeidsbok with CD: ISBN: 9788202236656

No. of pages: 216

Dimensions: 29.7 x 21.0 x 1.4 cm

Price: kr415,- (£38.60 from BLC Reception)

Norsk-English wordlist: ISBN: 9788202239527

No. of pages: 118

Dimensions: 21.0 x 14.8 cm

Price: kr120,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://pavei.cappelendamm.no/>

Stein på stein

http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1962&richList=true

Formerly used for BLC Level 1/stage 2 and Level 2/stage 1 courses.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: 2nd edition, 2005

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202242619

No. of pages: 156

Dimensions: 22.4 x 21.0 x 1.0 cm

Price: kr380,- (£32 from BLC Reception)

Arbeidsbok with CD: ISBN: 9788202242626

No. of pages: 168

Dimensions: 29.7 x 21.2 x 1.0 cm

Price: kr380,- (£20.50 from BLC Reception)

Norsk-English wordlist: ISBN: 9788202249540

No. of pages: 86

Dimensions: 21.0 x 14.8 cm

Price: kr120,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://steinpastein.cappelendamm.no/>

Her på berget

http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=7045&richList=true

Level: BLC Level 2/stage 2 course.

Authors: Elisabeth Ellingsen, Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: 2nd edition, 2008

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S



Tekstbok: ISBN: 9788202261542

No. of pages: 154

Price: kr385,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788202279202

No. of pages: 176

Price: kr310,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Student CD: ISBN: 9788202288563

Price: kr140,- (not available from BLC Reception)

Website with additional exercises: <http://herpaberget.cappelendamm.no/>

Ny i Norge

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/?verk=Ny%20i%20Norge>



The best selling coursebooks in Norway for beginners of Norwegian.

Authors: Gerd Manne, Gölin Kaurin Nilsen

Paperback

Publisher: Forlaget Fag og Kultur a.s.

Tekstbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00554-0

No. of pages: 312

Published: 2003

Price: kr359,-

3rd edition (1995) and cassettes in Brasshouse Learning Centre Library.

Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 978-82-11-00556-4

No. of pages: 205

Published: 2003

Price: kr319,-

Ordliste norsk-engelsk: ISBN 978-82-11-00566-3

No. of pages: 93

Published: 2003

Price: kr115,-

Lydbok: CD with lesson texts 12 - 27: ISBN 9788211005557

Published: 2003

Price: kr399,-

Lesehefter: 6 paperback booklets with additional reading material

Published: 2004

Prices: kr95,- each for booklets 1 - 3; kr115,- each for booklets 4 - 6

Lesehefte 1 - Ankomst Norge: ISBN 978-82-11-00667-7

Lesehefte 2 - Et hus på landet: ISBN 978-82-11-00668-4

Lesehefte 3 - Arven etter Eilert: ISBN 978-82-11-00669-1

Lesehefte 4 - En sommer i Paris: ISBN 978-82-11-00670-7

Lesehefte 5 - Døden ved Nordvann: ISBN 978-82-11-00671-4

Lesehefte 6 - Tilbake til Riga ISBN 978-82-11-00672-1

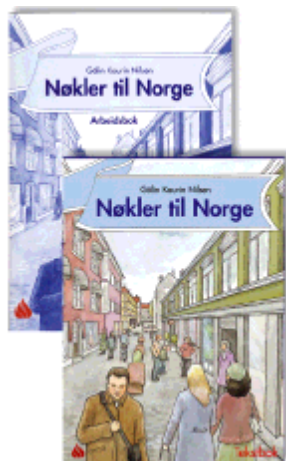
Lesehefte 1-3: ISBN 978-82-11-00673-8, Price: kr225,-

Lesehefte 4-6: ISBN 978-82-11-00675-2, Price: kr275,-

Nøkler til Norge

<http://www.fagbokforlaget.no/?verk=Nokler%20til%20Norge>

Follow-on course from Ny i Norge



Author: Gölin Kaurin Nilsen

Paperback

Publisher: Forlaget Fag og Kultur a.s.

Tekstbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00706-3

No. of pages: 240

Published 2005

Price: kr359,-

Arbeidsbok: ISBN 978-82-11-00708-7

No. of pages: 157

Published 2005

Price: kr325,

Ordliste norsk - engelsk: ISBN 978-82-11-00808-4

Published: 2005

Price: kr115,

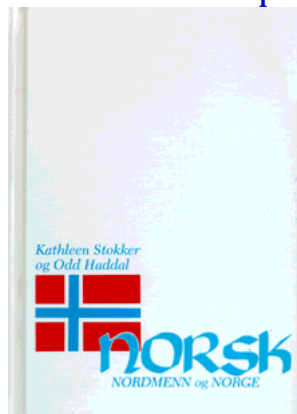
Øvinger i lytteforståelse (bok): ISBN 978-82-11-00827-5

Published 2006

Price: kr325,

Norsk, Nordmenn og Norge 1: Beginning Norwegian

Publisher: University of Wisconsin Press <http://uwpress.wisc.edu/books/1847.htm>
e-books from: <http://uwpress.wisc.edu/AdobeDigitalEdition.html>



Textbook

Authors: Kathleen Stokker, Odd Haddal

Hardback: ISBN 978-0-299-08690-9

No. of pages: 528

Published: ?

Dimensions: 15.2 x 22.9 cm

Price: \$34.95

e-book: ISBN 978-0-299-08693-0

Published: 2010

Price: \$19.95

Basic vocabulary and structure; practice dialogue; Norway and Norwegian culture, including Oslo and Bergen, how to converse when eating in a Norwegian home or restaurant, Norwegian schools, travel and communications, seasons of the year and Norwegian holidays; grammar summary.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Workbook, includes exercise answers and audio transcripts

Author: Louis E Janus

Paperback: ISBN 978-0-299-23714-1

Published: 2nd edition, 2010

No. of pages: 324

Dimensions: 27.8 x 21.4 x 1.8 cm

Price: \$24.95; £22.95 from Amazon

e-book: ISBN 978-0-299-23713-4

Price: \$9.99

Audio Companion

Pronunciation exercises, listening exercises and dictations

Author: Louis E. Janus

Published: 2010

MP3 Download: ISBN 978-0-299-08805-7

Price: \$9.99

Norsk, nordmenn og Norge 2, Antologi, Intermediate Norwegian

Author: Kathleen Stokker

Collection of writings by selected Norwegian authors, vocabulary lists promote discussions of Norwegian history, culture, geography and literature.

Published: 2010

Paperback: ISBN 978-0-299-13454-9

No. of pages: 332

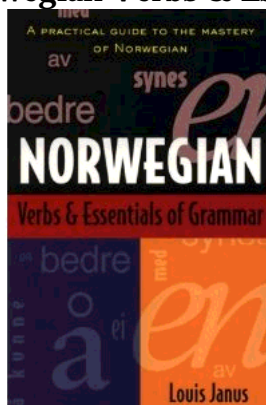
Dimensions: 21.6 x 27.9 cm

Price: \$19.95

e-book: ISBN 978-0-299-13453-2

Price: \$16.95

Norwegian Verbs & Essentials of Grammar



Author: Louis Janus
Paperback ISBN: 9780844285962
No. of pages: 167
Published: 1999
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
Dimensions: 22.8 x 15.2 x 1.2 cm
Price: £9.99; Amazon used from £3.39

Most language learning books introduce language and grammar elements gradually, so that verb tenses, for example, are distributed throughout the book. This can make looking things up difficult as the different tenses for regular verbs, irregular verbs and other exceptions are all in different places. This book is not a

language learning book (although you could use it that way); it is a reference in English for all Norwegian grammar grouped logically, so that everything about adjectives, for example, is together. The several sections on verbs occur one after the other for each tense, making lookup very easy. There is a chapter on common errors and the appendices include lists of common verbs, prefixes and suffixes. Highly rated by users; clearly laid out and accessible; useful and excellent value for the beginner. I bought it as a beginner but have now moved on to the Strandskogen book.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Copies in Brasshouse Learning Centre Library and Birmingham Central Library.

Norwegian: An Essential Grammar



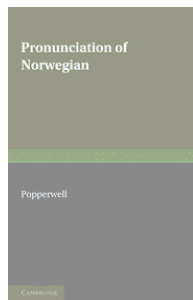
Authors: Åse-Berit Strandskogen, Rolf Strandskogen
Paperback ISBN: 9780415109796
No. of pages: 208
Published: 2nd edition, 1994
Publisher: Routledge
<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415109796/>
Dimensions: 22.9 x 15 x 1.8 cm
Price: £27.99; Amazon £17.30, used from £12.99

A very comprehensive reference book in English for all Norwegian grammar with copious examples of usage, including idioms and common errors. Highly rated by users; well laid out; easy lookup; excellent for learners beyond the beginner stage. The original was published in Norwegian by Gyldendal in 1983 and is still available - Norsk grammatikk for utlendinger, ISBN: 9788205103245, kr263,- but the revised edition in English is a better buy.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Richard West-Soley: I can recommend it too, as it gives some really clear explanations of each point.

Pronunciation of Norwegian



Author: Popperwell
Paperback ISBN: 978-0521157421
No. of pages 242
Published: Revised 2011
Publisher: CUP
http://www.cambridge.org/us/knowledge/isbn/item5629780/Pronunciation%20of%20Norwegian/?site_locale=en_US
Dimensions: 21.4 x 13.8 x 2 cm
Price: £14.99

A comprehensive guide to the phonetics of Norwegian vowel, diphthong and consonant sounds, syllables, length, stress, rhythm, word tones, sentence intonation as used in Oslo and Eastern Norway.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Norsk grammatikk

http://www.cappelendammundervisning.no/undervisning/norsk_som_andresprak/search-result.action?projectId=1593&query=_&richList=true&facet=ft_subject%3ANorsk+som+andrespr%C3%A5k%7CGrammatikk&productRows=80



Level: Norwegian as a foreign language for adults; entirely in norsk

Author: Kirsti Mac Donald

Paperback

Published: revised edition, 2009

Publisher: Cappelen Damm A/S

Teoribok: ISBN: 9788202292546

No. of pages: 164

Price: kr310,-

Arbeidsbok: ISBN: 9788202292553

No. of pages: 160

Price: kr310,-

Website with additional exercises: <http://norskgrammatikk.cappelendamm.no/>

Norsk grammatikk

<http://www.bokkilden.no/SamboWeb/produkt.do?produktId=1490493>



Author: Finn-Erik Vinje

ISBN: 9788257314590

No. of pages: 265

Published: 2005

Publisher: Kunnskapsforlaget

Dimensions: 17 x 24 cm

Price: kr349,-

This is a detailed and comprehensive explanation and analysis (in Norwegian) of the grammar and spoken and written usage of *bokmål*; the reference favoured by teachers, journalists and other writers in Norway. For more advanced students.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Norwegian Grammar and Reader with Notes and Vocabulary

Author: Julius Emil Olson

Paperback: ISBN: 9780554551593

No. of pages: 342

Published: 2008

Publisher: BiblioBazaar

Dimensions: 21.4 x 14.6 x 2.4 cm

Price: £17.99

This is a facsimile reproduction of an out-of-print book with pronunciation guide, extensive grammar, 50 reading texts from Norwegian literature, vocabulary list, irregular verb list. However, the original is probably over 70 years old from before the 1938 spelling reform so it uses old spellings, eg *bog* for *bok*, *glæde* for *glede*. Buy it only if you want the literature passages or have an interest in the history of language development.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Outlines of Norwegian Grammar

Author: John Young Sargent

Paperback; ISBN: 9780554942346

No. of pages: 76

Published: 2008

Publisher: BiblioBazaar

Dimensions: 21.6 x 14.2 x 0.8 cm

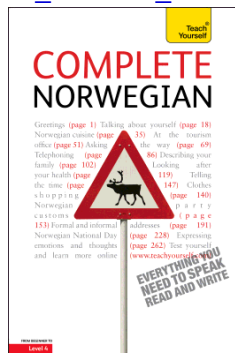
Price: £16.99

This is a facsimile reproduction of an out-of-print book with pronunciation guide and grammar summary. However, the original is probably over 70 years old and uses a difficult-to-read Gothic font and pre-1938 spellings. Not recommended.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Complete Norwegian Teach Yourself

http://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Title/9780340887561/Teach_Yourself_Norwegian_New_Edition_Bookdouble_CD.htm



Author: Margaretha Danbolt Simons

Published: 2010

Publisher: Hodder Education

Paperback + 2 x CD: ISBN: 9781444107203

No. of pages: 228

Dimensions: 22.2 x 16.8 x 5 cm

Price: £39.99

Paperback only: ISBN: 9781444107197

Price: £17.99

Audio support 2 x CD: ISBN: 9781444107210

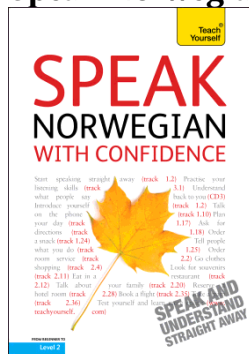
Price: £20.83 + VAT

The book contains 16 units of grammar and exercises with answers, pronunciation guide, conversational phrases, text of the CD dialogues, culture notes, norsk-English vocabulary and an irregular nouns/verbs list. A good supplement to Brasshouse courses with useful extra listening practice. The spoken dialogues are very clear with little elision and no confusing regional accents.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Copy of 2004 edition for loan in Birmingham Central Library.

Speak Norwegian with Confidence Teach Yourself



Author: Margaretha Danbolt Simons

3 x CD (225 mins): ISBN: 9781444103397

Published: 2006

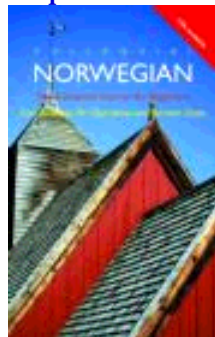
Publisher: Hodder Education

Price: £21.27 + VAT

10 conversation role plays complementing the main Teach Yourself book/CD set. 48-page booklet gives the dialogues and translations and glossary of words and phrases used.

Colloquial Norwegian

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415110099/>



Authors: Kari Bratveit, W Glyn Jones, Kirsten Gade

Published: 2007

Publisher: Routledge

Paperback: ISBN: 9780415110099

No. of pages: 282

Price: £16.99

CD: ISBN 9780415286885

Price: £16.66

Book + CDs: ISBN 978-0-415-45593-0

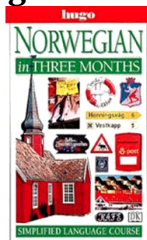
Price: £30.02

Reading texts, 120 min. of CD dialogues, 20 lessons in small easily digested chunks of grammar, 110 short exercises + answers, gradually increasing vocabulary, pronunciation guide, grammar summary, English-norsk/norsk-English glossaries. Good conversational Norwegian. I prefer longer exercises to reinforce my learning, but it's still a useful book.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Richard West-Soley: A very good course to supplement Brasshouse studies - all points explained very clearly. Concise, but covers all major grammar points systematically - it's quite fast-paced. CDs are also very well produced and great for extra listening practice. Copy of previous edition for loan in Birmingham Central Library.

Hugo's Norwegian in Three Months



Author: Oivind Blom
Paperback + 4 cassettes: ISBN: 978-0789444288
No. of pages: 256
Published: 1999
Publisher: DK Publishing
Dimensions: 21.5 x 13.5 x 1.4 cm
Price: out of print; Amazon used from £32.95

Reading passages, 16 grammar lessons in small easily digested chunks with 70 graded exercises and gradually increasing vocabulary, pronunciation guide, regular/irregular verb list, grammar summary. I bought it when I first started Norwegian as it was well-liked by self-learners.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Beginning Norwegian

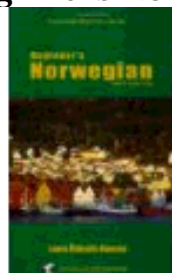
Author: Einar Haugen
Paperback: ISBN: 9780245552335
No. of pages: 226
Published: 3rd edition, 1957
Publisher: Harrap
Dimensions: 19.8 x 13.0 x 1.3 cm

Price: out of print; Amazon used from £6.49, but popular so often unavailable

Reading passages and 34 lessons of grammar in small easily digested chunks with many repetitive exercises to re-inforce learning, building gradually to a vocabulary of the 800 most frequently used Norwegian words. English-norsk/norsk-English glossaries, rules for punctuation and capitalisation. The extensive pronunciation guide is good on exceptions and includes stress, pitch and intonation for phrases and sentences. It clearly explains much grammar that other books gloss over or omit entirely, including superlative endings used with indefinite or definite nouns, past participle endings when used as adjectives, preposition position in relative clauses, conditional forms and when to use the bli, være or -s passive forms. A little dated but a very good supplement to other course books.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Beginner's Norwegian



Author: Laura Hanson
Paperback + 2 x CD: ISBN: 9780781810432
No. of pages: 286
Published: 2004
Publisher: Hippocrene Books
<<http://www.hippocrenebooks.com/book.aspx?id=1264>>
Dimensions: 21.6 x 14 x 2 cm
Price: \$29.95; Amazon £19.13, used from £10.22

13 lessons for the beginner with dialogues for the study of grammar and vocabulary, exercises with answers, English-Norwegian glossary, introduction to the Norwegian language and its history, cultural notes, study tips, pronunciation guide.

Norwegian in 10 Minutes a Day



Author: Kristine K. Kershul
Published: 2007
Publisher: Bilingual Books Inc
<<http://www.bbks.com/languages/norwegian.aspx>>
Paperback + CD: ISBN: 9781931873086
No. of pages: 132
Dimensions: 26.7 x 22.1 x 1.3 cm
Price: \$26.95; Amazon £11.04, used from £6.66
CD: ISBN: 9781931873505

Price: \$14.95; Amazon used from £?

Simple beginner's guide with 150 sticky labels of household objects, flash cards, pronunciation guide and quizzes. Lacks explanation of some grammar.

Byki Learning Norwegian Deluxe 4 software

CD-ROM (contains both Mac and Windows versions)

Platforms: Mac OS X 10.3.9 or higher; Windows XP SP2 or Vista; Pocket PC 2002 or better with ActiveSync 3.5 or higher; Palm OS 5.2.1 or better with HotSync 4.0 or higher.

Publisher: Transparent Language <http://www.transparent.com/>

Price: \$69.95

Byki Deluxe 4 teaches 2000 essential Norwegian words and 500 phrases with native speakers. Written, listening comprehension and dictation tests, games, audio files for MP3 players. Personalised learning system tracks progress.

iPhone/iPad version: \$7.99

Download Lite version free from:

<http://www.byki.com/fls/free-norwegian-software-download.html?l=norwegian>

Talk Now Norwegian software

Series of CD-ROMs (each contains both Mac and Windows versions).

Platforms: Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later; Windows 2000/ME/XP/Vista; QuickTime 6 or later.

Publisher: Eurotalk <http://eurotalk.com/en/store/learn/norwegian>



Talk Now - Beginner level with basic vocabulary

Price: £24.99

Talk Now USB - on 1GB USB memory stick

Price: £29.99

Talk the Talk - Beginner plus level, under-18 vocabulary

Price: £24.99

Talk More - Beginner plus level, adult vocabulary

Price: £29.99

World Talk - Intermediate level, extends vocabulary

Price: £29.99

Talk Business - Intermediate level, business vocabulary

Price: £29.99

Vocabulary Builder - for children aged 4 - 12

Price: £19.99

Vocabulary and phrases for beginner and intermediate levels. Native speaker listening comprehension, record your own speech, video clips, quizzes, vocabulary memory games, printable dictionary, phrasebook and worksheets, iPod integration. Personalised learning system tracks progress.

Contributed by John Bennison.

Pimsleur Norwegian: The Complete Course 1

32 half-hour lessons and user manual on pre-loaded digital player, audio cassettes or CDs.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Audio <http://www.recordedbooks.com>

Published: 1999

Beginning Norwegian, Part A

Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700583

Price: \$99.75
9 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436105019
Price: \$188.75
9 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436105002
Price: \$188.75
Beginning Norwegian, Part B
Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700590
Price: \$99.75
9 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436105392
Price: \$188.75
9 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436105026
Price: \$188.75
Beginning Norwegian: The Short Course, 8 lessons building to simple conversation.
Copy for loan in Birmingham Central Library.
Playaway digital player: ISBN 9781440700347
Price: \$54.75
5 x CD box set: ISBN 9781436104999
Price: \$43.75
5 x Cassettes: ISBN 9781436104982
Price: \$43.75
32 half-hour lessons and user manual on pre-loaded digital player, audio cassettes or CDs.
Teaches spoken Norwegian by repetitive listening comprehension and imitation of native speakers; no written text. Builds gradually to continuous conversation. I wish I'd discovered this years ago - it's really good for listening and speaking practice especially those difficult elisions where words run together.
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