

A Grammar Of Tibetan Language Literary And Colloquial

In *The Dura Language: Grammar & Phylogeny* Nicolas Schorer provides the definite descriptive account of this poorly documented language of Nepal and investigates the phonology, nominal and verbal morphology, lexical and syntactic properties as well as the phylogeny of Dura.

This Compendium Edition contains a facsimile of the original manuscript publication, the first printed version of 1883, and the later Addenda published with the Third Edition. Heinrich August Jaschke, (1817-1883), was a Moravian missionary and linguist, born in Herrnhut, Saxony, Germany. He was educated at, and later taught at, Paedagogium at Niesky. In 1856 he went to Kyelang (Kailing), Lahul province, India, near Tibet, to prepare for work among Chinese Mongols. His other works include a German-Tibetan and English-Tibetan lexicon.

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There are more native speakers of Sino-Tibetan languages than of any other language family in the world. Records of these languages are among the oldest for any human language, and the amount of active research on them, both diachronic and synchronic, has multiplied in the last few decades. This volume includes overview articles as well as descriptions of individual languages and comments on the subgroups in which they occur. In addition to a number of modern languages, there are descriptions of several ancient languages.

"Half of the words are read by implication." This Tibetan saying explains the main difficulty Westerners face in learning to read Tibetan fluently. This book will allow beginners to understand the logic of Tibetan grammar and syntax through graded readings and narrative explanations. The large glossary, which is indexed by page, will serve as an invaluable reference grammar for readers of Tibetan at all levels. The reading course includes a wide range of modern literary styles from literature, history, current affairs, newspapers, and even communist political essays.

In *A Grammar of Purik Tibetan*, Marius Zemp offers a comprehensive description of the phonologically archaic Tibetan variety spoken in Jammu and Kashmir (India). This book goes beyond other language descriptions in that Zemp persistently provides diachronic accounts for functional divergences.

Japhug is a vulnerable Gyalrongic language, which belongs to the Trans-Himalayan (Sino-Tibetan) family. It is spoken by several thousand speakers in Mbarkham county, Rngaba district, Sichuan province, China. This grammar is the result of nearly 20 years of fieldwork on one variety of Japhug, based on a corpus of narratives and conversations, a large part of which is available from the Pangloss Collection. It covers the whole grammar of the language, and the text examples

provide a unique insight into Gyalrong culture. It was written with a general linguistics audience in mind, and should prove useful not only to specialists of Trans-Himalayan historical linguistics and typologists, but also to anthropologists doing research in Gyalrong areas. It is also hoped that some readers will use it to learn Japhug and pursue research on this fascinating language in the future.

This textbook will thus not only help you to acquire language skills in colloquial Tibetan, it will simultaneously introduce you to a whole new manner of thinking and viewing yourself and the world. Unlike all other spoken Tibetan language textbooks that I'm aware of, this one (almost) does not make use of grammatical terms and categories commonly used in European languages. Instead, you will become familiar with the notions, logic and categorizations that are used by Tibetans themselves: namely, the all-pervasive notion of "Self and Other" (ཡོད་པའི་དང་མེད་པའི་ལྟ་བུ་དང་མེད་པའི་ལྟ་བུ་), volitional and non-volitional (ལྟོགས་པའི་དང་ལྟོགས་མེད་པའི་ལྟ་བུ་), etc. In this way, you too, will eventually come to understand the Tibetan mindset. Being a strong advocate of such an approach is not personal philosophy and preference. It is, more importantly, the fruit of teaching Tibetan language from such a point of view over the past seven years. The response of all of my students to such approach has been extremely positive. You may still ask: "Why bother to learn all these new categories?" As you will soon realize, the Tibetan language is very particular. Letters have genders, an honorific language register is used for certain people and even sacred places and buildings, and the use of an auxiliary indicates whether or not the speaker has direct experience of what is being said. None of this exists in the English language and there are, therefore, no English grammatical categories for such functions. Learning all of these differences may seem like a headache initially – but they are profound and fascinating and I trust you will come to enjoy putting the puzzle pieces together!

This book has been compiled to familiarise and acquaint English readers with the Tibetan words and phrases that are found in Tibetan characters or transliterations while reading Tibetan manuscripts. Also this work is intended to help the Tibetans and non-Tibetans who will study Tibetan Grammar. This book is divided into 3 parts, The first part introduces the basic structures of Tibetan language consisting of vowels, consonants, superscribed and subscribed letters and prefixes and suffixes. The second part consists of a collection of articles on Tibetan literature published in the Tibet Journal Series. The third part consists of translations of the three treatises on Tibetan Grammar.

The first comprehensive survey of the important corpus of Indic literature on Sanskrit grammar extant in Tibetan translation in the Buddhist canon. A systematic study of the history of the Tibetans' expertise in this central scholastic discipline in Buddhism.

This grammar provides the first comprehensive grammatical description of Yakkha, a Sino-Tibetan language of the

Kiranti branch. Yakkha is spoken by about 14,000 speakers in eastern Nepal, in the Sankhuwa Sabha and Dhankuta districts. The grammar is based on original fieldwork in the Yakkha community. Its primary source of data is a corpus of 13,000 clauses from narratives and naturally-occurring social interaction which the author recorded and transcribed between 2009 and 2012. Corpus analyses were complemented by targeted elicitation. The grammar is written in a functional-typological framework. It focusses on morphosyntactic and semantic issues, as these present highly complex and comparatively under-researched fields in Kiranti languages. The sequence of the chapters follows the well-established order of phonological, morphological, syntactic and discourse-structural descriptions. These are supplemented by a historical and sociolinguistic introduction as well as an analysis of the complex kinship terminology. Topics such as verbal person marking, argument structure, transitivity, complex predication, grammatical relations, clause linkage, nominalization, and the topography-based orientation system have received in-depth treatment. Wherever possible, the structures found were explained in a historical-comparative perspective in order to shed more light on how their particular properties have emerged.

Amdo Tibetan: A Comprehensive Grammar Textbook is a rigorous one-year college-level textbook for English speakers who wish to learn the Amdo dialect of the Tibetan language. This comprehensive introduction to the language provides dialogues at the start of each new lesson to illustrate the constructions covered in that lesson. Material from previous chapters is recycled within these dialogues to reinforce learning as the lessons progress. Each chapter unpacks the opening sample dialogue and provides an in-depth analysis and technical explanations of the specific constructions presented. Cultural sections are also included in each chapter, as well as a range of exercises and drills to reinforce learning and help students internalize the new information. The book will be of particular interest to linguists and students with some knowledge of either standard colloquial or literary Tibetan.

In this volume the author has dealt with both literary and colloquial Tibetan mostly in use around Lhasa. The important and elusive subjects of Pronunciation and spelling are given on principle more systematic and accurate treatment highlighting the subtle distinctions. The so-called Verb has also been elaborately treated keeping in view the genius of the Tibetan sentence, the construction of which is unique.

Among Asian languages, Tibetan is second only to Chinese in the depth of its historical record, with texts dating back as far as the eighth and ninth centuries, written in an alphabetic script that preserves the contemporaneous phonological features of the language. The Classical Tibetan Language is the first comprehensive description of the Tibetan language and is distinctive in that it treats the classical Tibetan language on its own terms rather than by means of descriptive categories appropriate to other languages, as has traditionally been the case. Beyer presents the language as a medium of literary expression with great range, power, subtlety, and humor, not as an abstract object. He also deals comprehensively with a wide variety of linguistic phenomena as they are actually encountered in the classical texts, with numerous examples of idioms, common locutions, translation devices, neologisms, and dialectal variations.

Tashi Daknewa was one of LTWA's resident Tibetan language teachers and with twelve years classroom experience, as well as a one-year sabbatical teaching and studying in the USA, he has developed a keen awareness of students' needs. Through diligently noting the many and various questions he has been asked over the years, as well as the answers he gave, he has been able to compile this book, which illustrates Tibetan grammar from a quite fresh perspective. What he has tried to do is to address the problems that occur in students' minds when initially presented with Tibetan grammar in the traditional way.

Colloquial Tibetan provides a step-by-step course in Central Tibetan as it is spoken by native speakers. Combining a thorough treatment of the language as it is used in everyday situations with an accurate written representation of this spoken form, it equips learners with the essential skills needed to communicate confidently and effectively in Tibetan in a broad range of situations. No prior knowledge of the language is required. Key features include: progressive coverage of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills phonetic transliteration of the Tibetan script throughout the course to aid pronunciation and understanding of the writing system structured, jargon-free explanations of grammar an extensive range of focused and stimulating exercises realistic and entertaining dialogues covering a broad variety of scenarios useful vocabulary lists throughout the text additional resources available at the back of the book, including a full answer key, a grammar section, bilingual glossaries and English translations of dialogues. Balanced, comprehensive and rewarding, Colloquial Tibetan will be an indispensable resource both for independent learners and for students taking courses in Tibetan. Audio material to accompany the course is available to download free in MP3 format from www.routledge.com/cw/colloquials. Recorded by native speakers, the audio material features the dialogues and texts from the book and will help develop your listening and pronunciation skills. By the end of this course, you will be at Level B2 of the Common European Framework for Languages and at the Intermediate-High on the ACTFL proficiency scales.

Buddhism First Spread In Tibet During The Time Of The Tibetan Royal Empire (Mid Seventh Century To Mid-Ninth Century A.D.). During This Period The Sanskrit Studies Began In Tibet; The Translation Activities Reached The Peak The Indo-Tibetan Translation-Literature Was Codified And Canonized. Later The Majority Of Translations Of Indic Buddhist Treatises Were Codified In Tibetan Buddhist Canon I.E. The Bka'-`Gyur And Bstan-' Gyur Text Collections. The Four Versions Of The Bstan-`Gyur Suggest That Forty-Seven Sanskrit Grammatical Texts Were Translation Into Tibetan By The Joint Effort Of The Indian And Tibetan Scholars. These Works May Be Divided Into Five Grammatical Schools I.E. Panini, Candra, Kalapa Or Katantra, Sarasvata And Manjusri. While The First Four Schools Are Quite Popular In India, The Fifth One Is Obscure In Indian Grammatical Tradition.

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