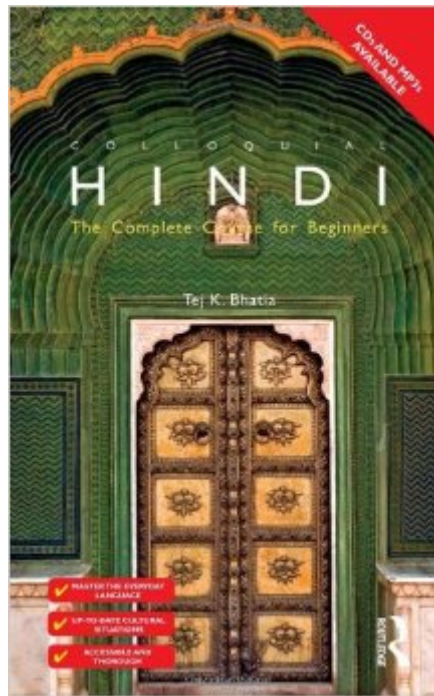


The book was found

# Colloquial Hindi: The Complete Course For Beginners (Colloquial Series)



## Synopsis

Colloquial Hindi provides a step-by-step course in Hindi as it is written and spoken today. Combining a user-friendly approach with a thorough treatment of the language, it equips learners with the essential skills needed to communicate confidently and effectively in Hindi 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 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 an overview of the sounds and alphabet of Hindi additional resources available at the back of the book, including a full answer key, a grammar summary, bilingual glossaries and English translations of dialogues. Balanced, comprehensive and rewarding, Colloquial Hindi will be an indispensable resource both for independent learners and for students taking courses in Hindi. Accompanying audio material is available to purchase separately on two CDs or in MP3 format, or comes included in the great value Colloquial Hindi pack. Recorded by native speakers, the audio complements the book and will help enhance learners' listening and speaking skills. Course components: The complete course comprises the book and audio materials. These are available to purchase separately in paperback, ebook, CD and MP3 format. The paperback and CDs can also be purchased together in the great-value Colloquials pack. Paperback: 978-0-415-41956-7 (please note this does not include the audio) CDs : 978-0-415-39528-1 Ebook: 978-0-203-43152-8 (available from [http://ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/audio\\_viewbooks.aspx](http://ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/audio_viewbooks.aspx). Please note this does not include the audio)MP3s: 978-0-415-49823-4 (available to purchase from [http://ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/audio\\_viewbooks.aspx](http://ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/audio_viewbooks.aspx))Pack : 978-0-415-39527-4 (paperback and CDs)

## Book Information

Series: Colloquial Series

Paperback: 360 pages

Publisher: Routledge; 2 edition (January 30, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0415419565

ISBN-13: 978-0415419567

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 5.2 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.5 ounces

Average Customer Review: 3.0 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,180,396 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #254 in [Books > Reference > Etiquette > Conversation](#) #3153 in [Books > Reference > Foreign Language Study & Reference > Instruction](#) #3198 in [Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Foreign Language Learning](#)

## Customer Reviews

While the Colloquial course enjoy a good reputation for its courses in European languages, the courses for Asian languages are almost all of far lower quality. The Arabic courses, Colloquial Persian, Colloquial Tamil, Colloquial Punjabi, Colloquial Vietnamese, Colloquial Urdu are all much shorter and more rudimentary than the average European language course. Unfortunately, Colloquial Hindi is no exception. The main problem with this course is simple, far too little content. This leads to two consequences: a. the grammar descriptions are too short. Colloquial courses for almost all European languages include a complete overview of the main grammatical points (of course not always in great detail, but still) but this course gives offers very little for those interested in Hindi. b. the vocabulary is a joke. For most other Colloquial courses, the vocabulary you learn in the course is somewhere around 1400-1600 words. Many courses include over 2000 words (Colloquial Italian, Icelandic, Albanian, Czech, Russian, Spanish of Latin America and probably others as well). This course, in sharp contrast, doesn't even include 800 words, and that's far too little for a course calling itself a "complete" language course. So only half of the vocabulary found in other Colloquial courses and hardly any help at all with the grammar. That's not good enough.

I just received my book and CD set and am enjoying working through the lessons with ease. So far what I've noticed is that the author has created realistic verbal exchanges that represent the etiquette present in the culture. Also, he has given examples of greetings that can vary between regions and/or religion. Additionally, the accent being taught is that of "educated" Hindi; the accent college professors and newscasters use. Maybe now my Indian friends will understand me. I am no expert in the field of languages, but I've got to say that this course already has Pimsleur and Byki beat hands down and the CDs play just fine in my Macintosh! Love the light use of humor as well.

Rather a different approach than more textbooks - each chapter has a conversation, vocabulary key and translation, followed by cultural and grammatical notes. So you can't use this as a standalone textbook but it's good as a supplementary resource, particularly to familiarise yourself with colloquial

Hindi conversations (as per the title). Unfortunately, with the conversations about something totally different each time, it means you can't hope to understand the conversations without checking the vocab every few words, with no progression between chapters. At the back there's a grammar section that just goes over all the grammar methodically and briefly, and this is an excellent reference resource. So is the glossary at the back, which groups vocabulary under topics, which makes it easy to pick one area of your life to practise with and learn words for that, then move onto another area. And then there's an alphabetical glossary as well. This book uses devanagari and a transliteration throughout, meaning you can choose not to learn devanagari if you want. There's a section at the start to teach you which you can skip if you want. Few textbooks offer this option.

This book does offer some assets that are helpful, particularly for a student just starting out. Its section on pronunciation is quite comprehensive (do get the CD that goes with) and it also has an excellent section in back that teaches how to actually handwrite the Hindi alphabet, which I have not seen in any other book. It isn't particularly difficult to write Devanagari, but trying to copy from only printed works does not work very well. Strangely enough, however, the author does not use Devanagari in the body of the book itself- the dialogues that go with each lesson are reproduced in the back of the book, but the exercises and grammatical asides are given only in a complex and cumbersome phonetic system that a learner is unlikely to use again after finishing the book. Devanagari is one of the most precise systems of writing ever devised, and although there are in the spoken language a few deviations from strict phonetic accuracy ('raheta', to live, is usually heard now as 'rehta') it would not use a huge amount of space to simply point them out as they occur. The book doesn't offer a great amount of vocabulary, either; Snell and Weightman's superior work 'Teach Yourself Hindi' is both a richer source of vocabulary and a deeper treatment of grammar.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Colloquial Hindi: The Complete Course for Beginners (Colloquial Series) Colloquial Polish: The Complete Course for Beginners (Colloquial Series) Living Language Hindi, Complete Edition: Beginner through advanced course, including 3 coursebooks, 9 audio CDs, Hindi reading & writing guide, and free online learning Colloquial Cantonese (Colloquial Series) Akshar Lekhan (Hindi) (Hindi Edition) Python: PYTHON CRASH COURSE - Beginner's Course To Learn The Basics Of Python Programming In 24 Hours!: (Python, Python Programming, Python for Dummies, Python for Beginners, python crash course) Reiki: The Ultimate Guide to Mastering Reiki for Beginners in 30 minutes or Less! (Reiki - Reiki Healing - Reiki For Beginners - Yoga for Beginners - Meditation ... Beginners - Kundalini For Beginners - Zen) 1970s Bollywood: The 50 Must See Hindi Movies

Ankolika Part I (Romanized): Hindi poems, ghazals and shayari The Oxford Hindi-English Dictionary  
Windows on the World Complete Wine Course: 25th Anniversary Edition (Kevin Zraly's Complete  
Wine Course) Blogging for Beginners: Learn How to Start and Maintain a Successful Blog the  
Simple Way - BLOGGING for BEGINNERS/BLOGGING: Blogging for Beginners (Computers ...  
Design, Blogging, WordPress for Beginners) Javascript: A Pocket Key to JavaScript for beginners  
(JavaScript Programming, JavaScript Beginners, JavaScript for web developers, JavaScript  
Beginners Guide, Java Programming for Beginners) SQL: Learn SQL In A DAY! - The Ultimate  
Crash Course to Learning the Basics of SQL In No Time (SQL, SQL Course, SQL Development,  
SQL Books, SQL for Beginners) C: Learn C In A DAY! - The Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the  
Basics of C In No Time (C, C Course, C Development, C Books, C for Beginners) AngularJS: Learn  
AngularJS In A DAY! - The Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the Basics of AngularJS In No Time  
(AngularJS, AngularJS Course, AngularJS ... AngularJS Books, AngularJS for Beginners) Origami:  
Learn Origami In A DAY! - The Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the Basics of Origami In No time  
(Origami, Origami Course, Origami Development, Origami Books, Origami for Beginners) C++: The  
Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the Basics of C++ In No Time (c plus plus, C++ for beginners,  
programming computer, how to program) (HTML, Javascript, ... Java, C++ Course, C++  
Development Book 3) Python: Learn Python In A DAY! - The Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the  
Basics of Python In No Time (Python, Python Course, Python Development, Python Books, Python  
for Beginners) HTML: Learn HTML In A DAY! - The Ultimate Crash Course to Learning the Basics  
of HTML In No Time (HTML, HTML Course, HTML Development, HTML Books, HTML for  
Beginners)

[Dmca](#)