**Burmese**

See below for accessing Burmese by Ear or Essential Myanmar, by John Okell. 1993. The course consists of 6 hours of audio and comes with a reference booklet. All the exposition and practice is in the audio: the booklet provides reference and amplification. Both audio and text are available for free download from the website of the

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

For a description of the course go to:

http://www.soas.ac.uk/bbe/

And for notes on the web edition see

http://www.soas.ac.uk/bbe/53745.html

For the download links see the right hand margin of either page. This course is broken into small (30 second to 1 minute) mp3 files and is enough to get a general idea of what Myanmar sounds like before you make your move.

**Bahasa Indonesia**

Websites recommended by volunteers to aid in the study of Bahasa Indonesian,

Indonesian Online – Free online lessons composed by the University of Hawaii (at Manoa) Indonesian Language Program. This site is neat because it embeds the use of flashcards, audio, video, as well as written lessons to support learning.

http://www.learningindonesian.com/ – Free, short, succinct audio lessons. Alternatively, you can purchase a Full Premium Course with more in-depth audio lessons. Also a family-run business!

http://bahasakita.com – An online resource covering grammar as well as colloquialisms.

http://livemocha.com – Somewhat confusing to learn from since the lessons sometimes lack full explanations, but it’s quite useful to connect with native Indonesian speakers.

http://www.manalagi.com/jamesplace/indonesia/dope/index.html – Straight Dope on Bahasa Indonesia – offers pdf files that cram a bunch of useful information. The introduction states, “Welcome, new additions to the VIA family and to those of you visiting my home page.”

**Chinese**

Chinese language learning apps

Skritter

Pleco

Fluenz, like Rosetta Stone, but better, though no characters. Helpful app.

http://fluenz.com/languages/learn-mandarin-chinese/

Chinese grammar wiki

http://resources.allsetlearning.com/chinese/grammar/

Plugins for translating Chinese text on the web

Zhongwen (Chrome store)

Chinese Perapera-kun (Firefox plugin)

Blogs and Podcasts

Chinese Pod

Popup Chinese

**Thai**

http://langhub.com/en-th/

Short, digestible lessons on basic topics, plus room to advance into intermediate and advanced Thai. Includes Thai language characters and transliterations.

http://www.youtube.com/user/ThaiPod101

Useful for beginners and for learning the characters. Learning characters is really important because character combinations and associations help to distinguish tone which is sometimes impossible to hear and distinguish.

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcZvhMQ64T0yovgVsvYDvTmlfZXY8MseX

Topic based language lessons in 8-15 minute increments