

F O R E W O R D

The study materials contained in *Introduction to Tibetan Language (Level II)* build on the basic reading skills developed in Level I to facilitate an understanding of the essential rudiments of Tibetan grammar. These study material have been refined through practical teaching experience to meet the pedagogical needs of Tibetan language teachers and their beginning students. Level II represents the second part of a course of study in the Classical Tibetan Language as taught under the auspices of the Tibetan Language Institute, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study of the language and literature of Tibet. It is our sincere wish that these study materials will help establish a solid foundation for learning Tibetan and contribute to a deepening understanding of the language and culture of Tibet.

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C O N T E N T S

LEVEL II: Beginning Tibetan Grammar

1. Noun Formation
2. Adjectives, Demonstrative Adjectives, Indefinite Articles
3. Pluralizing Particles & Basic Numbers
4. Formation of Noun Phrases & Basic Sentence Structure
5. The Linking Verb ཡིན་
6. Introduction to the Eight Grammatical Cases
7. The Verb of Being ཡོད་--Location
8. The Genitive Case
9. The Instrumental/Adjective Case
10. Wylie Standard Tibetan Transliteration System
11. Tibetan Vocabulary--Over 150 Words
12. Homework (Ten Sets): Tibetan Vocabulary/ Basic Translation Exercises