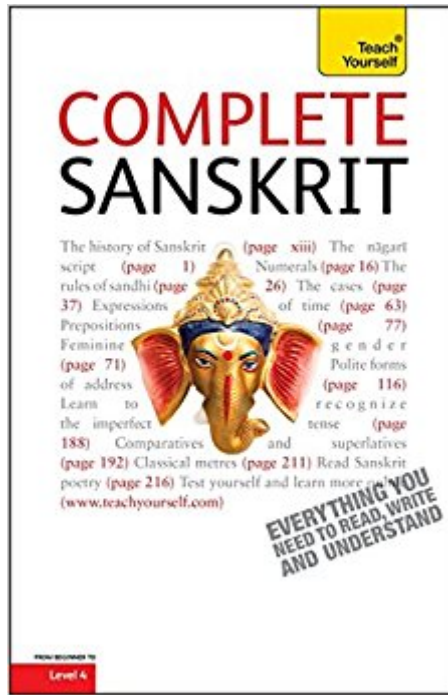


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Designed for complete beginners, and tested for years with real learners, Complete Sanskrit offers a bridge from the textbook to the real world, enabling you to learn the grammar, understand the vocabulary and even how to translate the inscriptions and texts from this ancient and religiously significant Indian language. Structured around authentic material, and introducing the Devangari script for those who wish to take their understanding further, this first updated new edition for some twenty years also features: -15 learning units plus glossary and reference section-Authentic materials - language taught through key texts-Teaches the key skills - reading and understanding Sanskrit grammar and vocabulary-Covers Devangari script -A new Preface and updated further resources-Additional learning activities-Self tests and learning activities - see and track your own progress Rely on Teach Yourself, trusted by language learners for over 75 years.

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Michael Coulson taught Sanskrit at the University of Edinburgh. His classic work was edited by Professor Richard Gombrich and has been revised by James Benson, both of Oxford University.

I worked through the first three chapters of Complete Sanskrit and decided to switch to The Cambridge Introduction to Sanskrit. Both books cover roughly the same beginner to intermediate level. But I prefer the organization of the Cambridge book, which provides a more complete overview of the whole structure of the language before diving in to particular topics. That better fits

my own learning style and ultimately helps with memorization. Also, Cambridge comes with more extensive learning resources including YouTube videos. One particular annoyance is that the devanagari script in Complete Sanskrit is sometimes so small that it is not clearly legible since the quality of the printing is not as sharp. This is particularly evident in the table of conjunct consonants. To its credit, Complete Sanskrit provides an answer key to all of the exercises which is particularly helpful for self-study. (Cambridge does not.)

Coulson Sanskrit is a Classic and no doubt a great book. However, for most self-learners it is too difficult and you will get hopelessly stuck after a few chapters, unless you have a very solid background in Latin or even better Ancient Greek. My Ancient Greek is pretty decent, but I still was unable to get through Coulson. I then did all the exercises of the two Sanskrit volumes by Egenes, and now I feel confident to complete the Coulson or any other university-level Sanskrit text book. I can also, for the first time in my life, read Bhagavad Gita in its original (with heavy assist by Wintrop Seargent's book). This has been a revelation. Good luck with your studies - and expect it to take several years of daily practice.

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