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Sommario/riassunto	<p>Mandarin is the official language in Mainland China, Taiwan, and Singapore. The Mandarin dialect is used in most Chinese schools, colleges, and universities, and in most TV programs, movies, and radio stations throughout the country. Mandarin is one of the five official languages of the UN. The Pimsleur® Method is scientifically proven to be your fastest route to near-native fluency. Speak and understand Mandarin Chinese in just thirty minutes a day. Mandarin Chinese Phase 3 includes another 15 hours of spoken language practice and one additional hour of culture notes, and is designed to be used after completion of Phases 1 and 2. The beginning of Phase 3 offers you the chance to further expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. In these lessons, you'll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. You'll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, you'll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. Understanding a large amount of the conversations you hear, you'll be able to join in effortlessly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons of Phase 3 your skills will show ever-increasing mastery of the language. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, you'll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, you'll find yourself responding without thinking, and able to choose from a wide</p>

accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons of Phase 3, you are nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural-sounding, near-native accent. You're able to utilize the language in more subtle ways, and speak consistently using past, present, and future tenses appropriately. Self-confidence soars as you experience the language and culture; no longer as a foreigner, but with a deepening insight into an expanding new world. One hour of recorded Culture Notes are included at the end of Unit 30. These Notes are designed to provide you with some insight into Chinese culture. A Notes Booklet is also included in PDF format.

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