

# *SUNGATE CHINESE*

**GENERAL SERIES**

**LEVEL 1 & 2**

**PARENTS' GUIDE**



**SUNGATE TECHNOLOGY PTY LTD**

## **PRODUCT INTRODUCTION**

“Sungate Chinese” is proudly developed by Sungate Technology Pty. Ltd. It aims at helping children who are living in English environment to learn Chinese quickly and effectively. The product successfully combines game and learning strategies so that it stands out from other similar products. On one hand it adopts multimedia technologies to facilitate animation, sound effect and music. On the other hand it breaks through several areas in the product design such as learning material, learning method and game design.

From the viewpoint of learning material, the whole series of the product covers learning materials from beginners to advanced levels at which learners can use Chinese independently. On each level, the product includes several sets of popular Chinese learning materials, which were specially designed for overseas Chinese children. It supports traditional and simplified Chinese fonts, Mandarin and Cantonese pronunciation. Moreover, it supports multiple phonetic symbols. Namely, Han Yu pin yin, Taiwanese Zhu yin and Cantonese pin yin. These features make it a practical product for Children from different Chinese backgrounds.

The product extensively trains the learner in many areas of language learning. Those areas include character recognition, listening, meaning, phonetic symbols, sentence pattern, \*\* sentence constructing, dialog, article comprehension, Chinese input, voice recognition, and writing. All trainings are achieved through games and lessons.

The product has many interesting and exciting mini games which can effectively catch the player’s attention and significantly improve the learning efficiency. In addition, the good scoring system and artificial intelligence also help the learning efficiency. Besides, role-playing features are added into the product to enhance the attraction, interest, and game playing longevity.

Another major feature of the product is “playing together with parents”. When we design a mini game, we design a way which allows parents to play together with the child. That means the children themselves can play the game or if the parents wish, they can participate as well. The participation of parents can greatly raise the children’s learning interest.

\*\*Features such as sentence constructing, training of dialog, article comprehension, Chinese input, voice recognition and writing only appear in advanced levels.

# FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Congratulation for selecting our product, Sungate Chinese, which will help your children learn Chinese quickly and effectively. In order to get the best results out of this product, please read the following paragraphs.

Many parents want their children to learn Chinese. However, children hate boring repetition. This game provides you with an alternative media which let you play and learn together with your children. When your children use this game to learn, they won't be bored. To the contrary, they will most likely enjoy playing this game.

When designing this product. We paid special attention to the parents' participation in the games. As a result, every game allows you to play together with your children. By doing this you can monitor your children's learning progress and understand their difficulties.

How to use the product:

1. Select the proper settings: Our product supports both traditional and simplified Chinese; Hanyu Pin Yin, Taiwan Zhu Yin and Cantonese pinyin; Mandarin and Cantonese pronunciation. Before your children start playing, please help them to select the proper settings.
2. Start from a low level: you must choose a relatively easy level for your children to start with, because most children find Chinese difficult to learn. Building their confidence at the beginning is very important. So, let them fully enjoy the game first.
3. Persistence: Let your child use the product for half an hour everyday. If he/she can keep on, he/she should be able to finish one level of learning material in about one month and get the graduation certificate.
4. Monitor the score: The score is displayed at the top left corner. It reflects your child's learning progress accurately. The maximum score is one hundred. When the score reaches ninety, your child will graduate and get the certificate.
5. Compete with your children: This game allows more than one player. Everybody has his own username. You can see your score in the score ranking. Your participation lets your children have a competitor which will make them try harder.
6. Help your children to break the record: You can play together with your children. The instruction manual explains how you can do it. Your children will be grateful if you help them to break the record. Your participation not only speeds up their learning progress, but also improves your relationship with them.
7. Encourage your children to use hints: Some children who have weak Chinese background find some parts of the game difficult to play. Encourage them to use hints such as right mouse click in the mini-games and ask that tutor in the classroom. After using the hints for several times, they will remember the answers and won't have to use the hints again.

8. Check the academic results: In the player's room in the game, there are three places where you can check your child's progress.  
**Mirror:** You will see words and sentences, as well as the player's familiarity with them. Monitoring these statistics can help your children find his/her weakness.  
**History chart:** This is the most useful and complete statistics in the game. Your child's progress is shown half hourly using bars in different colors to show different aspects of learning. You can see what he/she has learned and how fast he/she learns.  
**Printer:** Shows your child's latest result.
9. Reward your children: The reward in the game itself produces certain amount of satisfaction. However, as time goes by, you can reward your children to help them with their learning.
10. Don't let your children stop learning: Once your children have got familiar with one CD, please continue their lessons. So they won't forget what they have just learnt.

Thank you for using our product.