

# HOW TO USE THE ONLINE FLASH CARDS

This edition of *Elementary Vietnamese* provides learners with approximately two hundred online flash cards designed to help them review the vocabulary and usage. The cards contain the essential vocabulary which is selected from the dialogues and narratives of all the fourteen lessons. The cards are accompanied by audio recordings.

Each card has a front side and a back side. The key word is first introduced alone, and then in phrases. The front side contains only the key word and phrases in Vietnamese, whereas the back side has the same word and phrases followed by English translations.

In most cases, the first phrase contains the introduced word as the main component of the phrase. For instance, if the key word is a noun, the phrase is a noun phrase consisting of the noun and an adjective or another noun as its modifier. If the key word is a verb, the phrase is a verb phrase composed of the verb and a noun which functions as its object, or an adjective functioning as its adverbial modifier. Then the phrase is extended by adding other words. All the words of the phrases have already been introduced in the previous lessons or in the lesson from which the word is selected. Some extended phrases may be used as the main part of a complete sentence that is the last item of a card.

Learners should use the flash cards to review the vocabulary after having finished a lesson. First, they will read the key word, phrases and sentence(s) in the front of the card and try to link them to their meanings. Then, they can check the meanings of the key word or phrases by using the English translations in the back. Next, learners will listen to the audio recording for the given word and repeat after the speaker(s) each word, phrase and sentence in the pauses provided in order to master the sounds and tones. While listening to the audio recording for the first time, learners can look at the card and repeat, and then, for the second time, they may want just to listen to the audio recording and repeat to better memorize the vocabulary and usage.