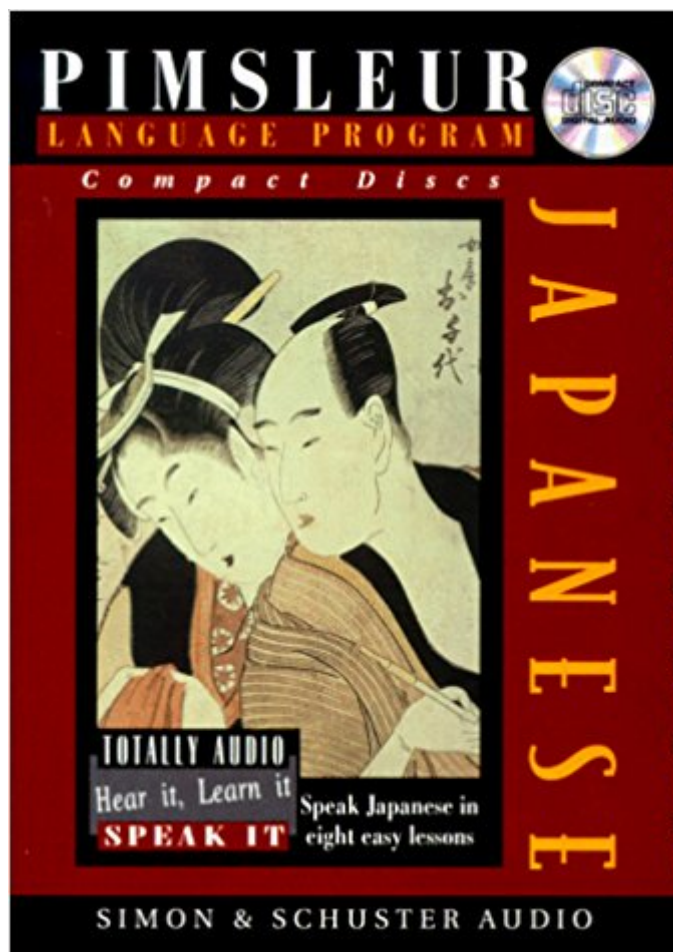


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## Customer Reviews

The "product" itself arrived as expected, sixteen 30-minute lessons. Those turned out to be on tape, but I must have overlooked the details when ordering. It is OK, I want to learn and I can play tapes. I have not started using it yet before I've completed another course for beginning (that is why I give this course the 3-star rating meaning a neutral opinion). However, the strangest thing that caught my eye upon opening this box was a booklet about Pimsleur's Language Programs. I am Russian by origin and I was pleased to see that Pimsleur offered courses in Russian language. However, the

bizarre thing is that on the page that says "Russian" I see a reproduction of some old traditional painting showing two Georgian men in traditional Georgian robes drinking (most definitely Georgian) wine at a table...I do understand that for many people living in America the difference between Russia and Georgia is as faint as the difference between Georgia and Maryland... However, for the purpose of learning a language, there is nothing at all in common. I would not understand a single word in Georgian. Being a native Russian (and having grown up in the Ukraine) I can understand, to a different degree, texts in Bulgarian, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Slovenian, Croatian and some other Slavic or close languages. But not Georgian. That is a totally different language and history and culture as well. It is just a shame that the language lesson you buy has such a glitch even in its visual content. I remain only wondering what could be shown on the package of Pimsleur's "Georgian" course :)

Learning languages was never this fun... you will be amazed at how much you retain... I bought this title ("Japanese : Pimsleur Basic") and was surprised at how much you can learn in such a short time (8 30 min. lessons on 4 Audio CDs)... I would recommend this to all who would like to begin their study of the Japanese language... Before I bought this book, I could not speak nor understand spoken Japanese, but now I have more than a general understanding, and a sufficient vocabulary to get "stumble" around... Pimsleur method is very easy to learn from, hear & repeat... After my experience with this title, I am going to try some of the more complex Pimsleur Japanese selections... Best Wishes...

I'm a language teacher and I've sampled several of the Pimsleur basic courses. I've concluded that they're great IF: 1. You're a beginner in the language. If you already know the basics, the leisurely pace and frequent repetition will drive you up the wall. But for a novice, that's just what you need. 2. There aren't any subtle phonetic distinctions in the language itself that need to be explained in writing beforehand. For example, in the Cantonese tape, the word for "you" sounded like "lay" when the female speaker said it and "nay" when the male spoke. This needed to be explained. Fortunately, the Japanese pronunciation is clear and simple throughout. 3. You want a tape that you can listen to while driving or walking. These are perfect for that. So far, I've found the Japanese tape to be the pick of the litter, followed by Swiss German, Haitian Creole, and Western Armenian. I couldn't stand more than a few minutes of German and Spanish, which I already know, but for someone else, they might be just the ticket. Again, if you want a good place to start with Japanese, Pimsleur makes it a walk in the park.

This CD set was a lifesaver! My husband was to take on a project in Japan and I was to accompany him. We had just found out about the trip, and didn't speak a word of Japanese. We were leaving in a little less than a month! This method assumes you know nothing, and takes it from there. You are asked to listen to a word, phrase or sentence, and to repeat it several times, each time hearing the correct pronunciation. This gives you the ability to self correct and adjust -- not to mention remember! Within minutes you are answering a question that was proposed to you in Japanese -- in Japanese! Listening to the language and repeating was incredibly valuable, because face it, you can't learn intonation from a book! The four CD's (with two 30 min. lessons on each) gradually incorporate new words into the network of words you have already learned, making the learning satisfying and enjoyable. You are asked to work with each lesson (replaying it) until you are comfortable moving on to the next, and I found that I personally needed to redo each lesson approx. 4-5 times before I felt really confident about moving on. A little tip -- after the pronunciation of a lesson has sunk in, grab an Eng./Jap. dictionary and look up some of the words you've learned. Even though the system doesn't recommend your following along in a dictionary while you are repeating, this helps you to see the words written in the romanji (English letters). You then realize how you would have unfortunately pronounced them, and gain great insight about silent letters, etc. This helped immensely when I later needed to pronounce words directly from a dictionary or pocket translator! Upon completion of lesson eight (literally on the plane) I was excited to arrive in Japan and see how I would fare. The result? I had quite a nice little basic understanding of some common words and phrases. I was complimented by some Japanese coworkers on my "authentic pronunciation!" I would say I even underestimated what I had learned, until I started hearing and trying to communicate in the language, and realized all the grammatical and cultural tips that they had so graciously thrown in without me even realizing it! I would recommend this set to anyone who wants a quick, enjoyable, satisfying, basic foundation to conversational Japanese. PS The Japanese people are wonderful, and are SO appreciative of your effort to speak their language!

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