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Pimsleur Quick & Simple Latin American Spanish



Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You™ll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-8 from the Spanish Level 1 program - 4 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Spanish. The Spanish Language Spanish is the official language of 19 Latin American nations, as well as Spain, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Further, it™s one of the six official languages recognized by the United Nations. Pimsleur's Spanish programs teach an educated Latin American Spanish, featuring speakers from Colombia and Mexico. Students can expect to understand the lessons clearly and to be understood by Spanish speakers everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

The premise of the program and the actuality are some how a little skewed. I read the blurb before buying and while it dose come close it does not quite hit the mark as to the Latin America part of the Spanish experience. System used is unique and while not easier or harder then Rosetta definitely a different approach. Problem with buying these type of programs is the hype. makes it sound as if you put the disc in you will be fluent within a day. Like everything else in life you will get out what you put into it. So do not think that you will easily master the discs, or the language for that matter. You will have to work hard, repeat steps and definitely have some time to invest. Also make sure this is the dialect of Spanish you require. Remember certain words in certain dialects are completely different, the word bodega is a prime example. Keep this in mind before purchasing any language program.

This set of CD's, if used per instructions, will produce the results it was designed to produce. Within 8 days you will be confidently recognizing and using some very basic Spanish words and phrases. Make sure you consider what you're trying to accomplish with this set before you make your purchase. Here are a few things to consider: Spanish I Quick and Simple is actually the first 8 lessons of the Comprehensive Spanish I course, allowing you to test Pimsleur's approach without actually having to buy the comprehensive set first. Quick and Simple will teach you to strike up simple conversations and ask for or give very basic directions. The conversational style on the CD is very natural. You should have very little difficulty learning it. If you are uncertain about how far you want to go with learning Spanish or are unsure about using Pimsleur's CD's, consider buying this introductory set. Some websites will purchase it back from you (at reduced cost of course). If you are serious about learning Spanish and would like to continue beyond very basic conversations, then forget about purchasing this set and purchase the comprehensive set instead.

I've dabbled with Spanish classes for over five years, learning through many different methods. I must admit that I was doubtful about this Pimsleur method's claims of being simple. I've finished the first set of eight tracks of lessons on the disks and I'm really impressed at how much retention I have and how quickly I am able to respond to the questions in the language that I'm attempting to learn. If your goal is to quickly comprehend and speak the language, I would highly recommend this product. It is not for those interested in reading or writing the language. I've come farther in the few lessons that I've completed than I did through several semesters of college classes.

I bought this thinking it was a quick study for a holiday. I found out it was the introduction to the comprehensive study program's which I had already bought

Each lesson is 30 minutes long which makes it easy to squeeze a lesson in every day. Each new lesson covers some of the past lesson to keep you familiar with what you have learned and I like learning through conversation rather than learning a bunch of words. If I was using this product and living in a Spanish speaking country I would be learning Spanish very quickly. When you use this just 30 minutes a day and don't get to converse with another person it slows the learning process down. For the money you can't go wrong. I would recommend this to everyone.

I purchased this audio CD in 2005 before a visit to Chile. It proved to be invaluable. I went thru the first 4 lessons before my trip. When I arrived, I was able to have great conversations w/ the locals. It helped that I had also taken a class... but having the audio helped my pronunciation. The only problem is that these lessons are geared more toward the Castilian form of Spanish... that used in Spain which is not exactly the same as the Spanish of western hemisphere. For instance, "I understand" is expressed as "Entiendo" not "Comprendo". Bottom line, if you want to learn the basics quickly, I doubt you'll find a better deal!

If you think you can't learn Spanish you haven't tried this. I am a real dummy when it comes to learning anything new. I've recently gone to Mexico and could communicate in Spanish with the best of them. I'm going to try to learn other languages now using this method.

This product was shipped in a timely manner, and is everything it was advertised to be. It's as if I just purchased it brand new from the store. Very Impressive.

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