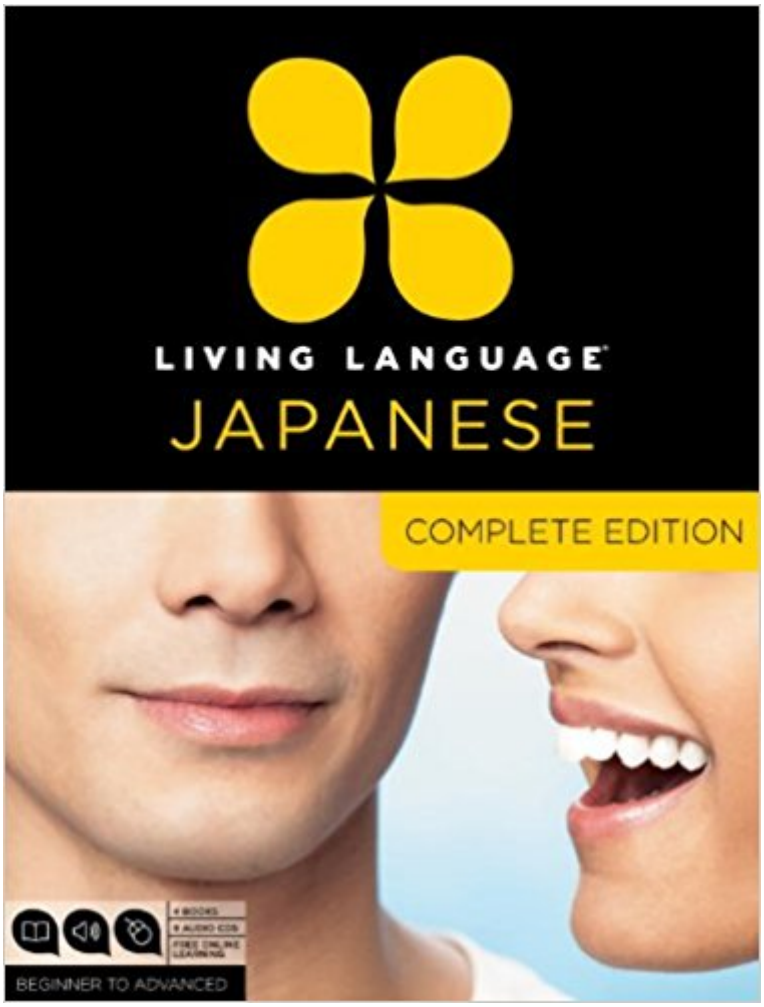
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Customer Reviews

I speak three languages and decided to learn Japanese with a friend but wanted to find a good system that wasn't boring but wasn't watered down with just tourist phrases and musical games. This system fits the bill.First, it comes with three books (one for basic, one for intermediate and one for advanced) for learning how to speak Japanese and an additional book for learning how to write Kana and basic Kanji. It comes with nine CD's (three for each level) and the books are well bound, well organized and are far superior to other language products that Living Language has put out in the past. The fact that one can buy this for $31.00 on (the product is usually $49.99) is a steal in and of itself.I have examined the reviews for their other language editions in this format (German, French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, English and Chinese) and all have had good reviews. I am hoping they put out a Russian edition sometime soon.Having had twenty years of foreign language experience, I can say that this program is the best in that it can help a student regardless of the level of proficiency they want to attain. If someone wants to learn just a few phrases and perhaps more I would recommend this course. If someone wants to become fluent, I recommend this course because it will get you a lot father than Rosetta Stone and for a fraction of the cost.This course however will not make you fluent (no language course can, only experience can do that) and you will not learn all the Kanji that a native Japanese speakers learns (I would get a good Kanji dictionary for that) but you will learn a lot of vocabulary.Two pieces of advice: (1) Don't just listen to the CD's. Do all the exercises and write in Romanji as well as Kana. (2) Use a black or blue BIC pen when you write in the book. The paper is thin and a heavy black or blue pen will bleed right through. A regular BIC pen won't do that.

Studying languages is one of my many hobbies, and because of this, I own quite a library of language-learning materials. Based on prior purchases, I can say that the amount of information in this course is MORE than worth what I paid for it. With that said, I will offer some clarifications on this "Complete" edition, some things I liked about it, and some things to consider about this course if you've been told to avoid this Living Language course because it does not teach Japanese the "CORRECT" way. (???) (Yes, I was warned by a friend not to purchase it for that reason... and guess what?) :)If you're wondering if you will be "fluent" after you master this Complete Edition, the answer is ...No. Would you have a good, working, practical ability to survive, express yourself and socialize by speaking some decent Japanese? Yes. There are some who have questioned the term

"Advanced" as it relates to the material in this course. After looking through the materials, I think it's more helpful to think of the levels of this course (Beginner through Advanced) as Basic, Intermediate Basic, and Advanced Basic. This, to me, seems more accurate.One thing I look for in language courses (and hardly ever find) is some indication, or measure, of skill mastery (ie., If I master all of the materials in this course, exactly WHAT will I be able to do with what I've learned... What kinds of things will I be able to actually say?) This course, has sections throughout called ""How did you do?", which state "By now you should be able to: ....." and gives several language skills you will have gained IF you've mastered the material in that section (such as "use counters to count different types of objects around the house", or "use the verb 'Become'). Also, at the beginning of each section you get a list of language skills you'll be taught in that section. I hardly EVER see specific "lesson-plan"-type structures like these in language courses, so this was a big plus for me.Now for the 'Correct" way to learn Japanese. I'm not a "Japanese Snob" (Purist) who believes that one should be proficient in Hiragana, Katakana and at least a few hundred Kanji before even attempting put together a single sentence in Japanes. (My friend who warned me against this course is such a 'purist', and we have gone rounds on this issue). Here is MY view on this. Language is about "Communication". If I'm dropped down in the middle of Kyoto, I'd much rather be able to ask where the nearest restroom is or ask some locals to join me for a drink (Survive and Socialize), than to be proficient in Kana stroke order. YES, OF COURSE, it's nice to know it all... but for those who would knock this course because it doesn't ever wean the student entirely off of Romaji (or English, for that matter), I say, "Give the course a break". For a 'Basic" course which gives a good grounding in Beginning Japanese, I think this course is more than acceptable. I'm not really knocking you "purists' out there..(except my friend, who is just plain annoying).. just reminding you that there are others who learn and progress differently than you do.Note: It WOULD be nice to see Living Language produce a more advanced "Complete" course (Intermediate through Advanced Intermediate). I'd add it to my collection without hesitation.All in all, this is a GREAT value for the money; is a good introduction to Hiragana, Katakana and a few Kanji; gives a good 'measurable' introduction to Basic, Intermediate Basic and Advanced Basic Japanese; and should give you enough practical knowledge to survive and socialize.

Love it! I'm almost fully through the Essential lessons and I feel very comfortable with the basics. the spoken portion, separate book on kana and the exercises all do a fantastic job attacking the learning of a new language from all angles. The lessons are just big enough to afford a nice challenge without being overwhelming.Also, for anyone looking to supplement their learning from

additional angles, I've found a couple apps that have really sped up my progress and surprisingly followed well with the Living Language course of study. Those apps are TenguGo Kana for learning hiragana and katakana with a flash card type interface, and the MindSnacks Japanese app to help drill the vocabulary and small phrases.

unbelievable value compared to other programs. (think rosetta, genki, pimsuleur etc). not the end all be all... but with the huge money savings on this products, grab yourself something else to supplement.

My twelve year old daughter and I are beginners. We are very happy with this product so far. The cds are clear and easy to follow. The book on writing is also very easy to understand and follow. Common worries about learning a new language are worry and boredom, but with the tools provided with this kit, we are not experiencing those problems in the least.

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