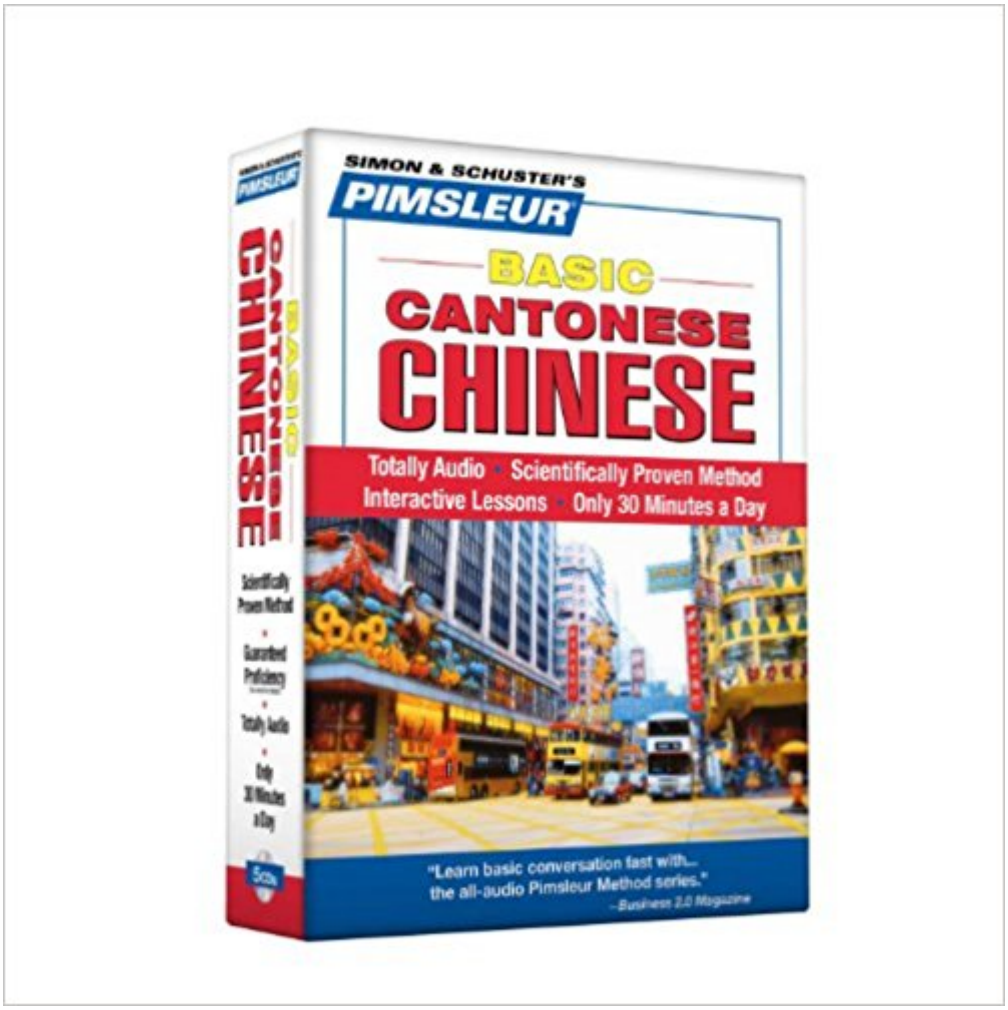
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Synopsis

The PimsleurÃ Â® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-10 from the Chinese (Cantonese) Level 1 program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Program. 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 Cantonese. The Cantonese Chinese Language Cantonese, one of several major languages in China, is mainly spoken in Hong Kong, Guangdong, the Guangxi provinces, and in most overseas Chinese communities in Australia, Europe, and North America. Pimsleur's Chinese Cantonese teaches Cantonese as spoken in Hong Kong. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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"Pimsleur programs provide plenty of positive reinforcement that will keep learners on track, and we found that Pimsleur gave us more proficiency and confidence in speaking the new language than any of the other language programs we reviewed." -- AudioFile Magazine"EXTREMELY

ACCESSIBLE...each section within the lessons is short enough to hold our attention, and there is enough repetition to teach even those who consider themselves slow learners...Pimsleur [programs] are extremely thorough and easy to use -- quite lively!" -- Boston Herald"Learn French while commuting, German while jogging, Spanish (or Russian, Italian, and Japanese) while cooking all with NO WRITTEN MATERIALS!" -- New York Daily News"Designed for the ear and not the eye...the lessons provide PERFECT 30-minute bites of work." -- St Louis Post-Dispatch"Learn to habla espaÃƒÂ ol or parlez franÃƒÂ§ais before your next trip aboard. The interactive LESSONS CHALLENGE STUDENTS to use new words in conversation instead of memorize them." -- American Way (American Airlines inflight magazine)"I tried other language programs with little success...This is the best by far!" -- Pamela A. Mitchell, Pilot, International Society of Women Airline Pilots

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

The disks were lost in transit and I had to ask the seller to resend the item. Received the disks and use them daily to learn basic chinese language. Will not be used in conversation since Mandarin seems to be the language of choice.

I am finding this CD set hard to follow. I am a total beginner and it is hard to learn entire sentences and phrases if I don’t know the basic grammatical rules (very different sentence structure than English/French). I can’t hear the difference in the tones very well either and they don’t often compare them. I’m on disk 3 and by now there are like 5 kinds of "hai" and "doe" sounding words. You’d think for total beginners they would first go through the basic numbers, pronouns, verbs, etc. rather than "Is this Boundary Street" and "How do I get to King’s Road?" and "You speak Cantonese very well"

I’ve never written a review before, especially since I borrowed this product from the library rather than actually buying it (I was surfing to find the rest of the lessons). The only review of this product

is extremely unfair. This learning system is amazing for learning in the car, while jogging, doing laundry etc. I can see why the previous reviewer might have a problem with this product due to having difficulties with distinguishing tones, however, that's the hardest part of Cantonese. I work in NYC Chinatown with primarily Cantonese speaking co-workers. Before I was there, I only spoke Mandarin. This product does a great job at pointing out the tonal differences between very similar sounding words (ones that I couldn't tell the difference between at work when actual people were speaking to me). You also feel like you progress quickly through learning with conversations, which is the most natural way to learn a language. I've tried learning french with CD's before with another brand to supplement class and it was mind numbingly boring. This goes fairly quickly. Mandarin speakers who want to learn Cantonese, this is the product for you, look no further. People learning Chinese for the first time, this is a great starting point.

Don't buy this product if you really want to learn correct pronunciation. There are no easy shortcuts to language learning, especially Cantonese! I bought the product, and all it consists of is CD's that have recordings of Cantonese that the listener is supposed to imitate. There's no text at all. Unless you are incredibly competent in tone discrimination, you can learn, at best, to say some phrases that sound like Cantonese.

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