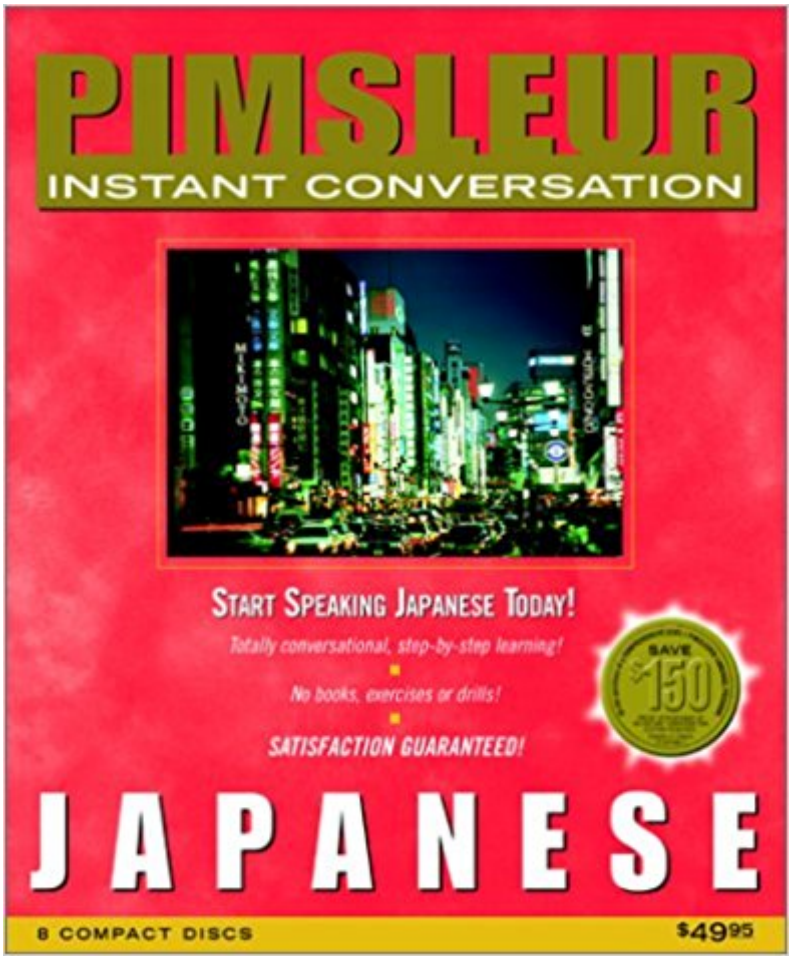
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Customer Reviews

The Pimsleur method of instruction is SO rewarding - and SO frustrating! It really does work to efficiently and quickly teach you the material. Unfortunately, it teaches you so LITTLE material that you will be left with a vocabulary of around 50 words and a series of set phrases that won't get you

far in any conversation where the Japanese speaker hasn’t memorized the same responses.Here’s what it DOES WELL: 1. It teaches you Japanese pronunciation, intonation, and rudimentary sentance structure. 2. It does this in a way that truly cements the little you’ve learned in your memory. 3. It provides some very brief comments on Japanese customs and courtesies. 4. You will be able to greet people in Japanese and communicate that you do not speak the language well. Though other material is covered, the limited vocabulary and set sentences will keep you from doing more than, say, observing that the weather is nice and nodding helplessly at the reply.This 8 disk set is fairly reasonably priced on and is a good adjunct for a more comprehensive written text or the phrase book you intend to take on your trip (because it gives you pronunciation practice). The more expensive "full" course only adds a few disks and, by the nature of the method, little vocabulary and no grammar. I only wish this effective learning method included more material at a more reasonable price - I would rate it more highly in that caseAddendum: Now that I have made a trip to Japan, I think less time spent on asking other people to drink or eat with you and more time spent talking to taxi drivers would have been more useful - phrases such as "near.." and "stop here" would have helped a lot. Of course, this is not a "Japanese for travelers" course, and these lessons are but the beginning of a longer (and much more expensive) course in Japanese in general.

All my life I looked for course after course to help me learn a language. I tried so many books and audio tapes. Some were good but never taught fluency. Finally I was looking on when I came across pimsleur language courses. I decided to give it a try, when It came. I quickly put the cd into the player, and after the first few lessons. I could’nt believe that I actually did’nt even really need to think about what I was saying in japanese. It just seem to come out. I was so thrilled. Someday I hope to buy the real courses but for right now this is all I can afford. I really wish pimsleur would make instant coversation 2 or something. I really think their company would make more money that way, because more people would buy it...

I have purchased many books and programs to learn japanese and by far, pimsleur is the best. I tried to learn with other great programs like rosetta stone but was unable to really learn anything but only after one or two lessons with pimsleur I was able to remember and speak some basic japanese to my japanese wife and she was very impressed. This product is worth every penny. I only wish I had bought it sooner.

This product is meant for a single male trying to pick-up a Japanese female. Unless this is your

intent when visiting Japan, don’t bother with this product. I actually found it pretty disgusting.

I’ve noticed most of these reviews don’t refer to this specific set, so I thought I’d throw in my hat.I’ve tried other methods of learning Japanese including school, self-study, immersion, and Rosetta Stone. I found this Instant Conversation program the absolute best method to learn some Japanese immediately and permanently. I put all the cds on my iPod and listened to this set in my free time. I was living in Japan at the time, so it had two results;1. When I spoke to Japanese people I would blow their minds how fluent and coherent I sounded. This usually got some friendly reactions, either they would get a look of surprise and sometimes literally applaud my effort, or they would assume I was completely fluent and I’d either have to tell them I don’t know Japanese or just let them go on thinking that.2. Because the program is so short, and so specific, you will not learn much by way of "conversation". I absolutely loved the program and wanted to go on learning but it stops short of making you much more than an impressive short-term visitor. This is one of the lowest priced items Pimsleur sells, and their larger sets are amazingly expensive in my opinion, but perhaps worth it, because this program is essentially a teaser to further learning. If you plan on visiting Japan, and want to spend a little money preparing a few weeks in advance, this is a perfect program. If you want to become fluent, or at least knowledgable enough to converse beyond one or two sentences of any given subject. I would suggest you either go for the comprehensive program (If the cost isn’t barring you) or find another brand.One bit of advice, the program suggests you do not follow along with the lessons on paper because you might start pronouncing the words with an American accent from reading the romanized version of the language. While I agree that romaji can inspire mispronounciations, I highly reccomend you independently learn Katakana and Hiragana if you’re going to Japan. If you do this, and learn Kanji when you come across it, your ability to read will further your understanding of the language, and you will find yourself much more able to get around, (especially if you know Katakana, all the adopted words the Japanese use will become apparent to you, and nearly everything you read in Katakana will be English transliterated, that’s like adding hundreds of words to your Japanese vocabulary simply by learning one of their alphabets.)

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