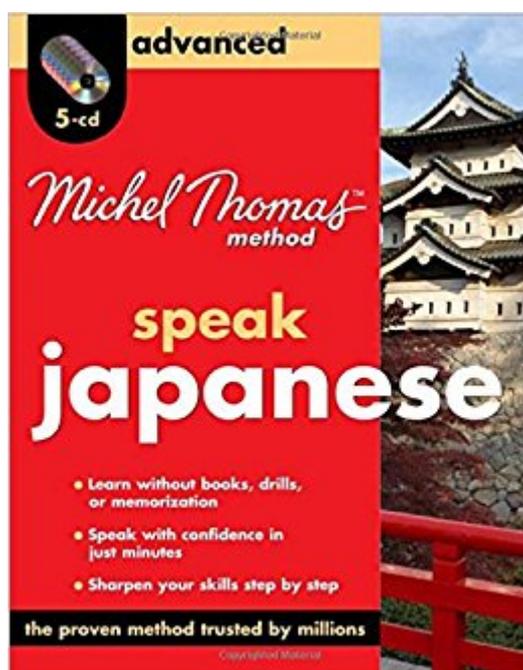


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# Michel Thomas Method Japanese Advanced, 4-CD Program (Michel Thomas Series)



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## Customer Reviews

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Don't be put off by the negative reviews. This is an actual advanced Japanese grammar program, meant as a follow-up to the M. Thomas Beginner Japanese Program. But there are a few things you should probably know to get the most out of this program. 1. To state the obvious, complete the M. Thomas Japanese Beginner Program before attempting this one. 2. The instructor is Welsh/Irish so she has what sounds to American ears like a lisp (i.e. "is" will sound like "ish"). This can initially be infuriating, but I would say just get over it. The instruction is quite good. Her Japanese pronunciation

doesn't matter since every Japanese phrase is repeated by a native speaker. Also, one of the students comes off as borderline retarded, I think because they are trying to emphasize the "learn along with the students" meme; again, I would say get over it, because the overall program is definitely worth it.<sup>3</sup> This is a 4-CD set. The first 7-8 tracks on CD 1 are just a review of the beginner program. Initially I thought I'd been ripped off, but starting around Track 9 and for the rest of the program, every track includes a new grammatical concept, vocabulary, etc...<sup>4</sup>. These are subtle, advanced grammatical concepts. (Even my wife, a native Japanese speaker, had trouble explaining some of them to me.) For example "immediately after" vs. "afterwards/"and then". Everything is laid out clearly and logically in the program, but if your plan is to use this program while commuting my recommendation would be to thoroughly review the included printed material first, maybe even take some time on the weekend to type/write out the phrases and then use the commute to reinforce the information. From my experience, typing out all of the phrases into a matrix (which does take some time) is actually more efficient and will prevent a lot of confusion and frustration if you are approaching the material cold during a commute. Just my two cents. Good luck.

This is absolutely the best way to learn Japanese!! I have used my language skills that I learned with this program and the beginner program to speak to native Japanese, and they can understand me. I am very grateful for this method, I can not imagine not having this program to learn to speak from. This is unlike any other program - it is truly the best!! You will not go wrong with this product!! Thank you!

I actually purchased Both the Beginner 8-disc set and the Advanced 4-disc set. The Beginner had a different teacher and the pace was slower. This is an EXCELLENT method for learning Japanese and even have the Rosetta Stone for comparison. In many ways, it's helped me understand what my Rosetta Stone was trying to teach. BUT, after completing the beginning discs, I decided to order the Advanced. Not only did they give you a new teacher (Same students), the pace was faster and the concepts just harder to grasp. I really enjoyed the METHOD, just not this set of discs. Just a little disappointed since I loved the first set so well.

The Michel Thomas method has been one of the best Japanese learning programs I have found out there, and I have shopped around a lot.

great course, recommend everyone

I am a retired language teacher (French, not Japanese), so I have an idea what works to teach a second language. This works. I have probably an intermediate command of spoken Japanese at the moment, and have finished all the Pimsleur levels.. In some ways this program dovetailed very nicely with the end of Level III Pimsleur, and made several structures I was puzzling over a lot clearer. Though the structure of the program seemed a bit odd, I ended being very impressed with its effectiveness. The listener is, in effect, a participant with 2 other students in an actual class session. The teacher's running commentary between responses, especially wrong ones, constituted instant feedback, and was very helpful. There were a number of clever mnemonic devices to help "us" remember tricky structures. Though limited in scope, I found the 4 discs to be very useful, and only wished there were more.

There is no better way to learn another language. Period. Even though Michel Thomas is no longer with us, his language method lives! With Japanese, as with all the major European languages, the MT way leads you into practical use of the target tongue. You learn to think in the language, without the unnecessary burden of useless grammar rules and word lists. The old approaches I compare to learning to play ping pong by reading the rule book. Spoken language is the oral expression of thoughts and ideas. The Michel Thomas method teaches you to express yourself. On the CDs, you become part of a class of three, plus the instructor. The result is a mesmerizing assimilation of Japanese, that is both fun and productive. No useless sitting in a classroom and filling in the endless blanks in endless worksheets. With Michel Thomas Japanese, you're going to learn Japanese. Isn't that the objective???

I think the Michel Thomas Method of having you immediately speaking in full sentences is even more helpful for Japanese than for romance languages because Japanese is organized so differently from English. The inclusion of a native Japanese speaker to focus on pronunciation is also very useful.

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