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Baby's First Words In French



Synopsis

Before they focus in on their native language, babies have an amazing ability to hear and absorb sounds that adults unconsciously block out, like the subtleties of a foreign language. Baby's First Words in French is an introduction to the sounds of French and a child's ability to learn these sounds. Created by linguistic experts, Baby's First Words in French is designed for newborns to toddlers up to two years old. Each package includes: A 60 minute CD of sweet and soothing songs, rhymes, words and stories A Parents' guide that explains how children learn languages A Lyric sheet so that parents can sing along to the songs on the CD with their children

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Customer Reviews

This CD isn't just for babies and toddlers; for older children who can get past the "baby" part of the title (or whose parents hide the cover from them ;-), it's also a great resource, bringing native speakers into your home. At age 6 1/2, we expected my daughter would learn French someday, as we planned to apply for her to do a special exchange to France for elementary-age children. We started shopping around for CDs that would introduce her to the sounds of the French language, and played what we could find, mostly things we checked out at our local Alliance Francaise. We found "Baby's First Steps in French" (now reissued under the new title of "Baby's First Words") at our public library and it immediately became such a favorite that we bought her the newer version for her 8th Christmas. I played it almost every day as we went about our daily activities. The clear

voices and engaging music soon had her singing along. We didn't focus on the meaning of the words at all, just listened and had fun. She was accepted into the exchange program and just arrived in France a week ago, at age 9. She'll be living with a family for 6 months to have the cultural and linguistic experience of a lifetime, learning French through pure immersion. Here's the incredible thing: her French mother says that, just days after arrival, her French accent is already PERFECT! The CD places special focus on those sounds that are unique to French and not used in English. My daughter especially loved practicing the French "R" sound through a fun exercise on the CD that compares it with gargling. If you want your child to speak French with a native accent, even if they won't have formal lessons until later, you can't make a better investment. My older daughter did the same exchange, living in France for 6 months at age 10, and her accent never quite sounded native. I believe listening to this CD for a year and a half is the key to my younger daughter's pronunciation success.

I wanted a foreign language CD for my 1 year old and purchased this after reading the reviews. The CD is very pleasant to listen to, even for adults. It has a variation of songs and rhymes, and different people singing/speaking them, so it doesn't seem repetitive the way some other children's CDs are. The sound quality is good and you can follow the words relatively well, which was important to me. I liked it so much I bought the Spanish version, which I'm still reserving decision on. So far I like the French version better.

My daughter listens to her "age appropriate" section every day and I'm looking forward to graduating her to the next section when she turns 6 months old. She loves it and sometimes this CD is all that will calm her. When she hears the initial "Frere Jacques" chimes, she stops and looks at me with big, wide, inquisitive eyes. The CD is simple enough, that I can understand most of what is said/sung. And if I don't, then it's easy enough to put into context. Great for brushing up my skills. The booklet that comes with the CD is a pretty good overview of language development (in any language).

This is one of the best developmental products for babies I have seen yet. Things I like are:--Parent guide explaining language acquisition in general, and bilingual/multilingual language development in particular. According to the package, the author is a professor of Speech and Language Pathology, and trilingual herself. The research cited in the book is worth the price alone. As a Psychologist, I truly appreciate when products are developed with a scientific basis.--Lyrics of all the tracks in

French, with English translations--Songs and rhymes divided up by developmental stage to expose your child to sounds they are most sensitive to in that stage. I am not a native French speaker, so I cannot comment on the authenticity of the songs or accents. However, the research presented in the guide makes me trust this product more than others I have heard that just play English songs translated into a foreign language. Most importantly, my 10-month old seems to enjoy the songs while she plays. I am interested in other language CDs in this series. I hope they have the same kind of professionals developing them.

Did not come with CD and refund was not issued

I'm so very very glad that I purchased this while my daughter was young. We use it almost everyday in her bedroom or in the car. I feel confident that she is learning all of the french sounds and early language. Of course I try to round out her learning with other DVDs (some baby einstein dvds have a french language track). I highly recommend this product.

This cd is great. The songs are done well. I find myself singing some of the songs while we are out and about. The book that comes with the cd makes the product really easy to use. It also has translation for all of the tracs on the cd.

My baby didn't really care for this. No reaction. My wife doesn't know French so she has no idea what she's listening to. I can't say it's bad, but I probably wouldn't buy it again.

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