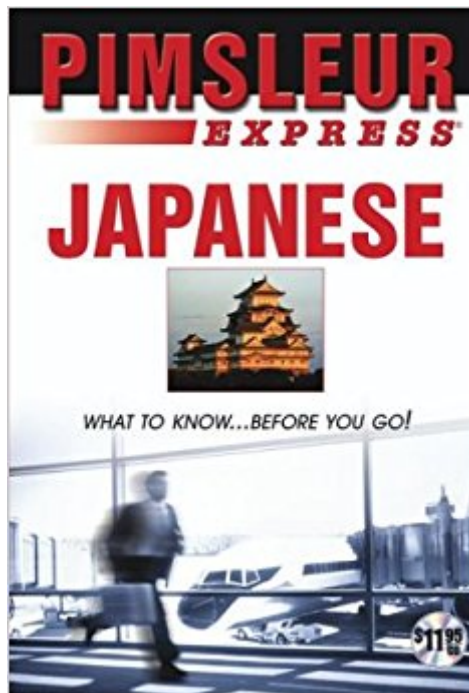




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The first chapter is a GREAT, reassuring 30 minute "Do you understand English?", "Do you understand English" lesson. I could really speak these helpful phrases after 2 morning commutes. The rest of the chapters are about 3 minutes in length and just go way to fast to understand anything. They are also random situations such as "I have a stomach ache". From other reviews I read, the \$35 or \$45 (priced) Pimsleur versions have more of the terrific 30 minute lessons. Although all is not lost, the box does include a helpful phrase card and small booklet of the random conversations on the CD. In my opinion, this just gives you 1, 30 minute audio chapter in hopes you'll buy the larger one. Just save the \$10-12 on this and buy the other.

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