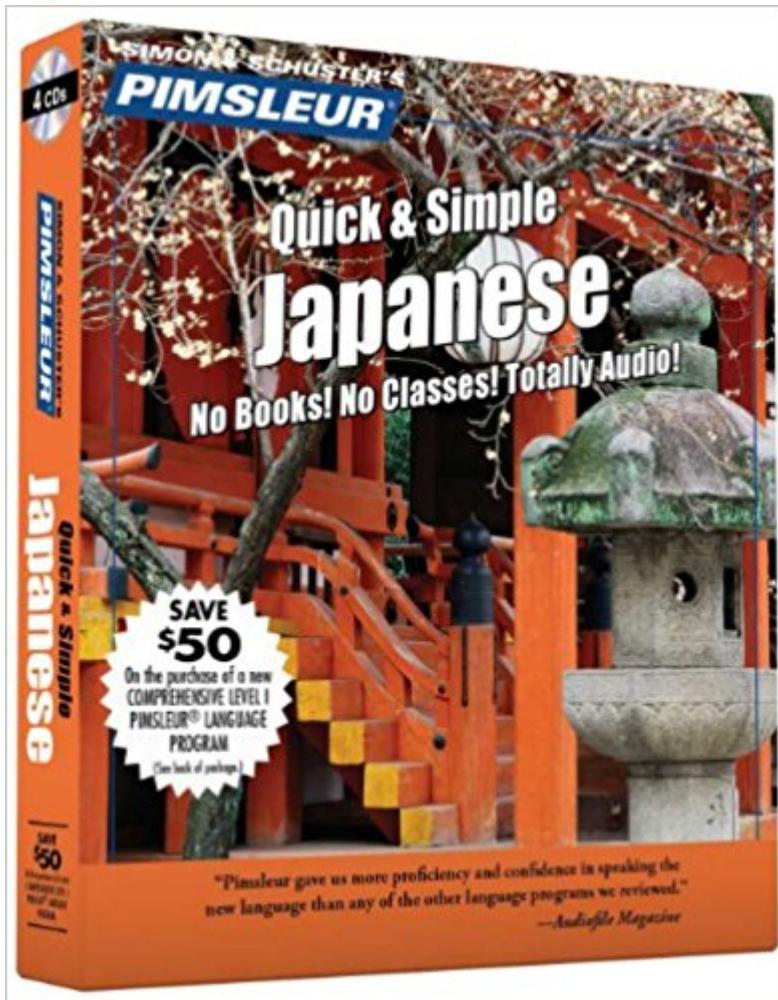


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# Pimsleur Quick & Simple Japanese



## Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You'll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-8 from the Japanese Level 1 program - 4 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. 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 Japanese. The Japanese Language Japanese is spoken by about 130 million people, 122 million of whom are in Japan. There are also speakers in the Ryukyu Islands, Korea, Taiwan, parts of the United States, and Brazil. Japanese has many registers or levels of politeness. Pimsleur's Japanese courses will teach you how to speak at a polite register, which is appropriate in virtually any situation you are likely to encounter in Japan.

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## Customer Reviews

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

I took a language class in high school to learn Japanese, and within the first two months of class the teacher told me I would never learn Japanese, and was incapable of learning any other language. Frankly, I had thought she was right until last month. I'm glad I never gave up trying! In high school the teacher had us repeat a word written on the board over and over again, with its translation written out next to it. Most language kits teach you to recognize a word by showing its translation or an image the word describes and then have you try to pronounce it. This then repeats several times. None of these worked for me, and I truly felt like I was a very stupid person because of it, despite the fact that I'm fairly smart, doing advanced maths in my head without error and scoring well SAT- and IQ-wise. Then I read about the Pimsleur Method on one of the obscure tech sites I frequent where a user posted that he couldn't understand some of his colleagues because they didn't speak English and he had been unable to learn any other language. I could sympathize right away. Then, another user posted that he had the same problem until he used the Pimsleur Method. I thought to myself, "What harm could it do to try one more time?" So off to the search bar I went. Sure enough, Bing turned up several entries, including this one for just \$20. I bought mine used, just to save a little more money, however. I have to say the Pimsleur Method is without doubt the best way to learn to speak a language. As I mentioned, I've tried many different methods to learn a language and gone through thousands of dollars worth of software and language kits, often borrowed from friends and families to try it out first, including Rosetta Stone, desperately trying to learn another language. None of them even compare to this method. It works by forcing you to try and figure out what you're supposed to say, the same way children learn their first language. No tedious, mindless, brain-melts-and-leaks-out-your-ears repetition. Just a natural sort of flow. I did the first 30 minute lesson, and 5 days later could still recall fairly well that whole lesson. Never before had I been able to retain a language I was trying to learn. I was jumping for joy because it works! This "Quick and Simple" set is the first 10 lessons of the Level 1 Japanese course. You're supposed to do 1 lesson each day for 10 days, in succession, so as to build upon the natural retention of the human brain. So, don't skip a day, or you might not learn it as quickly. This will give you a very small ability to have a general conversation with someone in Japanese. There's a Basic course which will let you get by in Japanese though you may have trouble sometimes, a Conversational course which is geared to be a bit more thorough, I guess, and the Comprehensive course which teaches the entire language. There are another 2 levels of the Comprehensive course, each course being more advanced. I can't find any information on any other levels of the Basic or Conversational courses, so I'll be buying the Comprehensive set soon. I just hope I see that

teacher again someday, so I can tell her off in the language she said I'd never learn. Hah!

I have tried multiple language learning methods including Rosetta Stone, formal classes, on line teachers, books, and CDs, but without a doubt this is the most effective system that I have tried. After 8, 30 minute lessons, I was shocking and impressing a native speaker. This system cuts out all the BS and concentrates on conversational speaking. If you are willing to work every day with these lessons this is truly the fastest way to go from knowing nothing to be able to function completely in a foreign country.

Hello, About 3 months ago, my wife ordered this basic learn to speak album for \$20. Since that time, I've been receiving copies of Gold editions that shipped to my door with "free Trial". First, I was wondering why I was getting "free trials" .. We did not sign up for any trials, only the original basic order. So about a month passes, and I get another free trial (this is now number 2). I think to myself, ok, what is going on here. So I call and am told these are 30 day free trials and if I keep them, they charge me ~\$60 per lesson  $\$60 \times 4 = 1$  lesson... So I'm paying \$240 per lesson in total. Apparently each of these two shipments were a lesson, so they're charging me \$480. At this time, they explain they cannot refund me because it's too late.... Ok, the lessons aren't bad and I want to learn Japanese, so fine. Today, I just came home from work and I have yet another gold edition!!!!!! I call again, they reconfirm that I cannot send the others back and that I can only send this last(3rd) one back, after they charge me the remaining balance of lesson 2 I haven't apparently been charged for yet! This is absolutely ridiculous, I recommend that anyone stay away from this product. The actual product isn't that bad, and honestly I should have checked earlier to confirm these "free trials" they were sending me.. But for other's thinking of purchasing this product BEWARE!!!!!! I'm sending the 3rd edition back tomorrow at my expense, so they don't charge me another \$240 of something I don't need

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