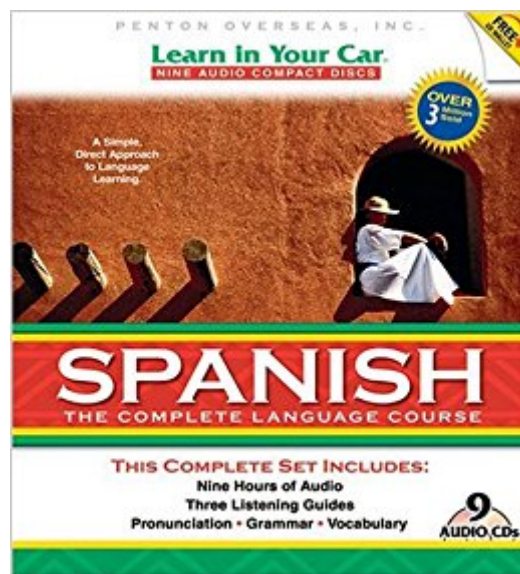




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Learn In Your Car Spanish: The Complete Language Course [With Guidebook And CD Carrying Case And DVD] (Spanish Edition)



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Our best-selling audio language-learning program provides comprehensive grammar and vocabulary to beginners and advanced students, offering guidance in pronunciation in addition to language fundamentals. Updated for the 21st century and re-recorded with fresh voiceovers, Learn In Your Car includes terminology for cell phones, computers and the Internet, as well as contemporary currencies and usages. Listeners learn pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar of a new language without the need of a textbook: Level 1: Key words and phrases, basic grammar skills, emphasizes travel needs; Level 2: Expands vocabulary, new grammar concepts, more day-to-day activities; Level 3: Broadens vocabulary base, more advanced grammar skills, enriches conversational ability. 9 hours of audio on 9 compact discs, 3 booklets with recorded text for reference & grammar notes, Zippered CD Wallet, Travelogue DVD.

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Customer Reviews

Packaging:I give LIYCS 5 stars for construction. CD's are all pressed like commercially made cds. It comes w/ sturdy cd case, cd of mp3/pdf of booklets (though some of the tracks are 96 kbps rather than 128 kbps), dvd covering some popular tourist areas, and 3 booklets w/ transcript. Booklets pretty convenient to carry and have plenty of space for u to jot down notes. Though it says 9 CD's on the cover, the page actually has 2 extra bonus cd's for a total of 11 cd's. There's one bonus cd for Level 2 and another one for Level 3 that provides more examples.I give BTWS 1 star for construction. CD's are CD-r's that have been burned and have a white sticker in front which is b/w

and printed using a laser printer. Several of the tracks skipped and the first package that I got had CD #8 that didn't have any data on it...it was a blank CD-R. promptly shipped me a replacement the next day. Included is a book which has like 8 chapters w/ material that are separate from the audio cd. At the end of the book is a few pages in size 6 font that tries to squeeze all the transcriptions from the 8 cd's into a dozen pages. It also has transcriptions from Spanish II and Spanish III courses. Content: LIYCS gets 4 stars. It's mostly a traditional tape that covers all the contents of Spanish language. However, I found it boring 2/2 to the repetition. Typical example would be: "We pay in cash"...followed by "Pagamos al contado" twice. No variation in speed. Contrast this with BTWS, where the English narrator would mix things up and ask something unexpected, like: "So learner, how would you say ""We pay in cash?"". LIYCS seems more difficult by the last CD than BTWS. LIYCS also divide each cd until more tracks than BTWS. For example, BTWS has some tracks that are 20 minutes. One good thing about LIYCS is that you could easily go to a certain cd to learn more about preterit because there's a table of contents. On the other hand, the transcription in BTWS doesn't have any table of contents. BTWS gets 4.5 stars. The packaging sucks, but the content is more entertaining. Easier to stay engaged. However, it's annoying that the english speaker calls you "learner"..lol. "Learner, please.." In terms of content, BTWS seems to cover less material. Maybe that's why they have Level II and III, which are sold separately. I started off w/ 3 cd's from BTWS and then switched to LIYCS cuz LICYS seemed to cover more material. I'll update this section once I get back to BTWS. Overall: I'd buy BTWS if i'm a complete novice. Once I'm done w/ that, I'd consider LIYCS to get more vocab or consider BTWS Level II. To be honest, I'd go w/ BTWS since it keeps me more engaged and is more entertaining. They're supposed to come out w/ an updated version in August 2008. Hopefully by then it'll correct the deficiencies and be more professional. In the mean time, since I have both, and I previously had some high school spanish, going through LIYCS is easier cuz I can skip around easily and target the areas that I've forgotten, like preterite, imperfect, etc. You can't go wrong either either product.

I received my Spanish discs two weeks ago and was pleasantly surprised. First for a small \$31.00 USD I got 9 Spanish CDs with 117 lessons, three free CDs on how to learn a foreign language and it was all packaged with a CD travel case which holds the CDs. You cannot get anything like this in Australia and certainly not for that price. So I started my Spanish Lessons straight away. The lessons progressively take you through the Spanish language in a way that is easy to learn. Within a week I was mixing and matching sentences and I'd only got to lesson 3. Two weeks later I'm up to lesson 6 and am beginning to think Spanish quite well and at times I just say a sentence straight of

the top of my head and realise I got it right upon reflection. On top of this I also printed the Argentinian newspaper [...] from the internet and their conversions using the online BabelFish translator [...] I read these on the train and am surprised at how many words in Spanish are the same as they are in English only spelt differently with an accent thrown on the top. All up, I watched the movie "Maria Full of Grace" on the weekend which is all in Spanish and recognised a lot of words and some small sentences. This system is excellent! It definitely has helped me pick up Spanish at a high speed. I'm having small conversations with a Nicaraguan friend at work and he is understanding what I am saying, most of the time anyway. :-)) Highly recommend this course. I'd also like to thank all the other reviewers as they convinced me to buy this CD course.

I purchased "Learn Spanish in Your Car" because I want to learn some of the language, but do not want to sit in a classroom. I live in Los Angeles and with Spanish around so much I believe that it is important to have a basic understanding. I have not tried any similar products so I can't rate this based on comparisons. I can say that I have learned a lot of Spanish on the way to and from work (in my car, of course) and I am only about one-third through the CD's. I did take two years of mostly forgotten Spanish in high school thirty years ago. That and the inevitable osmosis of the language from living in Los Angeles gave me a head start. There is a lot of material in "Learn Spanish in Your Car" and the user will need to spend a lot of time with it. Basically the course consists of a speaker in English saying a word or phrase and then another speaker reciting it in Spanish. Course chapters are generally between three and six minutes long. The user is supposed to say the words in Spanish after both the English and Spanish versions. Thus the teaching is primarily by rote memory. This works to a certain extent, but there is no discussion or explanation of the logic and grammar of the language on the tapes. There is material containing the dialogue and a few notes on the CD's available for the buyer to print out. This is very important as an accompanying tool to the CD's. Without it, I would have gotten lost quickly. The Spanish speaker on the CD's speaks fast and it is difficult to pick out the separate words at times. This is realistic, but it would be better if the speaker slowed down part of the time. An annoying related problem is that the user sometimes is not given enough time to recite the dialogue in Spanish. This is very frustrating when attempting to learn a long or tongue-twisting phrase. I look at Learn Spanish in Your Car as one of several valuable tools because it should be used in conjunction with a book and a dictionary. It has taught me a lot of Spanish and I expect to learn much more. I recommend it to others, but the above needs to be kept in mind. Learning a new language is difficult and there is no easy route or quick fix!

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