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Learning Spanish Like Crazy Level 2 (Spanish Edition)



Synopsis

Learning Spanish Like Crazy teaches you conversational Latin American Spanish and helps you develop an authentic Latin American Spanish accent. This course is a continuation of Learning Spanish Like Crazy Level 1. Level 2 consists of audio Lessons 31 to 60 and Level 2 covers the Spanish subjunctive in great depth. With Level 2, you will receive bonus CDs with 8 more lessons and a DVD with an hour of video Spanish lessons. PLEASE BE AWARE that the bonus gift package consisting of CDs with 8 more lessons and a DVD is only included with an actual PURCHASE. If you chose to obtain the program as a RENTAL we will NOT include the special bonus package.

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Customer Reviews

I am currently wrapping up Level 1 of Learning Spanish Like Crazy, and decided to purchase Level 2. I took Spanish in high school (40 years ago!), but did not keep up with it on my own. I have always desired to speak and understand the language. I live in Florida so it would be an asset to me. I listen to these CD's in my car during my commute and have learned a great deal.

Understanding verbs and tenses seems to be the key for me and much time is dedicated to focusing on those details in the lessons. I have gained enough confidence to try out simple phrases on my bilingual coworkers. They are very kind and helpful and I'm losing my fear of sounding foolish. I've also discovered that I'm doing a much better job of reading Spanish. I appreciate the seller providing transcripts of the CD's. I only refer to them after listening to a lesson a few times. All in all, I would recommend this series to anyone that has a sincere interest in learning the language. And if you've had any previous teachings, you'll find that these lessons quickly bring it back to life

for you.

I liked Level I, and now own Level II. I felt like I should review this because as others have observed there are obviously a lot of fake reviews touting the amazing things it will do. The fact is, this product has HUGELY helped my spanish fluency. I went through Pimsleur from the local library, and that is a great program as well. I will probably do Rosetta Stone after. I have done level 1 and am finishing level 2 and also went through Barrons' Learning Medical Spanish program. This is great on verb tenses. It is a bit, but not overly predictable. Pimsleur has more inherent review, so the stuff you learn is maybe better stuck in your head. However, that can be overcome by listening to the CDs more times. Pimsleur I went through once, these CDs I listen to three times a piece (as the difficulty has increased) and then review later. The amount of material in this far exceeds Pimsleur, and I have learned lots of verb tenses and structures. I can now speak and be understood fairly well. I have seen claims that you will be fluent and understand rapid speaking natives, and while this definitely gets you closer, I don't know when I will be able to understand rapid speakers (even with listening to TV for practice)... I think that just takes time. Fluency just takes practice and time. So, it's a great product, but its not going to make you beautiful, intelligent, or anything else magical despite some of its claims. I did email the company and they are coming out with a Level III this fall, and I plan to get that as well. The only thing that would stop me would be if I already have much of it-- the free lesson they give with Level One is the first lesson of level II, and this one has a bunch of bonus lessons (A-H I think) which I haven't reached yet. Anyway, definitely a good pick for someone who is motivated and has time and money to invest in learning Spanish! Later: I am updating this review, just to say I have decided not to do Rosetta Stone. I am sure it is a fine product... but I don't feel I need to spend the money on it with where I am at now. I am working my way through the LSLC FSI Programmatic Spanish programs which are an awesome addition to this, if somewhat painful. I have learned a lot through iTunes Latino (and I am sure you could find Spanish mp3's here on too)... get the songs, find a translation on line or translate it myself, and listen to it when I run. Kudos to Learning Spanish Like Crazy for providing a great program!

It obviously mimics the Pimsleur technique, but it covers more ground and explains most things much better than Pimsleur does. Having done the whole three levels of Pimsleur, I'd say it was better, and given that it's cheaper, there's just no question about which one you should get (this one). There's only one thing that Pimsleur does better and that's keep you off balance. Since Learning Spanish Like Crazy approaches subjects thematically, it's pretty easy for your brain to get

into a rhythm on a particular topic (say, for instance, forming commands with AR verbs). Since you just stay on one topic your short-term memory kicks in and you find yourself just zombie-ing it through). I went back to a previous topic a few weeks later and asked myself "did I really learn this?" Pimsleur, on the other hand, is *constantly* reintroducing past learned material and constantly trying to keep you off balance so you always have to reuse things you've learned in the past. In this way, I think Pimsleur may allow you to digest things a bit better. Still, there's more here than in Pimsleur and I think it's more useful for people who want to chit-chat with new friends than who want to learn stuff for a Business setting. Pimsleur is far too business-centric for me and far too formal-occasion oriented because of it. My only other little gripe is tiny and applies only to a small fraction of those wanting to learn Spanish and is a problem with all Spanish learning products. I did this series because I knew that I would be spending a good deal of time in Argentina. The first day I was there someone said "vos sos" to me and I was like "Is this Spanish?" Well, it turns out that in Argentina you don't really use the "tu" form except with small children and cuddly animals. "Vos sos" is the basic equivalent of "tu eres," but if you say that to an adult, they might get offended. But anyway, buy this, it's probably the best product out there.

I though level one (Lessons 1 through 30) was great. Level two continues the original format, with the addition of new verb tenses and vocabulary. If you liked level one, get level two. Obviously, work with level one first. I was unclear on the availability of transcripts, but they are available online, and the instructions are clear.

This Spanish program has interesting dialogues that force you to think and remember, rather than just repeat. Learning happens better when you're actually figuring things out. Because the CDs give you an opportunity to hear Spanish at the real pace and then breaks it down to parts, it trains your ear to be able to pick up what native speakers are saying.

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