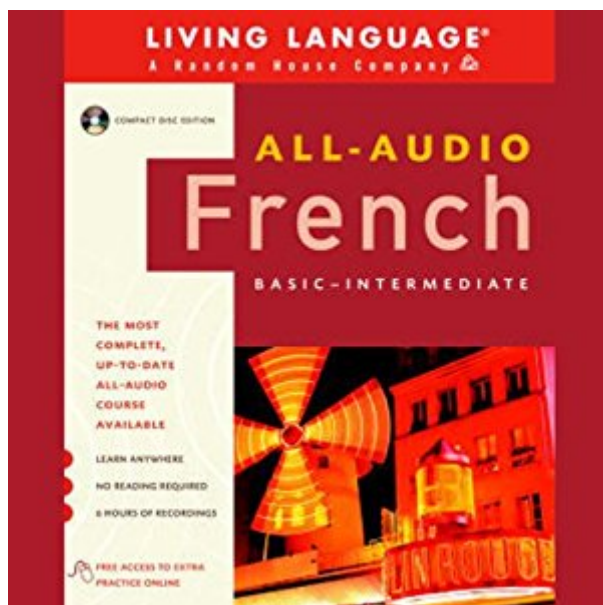


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All-Audio French



Synopsis

Learn French Anywhere! If you have trouble finding time to fit in language lessons, All-Audio French is the perfect solution. Developed by the experts at Living Language, this program is designed for people on the move. You can learn French as you drive, work around the house, or exercise at the gym. No Reading Required! An English-speaking narrator guides you through 35 short lessons. Just listen and repeat after native French speakers. Vocabulary, Grammar, Dialogue, and Culture! Begin with vocabulary and grammar basics before hearing a lively dialogue that includes the most current French idioms and usage. Interactive exercises reinforce what you've learned. You'll also learn some intriguing facts about French customs and culture.

Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 6 hours 40 minutes

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Customer Reviews

Awesome french learning tool!!!

This program is definitely not for a beginner because it moves very quickly through beginner material without review. As other reviewers noted, it works on the principle that you will remember a word or concept after you hear it once. A beginner with little or no knowledge of French would be quickly drowning in this course. However, it is a good set of cd's for somebody who has taken at least two years of French in school and needs a review or wants to improve their skills a bit. I took French in junior high and high school. We are going on a vacation to France and I badly needed a review but needed it to be something I could listen to while driving or doing chores around the house. This program was perfect for that. The program moved very quickly and efficiently through vocabulary lists and grammar topics. I even learned a few things that I didn't know before. The book is pretty much useless. I don't even know why they included it. But the CD's stand alone so you

don't need a book anyway. This program is pretty dry and boring. I can only listen to about 15 or 20 minutes of it at a time before I have to take a break. It is about as much fun as ironing. I do them together because I figure I might as well take my medicine all at once and get it over with. That is why I took away a star. Is it really too much to ask that somebody make a language learning program that is fun and effective? Maybe something that works on xbox?

I never learned French before renting this set from the library - I wanted to be prepared for a trip to Quebec. Yes, it does move fast - but I just hit the 'back' button until I learned whatever was on a particular track. Listening to the conversations repeatedly worked well to train my ear. The booklet doesn't line up well with the lessons, but it does provide visual and spelling understanding of what you hear. I came to the product's page because I'm looking for the Intermediate-Advanced.

I have listened to these CDs four times by now. Overall, I am greatly disappointed with the way the program is designed. The French actors speak very fast and are hard to understand. By lesson 3 almost everything is WAY over my head. The program seems to be designed for people who already know quite a bit of French and just need to brush-up on grammar. If you remember everything 100% when you first hear it and your brain work as fast as a very good computer, this course is for you. The provided booklet documents only about 15% of the CD course and often doesn't match the presented material in substantial ways. I am going to look for a different course and return to this one only occasionally. I guess it's good for simulating the feeling of being in France and trying to learn the language from TV and radio. Date references indicate that it was put together between 1990 and 1995.

This is a really bad course, especially if you are a beginner. Rather than starting out with some basics and building up your confidence as it builds on what you learned, it simply starts rattling off all kinds of French phrases and sentences right from the beginning of lesson 1. They give the phrase one time in English, followed by one time in French, and then move on to the next one. At lesson 3 they start with some basics like gender and articles but by then you feel so lost and frustrated that it doesn't matter. They use the impossible principle that you will remember 100% of what you hear, even if it is said only once. They do other things to make learning difficult. For example, the woman will say a list of words in English like "car". She won't say "the car" or "a car", but after she says the word in English, the French speaker will say the word in French but will add the "la" or "une" (the or a) so you are not sure what the actual word is. The woman could say the "a"

or "the" in English but doesn't for some reason. Also, words are left out in the translation from English to French. One time the woman said a phrase starting with the word "now....." and the French translation repeated correctly. Then right afterwards she said "now...." and the French speaker left out the French word for "now". Some of the translations are also inaccurate. For example (and this is only an example) "tres" means "very" and "bien" means "well", so "tres bien" means "very well". You should be able to use "tres" in other places where you use "very", but this course will say "tre bien" means "good" as in "I feel good" rather than the correct "I feel well". This will cause you to mistakenly say things like "the cake is very well" rather than "the cake is good". In short, the only person who could get through this course is someone who is a native French speaker and who could then point out all the mistakes. If you are an advanced enough speaker you might use it to test what you know, but I don't think anyone could actually learn from this without just memorizing a bunch of canned phrases, some with inaccurate translations.

Yes, at least 1 yr of college French is needed. The audio book shd be complemented by the text so that you see the spelling

I used these cd's to help me prepare for the CLEP french exam. I listened to it in the car during my commute and it replaced me spending a lot of time in the lab. The lessons are good, they have a small conversation at the first of each lesson then break it down sentence by sentence. It covered all the topics from my first year french book, and more.

This is one of the worst instructional sets I've ever heard. it deserves no stars. How they thought this would actually help you learn french I don't understand. there is no repetition, no progression, no flow, no basic precepts for teaching! I have nominal french skills and kept listening to this hoping it would help me improve, but non. Get something else like Michel Thomas's or anything else!

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