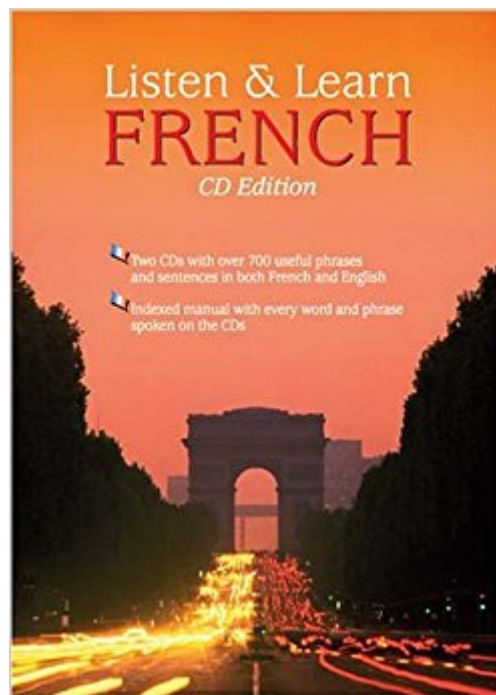




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Customer Reviews

I've been listening to a number of French language audio CDs over the past year. It is a crowded field. I'm not complaining, because they are all good in different ways, but this is my current favorite. I have been listening to these two short CDs for weeks at 5-10 minute intervals driving my car. The 700 phrases are spoken in English and then repeated in French. The voices (male and female) that repeat the English phrases in French are very clear. The simplicity of the presentation will likely catch you off guard if you are used to listening to cutesy music or sound effect gimmicks in other language packages. This straightforward presentation is precisely why the material is easy to listen to again and again. It is what it is: Useful English phrases and their French equivalency. There is the obligatory booklet, but it repeats all the words and phrases exactly as they are heard on the two discs. So it is very easy to check what you have heard later on (as I need to). The packaging is slim and easy to slip into my jacket side pocket. When I have mastered these phrases I won't be reading Camus or Proust, but I will be appreciative. Maybe the producers should consider a sequel.

This CD is awful! The English speaking man sounds like a game show host from the 1960's and the French guy over enunciates EVERYTHING! It sounds like he is trying to make sure you understand what he is saying but he is so dramatic it's annoying! He does not make himself clear, I could not understand what he was saying. I couldn't stand listening to him for more than 5 min. They don't explain why they are translating certain things the way they do, simply teach you to memorize. This technique isn't very helpful because when you try to speak the French language with your own ideas and thoughts they don't transfer the same way. They only say each word in French once, this does not give you enough experience with the words. This CD may be helpful for someone who is just wanting to learn a few French expressions for travel or a quick visit to France. It would have been more helpful to me to have an explanation of the language in between lessons. For example, when they say "I have a brown dog" literally translates to say "I have dog brown". Or why you put the numbers after the street. Just a little blurb would be nice, don't have to go into detail. So I bought the French for Dummies CD - LOVE IT! This one is going back! Au revoir!

I'm planning a trip to France, started taking a class last month and wanted a CD to listen to and practice in the car as well. I also wanted a CD that would come with its little booklet. The reviews for thisÃ A Listen & Learn French (CD Edition) (Dover Language Guides Listen and Learn)Ã A CD were good, so I decided to give it a try, but I'm really disappointed. The order of phrases and topics are not organized well, it is outdated (speaks of "where to develop a 35 mm film", etc. - sounds like it was done in 90s), it doesn't repeat phrases twice like other language CDs do. And since some of the phrases are longer in French, you don't necessarily have enough time to repeat and memorize the whole phrase. Plus, since it has 2 CDs, some of the topics that logically should follow each other, are in different CDs. For instance, you have to learn the greetings, and then change the CD to learn how to ask "how are you?", etc. That part was annoying. I wouldn't recommend purchasing it. Better spend that money on a different CD that might be a bit more expensive.

I really love this cd because it is so convenient to play in the car and they alternate the words and phrases in English and French. I appreciate the fact that they included a booklet that has the information in it so you can read along as well (just not while you're driving of course!). It is good for anyone who wants to learn the basics- nothing too complicated and if you really apply yourself you will make some progress. I can vouch for that since before this cd I did not speak ONE WORD of French lol.

I did not find this CD and the accompanying booklet overly helpful as it didn't give me casual ways to converse with French family members....which is what I was hoping for. I did get some vocabulary and grammar review from it, but I found that it moved too quickly and did not give me enough time to incorporate the words and phrases in a useful way. All in all, I listened to it for awhile and then put it away. I may try again some other time, but I will also seek a CD that focuses more on personal conversation...that a family might have, rather than conversation that tourists would have if they were going to Paris or other French cities. That's when this CD would be more helpful. In France with French people rather than in the U.S. with French visitors.

I bought this to learn French in the car on my way to work...what I got was a headache instead. They talk so fast with such thick accents that you can't understand anything! I am going to Montreal in March and wanted to learn some quick conversation French to use while there but this did not help at all. DO NOT BUY THIS unless you already know French or it will end up on the floor of the back seat of your car just like where it is in my car. WASTE OF MONEY

This CD is fairly easy to learn and comes with a matching booklet. I found the voice to be a little boring and the booklet did not follow the CD in the same exact order. If you have a good attention span and want to learn basic French, then I would recommend this.

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