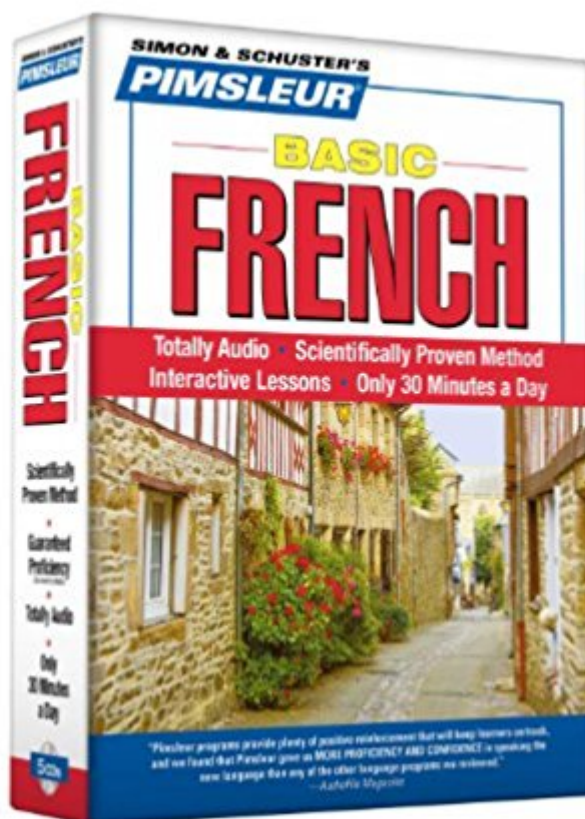


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# Pimsleur French Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand French With Pimsleur Language Programs



## 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 1-10 from the French Level 1 program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Level 1 Program. 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 French. The French Language French is spoken by 55 million speakers in France, 3 million in Belgium, 1.5 million in Switzerland, 6.5 million in Canada, and 5 million in former French and Belgian colonies. It is an official language in 44 countries and an official language of the United Nations. An estimated 50 million people around the world speak French as a second language.

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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've bought and studied 4 other Basic Pimsleur European language audio courses and could discern and imitate the native sounds just fine in spite of a partial hearing loss. (I only wear hearing aids sometimes, not always, but they don't help with my learning French a la Pimsleur.)But, this French! Oy vay! It's so hard to know what so many of the sounds are, which is precisely what sets French apart from other European languages. I got into an involved back-and-forth with Pimsleur customer service in a futile attempt to get the script. No way. They claim they don't even have one. My question is an incredulous, "So, how did the speakers on the CDs know what to say?"To be fair, maybe there are people without hearing loss, who are also adept at learning foreign languages and who can discern all the sounds on the Pimsleur CDs.

I bought these CDs to use in the car to help me with my French before traveling to France. The phrases I learned were very helpful. Being alone in the car allowed me to practice as many times as it took to feel comfortable enough to order at a restaurant and ask for directions. But there are some phrases that I have questions about. I sent an email to the company online and never heard back from them. That was disappointing. I paid for their product and they couldn't even respond to an

email. Disappointing.

I have used Pimsleur before for Italian and I was quite pleased. The method is sound. However, I am disappointed in the logic of what is included in these lessons. I have ordered these because my husband and I are traveling to France but things on here don't include much of what we would need for survival. Saying "we would like" would be helpful things that I'd tourist needs to know. I won't be asking anyone in French if they want to eat and drink. This needs much more hotel conversation, restaurant phrases, asking information, and asking directions. If there is a suggestion to a more helpful program I would like to know.

They weren't kidding when they said "Basic"...If you've taken French before and needed a refresher this isn't for you... but if you're learning for the first time it's helpful.

This was recommended to me. I purchased it for French for my teenage son. Not realizing that it really is to help the business man or woman to communicate while on a business trip. So the lessons are to teach you things about meeting places, restaurants, hotels and such. Not what we were looking for but he still learned quick and easy from it.

LOVED these French Lessons. So easy to follow and was very helpful on my trip to Paris --- I was actually able to converse un peu in French and could understand much more on the menus than I would have without it. My only regret is that I didn't order this sooner as I would have had time to go through the whole lesson.

there are definitely strengths and weaknesses about these CDs. first of all, it does not come with any written material. If you can't see how a word is spelled, how can you memorize it efficiently? The syllabus is very restricted. There are you and I, but how about he, she and they? The strength is that they repeat themselves over and over again, so by the end, you've heard it enough times that it does start to stick. They do emphasize on the correct pronunciation, which is very helpful. I'd give it a 3 star at best.

After finishing French for Dummies, a friend encouraged me to give Pimsleur a try. I had heard it was the finest method to learn a new language, so I took the plunge. Love it! I am well on my way to being tri-lingual. A true polyglot in the making thanks to Pimsleur France. Thank you.

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