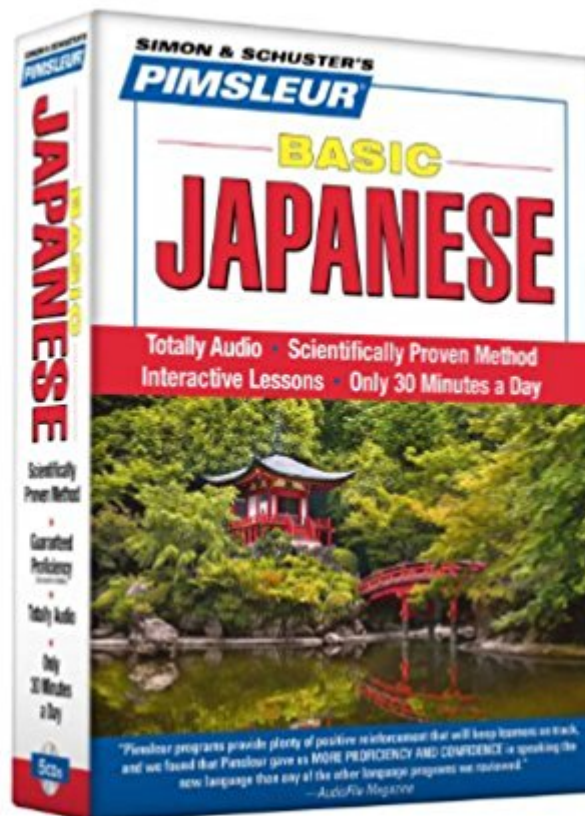


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# Pimsleur Japanese Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Japanese With Pimsleur Language Programs



## 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 Japanese 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 Japanese. The Japanese Language Japanese is spoken by about 130 million people, 122 million of whom are in Japan. There are also speakers in the Ryukyu Islands, Korea, Taiwan, parts of the United States, and Brazil. Japanese has many "registers" or levels of politeness. Pimsleur's Japanese courses will teach you how to speak at a polite register, which is appropriate in virtually any situation you are likely to encounter in Japan.

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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 been listening to this in my car, it's alright. I know it's supposed to be a lot of repetition but it would be helpful if you knew how the words were spelled so I could verify the enunciation as the people on the CD speak very fast and I'm not 100% sure I'm saying the words / phrases correctly.

This is the easiest way to learn a new language. I listen every morning on my way to work and every evening on my way home. I'm able to zip through the lessons and progress fairly quickly. I choose to listen to them at least 4-5 days so I've really got a solid hold on the lesson before progressing on to the next. The way these lessons are taught help you problem solve and piece together sentences you haven't been directly taught by teaching you how they work structurally within the sentence. Once you learn a new verb you automatically know how to use it in a sentence in its various tenses. It's great to hear two different speakers pronounce the words so you can pick up on subtle pronunciation differences between the two and still be able to understand the word. However, as with English, there are certain words in Japanese that most people will pronounce "lazily" or rushed or condensed. For example, in English, the word crayon can be pronounced as "cran" rather than "cray-on" but it's still understood. So goes the same with Japanese as in the word *itsu*, which means when. Occasionally, this word may be condensed to sound like "eets" rather than "ee- tsu". This can be challenging when listening to Japanese words you may not have learned before but if you pay attention to the rest of the sentence, chances are that you will be able to figure out what the mystery word is. I'm going to be purchasing more pimsleur courses in Japanese for myself, and in Spanish for my brothers. It's just the best. I've taken 6 years of language courses in school, tried self-learning, and tried Rosetta Stone, and I've got to say that Pimsleur is way easier to learn. If you're thinking about learning a new language I suggest going with Pimsleur.

Yeah, it's helpful to get off the ground. But they spend too much time on money(which you can easily and quickly acquire) and when you work on the ground in Japan, you find conflicts between Pimsleur phrasings and word choice and what Japanese actually use.

It doesn't work for me. I found it difficult to learn/remember the words by only listening to the cds. Without having a written reference, I couldn't tell if the word ended in a "m" or a "n", a "d" or a "t",

etc.

This shows you several scenarios where you can carry out conversations and somehow to what they would be presented, you will not become an expert, but it will help with pronunciation and you can listen while driving or doing other activity. Though, if you don't know much of the language and try it out if the conversation goes away from the given script you might have a hard time catching up

This Pimsleur course leaves out the basic sentence structure, which made learning very difficult for me. I listened for several dozen hours but ultimately go nowhere. I learned more in the first few minutes with the Japanese From Zero book 1.

This appears to be the starter pack of CDs for the Pimsleur Japanese program, and thus far it is definitely exceeding my expectations. Living in Japan and even with a Japanese wife, I have struggled for years with speaking only a limited amount. Like children learn, Pimsleur stresses that one learns a language first orally -- and only later should one focus on the written language. I think he's right, since my retention and facility with speaking is already better than with other methods. Definitely recommended.

Very happy with this purchase. I believe this 100% audio method is spot on. I listen and do my 30-minute lesson while driving in gridlock...perfect way to pass the time. I usually have to repeat each lesson once but I feel confident I'll be ready for basic convo for my Japan trip in July!

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