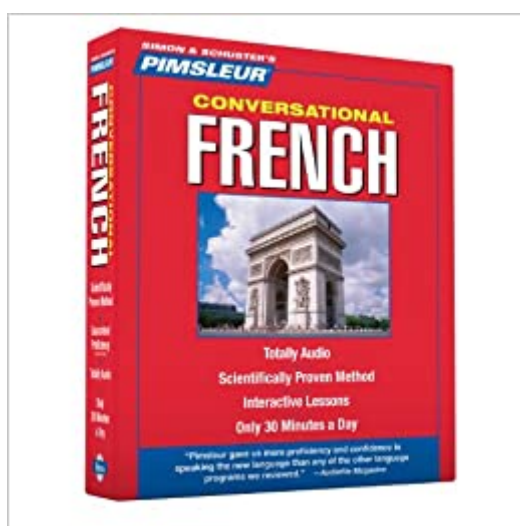


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# Pimsleur French Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand French With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

Pimsleur's® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the French Level 1 program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. 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. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak French. Reading instruction begins in Lesson 9 to provide you with an introduction to reading French. A Reading Booklet PDF must be downloaded. 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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## Customer Reviews

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.

Okay, here is the deal. This first 16 lesson set is not really a good investment, because you really want to develop any proficiency in French, you need to buy the entire 30 lesson level one set. The problem is, after you master the 16 lesson set, you cannot buy the remaining 14 lessons without buying the first 16 lessons a second time. Having said that, the material is well done, albeit expensive, and after finishing the first 16 lessons set, we purchased the entire 30 lesson level one set. Each lesson is approximately 30 minute long, and I typically have to go through it 5 or 6 times before I felt like I had mastered the material. Bottom line, I recommend skipping this 16 lesson course and jumping immediately to the 30 lesson level one course.

It's still very hard to retain the lessons of this sort (for me). Although my pronunciation did improve, as well as understanding of the language from ear. This is a good recorded set, however, just don't expect miracles if you know you learn differently. I wouldn't recommend for interactive learners. I found I couldn't advance through the lessons. It could be my learning profile to blame, but These were very good CD recordings though. My young daughter was able to learn what I did if I spoke it to her on random occasions. Overall happy with it.

I minored in French in college and studied conversational French in Dijon for a summer, but haven't used it much since then (it's been a while), so when we decided to visit Paris, I wanted to brush up on my French so I could enjoy speaking some French while we were there. This worked perfectly. I listened to the audio while driving back and forth to work for 2 weeks before we left and it gave me the confidence to speak (and understand) some French while we were there, which made the experience much more memorable and enjoyable for me. My husband, who's never learned any French even picked up a few words!

I love it! I'm in my 50's so memory is already waning, but I can actually remember this because of the way it is taught. I got off track due to some family issues for about 4 weeks, and figured I would have to start over, but I started where I left off because my trip is in 3 weeks and I was amazed that I remembered what I had learned!!! So exciting :)

I play these cd's in the car. I used the program in Italian for Italy and really learned a lot. This one, in French, has a booklet to be downloaded and printed out. Six discs into the program, you have to sit down and listen to the cd and look at the booklet. French is a different language than Italian. If you look at the printed French language, you can't figure out how to pronounce. The booklet helps, although I have to say I find it hard to find the time to sit down. I love doing my learning in the car. I play the cd's over and over and I'm really learning a lot. I love the Pimsleur program.

I like the way Pimsleur builds on what was learned previously. I used a shorter version of this course 10 years ago and I still remember everything. Good pronunciation, good practice spaces for repeating what was just said. I haven't completed this longer version yet, but I'm glad I got it. I bought another brand in the interim, but didn't like it. I really just want to learn by hearing - like I learned my own language as a child.

I listen to this book to work everyday and it's so convenient. I've always been good at learning with repetition and this is so easy for me understand and learn. Only problem is by the 7th lesson you have to but a book to learn how to write in French too.

I took French in high school and college, so was looking for a refresher set of CDs. It didn't bother me that there would be no book since I would be listening in my car. I don't think this content is very logical in teaching the basics. Yes, there is lots of repetition, good pronunciation and a few fundamentals for eating, time, very very simple directions (e.g., there, here).....but a newbie would be hard pressed to learn much more. For me, the content didn't contain enough of verbs, nouns, etc. used in everyday transactions. If you just want to be able to go to a restaurant, talk about time, know what to call a street....it's just okay.

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