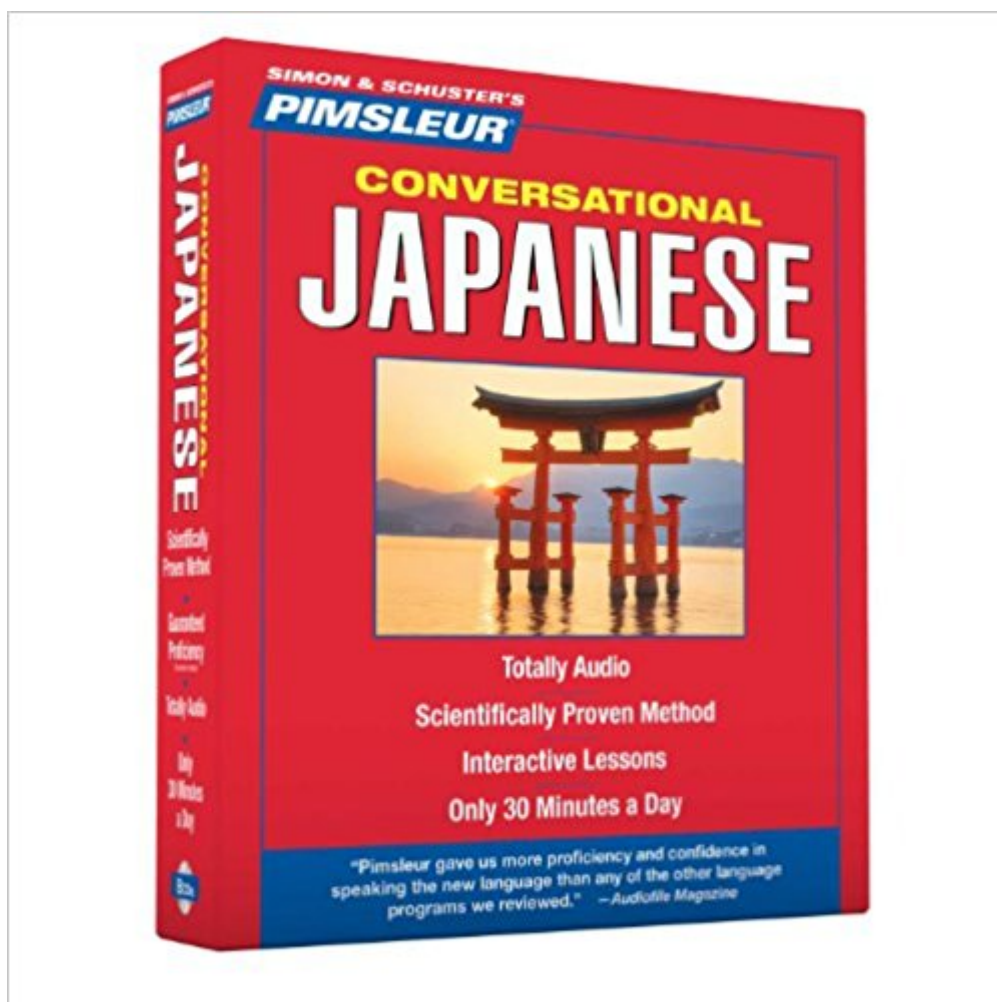




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# Pimsleur Japanese Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Japanese With Pimsleur Language Programs





## 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 Japanese 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 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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## 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.

If your planning to take a trip to japan and want to learn some phrases, this is a great tool if your learning period is limited. But I feel that more could have been done to help the listener \* truly\* understand the language. First and foremost, A 5-7 page transcript should be included of all the conversations. This would help for several reasons- People would better remember if they could read along- people wouldn't say words wrong when they can't make out what the speaker is saying ( for example n and d can sound similar)- the user would better understand particles which would help them form their own sentences- The user would understand present and negative tenses better. Without the transcript, a person will learn to speak well and have the context for several useful conversations. But they may not catch on to some things that would make more sense if there was a romaji translation. For example, nanika is to drink, ka at the end of this root word is present tense. However, nanimasen ka is a question, ka is not part of the word nanimasen which is negative present tense. A listener would be hard pressed to understand this if they had no prior japanese knowledge.

This is easily the best strictly audible learning program languages. I've tried several. It's been on in my car for a month. I had a simple conversation with a server at a japanese restaurant recently. He said I'm coming along well.

If you want to learn a language, Pimsleur is the best way. I've tried multiple languages: Danish, German, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Japanese, Thai, and Mandarin; using many learning systems such as: 'Rosetta Stone', 'Teach Yourself', 'Complete', free phone apps, paid phone apps, practicing with friends, 2 years Spanish in High School, falling asleep on top of books, or trying to receive it through telepathy. This is the BEST way to learn! You can learn and start speaking in Days! If you do Pimsleur (1Hr/Day) As well as use along with a great free app I found called Memrise (1Hr/Day), and you will be speaking and understanding desired basic language in 2 weeks or less.

Four lessons teaching mostly how to say variations of I understand a little Japanese. I don't understand well. I'm not skilled. I speak a little. But I'm not skilled yet. Then five lessons of are you

going to eat. Would you like to eat. Won't you eat something. Won't you eat with me. No but I'm going to drink. Where are you going to drink. When are you going to drink. I want to drink. I don't want any. I'm going to buy beer. So I learn some important words, But after 9 lessons of 16 lessons can only converse about how badly I know Japanese and whether I want to eat or drink something. (But only if it's beer or sake.) Also, sometimes it sounds like the man is saying an "m" while the woman sounds like she is saying an "n" so I do have to look it up. Same with "s" vs "sh". Positives. It does explain word order. I can listen in the car. I have an understanding of question vs answer. Maybe it gets better. Maybe it's a good starting point and I can learn needed vocabulary on my own.

I bought this 4 months in advance of a business trip. I want to at least know a few things. With the 16 lessons included, I was able to hold decent conversations. The customers with whom I spent a week were amazed at how much I was able to speak and more specifically how well the words were articulated instead of butchered. I did not know what to expect when buying the course. But it worked out very well and I intend to upgrade to the full Japanese Comprehensive Level 1 in preparation for a trip next year. For the price, you can't beat what you will learn. On a side note, I also had not intention then or now of learning to read and write. This is for spoken language only. You will need something else if you intend to read and write Japanese.

I have used most of this and it has definitely helped my Japanese. The numbering system on the CD's is very weird.

I've played with a number of language systems, including Rosetta Stone (fun, but wildly expensive). Happily, I can report that the Pimsleur Japanese system (Conversational) "clicked" with the way my brain learns. There's something quite rewarding about being able to understand full sentences, and even brief conversation, by the end of the very first lesson, which I listened to while driving down the highway on a vacation. Each progressive session gives the user yet more empowerment and confidence that they could actually USE what's been learned if plopped down in Japan right this minute. I did feel the need to repeat each session since near the end, my brain was going into overload. However, when I resumed with the next session the following day, I was dead-on, whipping off correct responses to questions without hesitation. This may be one of the smartest purchases I've made in a long, long time (coming from someone not prone to gushing). Note: YES, the discount for purchasing additional Pimsleur Japanese programs IS included in the version, to

answer previous posters' questions. It's printed right on the box, and is honored by the manufacturer.

What a ripoff! I was unsatisfied with this product and so returned it. There was never a mention of restocking fee and yet I was charged HALF the value of the product! BEWARE of ordering this as it is lacking in many ways from the \$19.95 version of the same level of instruction.

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