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Instant Immersion Japanese



Synopsis

Based on the #1 selling language series on CD-ROM The most widely used method in the World!! The quickest way to learn a language, guaranteed! 2,000 essential terms used in everyday conversations 3 Separate Vocabulary-Only CDs 8 hours of listening! 5 Conversational CDs The 5 conversational CDs get you started speaking Japanese, immediately! The conversational format replicates real-life situations you might find yourself in, from traveling and conducting business, to establishing relationships, dining, and navigating around a Japanese-speaking country with ease. Simply put, these CDs instantly immerse you into the language with applicable words and sentences that mirror everyday situations. Furthermore, the conversations are specially produced with a learning system designed for faster comprehension and permanent retention by allowing you to listen to different conversations in Japanese, followed by the English translations. Then, listen and repeat the individual words and phrases that construct the sentences in Japanese, which are once again followed with English translations. By adhering to this proven learning method that forces you to listen and speak, you not only memorize individual words faster, but you also learn how to say useful phrases and entire sentences for meaningful conversations with other Japanese speakers. 3 Vocabulary CDs The 3 Vocabulary CDs contain 2000 words that were picked after an extensive computer-generated study that analyzed the most frequently spoken Japanese words. In short, these three CDs have all the words you need to clearly express yourself in Japanese. As an added feature, the words are listed in alphabetic order for easier use. The vocabulary can be easily inserted into the sentences and phrases you learn from the conversational CDs, providing you with a broader usage and knowledge of the language.

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Customer Reviews

The Instant Immersion series claims to make you about intermediate in speaking and comprehension, they never said they would teach you to read or write the language. They do exactly what they claim, I used their Eastern Arabic program, and now people ask me how long I lived in Beirut! As for reading and writing, try Remembering the Kana (excellent) and Remembering the Kanji, but they won't help you SPEAK Japanese. Or Japanese the Manga Way. It teaches Kana and Kanji, but without stroke order, which is important, and some of the Kanji are really too small to make out. If you want to speak with and understand Japanese speakers, use this system.

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I have the version of this set with the 8 CD's, which includes 5 CD's of multi-media lesson materials, and 3 CD's of audio material. This is a lot of stuff, as there are about 120 exercises just on the 5 multi-media based disks, which is probably equivalent to at least the first year of study and maybe the first two years. Although there are a lot of nice features to this course, the most useful thing is the ability to record your own voice and compare your pronunciation with the native speaker's using the digital speech analyzer technology. It takes a little while to learn how to use it effectively, but you'll pick that up with a little practice. This is a very cool feature and was extremely helpful. The other multi-media exercises include answering questions based on a video that you're shown with a running narration, multiple-choice questions where you respond verbally as well as in written form (using the phonetic transliterations, of course), synonym and antonym vocabulary-matching drills, word-order drills for both speaking and writing, pronunciation exercises for individual letters, words, and phrases, grammar discussions, and even crossword puzzles. Each CD has two series of review exercises which you can choose to go through or not as you please. The course is also customizable in terms of speaking, writing, reading, in terms of which exercises you want to complete. For example, if your main interest is speaking and don't care about writing, you can deselect those exercises in the configuration menu. There is also a "daily diary" function that tracks your progress as you go. You can also adjust such things as whether the program gives you hints or clues, how fast the native speaker speaks, and so on. Another nice aspect of this program is that a lot of thought has gone into designing the computer interface. For example, if you forget a word during a drill or don't know a word, you can just put the mouse cursor on it and a definition pops up. I found myself using this feature quite often during the various exercises. You can also just pop over to the dictionary from there and back if you want to. This program really is like being in your own

personalized classroom environment, and another major advantage is you can progress at your own pace. I usually try to put in an hour a day regularly on the class. I would estimate this will still take you 4-6 months to complete the entire CD course. A brief word about using the program on your computer. Only one of the CD's actually installs on your hard disk, which is the Install/Beginner disk. After that, when you're finished with that disk and are ready to move onto the Beginner 2 one, the Intermediate disk, and so on, you just put the new one in and the program starts from there. I would prefer that the entire course just install on your hard disk, since it runs faster that way, but it's okay the way it is. I am enjoying this course and all in all it's a feature-packed and effective program that will get you up to an intermediate level of proficiency quickly and will prepare you for more advanced language study after completing this one.

I have gone through 10 of these lessons before my car was stolen, where I kept the CDs. I'll be repurchasing this set. My listening and speaking ability became pretty good for not having attended a formal class with a teacher. Sometimes, some sentences are too long so that I have to rewind often, that's a lot of re-listening when you have a CD player that can only rewind to the beginning of the lesson. It's good to have a Japanese-English book to look up some words. The good thing is that this program prevents you from pronouncing words wrong. Once you master a lesson, you find that you can create sentences (not generated in the lesson conversations) based on what you've learned.

The CDs are ok. They are a little bit hard to follow. For better learning you have to repeat the same CD a lot of times.

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