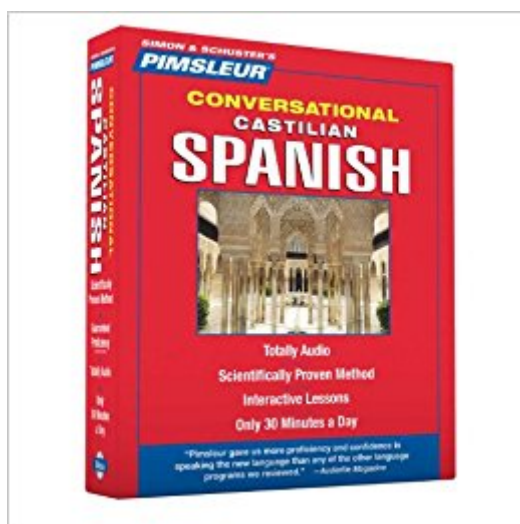


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Pimsleur Spanish (Castilian) Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Castilian Spanish With Pimsleur Language Programs



Synopsis

Pimsleur® 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 Castilian Spanish 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 Castilian Spanish. Readings begin in Lesson 11. The Castilian Spanish Language In the United States, the term "Castilian" or "Castilian Spanish" usually refers to the dialect that is the official language of Spain, where it's used in television and radio broadcasts. It is understood throughout the country, although there are marked regional differences. The difference between Castilian Spanish as spoken in Spain and Spanish as spoken in the Americas (now called Latin American Spanish) is due to the diminishing contact between Spain and the Americas over the centuries and to the influence of local languages in the Americas. These two main variants of Spanish are mutually intelligible; the difference between them is comparable to that between British English and American English. Pimsleur's Castilian Spanish teaches the official dialect as spoken by the majority of Spanish-speakers in Spain. Spanish is the official language of twenty-one countries and is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. Spanish is the first language of more than 350 million people, more than any other language except Mandarin Chinese. Additionally, Spanish is a common second language --- the most studied after English, and the third most commonly used on the Internet after English and Mandarin. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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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.

For the program to work... you have to continue using it.

Excellent

Good

easy and effective.

The Pimsleur method is excellent. One must be diligent to tackle learning a language in this manner, but the speakers have been outstanding. The method works!

Easy to follow, provided solid learning that was useful on my recent trip to Madrid.

I have been using this for a few months now. I decided to go with Pimsleur because they seem to be one of the very few companies that offer a course in learning Castilian, as opposed to Latin American, Spanish. "Why on earth does it matter to you which variety you learn?" you are no doubt wondering. Consider, dear reader, this simple question: "If you could learn English again from scratch, which would you prefer to learn -- American or British English?" Of course you'd want to learn to speak like a Brit! The accent, to us Yanks, is so much cooler. I've been listening to people

speak with a Latin American accent all my life, there's nothing great about it. That LISP -- on the other hand!!! Que interesante! (Forgive the lack of accents or upside-down punctuation marks.) In other words, to bring this pointless, rambling, and discursive review to a close, I'm hoping to impress the pretty Mexican or Colombian girls of NW Chicagoland by speaking with one of those lordly, proper Spanish accents. I am almost finished with this introductory course and plan on springing for the whole thing.

Thank you everything was Great, Shipping Fast I really enjoy this CD and That I found a Castilian Spanish was again awesome!!

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