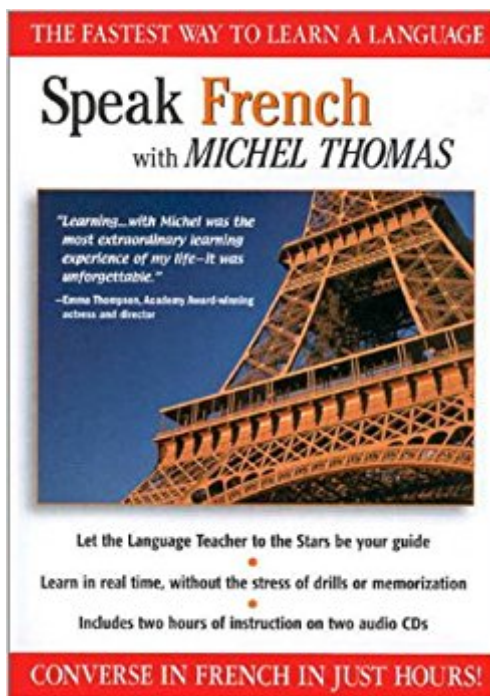


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Customer Reviews

Michel Thomas (New York, NY) is head of the Michel Thomas Language Centers and has been teaching languages for more than 50 years. He has taught his revolutionary language program all over the world.

This method was recommended to me by a native Parisian, and I love it...I studied French in college and wanted a totally conversational approach. These CDs are perfect for that. They do not start by teaching lots and lots of basic words, but rather teach grammar and vocabulary in the context of

English words that have their origin in French. So, after the first 7 basic CDs, I can say, (in French) "What is your opinion of the economic and political situation in France at this time?", but I can't say to my husband "You've left your shoes in the dining room". So you need a good English-to-French dictionary to find the basic everyday words. He uses two students to teach with, so it feels like a classroom atmosphere. That's fine, but the woman student is a bit annoying because she's so slow to catch on and Michel Thomas gets a bit short with her at times. The accent taught is very good, and he teaches the way to speak the way a native would speak...in other words, how to put the words together like a local, instead of the stilted way of enunciating that is usually taught.

The best language CD I have ever used. I recommend it 100%.

I am going on a solo trip to Paris and wanted to relearn some of my long lost French skills from 3 years of HS French in the 80s. Thought that I remembered nothing and honestly, at the time, I wasn't a very good French student anyway. After listening to these 2 CDs, so much came back to me! And, I kept thinking, WHY oh WHY did my teachers not teach me these "tricks" in HS? There are so many similarities between English and French vocab that it makes sense to link them in your brain. Can't believe I didn't know some of things he teaches after 3 years of suffering through a proper French course. This is a travelers CD set, however. No proper verb conjugations, no learning the difference between the masculine and feminine, etc., but for a fast review of the basics, especially if you've had French previously, this is it! And I do agree with the other reviewers that the woman on the CD is not the brightest bulb in the box (all the bats, but no belfry? A full 6 pack, but no plastic thingy to hold them all together?). I too was screaming at her but it made it sort of fun.

I am terrible at learning languages. I bought everything I could find and was working hard at learning French. I was picking up a few words here and there but really getting nowhere. Then I listened to Michel Thomas 2 CD pack. Ugh, his voice made me nuts...BUT I kept listening to it..and lo and behold started learning French. I am so amazed at how much I learned (so fast..after struggling and struggling before) that I am ordering the 8 cd pack....and can't wait for it to arrive. In spite of his weird voice, he is a great teacher...he explains it in a way that you can remember it and he SIMPLIFIES it. Now, I will worry about reading and writing it later.... :-) Just being able to speak it is such a relief...and I think over time...I will be able to read it and write it.

You are looking at the 2 CD introduction (i.e. the first two CDs), not the full 8 CD set. Thus, I'll try

only to talk about the first two CDs. It's absolutely amazing how much one can accomplish in two hours. Will you be fluent? Ha. Conversational? No. But will you be able to get by? Yes! And that is quite an accomplishment after only two short hours. You're not just memorizing phrases. You will learn how the language works so that you can put together your own phrases. All the claims - no memorization, no homework, et cetera - are true. I suggest that you don't waste your money buying the 2 CD set. You will end up buying the full set anyway, so you may as well buy it from the start.

I really enjoyed these CDs. Once I got into the rhythm of Mr. Thomas' teaching, I found them very easy to listen to, and very helpful. His manner is very relaxed, and that just makes learning easier. I had one year of conversational French in high school, but that was a loooong time ago. After these 2 CDs, I feel like I could at least order something in a cafe and inquire about a hotel reservation. Before I bought them, I saw a couple of other reviewers say just skip this set and buy the 8 CD set. I wish I had, now. I want more! But if you know you just want some bare basics at a reasonable price, buy this set. I also went to the library and borrowed some other French tutorials - they were awful, especially after this one.

Speak French with Michel Thomas is an amazing audio lesson plan. Although I knew no French when I began listening to this in my car, I knew over 2,000 words and phrases by the end of a six hour trip! And with the easy to learn method of Michel, I retained this new language to use it even a month later. His method requires no writing, no books, no memorization. He is a genius languages teacher in my opinion and I am eager to begin the more advanced set of CD's. I wish I had had this wonderful method when I was plodding away with Spanish in school. This is a wonderful way to learn a language, like a child learns his or her first language, by listening and repeating. I am so glad I discovered this set.

After reading other reviews of Speak French with Michel Thomas and noting the good rating, I decided to purchase Speak French with Michel Thomas. This cd package does deliver! You will begin to "think" and "speak" in French. His techniques are extremely helpful to anyone who has tried relentlessly to find a "technique" for learning French. The techniques guide to step-by-step to speaking French. I was so pleased with learning with Michel Thomas that I have purchased his deluxe edition. One note is you will need a supplement for this cd package: grammar french book and some other beginners' french package. Enjoy your learning!!

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