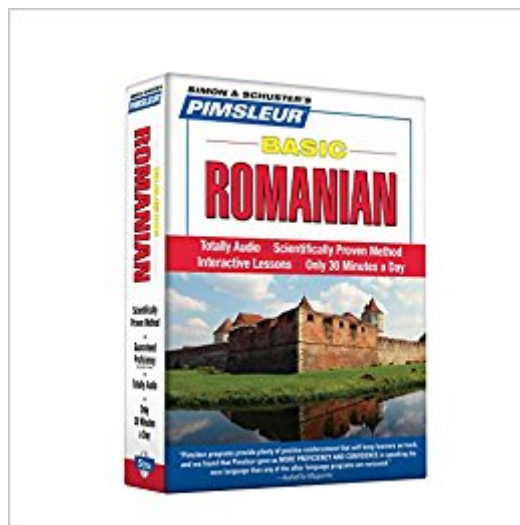




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Pimsleur Romanian Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Romanian With Pimsleur Language Programs



Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You'll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-10 from the Romanian Level 1 Program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Level 1 Program. 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. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Romanian. The Romanian Language Romanian is spoken by about 22 million people in Romania, where it is the official language, by 3 million people in Moldova (where it's called Moldovan), and by around 1 million scattered in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Hungary, and Serbia. Pimsleur teaches the Daco-Romanian dialect spoken in both Romania and Moldova. 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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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.

I have no real complaints about the language-learning program here at all. I enjoyed using it, and I think that as a method for encouraging some decent uptake for someone who's going to need to speak the language at a very basic level in short order, it's a good place to start (obviously this set isn't comprehensive, but it isn't intended to be). The conversations really are hilarious, in their way, but of more interest to me was the way in which the program's designers set these (often absurd) conversations up to demonstrate several different uses and grammatical structures at a time. I often found myself going back to make note of some of the patterns in their presentation, and it turned out to be very useful for dealing with novel situations. I've learned German, Japanese, Ancient Greek, and a bit of Latin over the years (for reading knowledge, not for speaking), and I found this program immensely useful both for speaking and for encouraging thought about the structures of the language. If I have any complaint at all, really, it's about the discs themselves. For reasons best known to the good people at Simon & Schuster, the various discs for the program all seemed to have incorrect metadata for iTunes. The content was all as advertised (basic Romanian, 10 units); the track listings and album titles, however, were not. Discs 1 and 2 were labeled "Hungarian

Thank You...

I have purchased this set as a gift for my husband, because he really wants to learn how to speak Romanian. The set seems to be very effective, it is a nice method to understand a language. He is just at the 1st part but he loves it. The set is a nice way to set up the structure for the new language, it is very clearly spoken, and if it is not enough vocabulary as some people reviewed it is ok, I am Romanian so I can help him with learning more. I will purchase the next parts too, as my husband has a long commute to work. It is convenient and he can learn in the car in his spare time.

This product may well be the best collection of CDs that introduces the novice to the Romanian language. It forces the user to focus on properly pronouncing Romanian words, but its single drawback is that it does not initially concentrate on the short phrases a foreigner will use in Romania - phrases like "I want beer. I want steak. Where is the train station." I highly recommend this product

to anybody who wants to start learning to speak fluent Romanian.

The punctuated repetitions help. Granted, it's the basics, but for what it is, it works.

Enjoy this one the best. Repeats the words more and gives you time to say them. This one is better for me. I'm driving to work and learning another language. Thank you Pimsleur!

This is the first review I've written of a product. First, I agree with the other woman that the dialogue is most certainly skewed towards business men visiting Romania and chatting up the local women. So, as a woman, not the most useful phrases but it did help me pick up the basics and I see where they were going with this. I just think that it does get frustrating for women who want to learn a language to have to deal with almost every language tape made circa 1990 being geared towards men. I don't mind that I get called "Sir" throughout the entire CD, as long as when I'm in Romania the same doesn't happen. As for accent. I find it an odd comment. Why would anyone complain about the accent of a native speaker? I speak a few languages and accent helps a lot in being understood. Without the proper accent in almost any language, you might as well just speak English most of the time. If the person doing the dialogue sounded like an American trying to speak Romanian, I would have thrown the whole lot in the trash long ago. The one thing I can say is that if you are looking for a CD to help learn some Romanian, especially if you are a man, this is a decent language program. The problem I had is, strangely, I'm not sure the product I received is from Pimsleur or if there is someone making copies off the CD. The first disk is labeled as Hungarian. Lessons 3&4 turned out to be a copy of 7&8 and 7&8 turned out to be 3&4. Lessons 9&10 say it's Croatian. I speak quite a bit of Serb/Croat and could tell it wasn't but this might confuse people. And while the speakers say they are speaking Romanian, I can only hope this is the case or when I get to Romania things are going to get very confusing. Essentially. It sounds like I got Romanian but the formatting of the discs are awful and misleading. If I bought this as a pirated copy off a street vendor for dollar I wouldn't care but I expect a little quality control and discs labeled properly from something supposedly produced by Pimsleur. I don't have time to buy a new series right now so luckily I speak French and German as well, which many in Romania also can speak, so if I step off the plane speaking Hungarian, I should still be able to get around but I will be quite irate. Romanian is a difficult language to find language materials in and the reality is, this CD, if I am learning Romanian, is pretty decent. Not great when compared to the plethora of language programs out there in other languages and if the option was there, I would get something else. But with

Romanian, it seems the pickins' are slim. I would recommend getting a few other learning aids (books, travel phrase list from the internet, etc...) in order to really flesh out things you will need outside of a cafe. As the one writer mentioned, maybe this was their way of teaching through humor. But I guess I have a different sense of what's funny. Picking up women as a man is something I don't really find all that humorous and I'm not looking to be a stand up comedian while I'm there, but I did learn the basics from this CD (I hope) and I guess that's what's important. So, as they say in Romania, "Hi miss, would you like to get a drink with me?"

I am used to empty promises. This program delivered and the best thing is I am not translating in my head, I understand like it was my own language.

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