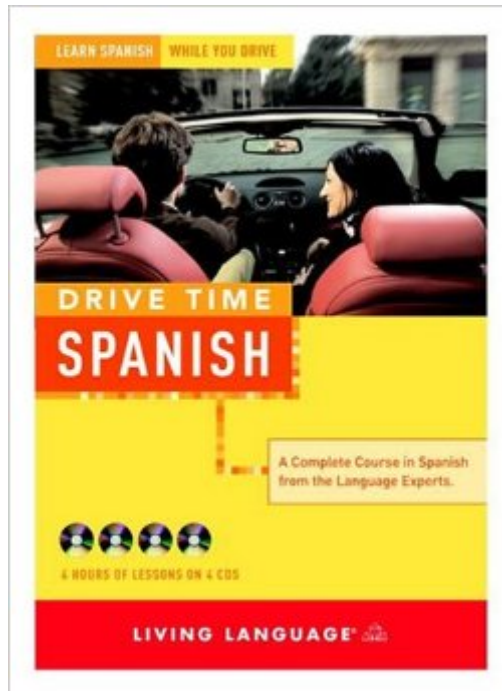


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Drive Time: Spanish (CD): Learn Spanish While You Drive (All-Audio Courses)



Synopsis

Now anyone can learn a foreign language while commuting to work, running errands, or even taking a trip with the family. The new all-audio Drive Time series starts with an ingenious "On-Ramp" CD that eases language learners into Spanish, French, Italian, or Japanese with simple, practical expressions and engaging warm-up exercises. Three additional CDs contain 18 lessons that cover all of the essentials—vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and basic conversation. Drive Time also includes a 64-page reference guide for anyone who would like to see spellings or read dialogues as a review—from the passenger seat, of course!

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Customer Reviews

This lesson started out at a pace a beginner could manage. After the first two or three sections, though, the pace picked up rapidly and I felt like Lucy in the candy factory. There was no way to keep up or comprehend what was being said, much less learn anything. After listening to the CD's over and over, some words were discernable and the small book helped as a reference. This CD should not be used, however, unless you are intermediate Spanish and need a refresher or more conversational experience.

I am starting spanish from ground zero. I knew how to count to ten, but that was all. I was very pleased as I worked my way through the 1st CD -- I really felt like I was learning. Feeling pretty stoked, I went on to the 2nd disc. Whoa! I was totally lost. The 1st disk is called the "on-ramp"

before the lessons on discs 2 - 4. It really seemed to me that discs 2 - 4 might have been the concept for the package and somebody said, "this is too hard, let's add an introductory disk". The English-speaking narrator and the Spanish speakers are different from disk 1 to disk 2 as well, lending support to my theory. The main problem (after disk 1) is that they just start speaking Spanish with very little repeating and I haven't a clue what they are saying. I haven't even listened to discs 3 & 4. I'm going to try another program.

Not very good sound quality and very difficult to understand. The gentleman who narrated did not enunciate well. The format of the questions and conversation did not flow easily like other language CDs I have purchased.

I wanted to brush up on my Spanish. I found the 1st CD slow but the other 3 were very helpful and well done. People think I am talking to myself in the car, but with cell phones in cars, people don't think you are strange anymore. I find it an easy way to improve my Spanish and fun. I recommend the Living Language System to anyone. Drive Time Spanish is one of the better versions for improving your Spanish that is available.

I bought this before I had read reviews on it because it was the cheapest CD's you could get.....more bang for the buck. After I read the reviews, I thought woe is me. Sounds like a waste of money to me! Much to my surprise, I really am using it. It's in my car of course, and I run the CD's over and over again. They seem a bit past me, but they are extremely helpful and well worth the little money that it is. My only complaint is that they don't give you much time to repeat occasionally. Plus sometimes they don't translate some of the conversations, expect you to know it I suppose. Still despite these complaints which may loom large to some, I find myself really getting a lot out of these CD's and recommend them to anyone from advanced beginners, intermediate to advanced. And the price is right! UPDATE I have since learned that it is necessary to use more than one program so now I have several programs and I use them all while driving around and going places.

This audio collection is a definite tool if you have had previous exposure to learning Spanish. If you are a beginner with no experience in learning the language, this series probably moves too fast for you and is a little more difficult to comprehend. I had 4 years of Spanish in high school but had a 4 year lull where I didn't study the language so I lost a lot. This CD set offered a quick reintroduction

to the language on the first CD and then takes off into some of the grammar and a lot of dialogue. This is a very valuable tool in learning to feel comfortable speaking the language. I listen in the car on the way to work and back and have listened to each CD several times so it sticks in my brain. I would recommend to anyone who has taken at least a year of Spanish in the past and feels comfortable with the basics such as pronouns, simple phrases and some verbs.

Most students wish more "conversational" practice was included in the learning Spanish products they buy. This is exactly what Drive Time Spanish gives you. Yes, the speakers talk too fast, and don't pronounce as clearly as you would like. But that's how it is in the real world. A very good product for those who have used "Learn In Your Car Spanish" or "Behind The Wheel Spanish" and would like to move on to conversational Spanish.

I think this is worth the money. There was a lot to learn for this reasonable price. The first CD is very good, excellent for beginners. The next 3 are much more difficult. I understood all of the material, and it was a great review of what I already knew. However, I still do not feel like it helped practice speaking in conversations, and this is what I was hoping to learn from this product.

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