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Customer Reviews

Was an okay product nice packing easy to take with you on the go. The lessons are short but didn't find it be able remember the lessons after 15 minutes. The woman's voice felt like she hates her job the way she talked.

I bought this in anticipation of a 10-day holiday in Japan, wanting a basic grasp on a traveler's vocabulary. The first several chapters of this series just struck me as random sentences. While they are grouped into topics (Introductions, Eating & drinking, etc), you just get a few stock sentences ("Do you have any cakes?") but no topical vocabulary lists - so what if I don't want cake, but sushi?

I'm putting this aside and buying the Berlitz phrasebook.

I wouldn't recommend this for anyone who actually wants to acquire Japanese. I feel like this book (and many other language books) are for business men and woman (or anyone who needs to travel to another country for whatever reason). I've found that, for me at least, learning phrases at a time instead of a simple vocabulary base (like native speakers of any language) right off the bat doesn't help much with actually learning a language. This also doesn't elaborate on grammar at all.

I didn't purchase this book and CD from [...]. I purchased it from a Borders book store, but I highly recommend this Book and pair of CDs. It is very simple and easy to learn. I am on the 6th chapter of the 12 chapters in the book, and it has been great. My girlfriend's family speaks Japanese so my girlfriend bought it for me, and at first it teaches you basics like "hello, how are you?, see you tomorrow." and things like that, and at first it seems like you're stepping into muddy waters and are in for a world of confusion, however, you just need to keep with it and memorize what to say, even though you may not understand it at first, the book pieces it together Very nicely as you progress and it will all become very clear. I'd recommend buying a Japanese to English/ English to Japanese dictionary since you may want to look up some of the words in the book. After you get rolling with it, it feels amazing to actually begin to understand Japanese. It's so exciting, it will be the first foreign language I've ever learned! :)

The lessons are too fast-paced for a rank beginner and are oddly structured. The CDS are decent but there are quite a few mistakes ... some syllables are repeated twice. However the booklet is very colorful and attractive and a good way to review written JP. While in Japan you could point to the phrases in the booklet if you're stuck ... hence 4 stars.

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