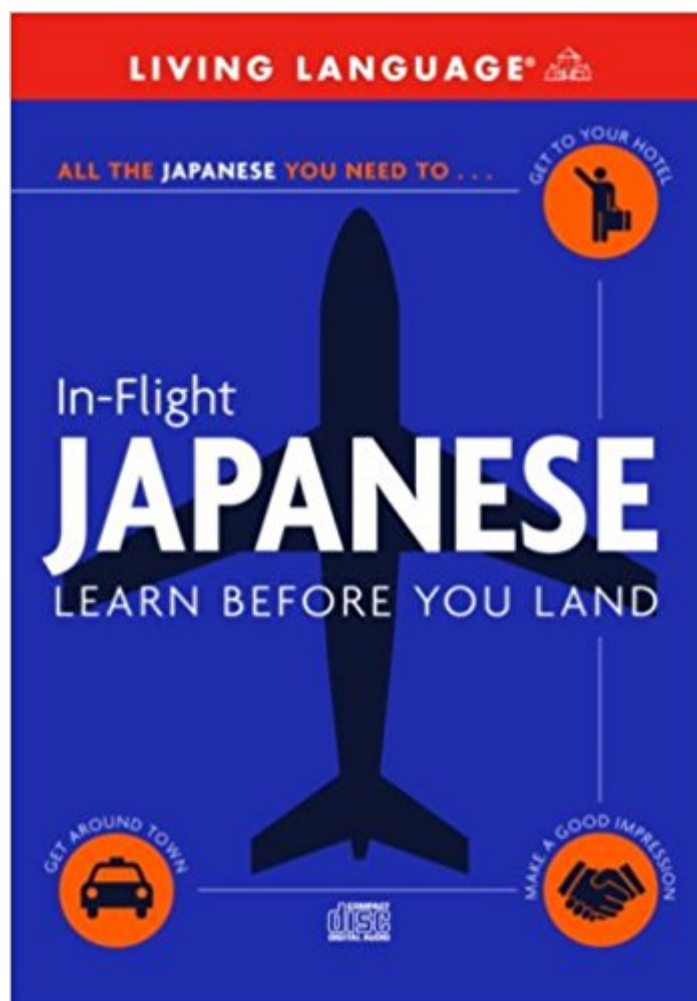


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I have taken beginning Japanese and was familiar with the language before purchasing this CD. The lessons are fast and useful as a reference or to catch up on some phrases I do not recommend this for beginners trying to learn Japanese. Other products like Japanese for dummies and Instant Immersion do a better job of introducing you to the language. In flight Japanese had better examples than the Korean version. A very patient person can learn some basics from this CD in about a month but if you are looking to learn faster this is not the CD for you.

The written manual was not included with my disc - very disappointing and unhelpful.

I am preparing for a trip to Japan, and find this useful. Hopefully, I'll know a few phrases upon landing.

they spoke too fast to learn in the time they said. Also didn't repeat it so you could learn it but went on to the next phrase. no help.

I have several in-flight language CDs. This one blows my mind because Japanese is hard. Be ready for a difficult language. I think it's way tougher than Chinese. Every sentence seems to have 4x the words and syllables as one in English, Spanish, or French. So the idea of the product is still a good one, but it's a tough way to learn this particular language. Wow, get started early.

I've used several titles in this series - Czech, Japanese, Italian, Greek, Turkish, and Korean. I find that having some consistency in learning the same phrases from language to language really makes it easier, because I know what phrases I should be able to recall every time, if I can just search my mind (or the pocket size-booklet that comes with the CD) for it. These CDs are not intended to teach you any complete language! These are handy phrases that smooth things over during your trip. Knowing how to say "thank you," "please," and the most crucial phrase of all, "excuse me," makes my trips much more pleasant. If you want to actually learn Japanese, you will need something more intensive, but if you just want to be able to ask where the train station is, this will do the trick. No, you probably can't learn all the phrases on your flight to Japan or anywhere else. I put the CD in my car's CD player about a month before I leave on a trip and listen to it driving back and forth to work. Some minor flaws in the series are that some of the native speakers speak more clearly with others and there is little attempt to customize the phrases to each culture (do I really need to know how to say chopsticks in Czech?). But overall, I've been very happy with the

series and knowing these phrases usually gets me out of one or two tight spots per trip. One example is when I was getting bothered by a vendor in the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, who kept following me and asking me in English why I didn't say hello to him. I turned and with exaggerated politeness gave him a dramatic "merhaba," and he laughed and left me alone. A few local words can turn you from an lost American tourist to someone of at least vague sophistication who no longer looks like an easy mark. Or at least you can be someone who can get a friendly laugh from a Japanese restaurant owner when trying to compliment her on the meal. So if your goal is to actually learn the language, look elsewhere, but this series is great if you just want to be confident and polite.

I used this program in 3 different languages and it helped me immensely. I do recommend listening to it as soon as you can, not just on the flight, because it is a lot to absorb in 60 minutes but all the basics are there. Get some practice before your flight and it will work GREAT! This was my comment to tsar@indianalliance.com about his spamming review of this product and others: Let me get this straight, you didn't like the 60 minute version of a language learning track for people that just want to learn the basics for \$11.86... so you recommend to everyone Pimsleur's German I thru III!?! THOSE THINGS ARE 15 HOURS EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 45 HOURS AND COST \$700!!!! Because you didn't learn an entire language in 60 minutes for \$11.89, everyone else should run out and buy a 45hr long program for \$700? Also, if anyone checks your reviews you give the IDENTICAL terrible review for several language programs and give stellar reviews for Pimsleurs. Hmmm, seems like someone is spamming.

I tried this without prior knowledge of Japanese besides some very basic words, and I wouldn't recommend it for beginners. Some long phrases are hard to grasp, and they aren't repeated. Furthermore, they're spoken at native (or near-native) speed. The level of Japanese assumed for the listener is uneven, or at least grows at a rate too fast for someone actually learning Japanese. Maybe it'd be useful for someone who already knows some Japanese and wants to consolidate/review that.

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