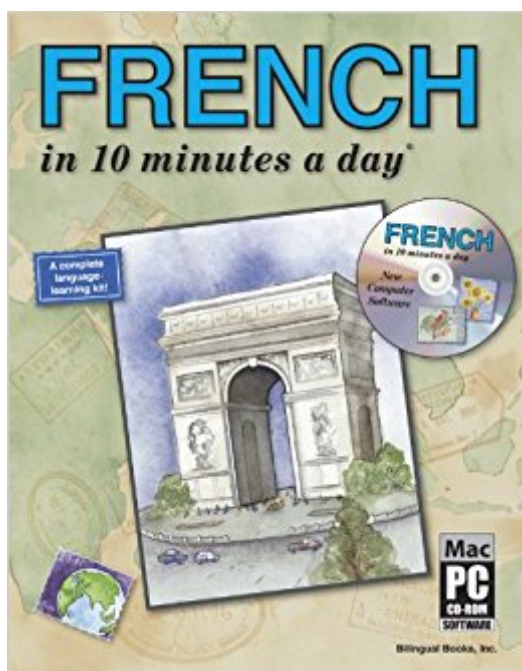


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Customer Reviews

Since 1981, Bilingual Books, Inc. (Seattle) has sold millions of copies of its highly acclaimed

products. The first title published was German in 10 Minutes a Day; now the company is the leader in foreign language publishing, with more than 40 titles in 20 languages.

I think "French in 10 Minutes a Day" is a terrific introduction to French. Advantages: 1. You learn proper pronunciation from the start using towns and areas in France you might want to visit. 2. Each lesson is attractively illustrated and easy to follow. If you're a visual learner (like me!), this is the book for you. 3. Each lesson is only 1-3 pages long so you don't feel overwhelmed or get bored. 4. There is a pronunciation guide above each new word. 5. You start off learning key question words, household names, counting, colors and other vocabulary words and phrases that will be helpful when traveling. This is especially wonderful if you've tried to learn French before and know all the basic greetings. 6. The peel-off labels, menu guide and flash cards are fun to use and review with. 7. The author emphasizes having fun with French and trying your best. Disadvantages: 1. The worst thing about this book is that there is no CD included! Even though the pronunciation guide above each word is helpful (for example: la lampe is pronounced "lahmp"), there are still words that need to be heard to be imitated properly. When there is a word I don't understand the pronunciation for, I'm forced to seek that word online which can be time consuming. Some of the words are spoken aloud on the CD-ROM, but this doesn't include every word in the book or each lesson. 2. The CD-ROM is boring. The activities consist of moving labels around to match the pictures. Zzzz! It's like they just copied pages from the book and set them to music. Also, the CD-ROM doesn't cover each lesson, just items like colors, numbers and household vocabulary words. 3. No tests or quizzes to check your comprehension. 4. Don't believe the 10 minute hype. You'll have to put in more work than that to accomplish your goals. Even the front inside cover states, "There is no set speed or time limit. You set the pace, If you are enjoying what you are learning, don't stop even if you have been working for an hour."

I really like this book as a supplement to additional learning options. Depends on an individual's learning style and whether or not you always have an electronic/internet connection when you want to do a little review or go to the next step. This works in "low tech" situations and is portable. That said, this is DESIGNED for people who are going to be traveling or such. Not intended nor designed as a replacement for bigger, more complex classroom textbooks and the like. It works well for what I wanted, but if you are expecting to be magically fluent in French when you get done, that's not going to be the case. It's particularly about building vocab with some "verb conjugation by osmosis" in reading and using the French sentences as the book goes along. The removable stickers for

labeling common items around you to help get familiar with the vocab is good, as are the flash cards you can cut out and use, if those fit your learning style. The download for listening ON THE PC OR MAC only, is decent for hearing the spoken word, and I found it helpful. I would give this 5 stars (for its stated purpose as designed) if the download had been updated to be used on iPad or Android tablets in addition to the PC and Mac.

When an English only speaking traveler takes his/her first trip to a foreign-speaking country, that initial shock comes when you step off the plane and find that you can't communicate with those you are turning to for assistance. I can imagine the horror of simply asking directions to the restrooms. "French in 10 minutes a day" made my first two trips to France easier to function in this cultural shock. Working alone with this course takes time and dedication, but it will help in your survival in a foreign country. However, I've found that the best method for using this workbook is to pair up with your spouse or a friend and work together at the same pace. In no time you'll be speaking to and understanding each other in French. It's not the high-dollar immersion course that you hear about on TV, but by working in pairs (or groups), you can make it that. I've found that the CD-ROM works best as a method for testing what you have learned, as opposed to actually guiding you through the book. Work through several sections of the book first, and then test yourself with the CD-ROM. What has benefited me most is responding at home in French to annoying telephone solicitors. It's quite amusing to hear them squirm, trying to make you, a French speaker, understand what they are selling.

This was a really cute way of learning French. It comes with stickers you can place on things in your house, and that *really* helped me learn specific words. This book isn't going to get you fluent, but it definitely taught me to recognize certain words. I found I was able to get around Paris easy enough, especially when it came to ordering food. I couldn't have a conversation, but I could ask for things/directions and understand signs. I think these types of books are great for an upcoming trip you want to get prepared for.

This book is great for learning the fundamentals of the language, I have bought the Norwegian version and it was a great learning tool. Obviously this shouldn't be all of your learning tools, but for a book for studying and learning the fundamentals, I highly recommend it. The reason I gave it four stars and not five is because the construction of the book itself is a bit poor. I believe the French book that I received was just a bad copy since the pages are coming off of the binding- this didn't

happen to my Norwegian version.

This is a great book because it relies on drawings, and each page concentrates on repeating an important question or relationship. It helps to remember a few hundred of the most basic words necessary in a language. It also teaches you the basic question words, and to ask and answer all basic questions.

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