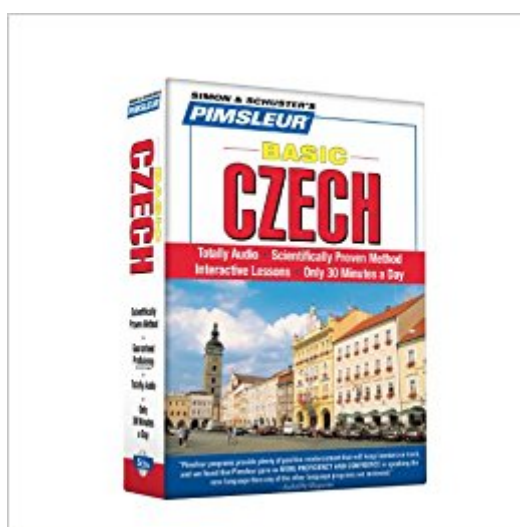


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Pimsleur Czech Basic Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-10 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Czech With Pimsleur Language Programs



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 Czech 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 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 Czech. The Czech Language Czech is the official language of the Czech Republic. There are approximately 12 million native speakers. The two largest dialect groups in the Czech Republic are Bohemian (most widely spoken) and Hanak Moravian, spoken in the southeast. Pimsleur's Czech teaches the Bohemian dialect. 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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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.

In that learning to speak a foreign language is not an easy task, this course is a very good way to do it. It does proceed slowly and repeats itself, but that tends to reinforce what is learned. If you want to learn introductory Czech very quickly, this is not the course. But if you have some time, it works quite well. Of course, this is just the first ten lessons - it gets you through the basics of asking directions and numbers, and greetings, etc. The next twenty Pimsleur Czech lessons can be found on Audible. I use this in my car. The 25-30 minute lessons are perfect for the trip to some stores. I repeat each lesson at least twice, which gives me the practice I need. Sometimes the pronunciation is difficult to understand at first, but each phrase is initially broken into syllables and is repeated often enough over the next several lessons that everything can be mastered. I find the repetition to be very helpful in that Czech has so many sounds not found in English. This course is working well to train my mouth and tongue to actually speak and pronounce Czech well.

First lesson repeated in 2nd and 3rd lesson; 2 lessons on each CD. Lesson not applicable to every day; meet and greet stilted and formal. Hoped it would have - hello, goodbye, please, thank you,

where is, what is, how much is, etc. Haven't gone on to 4th lesson yet because it's probably a repeat of the first several which are of little or no use to me. Very disappointed. Having recently returned from Chez Rep I can honestly say this was a waste of money and time.

This is a good way to learn basic conversational Czech. Even if you don't remember all of it, it's enough to be polite and people will treat you better if you try some of their language. If you flounder through their language, they feel OK floundering through yours. You do actually have to play the CD's and give them your full attention. I found I have to do each 30 min. lesson about 3 times before moving on to the next. Then after doing 5 or 6 lessons go back and do them all. You don't have to give them as close attention and can be doing something else this time through. Repeated playings will help so you can quickly call up the words you need. These lessons won't give you reading or writing skills, but you can order a beer. At first it's seems impossible, but it does work with time. Try It!

I wanted a basic knowledge of Czech, so I purchased this product. I am so pleased with it! You hear native speakers, starting with basic words and phrases like "excuse me", "do you/I speak....""thank you " etc. and then progress to longer phrases, with review of previously learned words and phrases, and building on those. The listener repeats out loud what the speakers say, so that you get better and better with each lesson. I have learned to speak four other languages in the traditional manner, and I think this method is fantastic! It can't be beat for getting the pronunciation and phrasing right, and it gives me so much more confidence to actually speak to native speakers. You can't get that from a phrase book. Great method! And people in other countries are always appreciative when English speakers make the attempt to communicate in their language...it makes the trip that much more pleasant and memorable.

I use Pimsleur courses as a starting point for new languages when I already have a solid knowledge of another language in the same group. I find the method helps me get past interference from related languages. For this they are wonderful. I have never tried to move beyond the basics with this method, but always transfer to another method once I have an oral/aural base with the Pimsleur method. This is definitely helping me keep Russian out of my newly-acquired Czech while taking advantage of the Russian and Old Church Slavonic cognates that help me remember vocabulary. I am not sure this review will be helpful to many people, but I am sure there are others in my linguistic position.

Dr. Pimsleur (what, no first name?) has taken the most basic principle of language retention and turned it into an art form and...guess what, it works! For those of us who do not have a gift of learning languages, the most common stumbling block is trying to absorb too much too soon. We try to learn alphabets, days, times, numbers, and by the time we get to verb conjugations we're on the verge of mental block. Having a live teacher is the best remedy; repeating phrases over and over with Pimsleur may be the next best thing. Almost any language program would work just as well (even better with a textbook) if one would just focus on one phrase or sentence at a time, and let it take root before going on to the next topic. Pimsleur's stunt crew rewinds a short conversation over and over until you're hearing it come out of your mouth the way they're drilling it into your head. Face it, people, this is how dogs, cats and infants learn commands, and if it's good enough for them it's good enough for you. You may want to compare other language CD's to this one but you'll be surprised how quick you'll keep gravitating back to Pimsleur. This is DEFINITELY NOT worth the retail price, but if you can get a used one at a bargain basement price you're losing out by not taking advantage. It's a great shortcut that can help you avoid burnout before you even get on track.

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