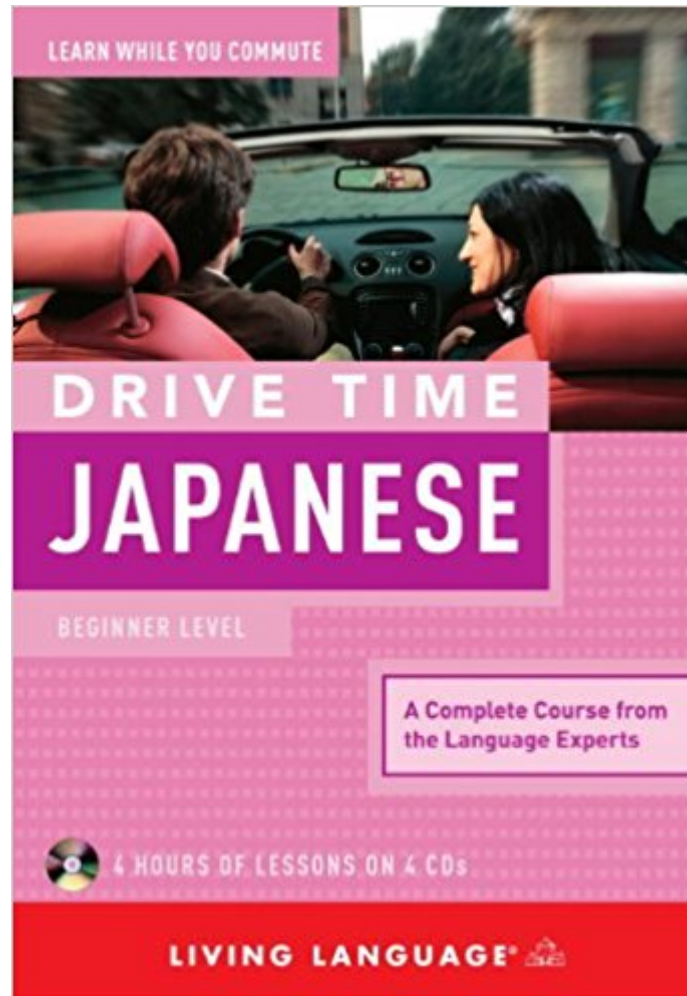




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Synopsis

Learn Japanese anywhere and anytime! If you can listen to a CD, you can learn Japanese. Drive Time Japanese is an innovative language-learning program from the experts at Living Language that lets you learn Japanese vocabulary, Japanese grammar, Japanese pronunciation, conversation and even Japanese culture without a book. This convenient all-audio introduction to Japanese includes 4 hours of language lessons on four CDs. Learn Japanese while you're commuting to work, running errands, taking a trip with the family, or even while jogging or working out! The Drive Time Japanese course package includes:

- Conversational lessons on four CDs – hear and practice Japanese with natural pronunciation and speed
- Lots of listening and speaking exercises, simple explanations, examples, and real conversational practice
- A 64-page learning guide book with Japanese vocabulary lists, dialogue scripts, and a grammar summary for extra reference

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Customer Reviews

I'm slowly going through these CD's and they are ok. There is the required amount of repetition that you can rewind and get what they are saying in Japanese and the exercises on the CD are appropriate to get a beginner learning of the language. Not great with writing and alphabet. There is no explanation of the Japanese writing styles hiragana, katakana nor kanji nor is there any indication of the Japanese alphabet only sounds are given against the English alphabet, which is strange. The grammar and number explanation is otherwise good and explained simply so you get

it. Not good with building up your vocab as the CD sticks to a few basic words e.g. karuma - is used in many examples. You do learn a few basic words, but don't practice a range of vocab. So it is good to get a beginner started and I would recommend it if you are going to travel to Japan.

Coming from the Pimsleur method of learning Japanese, this audio course felt rushed, and I felt I couldn't absorb as much information. The vocabulary words are shot at you 10-15 at a time, and there is little review before the next set of vocab, causing me to have to listen to each 1-minute-long "mile marker" over and over again. This is to Pimsleur as trying to memorize a dictionary is to learning from a textbook. It just doesn't seem prudent to listen to in the car because I find myself either listening to the 1-minute tracks on repeat until they sink in, or listen to a bunch at a time, and retaining nothing because the quizzing and recall flies by so quickly. Also, the response time is extremely short. I can barely answer the question in English in that amount of time. ALL THAT SAID, a strong vocabulary is necessary obviously, and I am eager to get to a level where this tape will be useful for me. For right now, I'm going to settle for the Pimsleur method of simple vocabulary, and focusing on grammar and sentence structure.

Great program! Got a lot of compliments on my Japanese when visiting Japan. Definitely recommend this to anyone visiting Japan, whether for business or pleasure. I liked to listen to it in the car on the way to/from work.

Love my drive time Japanese ... I'm always play it for my commute to work.. And I've been surprisedly learning pretty quick

This was great for me because I got to hear how words are pronounced by a native speaker instead of trying to figure out how to pronounce them on my own. If you have long commutes it's great, or put it on your ipod to listen to throughout the day.

Great tapes. I've been listening in my way to work every day for only 3 weeks and I feel like I know a lot already! Would definitely recommend this product!

My husband and I moved to Japan with the US Military and thankfully, we knew about a year in advance of this life-changing event. I ordered Drive Time because I had also previously bought this program in German for long commutes to work. I listened to the Japanese CDs during our long

moves across country, to my commutes to work, and even occasionally on runs or bike rides. When we arrived in Japan I knew enough to get by and the locals were very excited and thankful that I took the time to learn their language. Everything in this program is what is taught in the first few lessons of a Japanese class, so I was ahead of the game when I decided to brush up. It won't make you fluent, but it will definitely get you where you need to go in small conversations.

I love this set of cd's. At first I was a little intimidated but soon realized that I can hit the repeat button as many times as needed. I was showing off all I learned this weekend to my family and they were impressed! There is lots to learn and it's fun and also a great value for the money. My son lives in Japan and is fluent in Japanese, and he said I am learning more than some of his college friends that are learning Japanese!

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