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Synopsis

Berlitz French Guaranteed is an all-audio language course that allows you to learn at your own pace: on the go, in the gym, at home. Eighteen short narrated lessons focus on everyday situations, such as dining out, shopping, talking over the phone, asking for directions, getting around town, telling time, introducing yourself, talking about family, making small talk, and more.

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Customer Reviews

The front cover states that this is a beginner's course, but this is by no means for beginners. I understood most of what was covered in the CD, but only because I took a few semesters of French in college. I feel like I would have been completely lost had this been my first time trying to learn French. The first CD starts off okay, but the other CDs move at quite a fast pace. I admit that I did not listen to all of the CDs; I listened to the first three but promptly returned the product because I did not like the method of instruction being used. This course does not provide a fundamental understanding of the language. You do not learn how to construct sentences in French; rather, it is all repetition and memorization of certain phrases. For instance, it never explicitly explains how to say basic words like "I," "me," "you," or "they" by themselves--you will just hear the words in context of a phrase and will have to imply which words mean what. Their examples are played back at the same conversational speed--nothing is slowed down, so you may learn the phrases incorrectly if you cannot decipher how each word is pronounced. Some of the chapters end with long monologues that you are supposed to follow along and translate by yourself, and there is no translation provided afterward to assess your comprehension. I suppose this product would be okay if you are already familiar with French and are looking to brush up on conversational phrases. But if you are a novice of the language, I would suggest looking elsewhere.

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