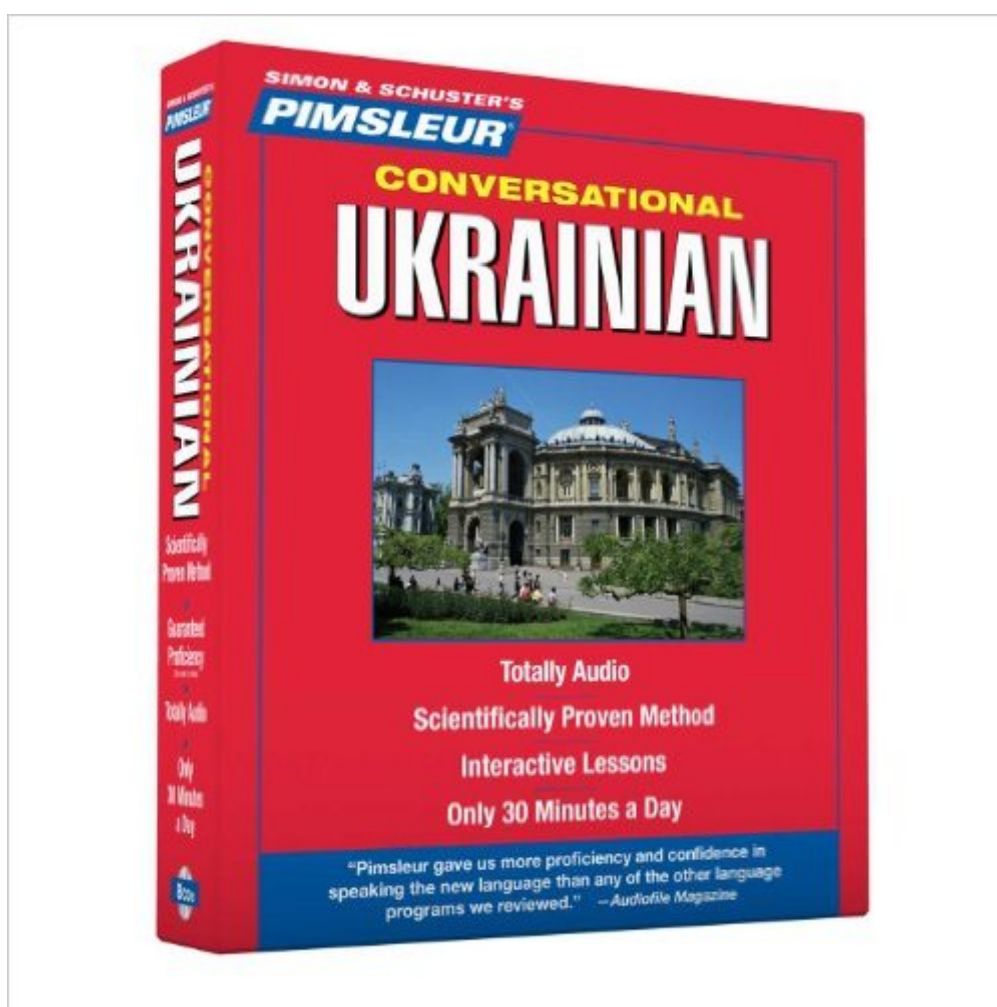


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Pimsleur Ukrainian Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Ukrainian With Pimsleur Language Programs



Synopsis

Pimsleur® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the Ukrainian Level 1 Program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. 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. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Ukrainian. The Ukrainian Language Ukrainian, a Slavic language, is the mother tongue of more than 50 million people. There are 3 major dialects of Ukrainian -- Northwest, Southwest, and East; they are mutually intelligible. Pimsleur's Ukrainian teaches Standard Ukrainian, the official state language of Ukraine. 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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Customer Reviews

I got this course 6 weeks before I left for Kiev and studied it during my commute to work. I was able to get around Kiev easily (I did also memorize the Cyrillic alphabet so I could read signs, as well). Several people assumed I was fluent in the language -- the range of my conversation was excellent and my accent was impeccable. I also learned Pimsleur Brazilian Portuguese before going there,

using Pimsleur -- I love the courses!!!

This review is for the entire Pimsleur Ukrainian 16 CD course. I also own the Conversations Ukrainian set. The approach is sound. I've tried every language learning audio program out there. Rosetta Stone does not have a Ukrainian program, so I can't compare it to that. However, this CD moves you forward bit by bit and has you speaking almost instantly (albeit in a very limited sense). Sometimes the advances between lessons seem a bit daunting, but with determination they are not insurmountable. They supply the tools needed to figure it out. I like the review, the repetition, the focus on pronunciation, and I like the building block approach. The speakers are native, and have exemplary accents. The limitation which is common to all such programs is that although you finish with a good basic grasp of the language, your conversations are limited to those subjects that were covered in the audio lessons. Don't come away expecting to understand random conversations on the street, follow the local evening newscast, or debate philosophy with your new Ukrainian acquaintances. That is not the goal of the program. You will be able to address the waiter in the restaurant, count, ask how much something costs, ask for directions, and introduce yourself using proper Ukrainian grammar and pronunciation. The lessons are 1/2 hour in length. This was perfect for my 30 minute commute. It easily worked into my daily routine and steady progress was the result. There was a definite sense of accomplishment when the last CD was completed. Left me wanting more. Unfortunately, Ukrainian is not one of the languages with extensive Pimsleur programs.

I have purchased and worked my way through three other language programs, but keep coming back to the Pimsleur method. The great advantage of Pimsleur presentations is the timing intervals between when a word is introduced and when the program asks me to recall the word. In the intervening time the program reviews other earlier words and sentences to which I have already been introduced. This timing is based upon scientific measurements of how long a new word can be remembered. The method works for me. One very pleasant discovery is that Pimsleur carefully introduces the pronunciation of each new word syllable by syllable, starting with the last syllable which is of course the easiest to recall! Again this method helps me to learn good pronunciation. Pimsleur also uses both male and female voices to repeat each word. The result of this technique is good pronunciation. Sometimes the pronunciation of certain letter combinations is strange to my English ear, but the program repetition causes my ear to eventually tune to correct speaking in a foreign language. I have used Pimsleur programs for two languages and do prefer this program

method over others which I have encountered.

I perfected my Russian with some old pimsleur cassettes I stumbled upon (I was blessed to grow up in an area with immigrant speakers). I really enjoyed the tapes and was surprised at the effectiveness of them. So far with this Ukrainian course, I'm getting the same results! Unless you know native speakers (the best way to learn) this is without a doubt the best alternative! I recommend purchasing a small phrasebook/dictionary with this set (lonely planet publishes excellent phrasebooks). I hope to see Serbian courses from Pimsleur soon!

We used this set to learn basic Ukrainian before going there for an adoption trip. I was complemented by several native Ukrainians on my accent and the system was easy to use. We plan to get the next Pimsleur set to increase/improve our Ukrainian. You can't go wrong with this, for the price and the effectiveness!!

I bought the Pimsleur Ukrainian program just a couple of months ago and it has really worked out well for me as far as learning the basics of Ukrainian. My boyfriend is Ukrainian, so fortunately for me I always ask him to correct me if I am pronouncing a word right or wrong(which you can't always tell in the audio). I had doubts at first because I spent over 5 years learning French in middle and high school and I barely know anything in French! Whenever using the CDs I have made a spreadsheet of the English word, and how to pronounce the Ukrainian word in the English alphabet. The only thing I wish this program came with is not only an audio CD but a visual CD to teach you the sounds of the Ukrainian Cyrillic alphabet, but I suppose just learning how to speak it is more important right now! I do highly recommend this program if you are really dedicated to learning a new language and especially Ukrainian since Rosetta Stone does not offer that language!

I am a Ukrainian and my fiancé is English-speaking who wants to learn my language. I bought him this set and it is good. The disappointing thing is that we could not find more lessons, so he only learned the very basics. I may just record my own audio for him. :)

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