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Michel Thomas Speak French Advanced: 5-CD Advanced Program



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Customer Reviews

Michel Thomas was head of the Michel Thomas Language Centers and taught languages for more than 50 years, primarily in New York, Beverly Hills, and London. Over a period of 25 years he developed a unique and revolutionary learning system that made him the world's leading language teacher.

I first heard about the Michel Thomas CDs when I attended a French for travellers class before heading to France. This is a much easier way to learn since there is no memorising or taking notes. This set follows on from the Beginner's French CDs, which is perfect for the beginner who needs basic conversational French when travelling. I don't recommend those new to the language starting this set of CDs without having the Beginner's set first. These CDs go at a faster pace and assume basic knowledge. It's a good vocabulary builder but you have to stick with it. The pace can seem overwhelming at first. But you will learn and remember it! The only slight drawback I had was when visiting the South-West of France, some locals had a little difficulty understanding me, explaining to me that I had a Parisian accent!

"Speak French Advanced" picks up more or less where "Speak French for Beginners" left off - that is, you don't really need to buy the booster package. The approach to learning is the same as for the beginner's course, providing comfortable continuity - although the students on the recording are different. By the end of this course, you will have gained a rather thorough grounding in French grammar. You will have covered, for instance, all verb tenses except the past historic and the past subjunctive, which are rarely used in conversation anyway. Also, you will have increased your vocabulary somewhat, albeit with the caveats mentioned in my review of "Speak French for Beginners". Finally, you will have had ample opportunities to listen to Michel Thomas's pronunciation and use it to improve your own. Like the beginner's course, this one neither promises miracles nor creates them. However, also like the beginner's course, it deserves five stars because of its very fair price, the efficacy of its technique, the efficient pace of instruction, and - above all - the confidence that it provides to keep learning. By the end of this course, you will probably be able to get around France on your own, but a true comprehension of everyday spoken French may still lie beyond your grasp. But this course prepares you well for the next step: practice. After finishing this course, you can start listening to French radio, television, or Internet broadcasts, and although you may not pick up much at first, understanding will come eventually. The same goes for speaking. Much vocabulary and reinforcement of grammar comes also from reading (with the help of a good dictionary, of course). All of these additional measures are vital to learning any language. There is not a single course on earth that can impart mastery of a language. The best ones provide the knowledge and inspiration that one needs to keep trying. "Speak French Advanced" is one such course.

I would say that Michel Thomas helps you put the grammar together in your head with advanced grammar... So, if you are looking to practice along with two English speakers on this CD and test yourself with advanced grammar and fine-tune your weak areas this is good for that. However, if you are looking for something that focuses a lot on conversational French, then it won't fit the bill for that. I am frankly going to look at the Fluent French Audio stuff and buy stuff from their website later, because I need a variety of conversational French, and the French in Action materials are not so easily affordable. I would recommend listening to Michel Thomas over and over. It really takes time for a language to stick, but make sure you do find something that has French conversations. I think Smart French is promising so far... When it comes to fluency, this CD is good for advanced students who want to make sure they have their grammar down. I don't think it's good to have a very good foundation in French sentence formulation so you can advance properly and feel confident, in the end, in the language. If you already have the grammar perfectly down when speaking, then you don't need this.

Love this program. The best I've listened to yet. Provides a thorough understanding of the structure of the language

If you want a relevant, thoughtful, and fun way to learn a language, this is the best that you can buy. Michel Thomas is a master at relating French to English. I found myself looking forward to inserting the CDs into my car CD player and not only learning basic sentence structures but also how to apply them to everyday life.

I love Michel Thomas CD's. I am also using Rosetta Stone and it is very good, but Michel Thomas explains the very core and structure of the language. He makes it all understandable and relatively "easy." The two together are very very good as a way of emersion into the language.

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