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Total French With The Michel Thomas Method



Synopsis

You learned your own language naturally and enjoyably: now you can learn French in the same way. You'll stick with it because you'll love it. Use the unique method perfected over fifty years by the celebrated psychologist and linguist Michel Thomas. Michel Thomas teaches you through your own language, so there's no stress, and no anxiety. He builds it up, step by step, and you don't move on until you've absorbed and understood the previous point. And, as Michel Thomas said, "What you understand, you know; and what you know, you don't forget." With parallels to the way you learned your own language, each language is learned in 'real-time' conditions. There is no need to stop for homework, additional exercises or vocabulary memorization. Don't be tied to chunky books or your computer, Michel Thomas Method audio courses let you learn whenever you want: at home, in your car, or on the move with your MP3 player. The "virtual" classroom situation on the recording lets you learn with others. You enjoy their success, and you learn from their mistakes. The students on the recordings are not reading from scripts and they have received no additional instruction or preparation - just the guidance you hear on the recording. You, as the learner, become the third student and participate actively in the class.

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I'm one of the class! The one thing I will take most is when he told us "the worst that will happen if you get this wrong, is you will get a blank face.. of the person not understanding you. If this happens, just say to them in French "I have more verbs! I have more verbs!"" This is definitely not for the beginner, but perfect for me who was fluent 40 years ago, but has no one to talk to, and people I try to talk to say my words are "too round" and distinct (learned from Michel that's because I'm pronouncing all the segments that you read, but that get run together when speaking). It's obviously geared for the needs of a traveler to a french speaking country, but that's OK, because I

work at a visitor center talking to international people who are traveling. My "r's" and contractions have never been this good! He fixed some of my biggest problems with use of negatives and irregular verbs. Not for the faint of heart.. it actually moves too fast even to do a pause button. I go through each CD multiple times at just running the CD, and repeat running the CD through until I can get the right answer as fast as they do. He believes you can learn it this way entirely, but I still draw on my "book knowledge" as I visualize each phrase or word from my past, which makes it stick even better. I find myself wanting him to say "Comment disez-vous?" instead of "How do you say..." Je vais! I'm on my way! (That's an inside joke you gotta get these to understand)...

I have listened to the cd's several times now. Michel Thomas gives a beginner some practical ways to use French. Initially, I liked the format of him asking the question in English to have his two students then translate it into French. However, the woman he used for one of the students is incredibly annoying as she literally coos in the background, repeats answers with different affectations of accents and faux husky voice, and generally ruins the second and subsequent listening to the cd's. I wish the producers of the cd's would edit out her insecure babbling and this would be a 5 star product. Probably not a good product for people who have taken French in school as it is very basic, but, overall, I thought it was good enough for me.

THE MOST straightforward language lessons ever. Fun to do and easy to learn. Travel and shopping conversations included early in this system

I just started working with this program, as in, I've only completed two discs. I think the approach is terrific. I just don't like listening to the other students on the CD stumbling around for answers. I think it really slows the process down. Will stick with it though...because this program builds confidence early on.

Very helpful for pronunciation and brilliantly organized. Small bits of French which Michel Thomas knits together effortlessly for you. Innovative, excellent!

I play these CDs in the car. It's a fun way to learn a little French. A transcript, or listing, of the main words & phrases is included & is helpful. Repeated listening is necessary for retention.

I love the way the Michel Thomas method identifies words that we are already familiar with in the

English language, and teaches the pronunciation in French. The learning process is much easier than anticipated.

I really like these cds and am learning so much very quickly. I do think that ultimately I will need to be immersed in the language in order to become fluent, but this is a great start.

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