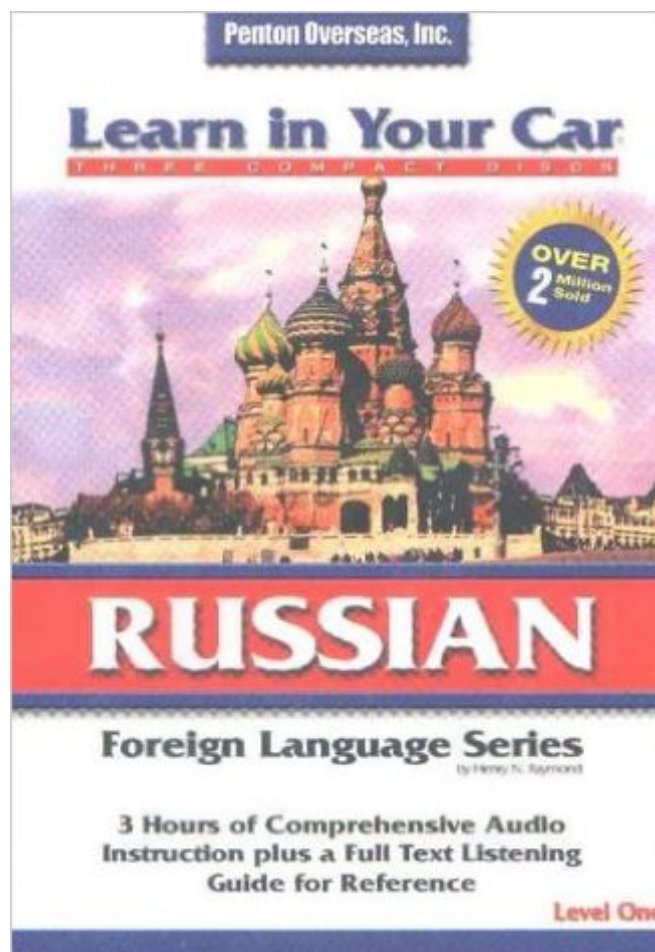


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Synopsis

Listeners learn pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar of a new language without the need of a textbook. Convenient to use while driving, working out... or anywhere!

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent way to start learning Russian, even if you don't spend that much time in your car. I'd give it 5 stars if they included a little information on grammar and corrected the mistakes on the alphabet page (they printed not using a Cyrillic font, the letters are totally incorrect!) Even still, I'm looking forward to buying the second level once I master the material in this course.

I've had these discs for about 8 months, using them in the car about 1 to 4 times a week. They've been a handy way to study in otherwise wasted time. I have noticed that the pronunciation tends to vary a slightly from the Russian speakers I know, especially "d" sounds tending to sound like "z" or "dj" sounds. Lastly, long-term retention seems to be greatly aided by fluency training -- overlearning to the point of being fast and accurate. First, I always rehearse the words aloud, trying to get them out before the Russian speaker on the cd. Then I go over the lesson until I can quickly say all the Russian words in response to the English stimulus word before the Russian speaker on the cd. Lastly, once I reach 90 to 100% accuracy on the cd, I quickly review the lesson playing the English stimuli only, and then the Russian (saying the English myself). Though this takes a little more time each lesson, I've found I retain lessons learned this way at about 80% accuracy months after

learning the lesson. (Note: "Fluency Training" is a technique developed in educational and training areas of applied behavior analysis.)

I listen to this almost everyday on my way to work and do find it to be helpful...for the most part. The Russian speaker on the CD pronounces a few words differently than my Russian teacher and Russian-speaking friends. For example, the number "1" is pronounced "azin" on the CD but everyone else I know says "adin". Similarly, the word "where" is pronounced "ga-ze" on the CD, but everyone else says "ga-de". So, it appears the Russian "D" is sometimes pronounced with more of a "Z" sound by this particular speaker. Perhaps it's a dialect issue, but my Russian teacher isn't sure.

With respect to the wrong font being used in the accompanying guide, this was apparently a problem with one batch. I sent an e-mail to info@pentonoverseas.com and they were able to send me a corrected version.

Perhaps it could work learning wise if one who is attempting to learn could simply hear it clearly. The quality of the disc is absolutely awful. I bought it for my daughter to listen to it in the car, but I am being myself Russian speaking had a very hard time understanding the murmur. So, needless to say, we tried to listen to it once and now it just sits in a glove compartment. What a waste.

Learn In Your Car: Russian, Level One is a convenient way (especially if you spend a lot of time commuting) to introduce yourself to spoken Russian. I found these lessons to be fairly easy to follow as repetition is used a great deal. Grammar and sentence construction are not emphasized; rather, lessons focus on pronunciation. Lessons include words used in a hotel, in a restaurant, directions, pronouns, basic greetings, and numbers. A guide book to the Russian language would have been helpful. However, I bought this from a used book seller and the guide book (if there was one) was lost. Still, if you are looking for an easy way to learn spoken Russian words and phrases you cannot go wrong with this language program.

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