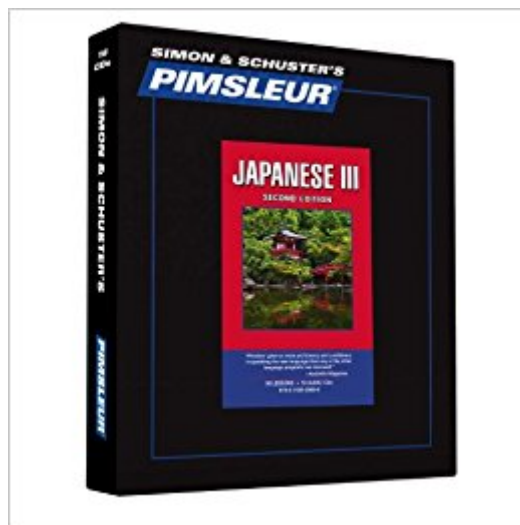


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# Pimsleur Japanese Level 3 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Japanese With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Japanese Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Japanese will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try.

Why Pimsleur?

- Quick + Easy â“ Only 30 minutes a day.
- Portable + Flexible â“ Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life.
- Proven Method â“ Works when other methods fail.
- Self-Paced â“ Go fast or go slow â“ it's up to you.
- Based in Science â“ Developed using proven research on memory and learning.
- Cost-effective â“ Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers.
- Genius â“ Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn.
- Works for everyone â“ Recommended for ages 13 and above.

What's Included?

- 30, 30-minute audio lessons
- 60 minutes of recorded Culture Notes to provide you some insight into Japanese culture - in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers
- a Culture Notes Booklet and User's Guide

What You'll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Japanese Levels 1 and 2. In the first 10 lessons, you will expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. You'll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. You'll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, you'll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. You'll be able to join in conversations eagerly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons, your skills will demonstrate ever-increasing mastery of Japanese. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, you'll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, you'll find yourself responding effortlessly, and able to choose from a wide accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons, you're nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural sounding, near-native accent. You're able to utilize the language in subtle ways, and speak using past, present, and future tenses. Self-confidence soars as you no longer experience the language and culture as a foreigner, but as someone with a deepening insight into the Japanese-speaking world. One hour of recorded Cultural Notes are included at the end of Lesson 30. These Notes are designed to provide you with some insight into Japanese culture. A Culture Notes booklet is also included in PDF format. The

**Pimsleur Method** We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets":

- The Principle of Anticipation** In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- Core Vocabulary** Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- Graduated Interval Recall** Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- Organic Learning** You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- Learning in Context** Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- Active Participation** The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

**The Japanese Language** Japanese is spoken by about 130 million people, 122 million of whom are in Japan. There are also speakers in the Ryukyu Islands, Korea, Taiwan, parts of the United States, and Brazil. Japanese has many "registers" or levels of politeness. Pimsleur's Japanese courses will teach you how to speak at a polite register, which is appropriate in virtually any situation you are likely to encounter in Japan.

**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

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

This is the last set (currently) of the Pimsleur Japanese language program. Each track is roughly 30 minutes long and starts out with reviewing some of the words and phrases that you previously learned and then continues on to new ones. Some words will be for casually speaking and others will be for politely speaking. There is a total of 30 tracks in each set and it is recommended that only 1 track is completed each day. It is not a bad way to start learning Japanese although your language skills will not be exceptional upon completion. You would be able to have a very light conversation with someone by the end of the series and that would be at best. The worst part that I have noticed about this program is that after you learn how to say some phrases and words a couple of different ways (speaking casually and politely), you are sometimes told to say that phrase it is not always specified in which manner to say it in. So when the track repeats back to you, it may not be how you said it even though it may still be correct.

This is a good albeit \$\$\$ way to drill basic grammar and speaking. I used this to review for JLPTN4 and it served that purpose well. You'll need to use a solid text like Genki I-II or "Japanese For Everyone" for more in-depth grammar and voc. In Pimsleur III you're still learning easy words like "nimotsu" and "deguchi." Stuff like this should've been taught in Pimsleur I IMHO. Grrr. Sample sentences include: "Tanaka can't attend the meeting." "Their office moved to the Shinjuku building" "Wont you have a seat?" "The meeting went well." I pop a Pimsleur III CD in while doing housework and learn by "osmosis" so it's very convenient.

I have used Pimsleur materials and find them very useful. I spoke Japanese many years ago, and

this is a great review tool. I would also like to praise the people I bought it from, Language Secrets. They got the set to me very fast, it was in beautiful condition, one of those special editions in fact, and the price was low for what I got. In my continuing efforts to learn every language I can, I will be watching for items for sale by these folks.

It is a good way to practice my Japanese during my rides.

Great

To start with, I recommend this product. I can't write worth anything but I have a decent ear so this series fits me perfectly - everything is by ear. I find it especially useful with my hectic schedule because I can use my otherwise wasted commuting time in the car. In the blurb about the course it says that the lessons should be listened through in one go without interruption but I have found that it doesn't matter much if I stop (my commute is only 15 minutes) and continue on the way back. The reason I don't give this series 5 stars is that even though I'm well on my way through the last part of the course, I'm still at loss as soon as a native speaker opens his/her mouth. It seems the vocabulary is too limited to get me over the threshold where I can start to pick up the language on my own.

This is the logical continuation to the two previous series. Always logical in its approach. The only language learning system that can work while driving.

I've got to be honest - another reviewer wrote, 'this should be called Beginner Japanese III' - I would have to completely concur. This particular series (Jap III), seems to be geared toward the individual that might find themselves being transferred to Japan for a short stint. Lots of shigoto-ga this and that. Dealing with going to meetings, after work parties, etc. But lemme tell ya - if you DO find yourself at a Japanese company meeting with only this program as your prep; you are gonna be lost! I, like others were a bit disappointed with the series in general. In all fairness to Pimsleur, this language is tough, and not by any stretch of the imagination would anyone claim it's a piece of cake. And equally as difficult to condense this extremely sophisticated language into 48 hrs. I'm sure. Spanish, Italian - walks in the park. Japanese (and I have a Jap wife - who marginally helps me); learning this is a rough endeavor! If you want to learn this language, you NEED to live there; learn the dialect of your region. Otherwise, you'll always be to the Japanese, "Oh look at the Gai-jin; isn't it cute how he mangles the language?" My closest Japanese

friend told me once, "Go move to Japan and in 20 years, you'll be fluent."

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