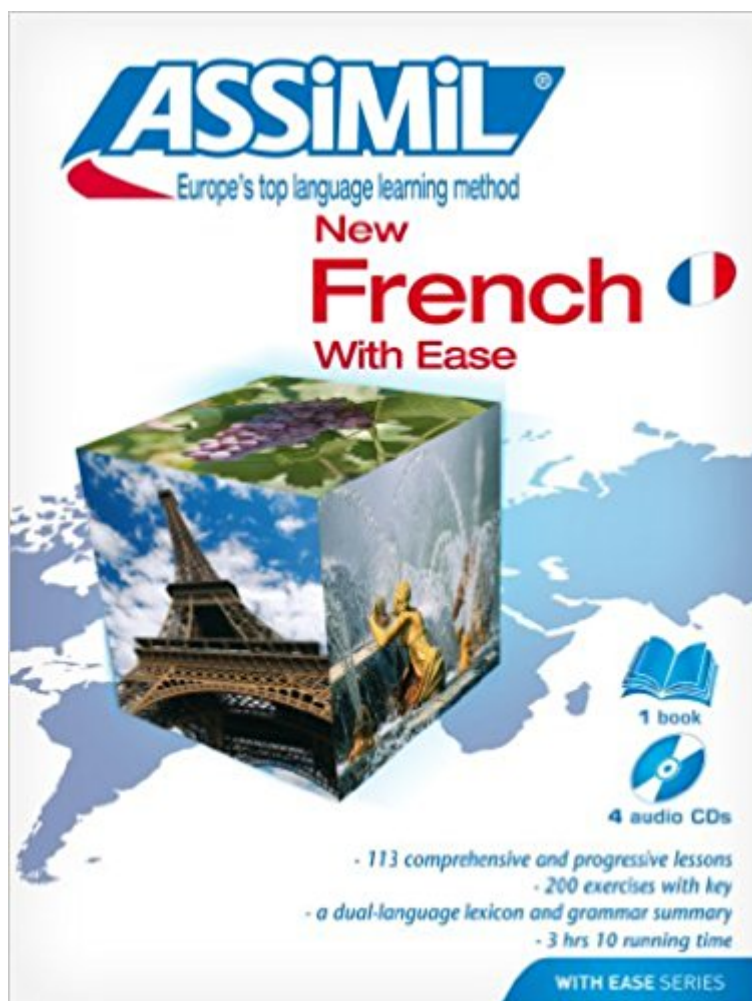




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Synopsis

Includes 4 audio CDs (3h 10m) and a 591 page course book. This pack aims to take users from scratch to having a solid base in French within six months, and to feel comfortable with the language in as little as three months. In only half an hour a day users will move ahead naturally until they are at ease with all the basic structures needed for communication and become familiar with the basic words and grammar of French. The method comprises two phases: the passive phase, in which users simply repeat what they hear and read, and the active phase, in which users begin to create sentences and imagine themselves in a variety of everyday situations.

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Customer Reviews

This is easily one of the best books I have ever read. Not based on story or plot but of what you will learn, just listening, reading and writing sentences. I was doubtful with my purchase at first; having studied Spanish for academic requirements and having bad learning experiences (Didn't learn the language, just wanted to pass the tests). I felt like taking on the challenge of learning a language in my late 20s, at my own pace and in a life enrichment pursuit. Having no French training classes and being an absolute beginner, here is my take: You will not become fluent like a native based off this book alone. However, you will get to a good level of understanding (What would seem like just noise in the beginning, will turn into a disjointed words/sentences, then understanding. Maybe not the whole meaning but get the gist of it). After going through the book 3 to 4 times systematically (~2-3 years), you will be able to understand basic conversations, speak basic commands, ask for limited

items, express basic thoughts, feelings and read to the same level of basic. Not bad! The drawbacks : You gotta do the whole book and keep motivated. What helped for me was feeling progress by watching movies dubbed in french; Making time for it, a schedule (would do my lesson and check my emails at night) This program will blow any computer software out of the water, based on price and effectiveness. The other reviews explained the waves. I'm a more interactive learner, so I followed these steps. 1) loaded every lesson onto an mp3 player from the cds provided with the book. 2) Purchased a highlighter and big spiral notebook. 3) Started from the beginning. Every lesson I would listen to it on repeat and would mouth it out about two times. Then, I would look at the book, read four words while listening to the audio, pause and read the next four word. After completing the lesson two times. 4) Open the spiral notebook, write the same lesson in English first, then write the french sentences while listening to the audio. I would pause after every sentence to ensure my pronunciation was similar to the mp3s. Highlight the french and read it out loud; Complete the lesson. 5) Work this book through systematically, all the way through. Towards the end, the lessons get longer. At the end, it may take an hour or longer out of the day. 6) Check your results, turn on french news, go look at a french news website. You'll be surprised. Assimil works like magic. This book was worth all the money I paid for it. Definitely recommend it to anyone who are wanting to learn a new language. This book has 113 lessons, not as many as the Assimil without toil (140). It will give you a good start! I'm looking forward to reading the Using French book next.

Assimil is one of the better examples of how much the student's results depend on how well the teaching method is suited to them. These courses require you to do a lot of work on your own to benefit. The instructions, which are not laid out clearly in the French edition, are pasted below (I got this from the Dutch version). Basically there is a "Passive wave" where you (actively!) listen to the dialogues up to about lesson 70 or so, and then you start doing two lessons per day, moving forward from the halfway point in a passive wave way, and starting back at the beginning in an active wave way. (see below for clarification). This requires a lot of work and motivation on the part of the student, and if you are someone who needs more motivation or structure, you're better off with the FSI courses. Bonne chance!

Passive Wave

1. Listen to the text with the book closed.
2. Listen to the recording while looking at the English translation.
3. Read the Target Language (TL) text aloud. Be sure you understand the meaning of each sentence.
4. Now read the TL text without looking at the translation.
5. Listen to the recording twice, once while looking at the English translation, and once while looking at the TL text.
6. Listen to the recording with the book closed. At

this point you should understand what is being said. 7. Listen to the recording once more. Stop the machine after each sentence, and try to repeat it aloud. 8. Carefully read the comments several times. Examine the English sentences being explained. 9. Read the exercises. Repeat each sentence several times. 10. Examine the examples of sentence structure. Active Wave 1. Read the lesson, then listen to the recordings. 2. Cover the TL text and try to reconstruct it, looking only at the English sentences. Make an effort to do this both orally and in writing. 3. Uncover the TL text and correct any errors you have made.

I love this program so far for learning French. I've learned some languages in the past but so far, I've enjoyed this method of studying most! The grammar and vocabulary are interesting and up to date, and it does not take a long time at all! It's humorous at times, and helps with both lingual and cultural immersion. I would highly recommend it, but would also encourage grabbing a grammar book along with it for more in depth reviews of that specific field. All in all, it's a great program for a wonderful price.

I found New French with Ease to be a very good product. This is the first Assimil program that I ever purchased and I am enjoying it. I'm about half way through. I will say, however, that it is NOT for absolute beginners. My previous knowledge of some French has helped. I wouldn't recommend it to a complete newcomer to French.

For someone with basic French knowledge that it's a book to brush up your language style. This book is not boring at all as the dialogues are fun. Learning a little bit every time and then you will accumulate lots. This product is not expensive at all and also can download to different laptops, not like some others that are restricted to only one/two PC, or you must insert the VCD then you can learn. And I can put the book into my handbag with the ipod, so that when I am in the train or at waiting, then I still learn.

This is the best language program by far. It consists of over a hundred dialogues, many of which are humorous. This helps one learn - a great aid to memory. Grammar is learned naturally as a child would learn. The CDs are all in French to help with pronunciation. Other techniques are introduced as one progresses. I have tried to learn French since a child, some fifty years ago and have finally got it through this program. It is a bit expensive but otherwise not generally available in the US. I heartily recommend it.

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