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Berlitz New Basic French (French Edition)



Synopsis

Learning a new language is now made simple with New Basic, an affordable self-study audio course using the Berlitz language learning method lauded by millions. The newly revised and update program focuses on popular topics, colloquial expressions, practical and real-life language used in everyday conversation.

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Customer Reviews

I've put some remarks on New Basic French in my comment to 1-star reviewer Desmond "Hawthorne" and thought I would elaborate on them here so others can consider these points...One of the good things about this course is that the French is totally accurate: the phrases are things the French actually say, and there are no bloopers like confusing French "le menu" and "la carte". Moreover, the recordings are good in that the sound is clear and comprehensible, and all speakers are native French speakers yet have a variety of accents. In addition, the material selected and presented in this course is well-chosen, useful stuff. All this is helpful for the learner and are reasons why I like this course. On the other hand, there are some drawbacks. I think the material could have been ordered differently so that the really essential things for tourists are all towards the beginning, and the less important things towards the end. Also, I personally feel that there is far too much English on the CD's. There's a great deal of explanation in English and then just a tiny snippet of French. In my view, the explanations belong in the coursebook so that you don't have to listen to them over and over again when you want to listen to the French. After all, what you need to train

your ear is to hear French, and the more, the better, so that your ear becomes attuned to French intonation (which is nearly impossible to do when you only hear a few words at a time). In addition, the illustrations in (New) Basic French are only so-so, in my view.

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