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Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is a very nice set, a phrase book and a CD. Both items come in a nice and sturdy case/cover, which is slightly bigger than a CD. It's very portable. I downloaded the CD on to my MP3 player and listen to it while traveling. The book fits in my pocket in case I want to reference it, which makes it very handy on the road. The product is for travelers to provide them with basic set of words and phrases in Russian. It is not and does not claim to be a tool to teach Russian grammar nor to be a comprehensive resource for Russian phrases. It's pretty basic, covering topics from introductions, travel and transportation, money, lodging, communication to food and shopping to name a few. Besides the phrases the book also includes a brief pronunciation guide and two way dictionary (which is pretty basic). But for under 10 dollars, this is a great value. I purchased this to help me refresh my Russian vocabulary and get used to hearing the language again. And it's been helpful. I really like the way the CD is done. It first tells you the word or phrase in English and then twice in Russian. The first time in Russian it's pronounced really slooowly and the second time slightly

slower than regular speech. The slow pronunciation will be most appreciated by beginners, but I like the fact that it says it in English first and then repeats it twice in Russian. This way you can listen to it without having to follow along in a book. I've purchased other book+CD language sets from other publishers and some of those do not do that. In those cases you turn on the CD and there comes a barrage of foreign words or phrases, one after another. Which means that unless you remember all the words (in which case you'd probably not need to listen to the CD in the first place...), you have to follow along in the book. That does not make it travel-friendly. And since I do some business travel and end up sitting on the plane, I prefer being able to lean back and listen without having to read during a bumpy ride. So this makes the Berlitz series very nice for me. It's a good value and I recommend it.

The cd is great to listen to in your vehicle as you drive. You will recognize the written words from your pronunciation practice. The cd chapters can be accessed easily using your "skip" button for easy repetition. There are both male and female voices used on the cd. Some of the phrases are a little intimidating at first listen but there are plenty of words and small phrases that are manageable and very handy for the tourist. The accompanying pocket book is great, too but we didn't feel the need to take it after using the cd. I was very thankful for the Berlitz practice and the patience of the people in Russia:)

I hope it will aid me if I do get to Moscow. I have just listened to the cd, and I hope having the book and cd together will be more benefit to me.

Very good for basic Russian.

This is a great set. Very well organized and easy to find your way through. Audio is very clear and easy to use. Perfect size for carrying around.

Gave it as a gift to a friend who is visiting Russie this summer. She loved it since it contained many necessary phrases and she could hear the pronunciations on the CD. Not an overwhelming dictionary that was not needed. Very reasonable price of @ \$10.00.

This course is the best Russian Course because they are not talking too rapidly like the other courses.Getting the course is a nightmare. The vendor sends MORONS who come late at night but

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