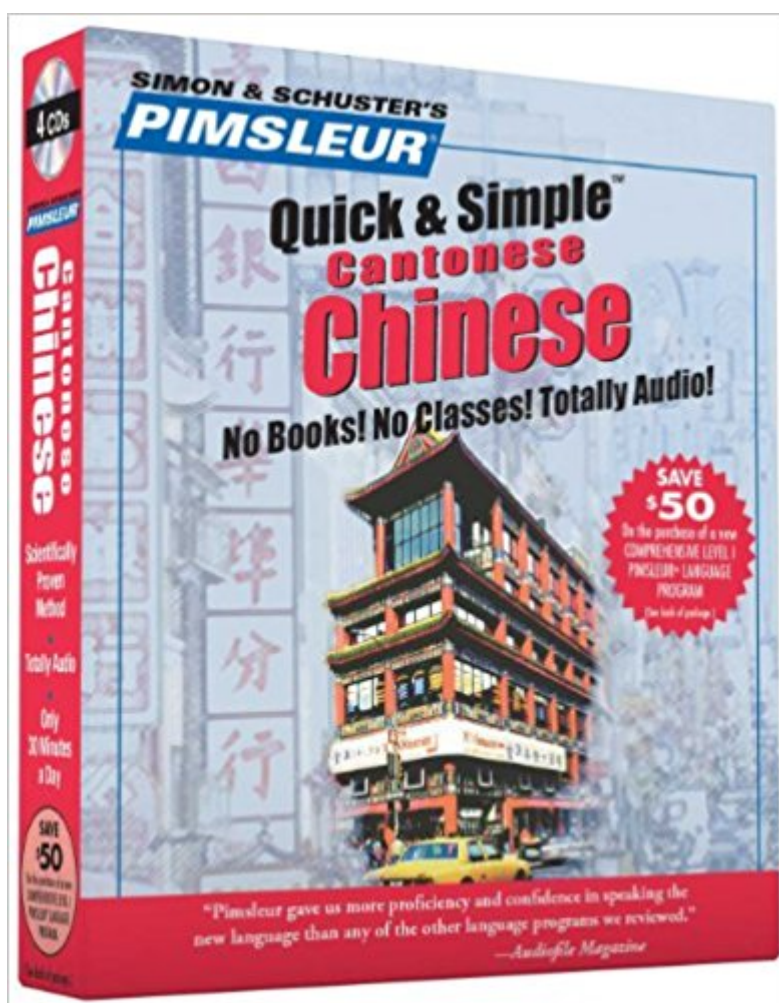


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# Simon & Schuster's Pimsleur Quick & Simple Cantonese Chinese (No Books! No Classes! Totally Audio!)



## Synopsis

The Pimsleur® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. You'll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-8 from the Chinese (Cantonese) Level 1 program - 4 hrs of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Cantonese. The Cantonese Chinese Language Cantonese, one of several major languages in China, is mainly spoken in Hong Kong, Guangdong, the Guangxi provinces, and in most overseas Chinese communities in Australia, Europe, and North America. Pimsleur's Chinese Cantonese teaches Cantonese as spoken in Hong Kong. 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.

It's a little dated but it does the job. Great buy. It should be based around conversation not structured. This ain't the damn queen's Cantonese lol

Pimsleur's method really worked well for me! I had never used a Pimsleur/Simon & Schuster product before, and was skeptical at first about it, but the key to learning anything is to break things into easily understandable elements, build on those elements, and then allow for repetition. This is exactly what the Pimsleur method does for you. Repetition is key to learning a new language that sounds so insurmountably foreign as Cantonese that your brain just wants to shut down when you hear it. This product gives you plenty of time to digest and respond aloud to the prompts. I have been listening to these CD's over and over, and I have managed to impress my Cantonese speaking friends and loved ones with my pronunciation and comprehension. I just hope Pimsleur is working on a Cantonese 2, 3, 4 or 5 sometime in the horizon. I'll buy them even if I've managed to speak almost fluently, because the method is so straight forward and the speakers are so clear!

I was originally skeptical but found the lessons to be good. Cantonese is a challenging language due to its specific use of intonation and this program does well to emphasize this. Like any language, a lot of repetition is required but since it is in CD format it is convenient in the car or any travel situation. This is definitely a good start to learning Cantonese but instruction from someone fluent is needed in order to perfect the pronunciation.

Because of the different dialect you may not be understood, some of my family speaks Cantonese but some words are said differently. It is an easy way to learn.

The Pimsleur method is the best language program that I've used, especially for the beginner. I tried other products with other languages and just recently began learning Cantonese. I surprised a friend living in Hong Kong with my accurate pronunciation and beginner's understanding of the language. To be sure, the language is evolving and the way some words are pronounced has changed - something that is described in the Teach Yourself book, which is another excellent product. The downside is that this program spends a lot of time teaching a limited amount of material, and it's expensive, especially if you purchase subsequent lessons. The program warns against using other

language programs while using Pimsleur, especially printed material with Americanized spellings, suggesting that this will lead to incorrect pronunciation. While I'm sure this is a risk, most other Cantonese language resources use Yale romanization, which is almost as much of a standard for the language as pinyin is for Mandarin. If you hope to use any printed resource to help you learn Cantonese, you'll likely have to learn Yale romanization. I don't know that there's any perfect language program, but this product is very effective.

Not What I expected. I was looking for some simple everyday Cantonese conversation lesson to teach my grandson. It is for adult and more for traveling conversation. I am a little disappointed.

I bought this with limited expectations and was blown away. I listen to the lessons in my car on the way to work. The way they teach you does make you remember what you learned. It works!

Good all around.

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