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konnichi wali read reviews on this (must be a different edition)but many were negative.i think this is a bargain and is excellent.it is light years ahead of pimsleur which i also own.this teaches you grammar,word order, and reasons for using different words.for example difference between nagara and sono aida.why to use ga and wa.many reviewers complained about the insructors voice.please,ms.stoughton is irish and admitedly her accent is not very good,but what would you expect?i would rather learn the language and be able to make myself understood,than to speak perfectly accent wise but grammaticaly incorect.if you think ms.stoughton speaks poorly please do not buy "instant immersion japanese"also do not forget after ms.stoughton and the students speak,mikki a native japanese person repeats everything.the only problem with all language courses,there are no more.you must then find someone to communicate with.i do not understand why there are no levels 4,5,6, and 7.if my spelling is incorrect i apologize(there is no text with this or pimsleur)from 10 cd's the basic course and advanced,i can put 3 or 4 sentences together(which is obviously more than when i began.all in all a 5 star.arigato

I like this (Advanced) set. ***I have not purchased Introductory and Foundation levels. I don't know what is explained in those***. I only purchased this Advanced one. I would say, if you have language learning skills, this is a good product for you. I don't know how much my review counts though, because I can speak multiple Altaic languages who are very similar to Japanese. So for me, these CDs are good. Not every method is good for everybody. Here are some clues for people to decide whether this product is good for them or not, because these things can be both negative or

positive depending on the your preferences:1) Certain things aren't explained in detail:Some concepts are not explained well enough for a non-Altaic speaker. For instance use of "wo", "ni" and "no" are not explained well enough. I can see how people (especially people who only speak English) can get frustrated with this set, considering the word order is backwards in comparison to English word order. For me, well, I didn't need those to be explained.2) Too simplified:My personal preference is that things are explained in grammatical ways. For instance I would prefer if the teacher says "If the verb is transitive the object of the sentence will get an object definite particle", however these courses are for people who don't know the terminology. She wouldn't even use words such as "adjective", "adverb", "possessive construction". She simplifies her explanations, which sometimes confuses me. I need to translate what she is saying to another Altaic language to see what she's actually referring to.

After completing the foundation course, this was a shock for me. The teacher in this advanced course spits out so much mystification. She'll blatantly tell you that yomu and nomu are irregular verbs, which simply is not true. And to top that, she'll tell you that kuru is actually regular, which is an even greater lie. If you take her word, you'll be sorry when you learn further.In addition to that, she doesn't pronounce properly and has a horrible accent in English (especially after the soothing, professional speech of the teacher from the foundation course).Don't buy this! Hopefully they fixed the issues in the "Total Japanese" series.

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