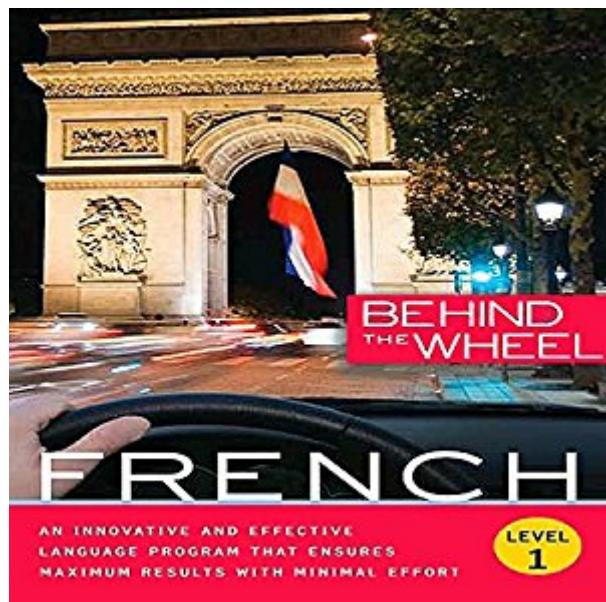


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# Behind The Wheel: French 1



## Synopsis

Behind the Wheel: French Level 1 covers beginner to intermediate level French, providing a flexible, solid and universal foundation in speaking, understanding, and creatively expressing yourself in French. The program features an English speaking instructor to guide you through the lessons and a native French speaker to aid with your pronunciation. Includes a companion book to reinforce and enhance the audio experience.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When I travel to a foreign country I like to respect the culture by bringing along some helpful local language phrases. I'm kind of a Francophile, but I find the nuances of French quite difficult and I know I'll never speak it fluently. Even so, my goal is to be a "non-ugly American" and be courteous, successfully order from a Parisian waiter, or manage a transaction with a Bordeaux shopkeeper. With that in mind I tend to favor basic travel-oriented language programs I can practice with during my daily commute. But once in awhile I get delusions of grandeur and dip into deeper linguistic waters. To indulge that impulse I got Mark Frobose's "Behind the Wheel French," and while I enjoyed the adventure it was ultimately a bit farther out to sea than I wanted to go. I was initially nervous about getting "Behind the Wheel French" due to a previous experience with another of Mr. Frobose's language programs. [...] However, the professional-looking box of "Behind the Wheel French" appears to represent a revamp of the series. Encouraged, I took a chance and was glad to see that the product had indeed been revised. In addition to the appealing packaging, the audio issues have been corrected and the CDs are stored in a compact, folding hard paper holder with individual slots (I would've preferred a car-friendly zippered pouch like the one provided with the Michel Thomas language programs). "Behind the Wheel French" contains eight CDs, each with

about an hour or so of content where the male instructor says a word or phrase, and the female native speaker responds with the French equivalent. There's also a small book with exercises and transcripts for the audio lessons. Mr.

Bonjour! This CD set is a great introduction to conversational French! If you are taking a vacation to a French-speaking island or country, this is the program for you! All of the words and phrases they teach you are relevant to someone vacationing and trying to order food, go to a restaurant, and shop. By the time you get to the final CD, you will find you have a good grasp of the basics. The CD program has an English speaker say words or phrases in English. Then a native French speaker says the same words or phrases in French. She allows you time to repeat what she said. And then she says the French translation again and you repeat her a second time. The method is very useful for picking up the language and getting you on the fast track to learning. There is some repetition of important words and phrases, but they are sprinkled in the program in such a way that they are reinforcements to learning -- not annoying repetitions. I really enjoyed the CD set and did not lose interest. There is also a companion book that comes with the CDs that is very helpful. It doesn't follow the words on the CD set verbatim. It provides many of the same words and phrases you are learning in a more traditional language learning method (rather than the CD style which is an immersion method). The book was very important to me because the French language does not pronounce the endings of many words so you would not be able to read French very well without the book. If you saw signs and written words on your vacation, you might not be able to match them up with the spoken words without this step. My main suggestion would be to have the English speaker spell out the words on the CD in instances where the consonants are silent.

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