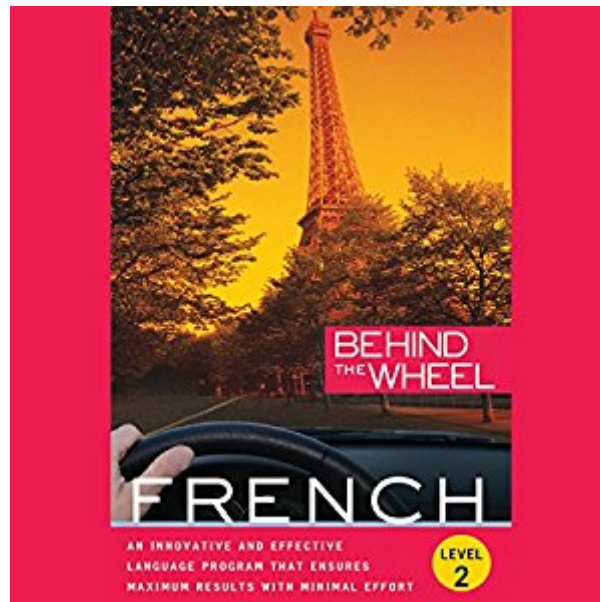


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Behind The Wheel - French 2



Synopsis

Vivez bien, aimez beaucoup, riez souvent. (Live well, love much, laugh often.) As a French language learner, you know that there is something magical about being able to express yourself in this beautiful language. Now Behind the Wheel French 2 invites you to practice your foundational French with lessons and stories based around real life scenarios, like eating out, shopping, and getting around town. This course first reviews basic concepts from French Level 1, then expands on these areas, focusing on medium-length sentence combinations, versatile vocabulary, and extensive sentence building instruction to improve conversation skills and listening comprehension. French Level 2 features both English and native French speaking instructors. This program includes a companion book and audio transcript to enhance the learning experience.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

The pace of Level 2 is faster than Level 1. The difference is that when the native speaker says it the first time she can be clearly understood and enunciates the words clearly, and the 2nd time, she is speaking in a more normal conversational speed with more normal conversational diction which is more difficult to understand. An example I thought of in English would be the difference in reading "Get out of here." vs. saying "Git outta here." It is much more likely what you would actually hear if you were in France. The pauses in between where we are supposed to repeat what was said are shorter also. It forces you to think faster so you reply faster as in normal conversation. There are short story exercises in the book, complete with translations to increase your comprehension, an extensive reference section, and the complete dialog of the CD's are in the back of the book which is great for when you are having difficulty understanding some of the dialog. Level 2 is not for the beginner (unless you have mastered Level 1), but it is great for the intermediate student and I highly

recommend it as an easy way to increase your proficiency and to tune your ear to the language. If you listen to the discs enough, you will get to the point where you understand what is being said, without the needs to translate the words in your head.

My husband and I listened to the CD's in the car for six months before a trip to Paris. I was a French major in the 70's and the review was just what was needed. When I heard "Bravo avec le francais, Madame" from a French waiter on Day #2 of the trip, I knew the practice had helped a lot! The set will be used again before the next trip, too!

These CD's are great to listen to as you drive. But don't do as I did--I became so engrossed as to why they used a certain grammatical contruction that I ran a red-light. For visual people, such as myself, hearing French spoken is a must. We can read and write it pretty well because we can see it, but hearing it and speaking it back is our weak spot. Level 2 is almost like having a conversation with a French-speaker because you can listen to her and then reply. It is extremely gratifying to be able to reply (correctly!) before she does so on the CD!

I am very happy to finally find a great French course with actual transcripts to review as I learn to speak in the back of the book. I am a visual learner so this is exactly what I have been looking for. Very helpful and the voice is very clear and easy to learn. I also have two other French driving and learning courses but this one seems to stick better the way it is presented. An Excellent course for someone who is serious about learning French.

You know that American expression "excuse my French". Well, in my case, that is literal. Been studying for about 6 years, so I can spit out stuff like "Mon aÃ©roglisseur est plein d'anguilles" with the proper enunciation and pronunciation. You ain't gonna learn French from these discs. You are, however, going to reinforce your French with these discs. Wanna learn French? Take classes. These discs (and we also have part 1) are way too freakin' advanced for a beginner. Don't waste your money on Rosetta Stone (we tried Tell Me More, which has apparently been bought out by Rosetta Stone) or any of that stuff, you gotta have a tutor or take some sort of classes where you interact with others. Learning a language is cool, way cool. We've been to France twice and haven't been arrested yet for our abuse of the language.

I ordered this set for the long drive from LA to Portland after wearing my French 1 CDs out. The

lessons are enough like the level 1 lessons to keep the learning curve down but have some nice improvements. I especially love that each word and phrase from a particular section is repeated before the section ends and you move on. This gives learners an opportunity to have another shot at words/phrases they maybe didn't catch or say correctly when they first went through them. I miss the french speaker from the first set but I'm sure I'll get over that!

I'm going to visit my son in France, and I needed to learn some French to enjoy my trip better. No time to take a class, or sit in front of a computer. Behind The Wheel is letting me use the daily travel time to do the next best thing. There are a few vocabulary words that are hard to learn this way, but I can always take a few minutes, and look at the lesson transcripts when I'm at home.

I am planning a trip to France and wanted something to help me review the french I learned back in college. This is a good review for those who are fairly proficient in french. It is definitely not for beginners. It's convenient being able to listen to it while I'm stuck in rush hour traffic on the way home from work, although some of the sentences are lengthy and it's hard to repeat all of them while driving. I do think just hearing them helps if you are just trying to recall what you have learned previously. It would be nice if they had some different people speaking rather than the same people (one narrator and one "native speaker") all the way through; however, I've only listened to the first three CDs, so I can't say that they don't change later. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who wants an intermediate level review.

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