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Start French (Learn French With The Michel Thomas Method)





Synopsis

Learn over 50 essential words at the heart of French and how to put them together to make yourself understood. This 1-hour basic introduction to French with the Michel Thomas Method will get you speaking the language immediately: no books, no pens, no memorizing - just listen, connect and speak. How does it work? During the course, you will join Michel and two students in a live lesson, hearing both their successes and their mistakes to keep you motivated and involved throughout the course. Within the very first hour you will be able to construct simple phrases by listening and thinking out answers for yourself without the pressure of writing or memorizing. Why is the method so successful? The Michel Thomas Method was perfected over 50 years by celebrated psychologist and linguist Michel Thomas. This unique method works with your brain and draws on the principles of instructional psychology. Knowledge is structured and organised so that you assimilate the language easily and don't forget it. The method breaks down the language into building blocks that are introduced sequentially in such a way that you create your response and move on to ever-more-complex sentences. You'll stick with it because you'll love it. Where do I go next? After you finish your Start course, you can move to the Total French course, which includes 8 hours of audio and a practice CD-ROM. Perfect French follows on from the Total course with 10 hours of audio and a practice CD- ROM.Learn anywhere Don't be tied to chunky books or your computer, Michel Thomas Method audio courses let you learn whenever you want: at home, in your car, or on the move with your MP3 player.

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Description Learn 50 essential words and how to put them together with this amazing value, one hour introduction to the acclaimed Method. The classic Michel Thomas Method course, perfected over 25 years. Go from total beginner to speaking confidently in a matter of hours. Become a fluent speaker and understand in any situation with this follow-on course. Gain a natural grasp of the language and entire verb system. One for true language lovers, a unique series of one-to-one lectures on the Michel Thomas Method given by the master himself. Who it's for: Those who want a quick trial of the Method People beginning to learn a language with the Method People who have completed the Total course People who have completed the Total and Perfect courses What's in the course: 1 hour of audio on CD--learn at home, in the car or on the move with your mp3 player Up to 12 hours of audio on CD Visual review course and interactive exercises for PC or Mac* Over 2 hours of vocab help* Up to 9 hours of audio on CD Visual review course and interactive exercises for PC or Mac* Over 3 hours of vocab help* 2 hours of audio on CD--learn at home, in the car or on the move with your mp3 player Available in: French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German *Not available for all languages. See additional Michel Thomas Method courses.

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Michel's method makes learning easy. The cd's bring you into his discussion group where you are taught everything from common phrases to complex conjugations. The intro tape leverages the

French words you may know, "Comme si comme sa" and builds them into sentences that you can easily create-building your confidence immediately. His teaching style insists there is no memorization and he provides thoughtful connections to support your quick learning; "the verb to go is 'aller' this is where the English work alley comes from. "You become part of the classroom experience with 2 other students; one that appears to be catching on quite well and the other that seems to require more support. There are a few things to prepare for:1. You need to be alone with no distractions-my daily commute worked well for me2. You need to be able to "pause" your cd. He will ask you to translate a phrase and you need to pause to work through it. The tape does not grant you time to think.3. Follow the process, don't rewind and go back. Michele will frequently press for you to remember items from previous tracks, keeping your learnings top of mind. Heading to France in a month, I feel confident that I will be able to communicate and feel comfortable on my first trip to Paris!

Held off on buying this for over a year because we were using Rosetta stone for home schooling. I am so mad at myself for not getting this sooner. My kids were able to start basic sentences and were excited about learning after just using this starter CD. It requires just listening, no writing or books. Even I learned s few things about pronunciation a syntax and I have studied French for years and my husband is a native French speaker.

I really like this product and will continue along this path. I am approaching French in many different ways, and I will continue this as it really adds an edge to my learning.

This is just a very short introduction to the Michel Thomas method. I'd suggest you just go for the Total French program that includes these Start French lessons. It's an excellent system that will have you speaking French faster than you thought possible.

This is immersion French. Really appreciate the way the author just jumps right in with French words and gives the student a sense of being confident that you can do it. Needs to be repeated several times to get the ease the students on the CD have. Will look for next level by this teacher for more depth.

Helpful approach, focused on speaking words and phrases that are actually useful, without getting buried in the weeds of grammar rules.

Michel Tomas's language lessons have been the most effective way to master sentence structure and begin speaking right away.

Great fun and easy to use. Was amazed and how quickly I was able to construct short simple sentences. Great technique and method.

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