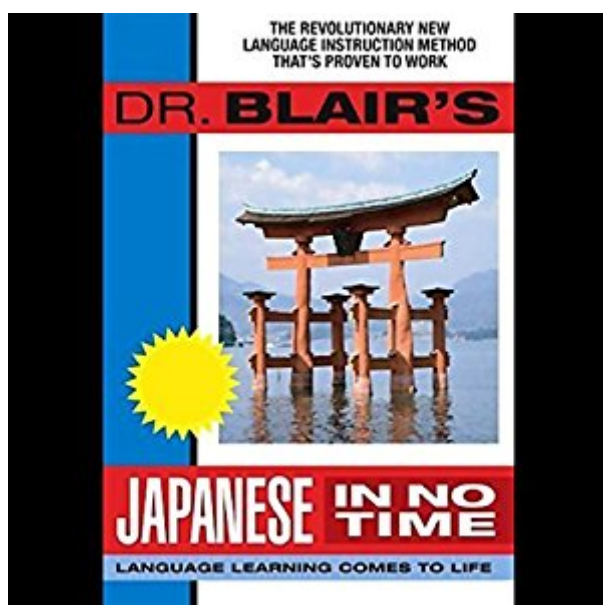


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Dr. Blair's Japanese In No Time



Synopsis

You've arrived in Japan for a long overdue vacation, when you discover that the amusement park you wanted to visit has been taken over by rebellious fans of a just-cancelled television show. Suddenly, it's up to you to save the park (and worldwide TV broadcasts) from legions of crazed Flower Rangers, and success will depend on your ability to learn enough Japanese to complete your mission....Who says that learning a language can't be fun? With Dr. Blair's Japanese in No Time, you will: Immediately learn Japanese that you can use in real situations Learn the practical applications you need Develop vocabulary through entertaining stories and games Master easy and effective memory tricks Whether you're a businessperson, student, or traveler, whether you're brushing up on a forgotten language or just interested in learning a new one, Dr. Blair's Japanese in No Time teaches you the skills you need at the pace you want, jump-starting your study with a variety of methods that keep the experience fun, fresh, and motivating. Why rely on old, out-dated techniques to learn a new language? Dr. Blair's Japanese in No Time offers the up-to-the-minute advantages that you won't hear anywhere else!

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Customer Reviews

After hearing a sample track for this product, I was interested in the concept of telling a story while teaching a language. I knew things were going to be different however when I uploaded it to my mp3 player and saw the total run time was barely two hours. Regardless of how good the program may be, that is far too short a time to teach anything worth while. To my unpleasant surprise the opening intro is actually about a fourth of the entire audio "story" itself. There is a great deal of

potential here, but none that is realized. Dr. Blair's "amazing new method of language learning" consists of memory association, a tool that can be useful or completely counter-productive. For example, one of the first phrases introduced in the lessons is "ohyasumi". It tells us to remember it like someone saying "oh ya? sue me!" in English. Now does that make any sense? Wouldn't it make more sense to memorize the actual meaning of the word, (rest, break, day off) then to memorize several english words that do not even relate to it? Aside from a few exceptions, all of the phrases are introduced to you in this way. And while I could easily remember the non-related english words I did in fact have to look the word up to write this. I have purchased many Japanese audio products to listen to at work and this is by far the worst. You will make confused associations learning this way, and later on when you try to use the actual meanings will find it much like trying to drive on the other side of the road in Europe. Dr. Blair should include a personal apology on each box of this product.

...because it offered ridiculous ways to remember the terms like "ohaiyoo gozaimsu" like "picture the state of Ohio with the sun coming up and it's going to a moss in the shape of an "I." Uh...no thanks. I'd rather just memorize this term by rote. Also, the pronunciation isn't quite right (it's "ohaiyoo" with an extended "o" sound at the end, rather than the shorter "o" at the end of "Ohio." There's a distinguishable difference between how the narrator speaks and how the other speaker pronounces the words; the latter sounds more like a native Japanese speaker. The story used to integrate the vocabulary was absurd and paced too quickly. It might have been enjoyable simply as a story, because it was a Douglas Adams kind absurd, I don't think it was helpful for language-learning.

Sure it's silly at times, but that's the fun, right? Even if the mnemonics don't make much sense, they still work! After 6 years of studying Japanese the boring way, I was overjoyed to have my kids listen to THIS program. I would have felt like an evil green monster if I told them other programs were fun.

Before you buy this product, ask yourself...Can I remember the Japanese meaning of "good morning" by thinking of the state of Ohio and moss? "Good morning" in Japanese is "ohayou gozaimasu". That's an example of how this program works. It tells you a lame way of remembering how it's pronounced, but that doesn't relate at all to it's meaning. While I like the idea of using a story to learn a language, I'll give it two starts. But, it's used poorly here. The story is uninteresting, and it's not even woven into the material very well.

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