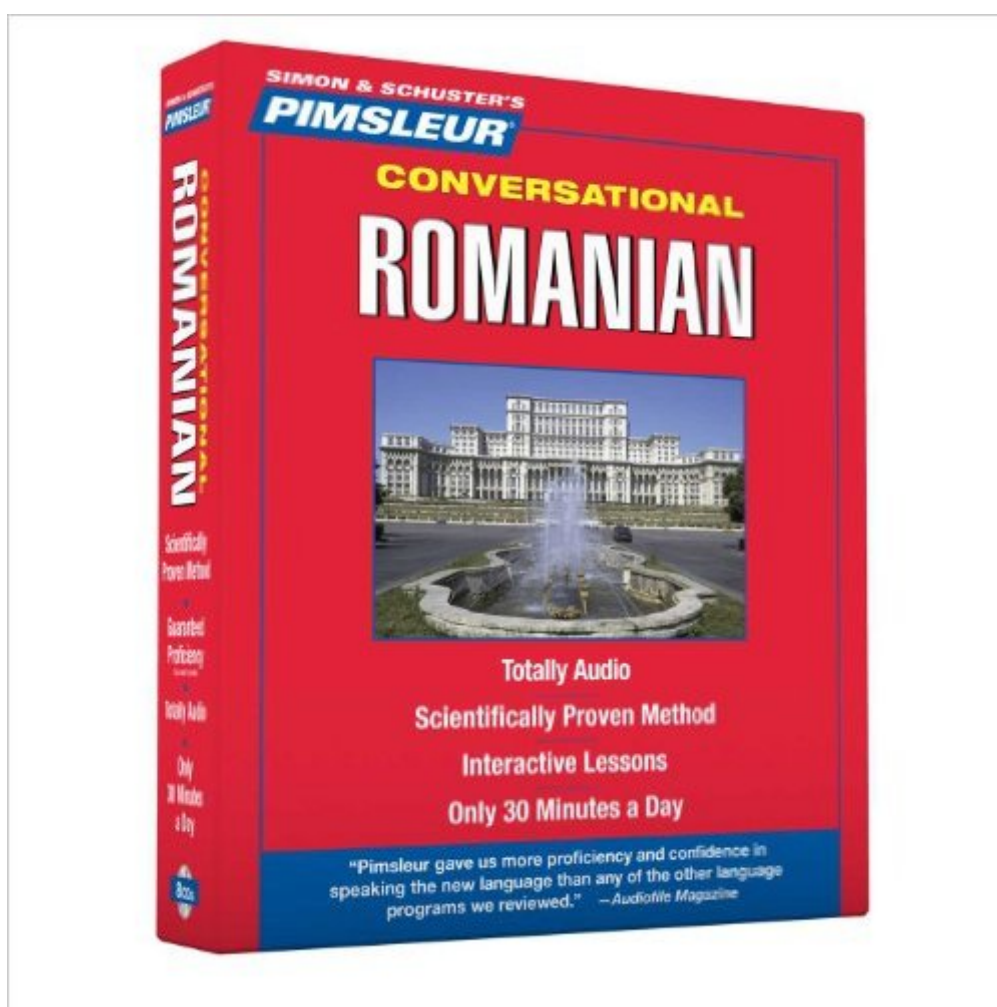


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# Pimsleur Romanian Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Romanian With Pimsleur Language Programs



## Synopsis

Pimsleur® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the Romanian Level 1 Program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Romanian. Reading instruction begins in Lesson 11 to provide you with an introduction to reading Romanian. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to teach you to sound out words with correct pronunciation and accent. A Reading Booklet PDF must be downloaded. The Romanian Language Romanian is spoken by about 22 million people in Romania, where it is the official language, by 3 million people in Moldova (where it's called Moldovan), and by around 1 million scattered in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Hungary, and Serbia. Pimsleur teaches the Daco-Romanian dialect spoken in both Romania and Moldova. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Romanian is the "fifth Romance language," 70% Latin, so they say, but influenced also by the many cultures (Greek, Turkish, Hungarian, Russian, Ukrainian, etc.) that have interacted deeply in Romanian life over the past two millenia. I lived in Romania for nine months in 2008-2009, but sadly learned very little of the tongue, even though I'd bought a book and been given another, and had done some study of both. Recently, offered an opportunity to return to teach in Romania in the fall of 2010, I ordered the Pimsler course in Conversational Romanian from . It arrived, and at my first opportunity I put the CD labeled, "Disc 1, Users Guide and Lessons 1 & 2, Conversational Romanain" into my laptop, and up popped the I-Tunes menu screen. There I read, "Unit 01, 27:23, Pimsler, Hungarian." Rattled, but persistent, I clicked on the track, and the first Romanian lesson, as on the label, began. I have since found that Lesson 3 is labeled as "07... Hungarian." Faulty editing of the CDs' menus aside, I am but two lessons into this package, and already I can attest to the excellent quality of this instructional program. I am learning to hear, to comprehend, and to speak Romanian. The program is easy to use and fun to do. The native speakers and the narrator have marvelous diction and clear voices. I promise to update this review when I have completed the 16th and final lesson. Update No. 1: Now on Lesson 7, I find it as "07 Croation" in the menu. It is in fact the seventh lesson of Romanian. I am still well pleased with the quality of instruction.

I was pretty disappointed with this purchase. The learning method is sound, but the content is not! I will caveat that I am only at lesson 12 of 16, so maybe the last 4 will blow me away. However, in general these are my thoughts: It seems designed for a young woman going to Romania hoping to either get a date or be prepared to reject a date. So far I have learned only a fraction of the basic questions/answers you would need to know as a tourist. I have learned how to say yes/no, that I do/don't speak English, Romanian, ask the time, count up to 19, where hotels and restaurants are, what something costs, and order beer/water/wine. That's a good start, but I have not yet learned how to ask for the bathroom, hotel room availability, hospital, where the train station or airport is and other basics I deem important for traveling. Out of 6 hours of teaching I expected to cover that, not things like "no sir, you do not understand, I don't want to have lunch with you now, or later, not at 2pm, not at 8pm!" (When will I EVER need to say that??) Also, we have only so far learned "I" and "you", so I will have to order myself 2 beers and nothing for my boyfriend because I don't know how to say we or he/she. If they would keep the teaching method but alter the content this could be good.


No complaints at all. This product does exactly what it is supposed to do. I found the brief lessons to

be of a good length, excellent for working them into a tight schedule. The instruction is very basic, and through repetition of simple and useful sentences, creates a flowing lesson that is easily absorbed and just as easily recalled. While I personally have an interest in language, I am by no means a multilingual expert. So, when I say that the lesson plans are easy, I mean that one need not concern themselves with conjugation and pronouns and diminutive forms. It's the easiest means of language skill that I have ever used. Very happy with this product, and will purchase more advanced levels in the future.

i enjoy this course very much. starts with basics and slowly builds words to phrases to sentences.. i also like that it has both a man's and woman's voice.. ample time to repeat and/or provide answers.. much better than repeating flash cards this is much better than a phrase book which i also bought.. and can hear better how the words are supposed to sound separately and together in a sentence. for example.. a phrase book might say 'where is \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant, street, etc.' this goes to 'where is...' to do you know where is" or more of a complete sentence. or excuse me, miss, do you know where is? and then goes into various answers... which are repeated.. and then later into a conversation.. where you answer the question. has multiple cd's.. plan on 1 30 minute lesson per day.. repeat if you do not have 85% comprehension.. this basic conversational romanian course.. has on the box pictured a way to get some financial credit for this course applied to the more intermediate romanian course if desired to learn more.. i am impressed that this provides the basics of a conversation.. no illusion that i will sound more than an american trying to speak romanian.. but this is a great starting point with basics of romanian conversation, grammar, etc. very pleased.

Wife: I've purchased this for my husband, while I have the Chinese version of it :) My husband thinks that the lessons have useful phrases, while having the proper pace, where he can easily follow and repeat without feeling rushed. I've found out that because he is a Chinese speaker, it is very easy for him to have a great Romanian pronunciation. We've spent one month in Romania, and everyone was pleasantly surprised of how of a fast learner he is, so he wanted to learn more :) Having the CD's makes it very convenient to learn new languages and it is a very efficient method because they always go back to the previous lessons, to ask questions and to help you remember and practice what you've learned in the past. We recommend it.

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