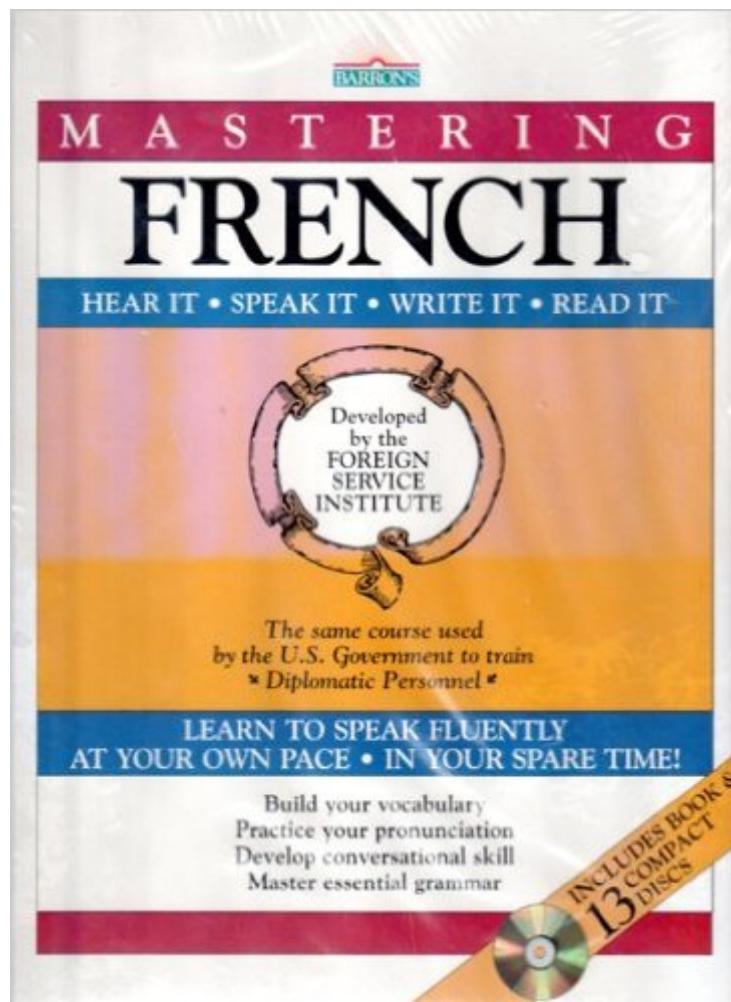


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I was thinking about buying this course, but wanted to know what it included. The publisher also offers "MASTERING FRENCH - Level 1" and "MASTERING FRENCH - Level 2". Both are in cassette format. From the box and product description of this CD edition, you can't tell what you're getting. The answer is LEVEL 1, apparently revised. My impression is that this is a pretty good course. But the text book has a MAJOR FLAW : no index. This means you can't look-up anything easily. My advice: stick with the cassette version. You can get both LEVELS 1 and 2. After all, you haven't really had a chance to master French until you complete both levels!

I've lived in France and studied college level French classes. My take on these tapes... Yes, these lessons do not have a pronunciation guide. This is an important drawback and is the reason I only give it 4 stars. And true, the book does not have an index. So what... this is minor drawback. If you believe that the only way to speak a foreign language *fluently* is by speaking it, these tapes are an absolute must. The rote drills are sometimes tiresome, but they work. I learned to speak French in France because I repeated the same sentences over and over. Rote is boring, but is still the best way. Don't be fooled, there is no easy, painless way to learn a foreign language. It takes hard work and effort.

If you love the sound of blaring tape hiss, this is the product for you. That's right, this cd collection is an extremely poor recording of the cheaper tape version. Do you know how to correctly pronounce the French gargled 'R'? If not, you'll never learn it from here, as the 'R's tend to blend into the background hiss. I think the content would be great practice if they had only used an audible recording. Otherwise, it's about as intelligible as someone talking to you through a (cheap) speakerphone.

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