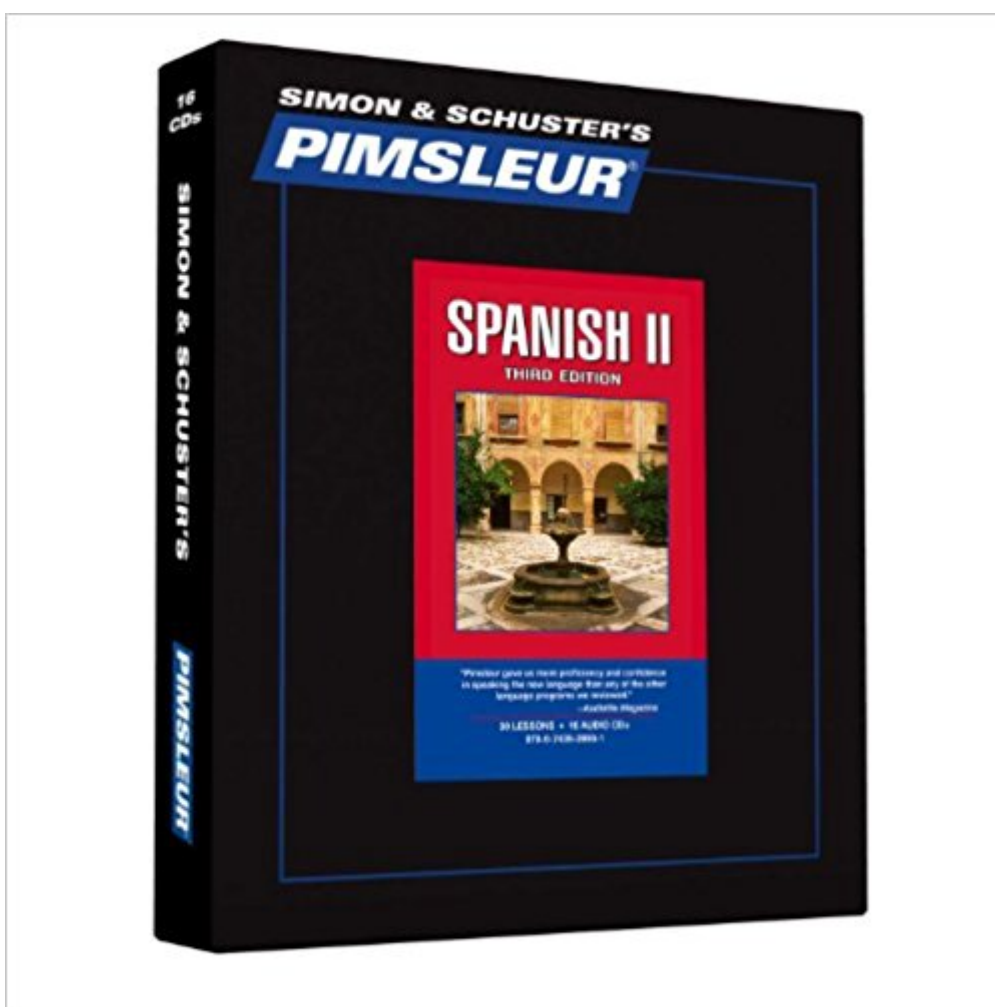


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# Pimsleur Spanish Level 2 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Latin American Spanish With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)





## Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Spanish Did you know that Spanish is the world's second most commonly spoken language? For Americans, it's one of the easiest to learn, and you won't find anything faster or easier than the Pimsleur® Method. Even knowing a little bit of Spanish will make travel to Latin America or Spanish-speaking countries a breeze. Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Spanish will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try.

**Why Pimsleur?**

- Quick + Easy
- Only 30 minutes a day.
- Portable + Flexible
- Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life.
- Proven Method
- Works when other methods fail.
- Self-Paced
- Go fast or go slow
- It's up to you.
- Based in Science
- Developed using proven research on memory and learning.
- Cost-effective
- Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers.
- Genius
- Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn.
- Works for everyone
- Recommended for ages 13 and above.

**What's Included?**

- 30, 30-minute audio lessons
- 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you practice reading Spanish
- in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers
- a Reading Booklet and User's Guide

**What You'll Learn** Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Spanish Level 1. In the first 10 lessons you'll begin using the past tense. Structures become more complex and informal speech is introduced. Soon you'll take part in conversations about ordering meals, shopping, and local tourist attractions. As you progress, your fluency will increase as your vocabulary expands. The next 10 lessons will allow you to further combine and build upon known elements, and produce longer and more complex sentences. You'll be discussing business and social activities, expressing your interests, and talking about the weather. In the final 10 lessons you'll double your vocabulary and have several hundred structures to draw upon. You'll learn to express yourself with relative structures like faster, slower, etc. You'll be able to ask for assistance in many situations and to ask for directions to various locations. You'll explore sports and leisure activities, manage changing money and banking, and discuss travel plans. By the end of the program, you'll be speaking at a

mid-intermediate level with near-native pronunciation, and you'll be comfortable meeting most social demands and limited job requirements. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Spanish, and to provide you with some insight into Spanish culture with proverbs, common expressions, and a broad look at things you'll experience when visiting a Spanish-speaking country.

**The Pimsleur Method** We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his "secrets":

- **The Principle of Anticipation** In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- **Core Vocabulary** Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- **Graduated Interval Recall** Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- **Organic Learning** You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- **Learning in Context** Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- **Active Participation** The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

**The Spanish Language** Spanish is the official language of 19 Latin American nations, as well as Spain, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. Further, it's one of the six official languages recognized by the United Nations. Pimsleur's Spanish programs teach an educated Latin American Spanish, featuring speakers from Colombia and Mexico. Students can expect to understand the lessons clearly and to be understood by Spanish speakers everywhere.

**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

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

Many years ago, after considerable research, I bought a Pimsleur language CD course. I paid the full price, then ~\$250 dollars, as it is now. The material is easy to follow and soon I was thinking in the beginning terms of a new language. So I tried another language a few years later. Pimsleur uses the same template for the different languages which makes it easier to learn and to remember. Just recently, I am considering learning Latin American Spanish. Mmm. Tamales, rellenos,... The usual research brought me to the Talking Bookshop. I liked the name, the reviews and I already knew that I liked the Pimsleur method. The price- well less than half, for a used set. The 18 CDs came in a durable zippered wallet with protective sleeves and a different labeling on the discs- but it has been so many years. Same format, native speakers, same results. I'm happy. I contacted the seller and they are very gracious. Of all of the reasons to learn another language, this is a good start. I have in mind, at this price, the next language that I want to add.

Wonderful help. I keep one of the tapes in my car CD player all of the time to help improve my Spanish. I had to do an oral exam in my Spanish class last week. My Spanish teacher said that my

pronunciation is extremely clear. I attribute that entirely to these tapes.

I got the Pimsleur Conversational cds first, and they turned out to be way below my level. I lived in S America for 3 years and HAD TO learn Spanish literally on the streets. But i apparently have learnt more than I realized. So I got Spanish 2--I am at the middle of the cds, and it's just picking up where there are actually new words or grammar showing up. This is good, because I needed some brushing up, and correction of "street Spanish".I very much appreciate the way the repetitions and conversations are built up, and unfolding. They don't overwhelm.I am happy with the cds, they are perfect for my driver job.

I received Spanish Level 2 before I received Spanish Level 1, which was very useful because I thought I knew enough Spanish and did not need Level 1. After I began listening to Level 2, I discovered it was spoken too quickly for me to process, respond to and keep up with before they moved on; however, I understood more Spanish than I thought. I also realized that I was missing a lot of vocabulary, phrases and the NUMBERS, which I really needed to relearn, had been taught in Level 1.

I think this is an enjoyable way to learn a language, and I am actually learning to pronounce words, phrases and sentences. It is pretty intuitive--no need for a book at this point. ( Although I do look up words in a Spanish-English Dictionary and a book by Madrigal, this is probably not necessary.) I like that this is Audio and can be played while doing something else if desired, like knitting for example. I stay with one cd until I feel fairly confident that I have learned the lesson and this may take me five or more repeats. I am sure there are many young people who could just zoom through both Level One and Level Two.The service from Language Secrets was excellent.

I bought this level II course after completing the level I course. I had borrowed a lot of different Spanish learning CDs from the local libraries, and liked this one the best. But when I decided to purchase it I thought it was too expensive, so I signed up for a community college class instead. The college course did not fit my needs, most of the students were 30 years younger than me and not very enthusiastic about learning. So I bought the tapes. I liked the freedom of learning at my own speed. The 27-29 minute lessons are perfect, for me, since my commute is 1/2 hour. I really had to concentrate when I listened to the CDs in order to say the correct responses. I found that I really was remembering the vocabulary, and the word order - which seemed confusing at first but now is

starting to feel more natural. The tapes gave me enough self confidence to try to say a sentence or two to people at work who are native speakers, they seem happy to help since I am really trying. I do not use the CDs on the commute home, I can not learn when I am tired. On the way home I listen to Spanish singing tapes, from the library. The Enrique Iglesias Quizas CD is my current favorite.

I bought this as an aid to learning to speak Spanish. It gives excellent practice in speaking the language. As it progresses, the speech becomes more and more rapid and the vocabulary increases. The one drawback is that grammar rules are not explained, there are just spoken words and sentences to be repeated out loud. This helps in developing the mouth and brain to speak, but does not give an understanding of why. I think that the purpose is to give the student a feeling and intuition for speaking Spanish. I also am using the Fluenz DVD's. these give a greater comprehension of grammar. The combination is excellent.

An excellent follow-up to Level 1. This conversational approach followed by repetitive use of new words with intermittent periodic repetition is an excellent way to improve retention! The best by far of all Spanish language programs on CD. A great way to learn a language while you drive , run, or do something else. Muchismas gracias!

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