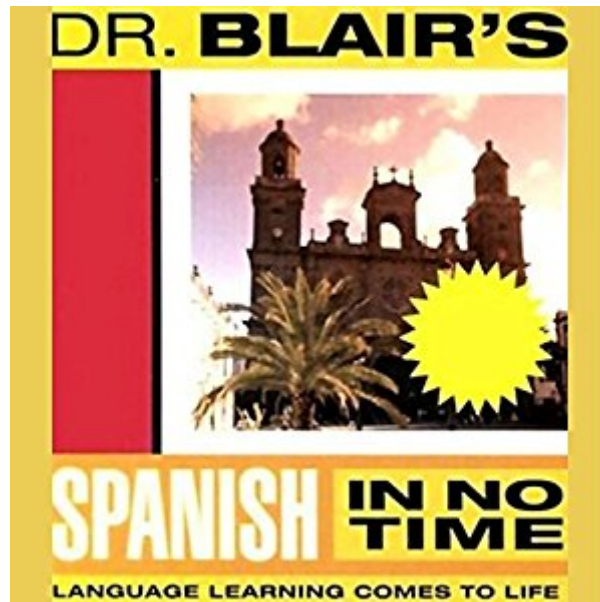


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Synopsis

You're on vacation in the Caribbean when you find yourself caught up in a web of intrigue and adventure. Suddenly, it's up to you to save the island from an eccentric local industrialist, and success will depend on your ability to learn enough Spanish to complete your mission....Say adios to the notion that learning a language can't be fun. Dr. Blair's Spanish in No Time uses electronic audio to get you speaking Spanish more quickly and enjoyably than you ever thought possible. With Dr. Blair's Spanish in No Time, you will: Immediately learn Spanish 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 Spanish 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 Spanish in No Time offers the up-to-the-minute advantages that you won't hear anywhere else!

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Customer Reviews

I bought this based on the first two reviews posted. I also bought four other learn-by-listening (not by reading) Spanish courses. That's what I want. Something I can play while driving or in the background while working. Am extraordinarily impressed with ONE course: "Shortcut to Spanish" by Marcus Santamaria. (Don't know if it is available on .) It teaches "cognates" or Latin words that have the same basic meaning and nearly the same spelling in both English and Spanish. He teaches the

variations and patterns. For instance, most English words that end in 'ism' are the same in Spanish, except they end in 'ismo.' It's all taught in such a way that you have to think, constantly, while listening. You actually find yourself thinking in Spanish almost immediately. Very cool. You learn nouns, you learn verbs and then Marcus says something like, "Say 'marvelous.' (You say it in Spanish, the Spanish speaker repeats it.) Say 'marvelous beaches.' (You say it, the Spanish speaker repeats it.) Say 'I like.' (You say it, the Spanish speaker repeats it.) Say 'I like Mexico.' (You say it, the Spanish speaker repeats it.) Say 'I like Mexico because it has marvelous beaches.'" The whole course is like that. You learn words; then put them together in sentence fragments. "I like," "You like," "they like" and "we like" in one place, "because" in another, "beaches" in another and so on. And then he lets YOU put them together. Always followed with the Latin American female speaker saying the sentence (for confirmation or correction). Works like a charm. Amazing how fast you pick it up this way.

Sorry to see the mostly negative reviews. I really liked Dr. Blair's Spanish program, particularly at this price point. I was going on a transfer cruise from Panama to Miami, hitting numerous Spanish speaking countries along the way. After just going thru the 3 audio CD's a few times, I found that I was better able to converse w/ the locals than my son and daughter, both who had 3 years of formal Spanish language education. Note: having had 9 years of formal language instruction in high school, plus 3 years in college, I found that I was unable to converse w/ locals in any language but English. If this was a critique/review of the American high school language educational program, I would not have been as generous w/ the "stars". From a comparative perspective, I have used Pimsleur, Berlitz, Harvard Extension classes, computer based programs, etc. post college to attempt to become competent at basic conversation in other languages. Personally, my favorite method has been Pimsleur, finding the audio repetition (when running, working out, driving) to be quite effective. But Pimsleur tends to be very expensive for the # of minutes of audio instruction. The Dr. Blair program was the most similar Pimsleur, was less than 1/10 the cost, and was actually a lot more fun. I liked their use of:- "Spanglish" (a mixture of spanish and english, with enough context to infer the meaning of the spanish words)- their plot and story line (made learning Spanish interesting)- their "ditty" ... No se nada, No se kien (not sure about spelling, since focus on conversation). You had to learn a little song/poem.- etc.

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