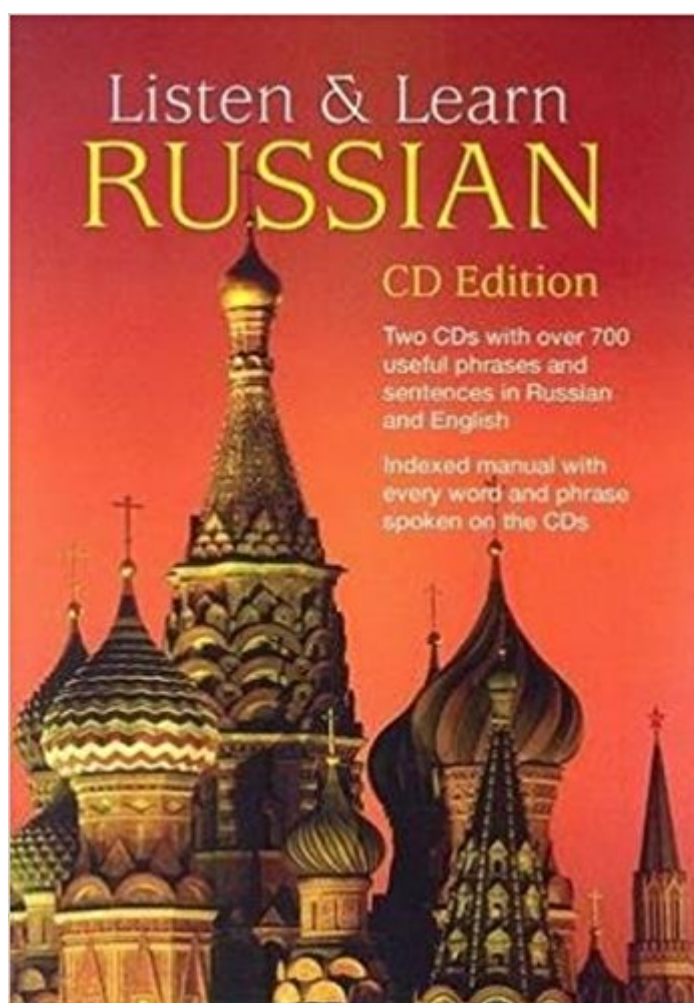


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Customer Reviews

Listen and Learn is usually a good series with real-life conversations, vocabulary, grammar and so forth. For some reason, they decided not to update the Russian version, instead presenting a series of tourist phrases from the 1980s that are apparently meant to be memorized by the listener. As such it's useful as a last minute crash preparation for a visitor to Moscow but not much more. If they updated, and followed their usual procedure, I'd recommend it.

The CD edition is a well-designed survival course in Russian for travellers. One speaker says a phrase in English and a native Russian speaker says the phrase corresponding to this in Russian with a pause for repetition. It uses the standard one repetition format and provides an excellent choice of vocabulary and phrases, many of which you don't get in other such courses. What I found disappointing, however, was that the quality of the recording was so poor that it was very difficult to pick out what the speakers were saying. I found it was like listening to an old-fashioned short wave broadcast with lots of distortion. The distortion is bad enough to make the CD's unusable for picking up pronunciation details. It's too bad --- it would have been a useful product otherwise.

Very dated. No one in Russia has used the term "Comrade" since 1980-something. In the section about calling the police, they use the term militia and militia man. Very dated terms that are no longer used.

Purchased as a gift for my sister and she still uses it for reference often.

Very basic. I don't recommend.

this order was a ripoff, no manual was provided with the discs which means it won't be effective and the discs will not be useful

I was very disappointed in this CD. It is so hard to understand the translator's voice. He pronounces his Russian in a very difficult manner.

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