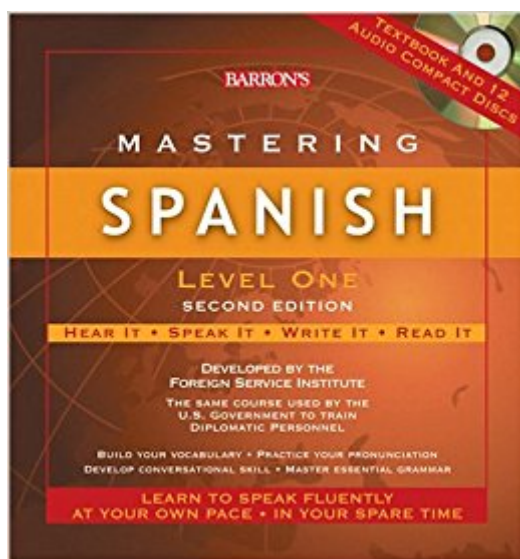


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# Mastering Spanish, Level One With Audio CDs (Mastering Series/Level 1 Compact Disc Packages)



## Synopsis

The new edition of this intensive language-immersion course has been updated with new references, and up-to-date vocabulary and idioms. The program package consists of a textbook and a set of 12 compact discs. This comprehensive language program is the same as the one used by the U.S. Government to teach Spanish to personnel in the diplomatic service and other internationally related government agencies. Students who complete the course successfully will have much more than a few foreign phrases at their disposal, but will possess a solid understanding of a new language. The program is ideal for classroom instruction but is also designed so that serious individuals who want to become fluent in Spanish can teach themselves. This course teaches every aspect of the language: vocabulary, grammar, conversing, reading, writing, and listening comprehension.

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## Customer Reviews

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MASTERING SPANISH Level One 2nd Edition BOOK & 12 COMPACT DISCS This comprehensive language course gives you much more than lists of words and phrases for travelers. It will help you develop fluency in Spanish, and in less time than you ever thought possible. You will master grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary as you gain command of the spoken language.

Barron's Mastering Spanish, Level One, is the same course used by the U.S. Government to train diplomats. Package includes an in-depth textbook plus 12 compact discs using native speakers to familiarize you with the sound of conversational Spanish. TEACH YOURSELF TO SPEAK SPANISH FLUENTLY

Just finished CD1, and this is going to be a challenge as it is very thorough. The first two CDs are about how to pronounce Spanish well so you will be understood. The repetition is a good thing as it drills the proper way to say Spanish into your head. How well this will drill it into my head is another question to be answered as we go through the lessons. I can see this is going to be work no dilly-dallying around effort is required. I want to speak the language confidently so I'll put in the effort and time and see if this is truly the way to go. I will update as I go along. I'm giving it four stars now-this may go up or down as my experience with the course evolves. As for the book that comes with it; there is nothing wrong with the book this is not a photo copy of anything and the phonetic spelling of the words is very helpful and doesn't get in the way at all, as far as I am concerned. I have tried several other courses and they have left me confused or took me only to a level that left me in the class of almost speaking Spanish. I want more and I want it right.

Boring but very effective. More for the serious language student as you will definitely need a certain amount of wherewithal to get through this course. My favorite part is the many drills. If you stick to your guns and get through all two levels you will have acquired a pretty impressive amount of Spanish.

I bought this course 17 years ago and learned fluency in Spanish, later became a translator in my church. I bought it again so that my three children would learn, because they have failed to pick it up in conversation. None the less, in just 3 weeks of using it, I see them all learning a great accent and gaining speed in both reading and speaking. I took this course and Mastering Spanish too and later took the college level examination program which is a testing at a college to test out of a class, I scored so high that they awarded me 12 credit hours. Absolutely, yes I recommend this course to everyone! Buena suerte!

I have spent the last 6 weeks working through the book, with the CDs, one unit a week. Sometimes I only listen, some times I only read, sometimes I listen and read. But I go back and make sure I can say the phrases and I keep repeating the them. I also work with a friend once a week, just speaking

in Spanish for a couple of hours. We do not focus on the book or CD's when she comes, but just talk. The units really drill things into my head and then I put them into practice when I speak with my friend. I strongly recommend this method for people serious about learning Spanish. I've had maybe 4 weeks worth of Spanish lessons about 8 years ago and I've picked up a few phrases before I traveled, but my Spanish prior to using the book was minimal at best. I also have studied French for almost 10 years and am nearly fluent. This has added to my confidence and made me more willing to work to see the results.

This is not for a beginner. It jumps around a lot.

The best language learning tool that I've found. I've learned way more with this course than others that I've tried. It uses actual sentences and words that are used everyday, not just a few technical terms for travelers. It will take several months to go thru the material. You have to make yourself dedicated to listening and reading it every day. I wish I would have discovered this course a long time ago. It is very detailed and complete. I've gone thru this book twice. Basically before I had this book when I would turn on the Spanish channel, with the closed captioning on, I would only be able to understand about 2% of what was being said. Now, when I turn on the Spanish channel, I understand roughly 30% to 40% of what is being said. which is really good because it has set up a foundation for me to be able to see a sentence, use the words that I do know in the sentence and figure out the meaning of the words in that sentence that I don't know. Having that foundation is also nice because I don't have to look the word up in the dictionary to figure out the meaning sometimes. I have purchased the Level 2 version of Mastering Spanish and I feel that it should put me close enough to where I might be fluent with a little more practice.

It would not be possible NOT to learn the concepts taught in this book. The course is pure drills and it is hard to imagine someone not learning from it. It might be a little boring but you learn conjugations by repetition. An example of the types of one type of drill (this is just a simulation) I have a pencil you have a pencil she has a pencil she has a pen I have a pen you have a pen you use the pen she uses the pen she broke the pencil and on and on and on

So, I bought this for taking on the road... I wanted to put the disk in and listen to it... only problem is that the disk is all in Spanish. You need the book to look at as the disk plays. If you are the passenger, this might be ok, but as the driver, it will not work. Glad it didn't cost more than \$5. Was

a waste of money :(

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