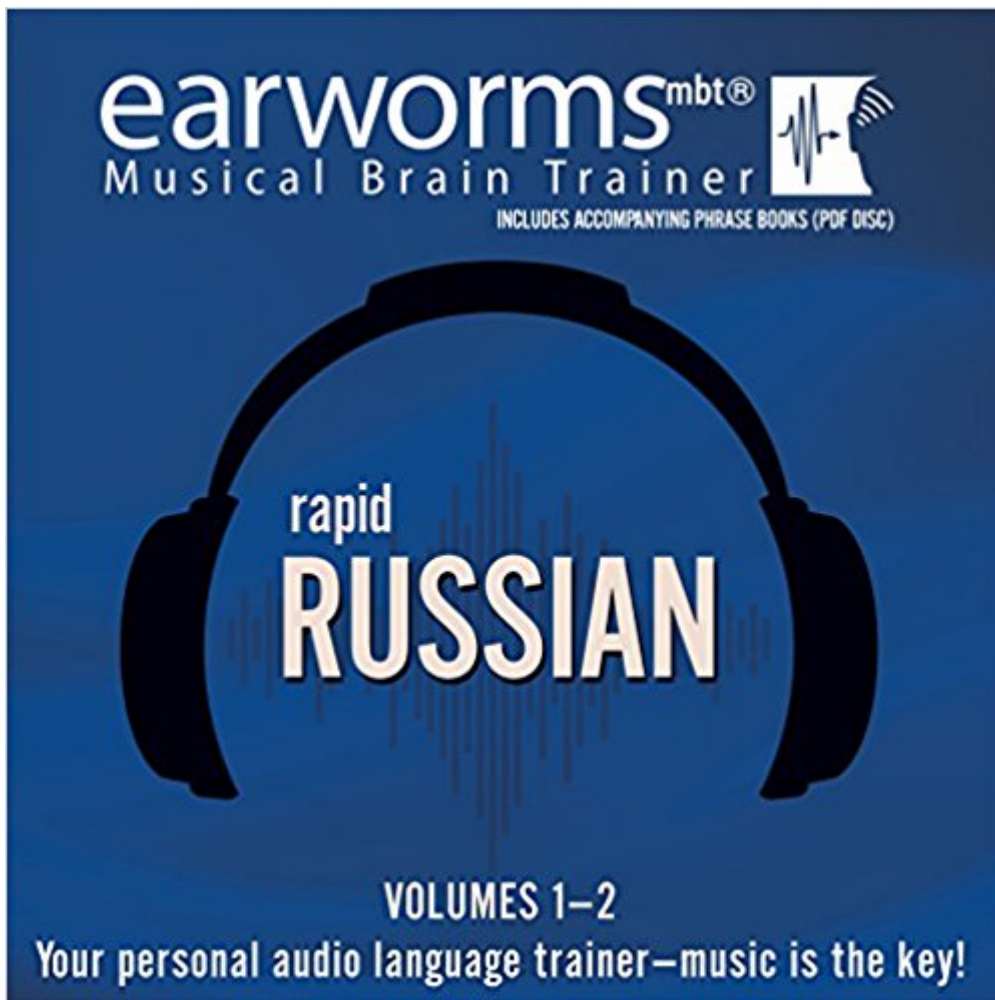




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Customer Reviews

Marlon Lodge, the founder codirector of Earworms Learning, is an author, linguist, and language trainer of many years' experience. He lives and works in Dusseldorf.

To be honest, when I ordered this from , I didn't see the sample lesson in the listing. When I ordered this set I thought it was collected phrases set to music so you could sing them to make them easier to learn and remember. That's not what's in the CD's. It's a couple speaking the phrases in English and following that with the Russian translations and pronunciations while pleasant, non-distracting music plays in the background. I'm still hoping someone will create Russian phrases as musical numbers, even as rap, but melodic songs would be better. Maybe someday. That said, here are the pros and cons I've noticed so far. Pros: I played lesson one, and after one night of practice could ask, with several phrasings, for coffee, tea with lemon, sugar or milk, beer, wine, sparkling wine, water, vodka, and say please and thank you in Russian. The woman's voice is easy to understand and her pronunciations are clear. This is lesson one of Vol. 1 of lessons and is the one you hear if you open the sample. My set has about twenty sessions and those in Vol. 2 include lessons in

conversation. I did listen through the whole set before I practiced Lesson 1 to see what I could expect ahead. I like that it starts with simple phrases and does a good job with clear, natural conversational pronunciation. These are not complicated lessons. I'm looking forward to completing the course. I think this will do nicely for learning enough to navigate as a tourist and be understood. There are downloadable PDF booklets with written phrases and terms included in the discs. Cons: Don't expect to become widely fluent in a few days or weeks. This is an easy introduction course to basic phrases and simple conversations. It will help you get comfortable with pronunciations and interactions you probably need if visiting Russia to sightsee. A number of the phrases and conversations are designed to help you if you're trying to get a date. I'm not sure they're useful for touring museums, but for those who are single, well, good luck to you. This may help your flirtations at bars and restaurants.

I am still learning Russian, after six months, and barely know phrases. Earworms Rapid Russian is a musical rendition of the most needed phrases and sentences in Russian that you need to know, especially if you travel to Russia. The dialogue has an enticing musical background, is repetitive and constitutes a solid learning experience. It can also be used as an audio to backup any Russian language learning text. The dialogue is entertaining and at times you can get caught up by the musical background. Used on a repetitive basis I have found it to be an excellent and intriguing Russian language learning experience. You should download the audio script from the internet to make the most use of it. Highly recommended.

Haven't opened mine up yet, but it's a great concept. I listened to a sample online and I do believe this will work for building your vocabulary.

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