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In-Flight Hungarian: Learn Before You Land



Synopsis

Wondering how to make use of all that spare time on the plane while you're flying to Budapest? Between your in-flight meal and your in-flight movie, try some In-Flight Hungarian! This 60-minute program is the simplest way to learn just enough Hungarian to get through anything you'll run into, whether you're traveling for business or for pleasure. Short lessons make In-Flight Hungarian easy to use. Covers everything from greetings and polite expressions to asking directions, getting around, checking into a hotel, and going to a restaurant. Includes sections for meeting people and spending a night on the town. Over 400 essential words, phrases, and expressions. Simple and effective format: just listen and repeat.

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Customer Reviews

As some of the other reviewers noted, Hungarian is a unique language. It is not related to the other Central European languages, it is not derived from Latin. Heck, it isn't Indo-European. This is important when considering what to buy when trying to learn the language in that it means: 1. you are not going to recognize individual words because they are not similar to the same word in French, Italian, Spanish, German or English and 2. you are not going to be familiar with the vowel or the consonants. There are sounds unknown to English in Hungarian. So why am I babbling on about this? One of the first phrase this ill-thought teaching method tries to teach you is "I don't speak Hungarian very well". Or Nem nagyon beszélek magyarul. They say it once (at normal speaking rate!), give you time to register just how completely unprepared you are to repeat what you just heard and then they move on to the next phrase. I kid thee not. I would bet that sometimes as they

were recording this stuff they found it hard not to laugh. The third section does cover numbers and is probably the most useful section of the CD. One word at a time when learning this unique language is about right. I have a Hungarian neighbor and when she (w/ infinite patience) tries to teach me words, I usually require three or four attempts to get them right. There are no sections devoted to individual pronouns, verbs, etc. There are sections (like the one on restaurants) where they give you individual words like plate, etc. Those are useful. The book is a necessity the first few times you listen to each section. The phonetic pronunciations are essential and help you to pick up on things like the Hungarian tendency to stress the first syllable.

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