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# Michel Thomas Method Dutch Advanced, 4-CD Program (Michel Thomas Series)



## Synopsis

Discover the language-learning method millions around the world have come to trust Unlike most language-learning systems, Michel Thomas Method Dutch Advanced enables you to naturally and intuitively develop the building blocks for language comprehension. With this advanced course, you can strengthen your skills quickly and easily by listening, speaking, and thinking through Dutch. Guided by a language instructor and native speakers, Michel Thomas Method Dutch Advanced takes you through an interactive lesson with two other students. In less than five hours, you will have the ability to speak and understand advanced Dutch confidently and easily.

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## Customer Reviews

Els Van Geyte and Cobie Adkins-de Jong are native speakers and experienced teachers of Dutch.

I moved to this after trying the very flawed Duolingo Dutch, the much better Babel Dutch, and the excellent 30-lesson basic Dutch Pimsleur. This is set up very differently from Pimsleur in that a teacher questions a pair of students over and over as new words and phrases are introduced and woven together with previous ones. That's a good format in one way because it reproduces a classroom or tutoring session. And there's an element of authenticity because the students make mistakes, but that quickly becomes annoying after a while. They don't seem to improve much. They're so hesitant and their accents are atrocious. It's especially annoying that they keep "forgetting" to drop the final "n" the way the teacher does. The way you do in Dutch conversation;

students of Dutch will know what I mean. So in effect, while you're learning the correct forms and pronunciation you have the constant undercurrent of errors and hesitation. Maybe that's meant to make you feel more comfortable with your own guesswork or blank moments, but I preferred the Pimsleur method where everything was pronounced correctly. I didn't get all the way through the second CD because I just didn't have the the patience to keep listening to badly pronounced, fumbling Dutch. Yes, the teacher corrects them, but the format got old. There also is not nearly enough time for you to come up with the answer yourself, so over all I'm giving this two stars. The format may work brilliantly for some people, but It frustrated me. This was not how I want to learn my fourth foreign language.

I really don't think there is any other self study system on the market that does a better job of getting you to learn the grammar without realizing that you are learning the grammar of a language. The set up of having two "classmates" who are actually learning the language is nice because I don't feel bad about making mistakes and I feel good when I got it right and the others didn't. It's called "advanced" because it goes into all the grammar structures you could come across. That means you learn to say things like "I would have gone if I could but I couldn't because I had something to do." Even better, you learn the building blocks of Dutch in such a way that allows you to put together your own sentences like that, instead of just memorizing a bunch of phrases. The course will not teach you the vocabulary of 3,000 words that you will need to sound like an educated adult in just about any situation. It also won't tune your ear the myriad of Dutch dialects the exist in the Netherlands and abroad. What it will do is give you confidence to start speaking Dutch in a way that will be immediately understood by the Dutch themselves. In the fifteen hours or so it will take you to get through this and the basic course you'll be speaking more Dutch than you would speak after two semesters of study.

I looove this!!! Soooooo easy to learn it while I am driving around in my car! Take the Beginner, Intermediate and then this one in sequence!

I have been learning from Pimsleur (which I like a great deal), but found that using 2nd or 3rd sources enhances my learning. I am glad I picked this series up as the structure is very different from all the others. The structure is with one instructor and 2 students. The students try and make the same mistakes that I do. The instructor then corrects and they repeat the correct pronunciation. She then also gives examples for formal and informal conversation, the reason behind the sentence

structure and more. This has been very helpful to my learning of Dutch.





Though a late review, I'd add that it has taught me to speak Dutch fairly well. I can converse adequately and make my point made quite easily. A native Dutchman or Belgian can definitely tell I'm a foreigner, but no big deal - I am! This is great for commuting and getting the accents and inflections properly stuck in your head. I would highly recommend this.

For me, this is easily the most usable and helpful recorded material beyond basic available in the US. The focus of this series on structure is more appropriate to my needs than the stilted conversations on other CDs. As with the more basic set, you will need to augment vocabulary from another source, not to much of an issue. My only real complaint would be that, while there is a great deal of time spent on verb forms and tenses(and quite helpful it is), there isn't any discussion about when it is appropriate to use which tense. Even so I am pleased with this resource.

Great system for learning. I've tried everything from Rosetta stone to hiring personal tutors and this is by far the most effective method.

I am not a person who can normally learn by hearing something and then repeating it. But the Michel Thomas method is a great way to learn a new language and considering the price it is certainly one of the top three.

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