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Baby's First Steps In French



Synopsis

Baby's First Steps in French is a great way to invigorate babies' minds and give them an extra edge for learning down the line. Created by an expert in linguistics, this program is based on well-known and proven principles of language development in young children. Babies and toddlers have a natural gift for languages. They learn them effortlessly, and, unlike adults, they can make the sounds of any language in the world. The audio CD surrounds babies with the sounds of French through soothing lullabies, songs, rhymes, words, and phrases. The accompanying book for parents is entertaining, informative, and explains exactly what's going on in their baby's head. Best of all, the program is easy and relaxing--perfect for new parents with so little time (and energy) to spare.

Key Features:

- * The program is based on established and accepted research in child language development
- * For newborns to 24 months
- * The book is fun and easy, and requires little time
- * The CD can be used in baby's nursery or on the go

Includes: 60-minute audio CD, 80-page book and 16-page lyric sheet

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

reschool--Intended for babies up to age two, the CD contains soothing lullabies, songs, rhymes, and words and phrases in French. The accompanying book explains to parents how babies develop languages in their first two years. A lyric sheet with English translations is included as well. This

recording offers the opportunity to expose babies to the sounds and words of the French language and take advantage of their natural linguistic abilities. Songs include classics such as "Frere Jacques," "Sur le pont," "Savez-vous planter les choux?," and "Au clair de la lune." Although intended as an introduction to French for very young children, the songs, rhymes, and vocabulary could be used to introduce the sounds of the French language to older preschool and kindergarten children as well. Denise A. Garofalo, Mid-Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

My daughter is starting to struggle with three languages (French from me and Japanese with her mother, living in English-speaking New York City). And so when it comes to getting help, this CD was one of the best. She was fascinated with a few songs (notably Sur le Pont d'Avignon), but mostly (and this is one of the goals of the CD) she was exposed to a variety of French sounds, esp. the rolling R, which she does beautifully now. Given that I'm the only French speaker around her, and her grandparents visit only so often (at most twice a year for a few weeks), this CD was invaluable. I couldn't care too much with the booklet that came with it, but I read it and it wasn't uninteresting, only I was familiar with the theories explained. But it serves as a nice reminder of how to best expose your child to sounds from another language, and should help English-speaking folks who want to use it for their children. The songs include various classics (Frere Jacques, Pont d'Avignon, Savez vous Planter les Choux, A la Claire Fontaine, and also spoken rhymes and more creative ones) in beautiful tones (nice electronic instrument, appropriate for children, and yet with a rich harmony). This is a CD that I also enjoy listening to, and also to remind myself of the lyrics---I'm afraid I'll have to learn them all over again. And I surprised myself humming them many times on the way to the playground. Now we're going to start playing it again for her little brother.

A lovely, easy-to-listen-to collection of real French songs, rhymes, and adults talking about the songs, with attention paid to making sure baby will hear the range of French sounds as spoken by native speakers. My older copy did not come with the lyric book, but it is available free for download on the Living Language website.

I teach multiple levels of French at a secondary school. I have found some wonderful, authentic songs and rhymes which I use with my beginning level students. The lyrics and words are included. I know that my students are enthusiastic about them because parents will tell me that they recite or sing them at home. I also have preschool and elementary age sons and they also enjoy the CD.

Excellent package, I highly recommend it.

I love this CD, it is full of beautiful songs and poetry all in french. It is also divided into sections for age appropriate, but I would just listen to the whole cd with my 1 month old baby, she is now 17 months and loves it. I also bought the Italian; and it is just beautiful. Worth your money all the way!!!!

we really like this cd! we want our kids to know and understand that other cultures and languages are wonderful and interesting and valuable and we hope to foster a others-centeredness in them rather than an Americanized elitism! this is one small contribution towards that goal. the songs/rhymes/peoms are easy to listen to and sing along to... don't see myself getting sick of them and we've been using them for about 6 months now.

Well, for that price I expected better deal.

Grand daughter is now learning French

Unlike many language lullaby/rhyme/story tapes/CDs, this one is recorded by people who speak French as their FIRST language. It's a great combination of fun rhymes, traditional FRENCH songs (not English songs translated into French) and sound "drills." Even I'm starting to pick up these hard-to-learn-for-old-folks French sounds! :)

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