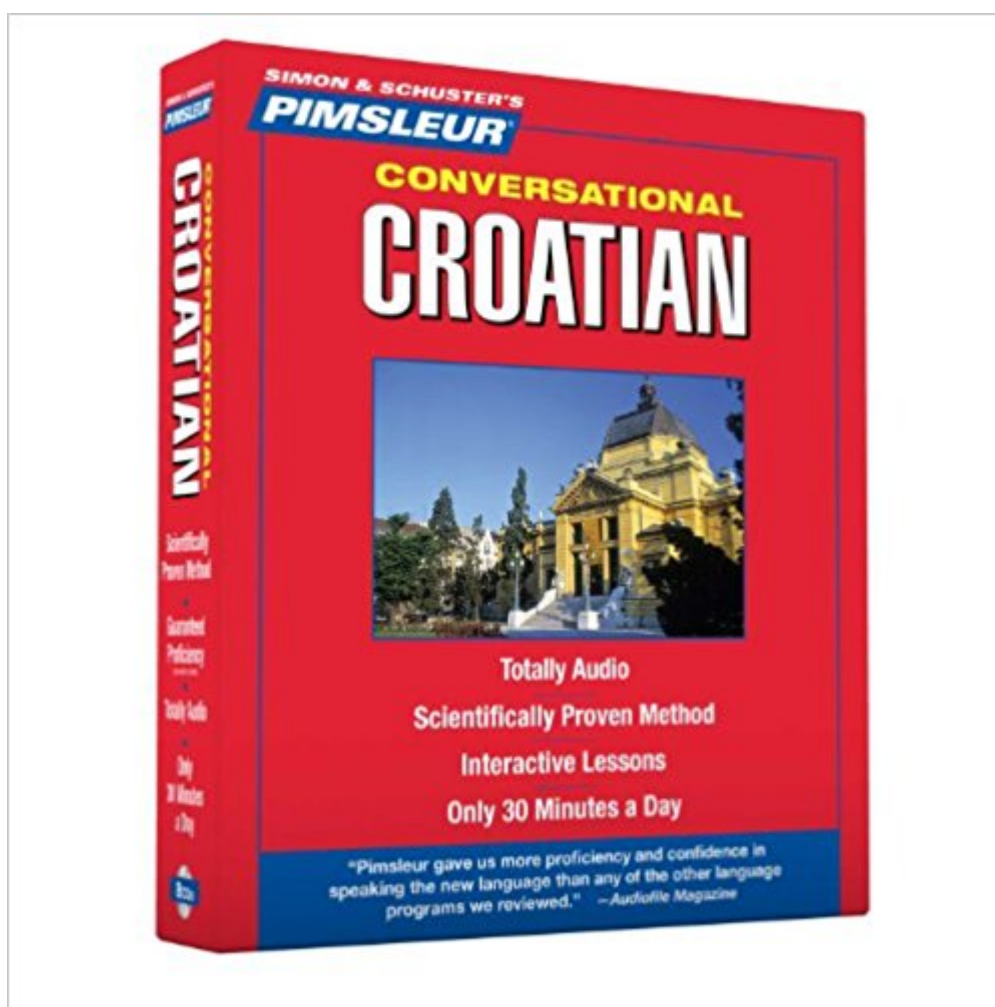


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# Pimsleur Croatian Conversational Course - Level 1 Lessons 1-16 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Croatian With Pimsleur Language Programs





## Synopsis

Pimsleur® equals success. Just one 30-minute lesson a day gets you speaking and understanding like no other program. This course includes Lessons 1-16 from the Croatian Level 1 Program - 8 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. Topics include: greetings, numbers, meals, shopping, telling time, scheduling activities, and asking and giving directions. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Croatian. Reading instruction begins in Lesson 11 to provide you with an introduction to reading Croatian. A Reading Booklet PDF must be downloaded. The Croatian Language Croatian, the official language of Croatia, is spoken by approximately 4.5 million speakers in Croatia, plus 1 million speakers in other parts of Europe, the US, and Canada. There are 3 main dialects: kajkavski, čakavski, and Štokavski (official dialect). Pimsleur's Croatian teaches Štokavski. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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## Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur

developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

Love this series! This is the first language series I have tried for Pimsleur and I am very pleased with it. The only thing I wish was different was that it would give more time to provide the spoken answers. Sometimes I'm still processing the response before it is already moving on. I have gotten myself used to pausing the program so I have adequate time to provide an answer. I highly recommend this method and now that I have this one, I am going to go onto the full version. I hope that additional language instruction is released for Croatian.

I actually really enjoyed the Pimsleur method, which is far more interactive and effective than I expected based on the language on tape programs I tried 10+ years ago. My only reservation is that it requires a very alert mind. When I was even a bit sleepy and tried to take a lesson, the pace was too great and it barely stuck at all. The main problem I had with this program is the vocabulary it teaches. While there may have been some underlying logic to the order in which it taught things, I would have preferred to know how to say "Bathroom" or "Store" or "Can I?" before knowing how to ask a woman "Would you like to have something to drink at my place?" Maybe I'm a little slow on the draw, but I feel like I should have basic navigation down before I try to romance a lady who doesn't speak English.

I'm preparing for a visit to Croatia and BiH this summer for my step-daughter's wedding and it's time to revisit the Croatian language. I have somewhat of a foundation to begin with which makes the Pimsleur method straight forward and a little less confusing than if I was starting from scratch. The conversations are simple but the method of dissecting the syllables and sounds is effective. I liked the set so much I purchased MP3 of the next 12+ chapters.

I used all three volumes of Pimsleur's Brazilian Portuguese several years ago... and learned Portuguese well enough that Brazilians were impressed! (That, after trying Berlitz, Rosetta, etc... to no avail). So, with an upcoming trip to Croatia I thought I'd try Pimsleur's Croatian... and, exactly as the Brazilian lessons, it proceeds in a logical and well-paced way. AND, much to my delight, I am learning to speak Croatian at a very basic level! I love it and cannot wait to visit Croatia and NOT have to constantly ask, "do you speak English!" You DO have to put in the time. I do much of my

studying in the car... during a 30 minute commute works perfectly. Because the language is more difficult than other Romance languages, I'm finding it necessary to do each lesson twice. But, it is an effective and fun way to learn the language, and that's all that matters to me. I highly recommend the Pimsleur method. It WORKS!

My boyfriend is Serbian and his mother is Croatian. So I bought this to learn and surprise them. I wanted to wait till the end of all the lessons but I got too excited on just the first one. Lol. So that didn't pan out how I envisioned it. :) but the few words I learned they were amazed when I spoke them. even though it was just a few words I can see their eyes raise and open like they were happily surprised. The mother kept looking at her son as if saying "wow son, this one is a keeper" lol. It made me feel great.

I'm impressed with the Pimsleur concept. Repetition makes learning even the most difficult language easy. My daughter is dating a wonderful young man from Croatia. She wanted to surprise him by learning some of his language. As with all the Pimsleur, "proper" language is taught, so it's a little different from that spoken by "native" Croatians, but he did understand her. I've used Pimsleur before and this one didn't disappoint.

This is the second best to the best language program I've ever used. It really does have you speaking and understanding extremely fast. I used Rosetta Stone to learn French and I liked that you got to see the words and type them as it taught you to read as well as speak. But this program is just as good at teaching you to speak and understand at a fraction of the cost. If you are willing to forgo reading and writing until a later point in your learning, this program is definitely worth it.

The CDs were my constant companion for weeks prior to my trip to the Dalmatian coast. From Dubrovnik to Split and into Slovenia I was more comfortable with hearing the language and was able to help get some simple instructions stated and understood. The program teaches the words in reverse order. Strange at first, but it really worked for me. My pronunciation was not as a native, but passable enough to be understood. Great country to visit...

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