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Behind The Wheel - Spanish 2



Synopsis

Now that you know the basics of Spanish, put your knowledge into practice with the unique stories and dialogue lessons offered in Spanish Level 2. Read a story about a couple in a restaurant and then practice ordering yourself a campechano, maybe a cerveza (o dos!) while you're at it. Or read a dialogue set in a store and then form your own questions, like asking how much something costs. Diez dólares? Quince dólares? Behind the Wheel Spanish Level 2 first reviews vocabulary and basic concepts from Spanish Level 1 and then expands on these areas, focusing on medium length sentence combinations, versatile vocabulary, and extensive sentence building instruction to improve conversational skill and listening comprehension. Spanish Level 2 features both English and native Spanish speaking instructors. This program includes a companion book to reinforce and enhance the audio experience.

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“The audio-only lessons build upon one another, using a native speaker to help you learn useful words and actually construct sentences from the get-go.”
— Minneapolis Star-Tribune
“Unlike other audio language programs, this series encourages students to create their own sentences, making it more fun and conversational than other more expensive programs.”
— The Cleveland Plain Dealer
“Focuses on real-world conversation...Great value.”
— Men's Health magazine

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I've taken Spanish classes every year in school for 18 years and I'm highly proficient but not fluent. I got Spanish 2 and Spanish 3 to review before a trip to Colombia since I've been out of school for 2 years and I've forgotten a lot. This Spanish 2 is definitely a review and I already know almost all of what it covers so it's been great at jogging my memory. I noticed that the female tends to talk very fast and uses an accent that is difficult to understand the true pronunciation of the word. I've also noticed they use some words incorrectly from what I learned in college-level Spanish classes taught from Native Spanish speakers. Some words and grammar they teach is also not widely used at all and unnecessary to learn as you'll never hear anybody speak it that way. Overall, this program is a great way to quickly learn the language if you've already had some practice. I wouldn't recommend it for first time learners who haven't taken any instructional classes.

This is great for review, but not for teaching the first time. Luis's voice is very clear. The lady goes too fast, but that's OK and challenging. Wish there were more organization -- the grammar really jumps around between concepts. But that's OK for review; it does keep one on one's toes. We all like the little 7 or 8 sentence stories. One ongoing complaint I have of all teaching materials is that the sentences in exercises are so random. With a little more focus, one CAN make up little stories that have a thread. Also, the booklet is written in extremely fine print, and it is not apparent in print where one track ends and the next track begins. I had to listen to all the CD's and mark up the booklet as to what is on each track. Nicely portable booklet, but get out your reading glasses or lupa. Muchas gracias a Marcos y Luis.

I play Behind the Wheel-Spanish Level 2 CDs on my way to and from work every day. The CDs provide a great way for me to review and to learn more. I especially like the longer stories spoken at a normal pace because they give me some excellent practice in understanding spoken Spanish. I can repeat CD sections if I want or skip over them entirely. The small book that comes along with the CDs is very useful because it contains a translation of the material on the CDs. These audio transcripts allow me to see in print the words that I do not understand when listening to the CDs and to focus my attention on them. I am at a low intermediate level as a Spanish student. I find CDs like these to be much more effective than attending intermediate-level classes offered through

continuing education programs. These classes usually are too elementary for me, and occasionally they are too advanced. I have been able to develop a nice self-study course of instruction by supplementing Spanish language CDs with Spanish reading materials and listening to Spanish language radio stations.

The male Spanish speaker is difficult to understand. Also, the female Spanish speaker speaks too fast and is very hard to follow. However, I was very satisfied with the Level 1 Behind the Wheel Spanish. Mr. Louis Santa Maria was very clear and easy to understand. I was hoping he would be on Level 2, but he's not. Sorry to say I was somewhat disappointed with Level 2 Behind the Wheel series.

I finished Behind the Wheel Spanish 1 and had to get the next level. It seems so effortless to listen to these CDs in the car and really be able to learn enough to make your own sentences very quickly using the tables given in the book. Vocabulary is often introduced in sentences which is much less boring than listening to a list of words. You get practice making sentences plus get added vocab in context. I do miss Luis (the speaker on Spanish 1) who spoke so slowly and clearly, but I quickly got used to the new native speakers (there are several) and I appreciate that listening to them speak at a normal speed will help with understanding Spanish speakers out in the real world. Can't wait to get through to Spanish 3!

I enjoy the content of this almost as much as the First book/study. There are a few changes in here. For one, Luis Santa Maria is no longer on the audio. And he is replaced with two equally-good native speakers. I like the Male speaker, but the Female speaker, speaks a lot faster and on the 2nd time of repeating the sentence...she goes even faster. When she goes faster on the second pass, it's overwhelming when you can't get the information you need because you almost understood it on first pass. So I find it frustrating, I'm guessing it will take some time listening to the audio a few times before it really sets in. Other than that they are pretty good and time and repetition + effort will make it more usable and I'm sure easier. I guess level 2 should be harder than level 1 :D

excellent

Very easy to understand, nice pace

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