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6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not impressed, could have been much betterBy Regis HaeglerI had high hopes that this book and the CD would be a great addition to my studying library after reading the reviews from the prior edition. However, I'm quite disappointed, particularly about the CD, which is the reason I got this phrase book/CD package in the first place. So my low rating reflects this CD/book package. The book itself is OK, but I have major issues with the CD.The CD only covers a very limited portion of the book, mainly the "Essentials" section, which is usually only 4-5 phrases out of each section, or maybe 20%. It is really regrettable that the CD doesn't even cover the sections in the book called "You may hear". Well, if I may hear it, wouldn't it be great to hear it on the CD?The CD is also slow and repeats each phrase twice. That may be good for learning from a tape where you can't play the track again easily but come on, it's 2012... I would have preferred to have 3x the contents with no repetition or slow speech. Also, the "Essentials" section the book does cover is pretty easy/basic Japanese that you hear everywhere and the real value would have been in hearing the more advanced phrases.Finally, both the book and CD use "..." to indicate that's where you put the place you want to go to or what you want to eat or do, for example. Why not have

examples in brackets, instead of just ... For example, "I'm going to..." would have been more useful with "I'm going to (the bank / the station)". It's not making good use of the space given and the book and CDs could be more useful by using just a little more space.--8/19/12 update after spending some time with the book:It seems like the authors tried to make this book as unhelpful as possible. It mentions for example in its food section that certain numbers are seen as ominous and that's why food is not packaged that way, for example. However, it fails to mention which numbers, leaving it to learners of the language to make a faux pas and then figure out which numbers are ominous, I guess...Secondly, the "224-page phrase book" tagline is an inaccurate description of the product. Pages 164-223 are merely a dictionary.Look elsewhere for a phrase book, like The Ultimate Japanese Phrasebook, that has 1800 sentences for everyday use and the CD has them all!0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. like it and listen to it often on my laptopBy Antonio Leallike it and listen to it often on my laptop. easy to follow as the CD follows the main topics in the book. book has many translations of sayings and words. good and concise and will use it often. thanks

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