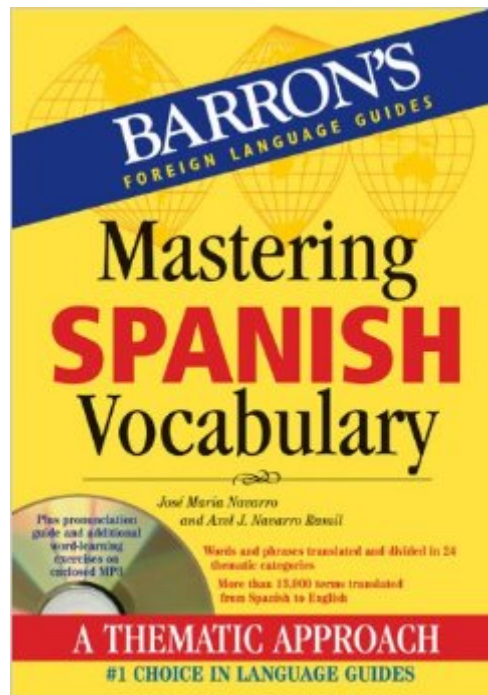


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Customer Reviews

I purchased this as an aid for a Spanish conversation class I'm taking and am very pleased with its general layout, grouping terms by category. I was also pleased to see it has an index, so that if you are not sure what name they would give the topic you want, but know one term that belongs in it, you can look up the term and find the page(s) with more on-topic vocabulary. The vocabulary CD that came with the book nicely provides native pronunciation of the vocabulary, grouped by topic as

in the book. (I haven't checked to see how complete it is, but it seems to track the book with both terms and examples.) Note that the CD does not provide English translation, however, and so cannot be used for self-testing of active recollection of terminology, but it will adequately reinforce the passive recognition of it. (A big plus is that it does not have the ubiquitous beep, which is so annoying in the CD accompanying Barron's 501 Spanish Verbs!) That being said, I sincerely hope the publishers will reconsider their choice of RED INK for the Spanish text. Generally I want any unfamiliar terms--in this case, the Spanish--to jump out to my eye. Knowing English, it is easier for me to recognize fuzzy English printing than it is to interpret faded print in Spanish. What Barron's has done, however, is to use clear black type for the English side of the vocabulary lists and a brownish red for the Spanish. Even in boldface, the red ink is very hard to read at a glance, but reading at a glance is what you want for finding suitable vocabulary quickly. In fact looking at it here at my desk beside the computer, more light seems to reflect off the side of the page with red ink than off the side with black, even though it is obviously the same paper.

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