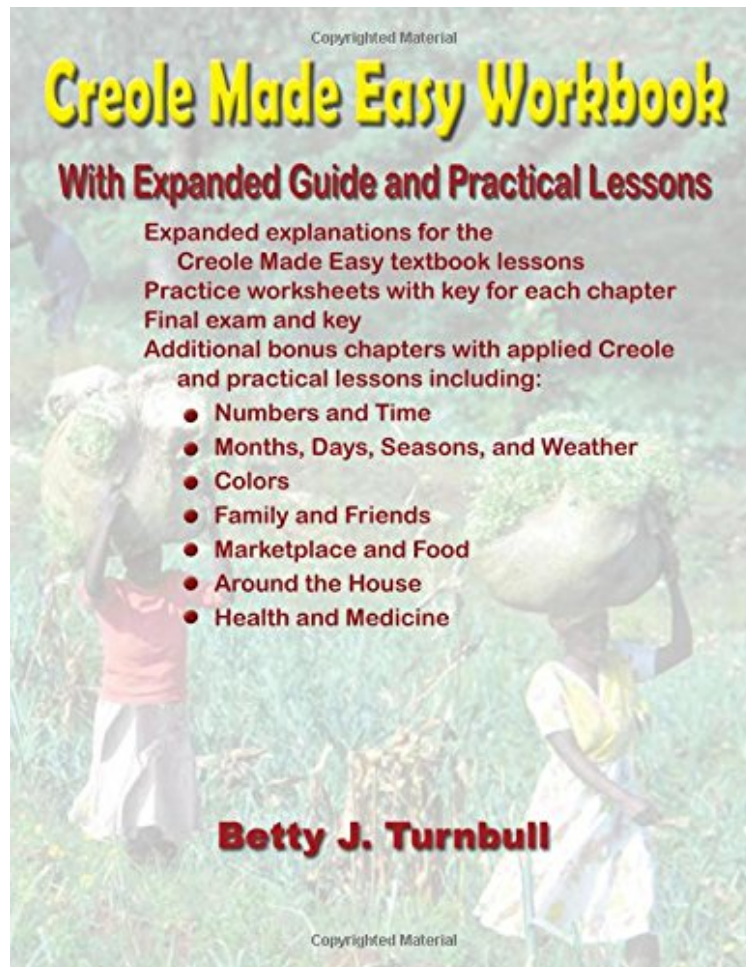


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Betty Turnbull : Creole Made Easy Workbook before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Creole Made Easy Workbook:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. If you want to learn USEFUL Haitian Creole, then this book is for you! By Neil Hajba One of the best language textbooks out there on Haitian Creole. Buy the workbook, but make sure you also buy the textbook that works in tandem to this book. Great explanations of grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary. A gem of a book for language learners. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Carelessly and quickly made By Kindle Customer The original "Creole Made Easy" book is great. It is simple and easy to learn. However, the workbook is filled with general errors and grammatical mistakes. Lots of things are misspelled (even in English) and there are many grammatical mistakes. On some of the answer keys, there are incorrect answers. For example, one question in lesson five asked you to translate "his cards" into Creole. The answer in the key is "chen li yo," which translates to "his dogs" as indicated in the book. In addition, some lessons have words

and concepts that the reader has not been introduced to yet, either in the original "Creole Made Easy" or this workbook. This aspect is frustrating for someone who is trying to learn a new language. Overall, this workbook is sloppy and a poor addition to the "Creole Made Easy" book. In my opinion, it is a waste of \$19. Spend your money elsewhere. 29 of 30 people found the following review helpful. a great intro to Haitian Creole By D. T. Kleven I recently took a trip to Haiti, and in preparation for the trip I used the Creole Made Easy materials, including the Pronunciation Guide cd, and the Workbook. I used all three of them together, so I'll review them together as well. Creole Made Easy is an excellent introduction to the Haitian Creole language. It provides the basic building blocks in terms of grammar and sentence structure from which to go further. This book is not an "emergency Creole" book, and didn't have anything by way of greetings, phrases to use while traveling, etc. Being in Haiti, those things were very easy to pick up, especially with some of the basic grammar under my belt. The Workbook is split into two sections, the first with exercises that correspond to each of the 16 lessons in Creole Made Easy. The second half of the workbook has more practical lessons like: numbers/time, months/days/seasons/weather, colors, family/friends, marketplace/food, around the house, and health and medicine. Indispensable to learning any foreign language is listening to it, and the Pronunciation Guide cd was excellent in that regard. I found that it was great practice for listening to the native speakers (though even then, I was listening too slowly most of the time) and great for understanding how to pronounce all of those nasal sounds. There were a couple of moments of frustration in using Creole Made Easy: there were a couple of misspellings; sometimes a word or phrase was used seemingly out of nowhere and wasn't listed in the mini-dictionary in the back of the book; a couple times a grammatical structure or phrasing was used and I had no idea why it was used that way, and it wasn't explained. This happened very few times, and can sometimes be a good problem-solving exercise that you need good practice for when trying to have actual conversations with Haitian people. Of the eight people who went with me on my trip to Haiti, I was one of two who used Creole Made Easy, and the only one who completed all 16 lessons. I think some of the others used the Pimsleur cds (not any books). I was by far the best Creole speaker/listener and felt like I was in a perfect position to learn exponentially more while I was there. I was told over and over again "ou pale Creole byen!" ("you speak Creole well!") which I shrugged off for awhile until it began to sink in that this was true. Also, I wish I would have brought Creole Made Easy along with me instead of the Hippocrene Haitian Creole/English dictionary, because I think the dictionary in the back had a better selection of words and phrases I wanted to say. The Hippocrene has no phrases at all, and often didn't have the words I was looking for. All this said, I would strongly recommend the Creole Made Easy materials to anyone interested in learning Haitian Creole.

This is a workbook that goes along with the 16 lessons of Creole Made Easy. In addition, the workbook has 7 additional chapters containing survival Creole. These chapters include Numbers and Time, Months, Days, Seasons, and Weather, Colors, Family and Friends, Marketplace and Food, Around the House, Health and Medicine. Each chapter contains additional explanations to Creole Made Easy chapters, practical lessons with worksheets to see how you are doing, and insightful glances into the Haitian culture and language. Also included is a final exam. All worksheets and exams have a corresponding answer key. This is a must have to the Creole Made Easy series.

About the Author Betty Turnbull earned her degree in education from Rockford College in 1970. With her husband, Wally, she served as a missionary in education and self-help development with the Baptist Haiti Mission from 1972 to 2002. During her 30 years of service in Haiti, Turnbull developed the first rural preschool program which, today, has expanded into hundreds of schools across that nation, following the model she established. The Mountain Maid Self Help Project Turnbull helped establish continues to provide training and income to over a thousand families in the mountains of Haiti. Turnbull received an award of distinction from Rockford College in 1983 for her development and education work. The author and her husband currently reside in Durham, NC. They have three children all of whom were born and raised in Haiti.