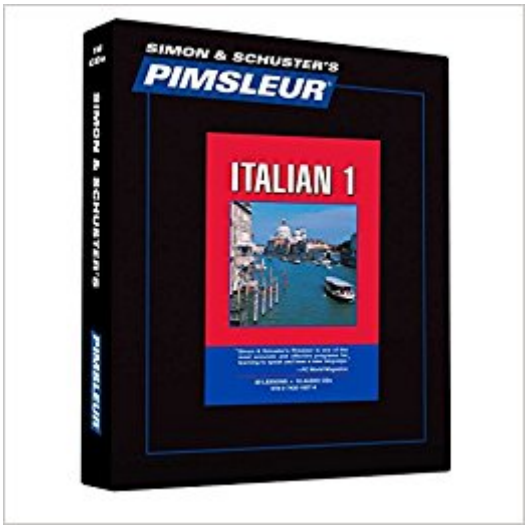
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Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Italian Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of whatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s going on in the world around you, learning Italian will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve tried other language learning methods but found they simply didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try. Why Pimsleur? - Quick + Easy Ã¢â ¬â œ Only 30 minutes a day. - Portable + Flexible Ã¢â ¬â œ Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life. - Proven Method Ã¢â ¬â œ Works when other methods fail. - Self-Paced Ã¢â ¬â œ Go fast or go slow Ã¢â ¬â œ itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s up to you. - Based in Science Ã¢â ¬â œ Developed using proven research on memory and learning. - Cost-effective Ã¢â ¬â œ Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers. - Genius Ã¢â ¬â œ Triggers your brainÃ¢â ¬â„¢s natural aptitude to learn. - Works for everyone Ã¢â ¬â œ Recommended for ages 13 and above. WhatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Included? - 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you with an introduction to reading Italian designed to teach you to sound out words with correct pronunciation and accent - in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers - a Reading Booklet and a UserÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Guide What YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll Learn In the first 10 lessons, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll cover the basics: saying hello, asking for or giving information, scheduling a meal or a meeting, asking for or giving basic directions, and much more. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be able to handle minimum courtesy requirements, understand much of what you hear, and be understood at a beginning level, but with near-native pronunciation skills. In the next 10 lessons, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll build on what youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve learned. Expand your menu, increase your scheduling abilities from general to specific, start to deal with currency and exchanging money, refine your conversations and add over a hundred new vocabulary items. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll understand more of what you hear, and be able to participate with speech that is smoother and more confident. In the final 10 lessons, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be speaking and understanding at an intermediate level. In this phase, more directions are given in the target language, which moves your learning to a whole new plane. Lessons include shopping, visiting friends, going to a restaurant, plans for the evening, car trips, and talking about family. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be able to speak comfortably about things that happened in the past and make plans for the future. Reading Lessons begin in Lesson 9 to provide you with an introduction to reading Italian. In addition, the combined Reading Lessons are included after Lesson

30. These Reading Lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to teach you to sound out words with correct pronunciation and accent. The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his Ã¢â ¬Å“secretsÃ¢â ¬Â•: The Principle of Anticipation In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind. Core Vocabulary Words, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson. Graduated Interval Recall Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory. Organic Learning You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture. Learning in Context Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success. Active Participation The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English. The Italian Language Italian is the official language of Italy and San Marino, and one of the official languages of Switzerland, Croatia, and Slovenia. Italian is spoken by about 58 million people in Italy, 24,000 in San Marino, 840,000 in Switzerland, another million in other European countries, and approximately 5 million in North and South America. Historically, Italian is a daughter language of Latin. Italian uses the Roman alphabet and the pronunciation of the language follows the spelling very closely. 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 worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles:Ã Â the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called Ã¢â ¬Å“Graduated Interval Recall.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

This is a very good learning tool. I wanted something I could listen to in the car, and this seemed to be the best option. I would actually recommend listening to each lesson at home because the pauses where you have to reply aren’t always long enough, not making you come up with the answer but rather repeating the answer when the speaker beats you to the punch.Likes:Concentrates on pronunciation. It works by you learning the last syllable and progressively learn each in front. Sounds confusing, but this really works and makes sense as you’re using it.Repetition, repetition, repetition.Reviews material at the beginning of each lesson.Lessons are 22-30 minutesDislikes:Needs an additional class at the beginning to help you understand that you are only learning a couple forms of the verb and that you are learning the formal form of "you" as well as some introductory understanding of the Italian language.Learning to spell the words shortly after being introduced to them would help reinforce learning.Learning other conjugation forms would also reinforce learning.No companion flash cards. Why not have flash cards labeled with each lesson number for you to put in your practice deck?While this IS a great course, I would supplement it with Duolingo, Sparknote flash cards, and Living Language Complete language course as I have. Also a tutor would be great.

Good method to use, especially if you prefer CD’s. Caution -- the first couple of discs are the same

as the Simon & Schuster's Pimsleur Conversational Italian, which is less expensive than Italian Level 1 CD. I have the Conversational Italian and regret the duplication.Easier learning method than Rosetta Stone.

I've used Pimsleur's stuff for all my language skills. While I lived and worked in Europe I tried all the other players and compared to this system they all suck. Most are glorified dictionaries, a lot focus on grammar (I'm sorry but "My Uncle Jorge has two red tractors" isn't going to come in handy) and I don't understand why they don't get that we want to learn a language to communicate with the natives.Pimsleur gets that which is why, if you're serious about learning another language, you should get this.

Pimsleur is absolutely the best for learning a language. It's all on CD...no manual or workbook, just listening and repeating. Occasionally, when I'm not sure I am hearing a word correctly (like early on, distinguishing between the conjugation for "I want" and "I would like," I find it useful to pause and use a dictionary to make sure I get things right. The cost of the complete Level 1 is high, but, if you are lucky, you might find a used version, excellent condition, at a good price, as did I.

I purchased Rosetta Stone but I found it too difficult to get motivated to sit down in front of the computer to use it. This Pimsleur course works great during my daily commute. I've got to be in the car anyway and I just keep the discs in a small binder and rotate through them. The repetition is very helpful.

Simple to use, easy to understand, good pace, highly recommended.

I can't say enough positive service about the customer service I received from this seller. I will definitely be buying Pimsleur 2 from him next! My husband and I are learning Italian and really like the Pimsleur method! I listen to it on my way to work and am really learning!

I had a month to get ready for a trip to Italy and this made it possible--and almost fun.The brilliant educational approach focuses on repeated hearing and speaking of useful phrases and sentences.We were able to go off the beaten path in Italy and communicate surprisingly well.

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