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Synopsis

The PimsleurÃ Â® Method: the easiest, fastest way to learn a new language. Completely portable, easily downloadable, and lots of fun. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll be speaking and understanding in no time flat! This course includes Lessons 1-10 from the Italian Level 1 program - 5 hours of audio-only effective language learning with real-life spoken practice sessions. Get a chance to test drive the incredibly effective and efficient, world-famous Pimsleur Level 1 Program. Each lesson provides 30 minutes of spoken language practice, with an introductory conversation, and new vocabulary and structures. Detailed instructions enable you to understand and participate in the conversation. Practice for vocabulary introduced in previous lessons is included in each lesson. The emphasis is on pronunciation and comprehension, and on learning to speak Italian. 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.

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"Pimsleur programs provide plenty of positive reinforcement that will keep learners on track, and we found that Pimsleur gave us more proficiency and confidence in speaking the new language than any of the other language programs we reviewed." -- AudioFile Magazine"EXTREMELY

ACCESSIBLE...each section within the lessons is short enough to hold our attention, and there is enough repetition to teach even those who consider themselves slow learners...Pimsleur [programs] are extremely thorough and easy to use -- quite lively!" -- Boston Herald"Learn French while commuting, German while jogging, Spanish (or Russian, Italian, and Japanese) while cooking all with NO WRITTEN MATERIALS!" -- New York Daily News"Designed for the ear and not the eye...the lessons provide PERFECT 30-minute bites of work." -- St Louis Post-Dispatch"Learn to habla espaÃƒÂ ol or parlez franÃƒÂ§ais before your next trip aboard. The interactive LESSONS CHALLENGE STUDENTS to use new words in conversation instead of memorize them." -- American Way (American Airlines inflight magazine)"I tried other language programs with little success...This is the best by far!" -- Pamela A. Mitchell, Pilot, International Society of Women Airline Pilots

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 great learning system, but there are a few things missing. I’m giving it 4 stars because I definitely learned the basics of Italian. You’re just SOL if you need to say 6 or 7. It teaches you how to say 1-5, and 8-9. THAT’S IT. Also, it teaches you how to order 2 beers, but not 2 wines (the plural form is different than the singular form). Other than those 2 things, and a couple of other very minor discrepancies, I would say that this system definitely teaches you the basics.

Learning a language isn’t ever easy, no matter what anyone says, but Pimsleur at least makes it convenient. Note - do make sure to get a digital download because I had a hard time with the CD’s, but I finally got them on my phone.Now I listen to the lessons on my way to work, which is conveniently about the same length as one lesson. It helps the time go by and makes learning Italian just a little bit easier. Not to mention that I’m thinking about Italian words for the first few hours at work. The Pimsleur series is expensive, but of all that I’ve tried, this is what I’m sticking to. Buying it a few lessons at a time is the best way to go.

Over the course of the past couple years, I have purchased and used various CD courses as well as DVD courses such as Rosetta Stone and have learned some of the language but would have trouble retaining what I have learned. Various CD courses can usually be too fast and inconsistent. Rosetta Stone was better with the visual learning combined with audio but once I started Pimsleur, my knowledge and retention grew exponentially! I can’t say enough how much more effective it has been for me in learning to feel confident in my enunciation and use of the language as I become conversational. Pimsleur courses are slower than the others but through repetition, explanation and consistent use of the words, phrases, they help you comprehend the grammer better and be able to build sentences and phrases on your own in no time. It also helps you "hear" the language in it’s native tongue and learn to decifer the meaning quickly.Thanks Pimsleur! I am almost done Pimsleur Italian II and getting ready to buy III. I hope you continue to publish more editions.Ann

I love this. I listen to this on the way to work (30-35 minute commute) and I have a good grasp on it. I can’t wait to get through it all and I kind of wish I had one of those "old" portable cd players (it makes me sad to say that statement) so that I can go hiking with it. I guess I could burn it... Anyway. I highly recommend this especially if you are a busy person with a commute or while you are doing your daily cleaning (or whatever). It is by far the most effective and actually kind of addicting!!

Disappointed it verbal only. Haven’t spent much time with it.

We are getting ready for our trip to Italy.

Good audio education in ITALIAN

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