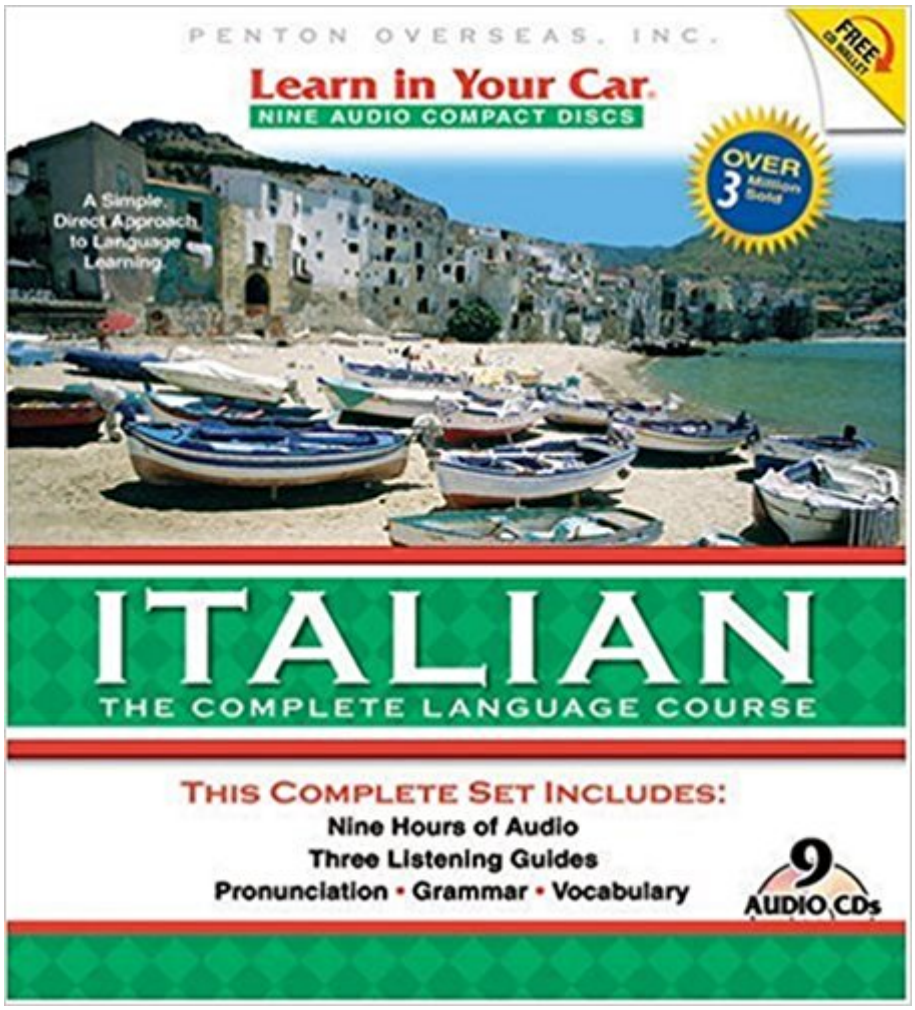
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Synopsis

Our best-selling audio language-learning program provides comprehensive grammar and vocabulary to beginners and advanced students, offering guidance in pronunciation in addition to language fundamentals. Updated for the 21st century and re-recorded with fresh voiceovers, Learn In Your Car includes terminology for cell phones, computers and the Internet, as well as contemporary currencies and usages. Listeners learn pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar of a new language without the need of a textbook: Level 1: Key words and phrases, basic grammar skills, emphasizes travel needs; Level 2: Expands vocabulary, new grammar concepts, more day-to-day activities; Level 3: Broadens vocabulary base, more advanced grammar skills, enriches conversational ability. 9 hours of audio on 9 compact discs, 3 booklets with recorded text for reference & grammar notes, Zippered CD Wallet, Travelogue DVD.

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Customer Reviews

Look ma, no textbooks! The Learn in Your Car series treats you like a child--in the best possible way--starting with one-word phrases ("please," "good-by"), counting exercises, and simple nouns ("bus," "train") designed to imitate a child’s learning process. First you hear the words in English, then they are repeated slowly in clear, unaccented pronunciations. The method is extremely effective for those who don’t know a thing, or for those who want to brush up by testing themselves when the English words are spoken. The tapes emphasize the building blocks of communicating in

a foreign country rather than rote phrases that only apply on the tape and not in real-life exchanges. Level 1 painlessly covers basic verb forms, essential prepositions, near future and past tenses, as well as shopping, hotel reservations, and other travel-related situations. The series includes French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese, and Spanish in three levels that can be purchased individually or in boxed sets. Each level contains two 90-minute cassettes (or CDs) and an accompanying booklet (not for use behind the wheel) with helpful explanations and scripts for the lessons. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have had this product for about six months and have found it to be very good for what I wanted it for. Before buying the Italian version, I had also used the German and French versions, and so I knew what I was getting into. Each lesson concentrates on either a specific theme (e.g., ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“The CarÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•) or a particular grammar point (e.g., reciprocal verbs). A word or sentence is first given in English, and then there is a pause for you to give the correct answer in Italian. After the pause, the correct answer is given, and the process is repeated. I have found this format to be especially good at drilling learners on vocabulary and grammar. It does not help comprehension directly, although you do hear a lot of Italian being said. I think this product is more to the point and presents more material than does Pimsleur, which I have also used in the past. I would agree with the criticism that others have leveled about diction and speed of the Italian being spoken in this series. They also do things that they donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t explain, such as sometimes using the subject personal-pronoun but sometimes not using it. To me, one of the best features of this product is the booklet that gives the complete text of all the recordings. Thus, if you donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t understand the Italian being spoken, you can look for the correct answer in the booklet. In fact, I often use the booklet alone as its own teaching tool. Bottom line: For learning to translate English words and sentences into Italians, and for have good drills on a number of grammar points, I donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t think you can beat this product.

Useful.

I've tried ordering this 3 separate times and it never arrived!!! I have it for French and I found it very helpful in setting a foundation before I stepped into learning the language more in depth in terms of grammar and forming my own sentences.

I really love this series. I've read the other reviews and agree with some aspects - there are a few

places that it's a little difficult to understand the speaker so perhaps the recording equipment could be better. I have the Pimsleur Italian Conversational as well. But I almost exclusively listen to the Learn in the Car CDs. I just prefer it. I've used it for about a year now. I've also taken 2 beginning Italian classes from a local college and it's fun to find the CD tracks that correspond with whatever we're doing in class. I think I could use the CD alone and be learning but using them in the car, to and from work AND taking the class - well, it's been amazing how quickly I've learned. I think its because I am doing both that I am quite a bit ahead of the others in class. It's hard to judge because I also have spoke Spanish for years and no doubt, that has helped as well.Oh, one other small negative about these CDs - in the later lessons, Level 3 Cds 2&3 - the speaker is cut off. I don't know if it's just my copies or on all of them. You hear the English, then the Italian but on the repeated Italian line, several times it cuts her off. So again, the recording quality could be a bit higher but it hasn't lessened my enjoyment in using them.

Had these on audio tape which I use while driving. Got. New vehicle with a CD player so had to upgrade t o cd's!

The photo is misleading, and it fooled me. I recognized the photo from the CD set, and thought it was that, but the item was the audio tapes, as the description stated (and I missed). As for the Learn in Your Car series of language system, I find that it works for me. Since I drive one or two hours a day, I find it easy to make the time to listen, speak, and learn - scheduling time in my otherwise busy day is not so much an issue. And I can play them over and over, practicing in the car while I drive alone and not be self-conscious of others listening in. The CD's are easier to use than the tapes to get to the different lessons, but both have essentially the same content.

Learn in Your Car Italian is the best method I have tried in learning the Italian language and I've tried them all: Pimsleur, Berlitz, Behind the Wheel, various Living Language courses, Oxford Take Off in Italian, etc. This is the only one that teaches you the language the old fashioned way: listen and repeat, over and over again. I learned Spanish as a youngster in school the same way the Learn in Your Car series teach, and I remember most of my Spanish forty years later. Look, is it exciting? No. Somewhat boring? You bet. BUT, if you are serious about doing the tedious work of learning the language by hard work and practice (sorry, there is no magic to learning anything) utilizing the tried and true method presented here, then this is the course for you. IT WORKS.

I got the set recently and enjoy it very much. I bought it, after listening to the German Learn in your car version, which I found very useful. I like the (mostly) clear pronounciation, the vocabulary and the double repetition which is helpful, if you did not get it right the first time.This said, I wonder if it can be useful for first time Italian students. I, myself, have been studying the language from books and tapes for about half a year, with emphasis on grammar. With that knowledge, it is easy to memorize the new words and repeat the ones I already know. I am not sure that memorizing every new expression automatically without understanding the background is such a good way to start a new language.I highly recommend this series if you are not a complete beginner, as it is clear, efficient and pleasant to listen to.

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