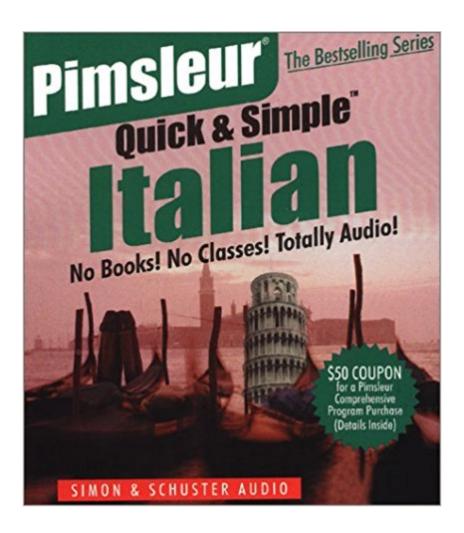


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Italian (Pimsleur Quick And Simple)





Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

The course is organized well for people to learn the language as other Pimsleur courses do. My only complaints are Disc 3 was cracked. I bought this used one as they said, "Like new. Never opened." Apparently they repackaged used discs without examining each disc.

Boring. Not easy to learn this way. I preferred Fluenz, way better.

Excelet

This set contains the first 4 CDs from Pimsleur's Italian I course. The Pimsleur method only teaches you to speak and to understand a language, no written material is included in this package. The set contains 4 CDs with 8 30 minute lessons. Each Lesson starts with a little conversation (using words and expressions learned in the previous lessons plus one or two new expressions). Next, the previously learned material is repeated and some new words, expressions or phrases are added. Most lessons end with another conversation, but this time you're supposed to take part in it. I very much like the way, a language is taught using the Pimsleur method, but don't expect to take part in a real world italian conversation after this brief course. It really only is a sample on how the Pimsleur program works. In order to learn the language, you will have to buy the whole program (Pimsleur's Italian I - III) which is very expensive. Basically, I believe it's a good idea to have a way to "test learn" such an expensive program, but the Pimsleur web page also contains the audio streams for all first lessons of their language program. Which should be good enough to decide whether to go with the Pimsleur Method or not.

good product with high quality. with the best service. I was blown away by how sharp this product is. It cut throw my very soft loaf of Italian without a single tear. I hesitated before I bought it because of another review who said it wasn't sharp enough, but mine is outstanding. just buy one for myself, very recommend.

I was turned onto these cds by a friend. He lent me the first cd and I found a couple of things very quickly:1. I can actually learn a foreign language. Shocking to me, I always thought it was too difficult.2. I wasted 4 years of my life in High School learning the wrong way. That part really gets me. Why schools don't use this approach will baffle me. The method is all it is cracked up to be. Very effective, leaving you confident you can learn the language given enough time and lessons. These cds give you a glimpse of what to expect if you proceed with the Pimsleur approach. I zipped through al eight lessons in 3 weeks and have just ordered the next set of lessons (which are around \$200...be prepared for the price hike). But I figure I am actually learning the language and enjoying it. One last note. From all the reviews I've read there is no doubt that you learn the language using this approach. The complaints have been the content of the language you learn, the fact you do not

learn how to write the language and the cost. But no one said it did not work for them. Could not be happier.

As usual, the Pimsleur method, in my opinion is the best way to learn a foreign language. As of today, I own five Quick and simple language programs (French, German, Italian, Japanese and Cantonese) and I've enjoy every one of them immensly. I could not believe the beauty and simplicity of the Italian language. I retained most of the information learned after listening to the CD's once. I wish I'd known about Pimsleur prior to my college years. It would've save me a lot of wasted time and energy learning a language in a university. It makes me wonder,"Why don't they use this method in the American educational system?" If they did most Americans would embrace learning a new language instead of shunning it. One of my dreams was to be able to speak several languages and Pimsluer has made that possible. I would also like to note that the Italian lessons seem to go into more detail than the others but I'm learning a lot and having a great time. My computer is now my language lab. Final grade A++++.

While I heartily endorse the Pimsleur method for learning Italian, potential buyers should be aware that this set of eight tapes, marketed "for travelers," is nothing more than the first eight tapes of the regular Pimsleur course, as I found out to my cost (having already bought the 16-tape Pimsleur Beginning Level Italian), and does NOT focus on specific travel situations. The "extras" (postcards and luggage tags) are purely Pimsleur marketing material. Since the 16-tape course is \$210 and this is \$45, it's a bargain IF you only want to learn how to ask someone to dinner, ask directions, tell time and ask prices, and don't intend to actually learn Italian to the point where you can hold a conversation or even check into a hotel without resorting to English. Otherwise it's a rip-off.

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