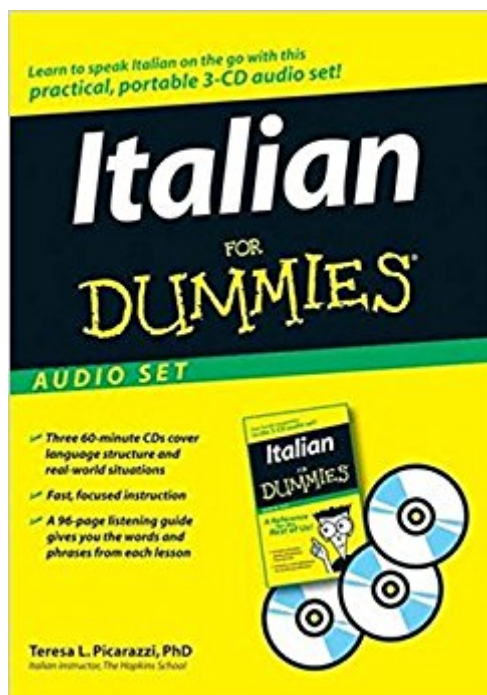


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Italian For Dummies Audio Set



Synopsis

Whether you are moving to Italy or just planning a vacation, you'll want to know some key words and phrases to make sure everything's va bene. Italian For Dummies Audio Set has everything you need to introduce you to the language so that you can start to communicate with other Italian speakers (without memorizing a bunch of boring grammar notes and long vocabulary lists!). Each of the three hour-long CDs is filled with interesting conversation topics that allow you to listen to what you want to listen at your own pace. Soon, you'll be able to communicate in Italian about: Work, jobs, and office life Making small talk Traveling and making arrangements Asking for directions Getting help and assistance Ordering at a restaurant Booking a room in a hotel Exchanging money at the bank Shopping in a store or boutique Along with all these topics, these CDs cover essential rules and building blocks of the Italian language, such as verb conjugation, tenses, and sentence structure, as well as a list of essential words. With this beginner audio set, you can pop any of the CDs in your CD player or computer and discover the joy and fun of speaking Italian!

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questions and understand answers Build your vocabulary Talk about numbers, time, and the calendar Ask for directions Get help at a hotel, the bank, or a store

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Easy and fun way to learn Italian. Enunciation on the CDs is great. I like to listen to the CD as I drive to get an "ear" for the language then at home I read the book as I listen to the CD to put it all together. I feel like I can read, write, and speak Italian. Very good investment!

Limited help to learn basic Italian before a trip. So it's not "Italian for Travellers." Many phrases seem like long shots for ever being needed. And as with other in their series, some phrases turn up more than once and at some point the sequence of English vs word/phrase to be learned gets reversed. Never found a better product for a tourist at any price so buy this with lower expectations.

I did learn some key phrases that were helpful to me when my husband and I visited Italy this past year. We stayed in Rome, so most of the people there don't expect tourists to know much Italian. I could tell however they definitely appreciated the effort to try to say some things in their language :)

I have an up and coming trip to Italy so I wanted to learn a few of the basics so I could conversate with the locals. I don't have a lot of time so I wanted something I could listen too in my car and this was it. Perfect beginner set to give you just enough so you can get along and more while in Italy. Happy I found this set and was definitely worth the buy.

I would recommend this audio set because it has many aspects to it such as everyday greetings, language needed for professional or office use, conversation needed in restaurants, directions and finally words and sentences necessary for everyday social encounters. The only thing I wish it included was the basic conjugation for verbs as well as pronunciations for abcs. Other than that, the audio is very clear and it gives you a chance to repeat after each sentence. Great while driving.

I am taking a local Italian course and this is a good way to practice basics.

I thought this set of CD's was great for learning the basics of Italian in a conversational way. Every

time you got in the car it pick up from where you left off or you could repeat if needed. Plus, no one heard me struggle with some of the more difficult phrases. Having the pocket size book is an added bonus.

We have used many CDs to try to learn Italian for our travels. This one is good in that the speaker says the phrases twice very slowly. This is a big help when you are trying to learn the pronunciation. It would be good if the word or phrase was said twice slowly and then one at the regular speed as you may be totally out to lunch if you have some Italian talk to you. Highly unlikely that you will ever find this in a learn the language CD. There is some good practical information and isn't bad as a starter CD (there are 3 CDs). We are always in a dilemma as some CDs are too basic and some too intense for what we are needing. It does not have much travel dialogue such as what you are going to eat in a restaurant and other useful information. Overall, I would recommend it in addition to one that has more travel dialogue. The two would compliment each other well!

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