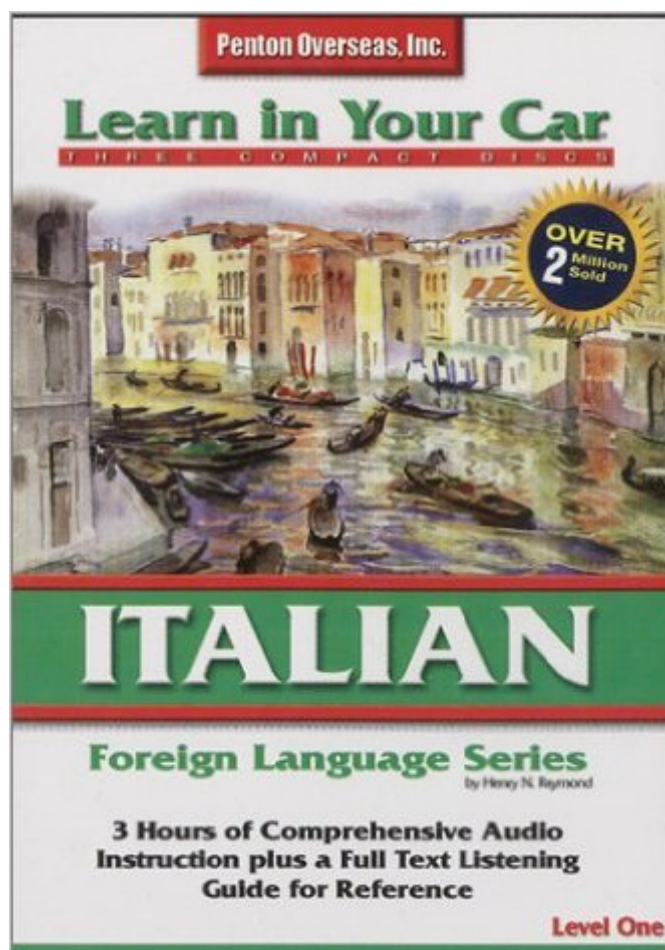


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Had this set of 3 cd's & book for 2-3 weeks. Listening to it on the way to work & back, turns a long & tedious commute, into a fun & interesting endeavor. I now bring my portable cd player, so I can still hear Vivaldi in the background while learning to speak Italian. Once I get to my destination, I can quickly go over the lesson in the book to better understand the spelling of the words & language rules. This is such an easy way of learning a foreign language, I will try the French lessons after this. E Grande!

The package says "Prepared by dialect-free professionals"... What they should also have insisted on is they be NATIVE Italian speakers too! Listening to the female do the Italian part gave me an uneasy feeling... I kept asking myself "is her pronunciation right?" For example, every beginner knows "lo voglio" is pronounced "ee-yo volyo"... but the speaker here kept saying "ee-yo VOY-yo" (wish no "l" sound). Drove me crazy to listen to her mispronounce it over and over! At other times, it sounded as if she was just learning the proper pronunciation (in other words, as if they took someone who knows nothing about Italian and has them practice a word a few times, then reads that word aloud). How did they expect people to learn the correct pronunciation like this?? The other

less severe complaint I have is that they should have steered away from "travelers vocabulary" and instead focussed on what most other programs don't, that is normal BASIC speaking which is what grammar is built upon. I know most people who take courses do it because of travel, but there are tons of specific travelers language programs already available. How about a program with vocabulary NOT used for travel? I'm tired of references like "customs office". The package implies the method used here is how a child learns.. well that may be true, but I doubt children focus on travel terms. Overall, good idea but the speaker's pronunciation wasn't good enough.

I am really learning a lot from this 3cd set. The car is a great place to practice in private. It's the first time I haven't felt self conscious about trying to speak another language. The book helps to preview each lesson. I like the CD format so a lesson can be easily chosen for review. When will Level II on CD be available??

I bought these CDs to prepare for my trip to Rome. I've been listening to these CDs for about a week when I finally came here to see the reviews. My suspicion that something was off was confirmed. 1) The pronunciation did seem a little weird to me. 2) the phrases that you give you are so random. They teach you everything (I don't speak Italian, I speak English, Spanish, British etc...) but never the one you will most likely need ("Do you speak English?"). And you will need that one if you are only using these CDs. 3) Some of the lessons were quite annoying and repetitive, and not in a good way (my suitcase, my suitcases, your suitcase, your suitcases, his suitcase, his suitcases). I understand that they are trying to teach possessive adjectives but all you learn from this lesson is how to say suitcase. I think I'm going to order the EyeWitness 15-minute lessons or Berlitz with its silly songs. They worked for my trip to Argentina and I will stick with them. I would not recommend this product to prepare for vacation/trip

I am a true beginner, and when I started listening to this course I liked it. It is structured for simple vocabulary building (words/phrases in English followed by Italian translation). But even to me it was clear that Italian speaker is not native. As I listened to other audio classes, I questioned pronunciation, and confirmed with my Italian teacher, that a lot of words on this CD are mispronounced (the rest of reviews seem to agree), and some are presented in wrong content. Unless you are ready to double-check every word you learn, stay away from this course.

There are people who are quick at learning new languages. There are people who take their time,

and need constant repetition to understand and remember grammar and vocabulary lessons. If you are on the first group, this product is for you: you'll go fast, figure things out along the way, and by the time you are finishing for a second time all level 1 (a total of three levels), you'll feel ready for a good trip to Italy. If you are on the second group, choose a different product, like the Pimsleur CD package, where they go little by little, making sure you understand and got everything right. I got the Pimsleur and got bored after 5 minutes. I got this product instead, and while I am sure I will a few mistakes here and there, it gave me the confidence that I needed for my trip.

It's a good way to use your time in the car, but I fill that one should be ready to spend time with it at home & follow the book that this set is coming with. Once you are easy with it you may continue your study in the car. That that my wife & I are doing & we already know more than one.

While I wouldn't play this in my car (too distracting), it is a wonderful series to help review the language. It covers all that you need to travel in Italy. I was able to have conversations with my family who live near Naples.

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