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A fresh, crisp new design re-launches this perennial bestseller. More user-friendly thanks to improved color-coding, new categories and updated CD, this is the phrase book created by the people for the people.



Reviews of the **Berlitz Italian Phrase Book & CD** *by* Berlitz Publishing

Dead Samurai

This product is a good starting point for people like me who know absolutely no Italian and don't plan to be in Italy for an extended period. It gives a little overview and familiarizes the reader with phrases and situations they are likely to encounter.

However, I think a little more care could have been given to the practicality of the lessons. Many of the phrases are open ended questions that an English speaker would address to an Italian speaker-in Italian. Which is great, but I would bet that a person using this book to ask for directions to the nearest tourist information center, for instance, would not understand an Italian speaker who responded with simple directions. Instead of just teaching the traveler a series of questions, Berlitz could also have introduced words that would be used in an answer like, "left", "right", "straight", "turn", "street", etc. The book teaches the reader a series of questions to which they cannot possibly be expected to understand the answers.

In another part of the book, emergency phrases are discussed, including Italian for "I am innocent". Nowhere in this book, however, do the writers tell the reader how to say "I need to contact the American consulate!". I would think that if one is in a situation where one feels the need to declare their innocence, they probably also need to know how to contact someone who can help them.

This book begs for more practical scenarios, phrases and vocabulary.

Datrim

Excellent first level Italian to become familiar with the language and learn simple phrases to use while traveling in Italy. CD helps to hear the correct pronunciation of the words.

Ubranzac

An excellent book for anyone starting to lean Italian. It helped us open doors and get into great conversations with people as we traveled. It was well worth the effort trying to learn some essential greetings and phrases.

Non fretta, sono qui in vacanza, was a great help at the appropriate time!!

Oreavi

OK But did not learn much before we left. Wish I had but politeness and smiles go along way in Italy

Tiainar

It works if I practice

Justie

I brought this before me and my husband planned are first trip to Italy and it was so easy and very helpful to learn. I even packed it and used it on are trip. I would highly recommend this book and CD.

Yojin

Compact and organized well. Good voice and pronunciation guide

NOT FOR BEGINNERS---starts out too fast and bounces all over the place-- could have got one at the library for free-wanted normal everyday conversations--not how to catch a train-or all about money-

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