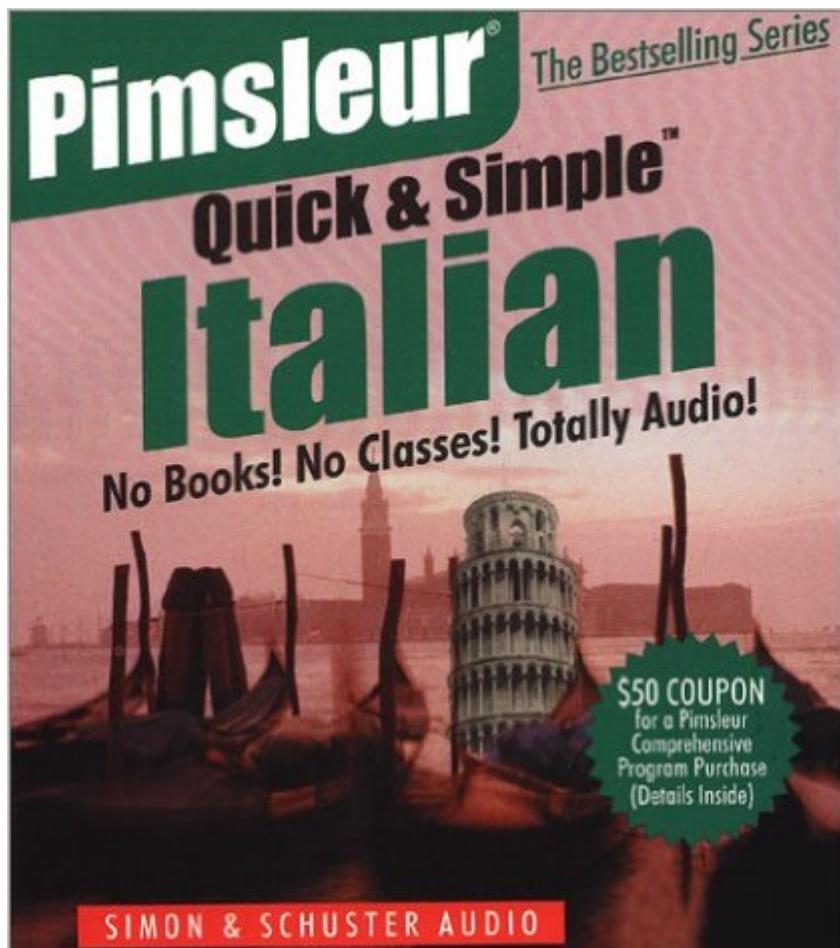


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# Italian (Pimsleur Quick And Simple)



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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.

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.

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 enjoyed every one of them immensely. 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 saved 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 Pimsleur 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++++.

This is the first 8 lessons that are available on the Pimsleur Comprehensive Course I (30 lessons), & the Traveller's Course (16 lessons). It is the same product as the Basic tape series (CD & Tape).

Pimsleur is the best way to learn a foreign language. If you like this mini-course, you will LOVE the Full course (the price is high though). There is a coupon to make up for the cost of these 8 lessons when you buy the full course.

I bought this because it was fairly cheap and short (8 lessons). I like that fact that it is totally audio! Each lesson is about 25-28 minutes. I did have to repeat each lesson for it to totally sink in. After about lesson 4, the lessons seem to be geared towards a single traveller, trying to strike up a conversation in a bar or hotel. I was looking for general lessons like how to ask where the bathrooms are, or how to purchase train tickets, etc. However, the CD's are really good for practicing pronunciation, even if you aren't going to the bars.

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