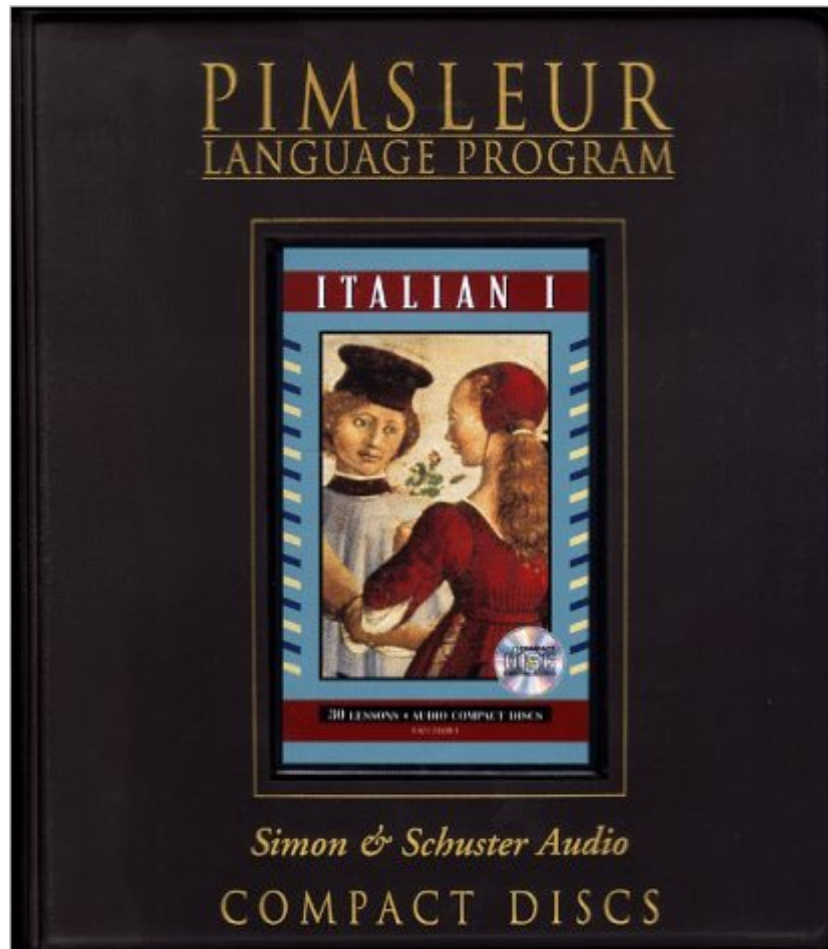


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# Italian I : Pimsleur Comprehensive (Pimsleur CD Series)



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I just completed Pimsleur Italian I and I'm very pleased with it. I am now beginning Pimsleur Italian II. The course is not perfect but it is far superior to all of the other audio courses I have tried or examined. As someone familiar with learning theory, I absolutely agree that Pimsleur duplicates the same language acquisition method we use to acquire language as children. I have, however, some suggestions for gaining the most from the course.1. Get a good dictionary, a verb conjugation book and look up words in the lessons so that you can write them down. Aural learning is great but accompanying visual learning it is even better.2. After listening to each lesson a few times, write them out, in sequence, on 3x5 cards and use them as "drill flash cards" (I put the English on the front and the Italian on the back and fill each card up with as many phrases as would fit). This is a bit of work but also extremely helpful for forming a Gestalt. My wife and I drill each other using the cards and it is a nice change from the CD's.3. Since Pimsleur does not systematically or comprehensively offer those specific phrases and nouns that tourists need (e.g., helpful travel phrases, helpful in-hotel phrases and objects like "pillow," "soap," etc.), as you go, put such phrases together on "Extra" 3x5 cards and commit them to memory. This is easy within the context of the Pimsleur method because you will already be learning how to put sentences together--one of Pimsleur's strengths.4. Each lesson starts with a dialogue. After a few listenings, be sure to write the dialogue down in sequence so that you can read aloud along with the CD.

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