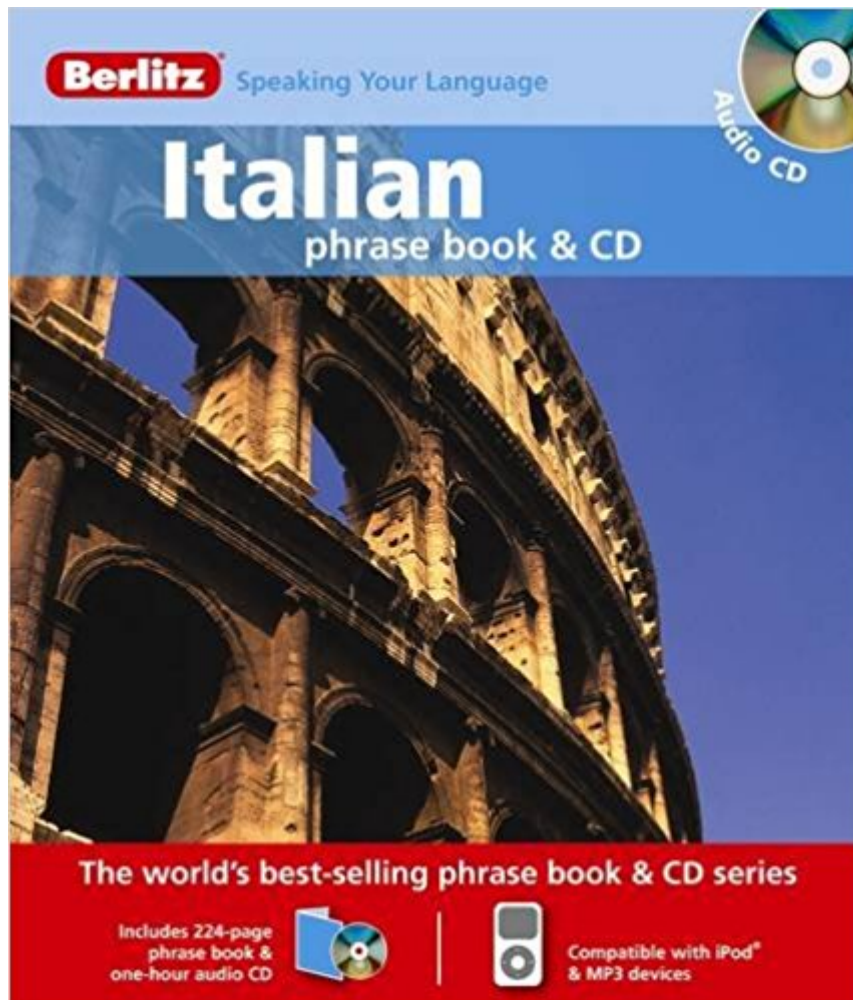




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Customer Reviews

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.

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.

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

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.

It's ok, very basic at best.

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-

Found it very helpful, easy to understand and practice. Would definitely recommend it for anyone that is planning on visiting Italy shortly.

Very helpful in learning basic Italian before my planned trip in May/June of this year. Easy to understand.

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