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Start Italian (Learn Italian With The Michel Thomas Method)



Synopsis

Learn over 50 essential words at the heart of Italian and how to put them together to make yourself understood. This 1-hour basic introduction to Italian with the Michel Thomas Method will get you speaking the language immediately: no books, no pens, no memorizing - just listen, connect and speak. How does it work? During the course, you will join Michel Thomas and two students in a live lesson, hearing both their successes and their mistakes to keep you motivated and involved throughout the course. Within the very first hour you will be able to construct simple phrases by listening and thinking out answers for yourself without the pressure of writing or memorizing. Why is the method so successful? The Michel Thomas Method was perfected over 50 years by celebrated psychologist and linguist Michel Thomas. This unique method works with your brain and draws on the principles of instructional psychology. Knowledge is structured and organised so that you assimilate the language easily and don't forget it. The method breaks down the language into building blocks that are introduced sequentially in such a way that you create your response and move on to ever-more-complex sentences. You'll stick with it because you'll love it. Where do I go next? After you finish your Start course, you can move to the Total Italian course, which includes 7 hours of audio and a practice CD-ROM. Perfect Italian follows on from the Total course with 10 hours of audio and a practice CD-ROM. Learn anywhere Don't be tied to chunky books or your computer, Michel Thomas Method audio courses let you learn whenever you want: at home, in your car, or on the move with your MP3 player.

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Description Learn 50 essential words and how to put them together with this amazing value, one hour introduction to the acclaimed Method. The classic Michel Thomas Method course, perfected over 25 years. Go from total beginner to speaking confidently in a matter of hours. Become a fluent speaker and understand in any situation with this follow-on course. Gain a natural grasp of the language and entire verb system. One for true language lovers, a unique series of one-to-one lectures on the Michel Thomas Method given by the master himself. Who it's for: Those who want a quick trial of the Method People beginning to learn a language with the Method People who have completed the Total course People who have completed the Total and Perfect courses What's in the course: 1 hour of audio on CD--learn at home, in the car or on the move with your mp3 player Up to 12 hours of audio on CD Visual review course and interactive exercises for PC or Mac* Over 2 hours of vocab help* Up to 9 hours of audio on CD Visual review course and interactive exercises for PC or Mac* Over 3 hours of vocab help* 2 hours of audio on CD--learn at home, in the car or on the move with your mp3 player Available in: French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German, Dutch, Greek, Portuguese, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese French, Spanish, Italian, German *Not available for all languages. See additional Michel Thomas Method courses.

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Michel Thomas is the best at teaching conversational language -we've used him for Italian, German, and Spanish. His approach requires no homework or memorization and is designed to build your verbal skills. He uses two students who are also learning and become part of your class, so you can hear them (a male and female because some words are different depending on whether they are

said to, about, or by a male or female), So you also hear them trying to repeat the words and their efforts make you feel better if you didn't get it exactly right the first time. Thomas also serves as a great refresher if your going to visit a country and want to practice again before you go. Unlike traditional classes where you start out reading and doing homework and feel very little progress after weeks of effort, with Michel Thomas, even after just the first CD, you feel like you have made progress because you've been speaking and making complete sentences. Note that since there is no writing or reading, this is designed to teach you to communicate verbally. If you are trying to pass some type of competency exam, you'll need to add books and other types of computer aids, if you want to learn to read and write fluently.

I've become a fan of the Michel Thomas method - the explanations of the imperfect and subjunctive tenses were worth the cost of the course all by themselves. Others have commented on Mr. Thomas' accent/voice but once I got used to it, it didn't trouble me at all. In fact, his approach is very patient, helpful and encouraging. However, in the last set of CDs with this level, another instructor is used and she has an annoying habit of spelling out words in Italian which really slowed down the pace of the lesson and drove me nuts. It just seemed to me that at this level one should be able to spell, especially given the invariability of sounds in Italian. Her pronunciation is also off - often times when she pronounced a verb ending in "e" she said it as if it ended in "i". Having studied using multiple other courses and self study, I can't say how it would have been to start studying just with this or if these courses, in and of themselves, would have gotten me closer to fluency. There is very little vocabulary included. Finally, I wouldn't recommend using these while driving. There are only brief pauses when responses are required and if you can't stop and pause the CD on your own (which is distracting when driving), you might not have time to get the answer in. That is counter to what Mr. Thomas recommended which is to stop and think it through before you speak.

Michel Thomas method makes speaking a new language relatively easy. It's a comfortable way to learn some basic structure without getting bogged down in grammatical terms and lists of conjugations.

I wish I had taken his class when he was alive. He taught in Los Angeles a number of years ago. I am so sorry I didn't take his class. He's great. These Michel Thomas tapes (all the courses) are quite good. It's a real classroom setting. I found that unlike other tape, the material really sticks with me.

The best way to learn a language. It's not monotonous and repetitive like most language CDs. It's very informal and fun.

Great program, makes learning Italian easy. It's presented in bite sized pieces.

I have used Michel Thomas courses in French and Spanish. The Italian course follows the same successful methodology for teaching and learning foreign languages. I have made rapid progress in French and Spanish languages with the techniques perfected by Michel Thomas. The methodology takes into account how an adult brain operates compared to a child's brain. The two operate very differently and that is the key to the methodology perfected by Michel Thomas. I am sure that the Italian course will be just as effective.

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