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5-Minute Italian



Synopsis

5-Minute Italian presents fun and easy lessons to get you speaking in no time! This beginner-level workbook with audio CD contains daily lessons that teach and review basic language through fun and engaging activities. Great for self-study or classroom use, the daily lessons feature audio interactivity, engaging exercises, and full-color design with illustrations and photos. Each one-page lesson is built around a key skill, such as greeting people or ordering food and drink. The activities and audio present these skills and allow the learner to practice and review through activities and sample conversations. Activities include crossword puzzles, word finals, matching, and fill in the blanks, reinforced by art and audio.

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Customer Reviews

The cd doesn't have track numbers listed to correspond with the book, but if you follow along in the book you won't get lost. Don't listen to the cd alone though, it doesn't say the English translation...its only good for aiding you with pronunciation. The book does what it is supposed to do...helps you quickly learn key phrases. I used it in addition to taking a beginners course and I feel like I'm progressing nicely. :)

Working with the CD as well, I'm finding 5-minute Italian easy to use, and challenging.

The book is structured well but they do not provide side by side pronunciation which turns out to be a major deficit. The CD is worthless. It is too fast and doesn't give time for processing or response. Berlitz should be able to do a better job at this point in their lives.

Spoke Italian as a child but haven't had much time to practice. Listening to the CD has brought it back quickly.

I bought this book because it was the book being used for a class in Italian I am taking. I don't really care for it. One problem is the book has unknown words thrown in with sentences, words and concepts which have been introduced. I find it very hard to follow. There is not much guidance on some of the assignments. For instance it will want you to write a whole sentence "using words you have learned" without giving you an idea of what to write about. My biggest complaint is that it does not include pronunciations, so it really isn't a book you can learn from by yourself. In my opinion, the "Italian in10 Minutes a Day" (series) is much better.

This is an excellent book for one studying Italian. My 12 year old is using it with her Italian instructor who is a professor of Italian at a university. There is a CD which enables one to listen to the correct pronunciation of words.

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