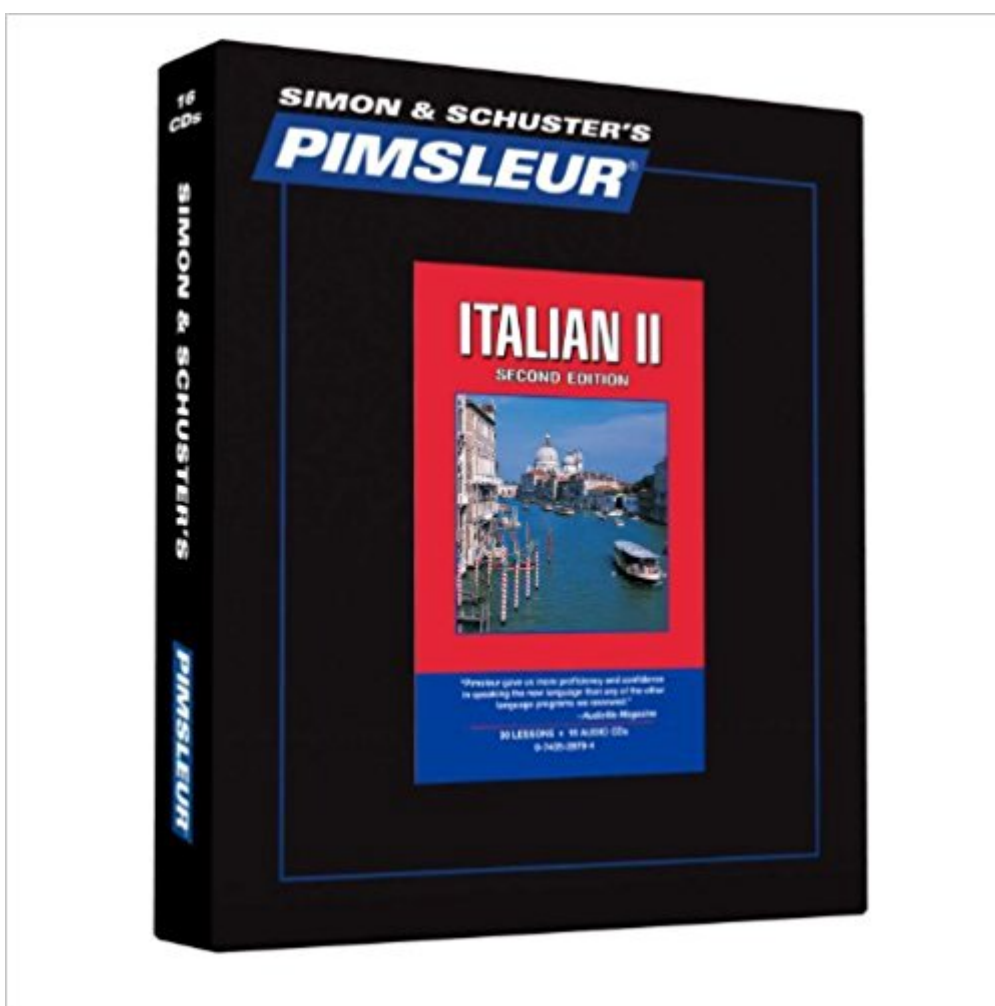


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Pimsleur Italian Level 2 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Italian With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



Synopsis

The Easiest and Fastest Way to Learn Italian Whether you want to travel, communicate with friends or colleagues, reconnect with family, or just understand more of what's going on in the world around you, learning Italian will expand your horizons and immeasurably enrich your life. The best part is that it doesn't have to be difficult or take years to master. Thirty minutes a day is all it takes, and we get you speaking right from the first day. Pimsleur courses use a scientifically-proven method that puts you in control of your learning. If you've tried other language learning methods but found they simply didn't stick, then you owe it to yourself to give Pimsleur a try. Why Pimsleur? - Quick + Easy - Only 30 minutes a day. - Portable + Flexible - Core lessons can be done anytime, anywhere, and easily fit into your busy life. - Proven Method - Works when other methods fail. - Self-Paced - Go fast or go slow - it's up to you. - Based in Science - Developed using proven research on memory and learning. - Cost-effective - Less expensive than classes or immersion, and features all native speakers. - Genius - Triggers your brain's natural aptitude to learn. - Works for everyone - Recommended for ages 13 and above. What's Included? - 30, 30-minute audio lessons - 60 minutes of reading instruction to provide you practice reading Italian - in total, 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers - a Reading Booklet and User's Guide What You'll Learn Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Italian Level 1. In the first 10 lessons you'll begin using the past tense. Structures become more complex and informal speech is introduced. Soon you'll take part in conversations about ordering meals, shopping, and local tourist attractions. As you progress, your fluency will increase as your vocabulary expands. The next 10 lessons will allow you to further combine and build upon known elements, and produce longer and more complex sentences. You'll be discussing business and social activities, expressing your interests, and talking about the weather. In the final 10 lessons you'll double your vocabulary and have several hundred structures to draw upon. You'll learn to express yourself with relative structures - faster, slower, etc. You'll be able to ask for assistance in many situations and to ask for directions to various locations. You'll explore sports and leisure activities, manage changing money and banking, and discuss travel plans. By the end of the program, you'll be speaking at a mid-intermediate level with near-native pronunciation, and you'll be comfortable meeting most social demands and limited job requirements. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30. These lessons, which total about one hour, are designed to give you practice reading Italian, and to provide you with some insight into Italian culture with proverbs, common expressions, and a broad look at things you'll experience when visiting an Italian-speaking country. The Pimsleur Method We make no secret of what makes this

powerful method work so well. Paul Pimsleur spent his career researching and perfecting the precise elements anyone can use to learn a language quickly and easily. Here are a few of his secrets:

- **The Principle of Anticipation** In the nanosecond between a cue and your response, your brain has to work to come up with the right word. Having to do this boosts retention, and cements the word in your mind.
- **Core Vocabulary Words**, phrases, and sentences are selected for their usefulness in everyday conversation. We don't overwhelm you with too much, but steadily increase your ability with every lesson.
- **Graduated Interval Recall** Reminders of new words and structures come up at the exact interval for maximum retention and storage into your long-term memory.
- **Organic Learning** You work on multiple aspects of the language simultaneously. We integrate grammar, vocabulary, rhythm, melody, and intonation into every lesson, which allows you to experience the language as a living, expressive form of human culture.
- **Learning in Context** Research has shown that learning new words in context dramatically accelerates your ability to remember. Every scene in every Pimsleur lesson is set inside a conversation between two people. There are no drills, and no memorization necessary for success.
- **Active Participation** The Pimsleur Method + active learner participation = success. This method works with every language and every learner who follows it. You gain the power to recall and use what you know, and to add new words easily, exactly as you do in English.

The Italian Language Italian is the official language of Italy and San Marino, and one of the official languages of Switzerland, Croatia, and Slovenia. Italian is spoken by about 58 million people in Italy, 24,000 in San Marino, 840,000 in Switzerland, another million in other European countries, and approximately 5 million in North and South America. Historically, Italian is a daughter language of Latin. Italian uses the Roman alphabet and the pronunciation of the language follows the spelling very closely. Tech Talk - CDs are formatted for playing in all CD players, including car players, and users can copy files for use in iTunes or Windows Media Player.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Paul Pimsleur devoted his life to language teaching and testing and was one of the world's leading experts in applied linguistics. After years of experience and research, Dr. Pimsleur developed The Pimsleur Method based on two key principles: the Principle of Anticipation and a scientific principle of memory training that he called "Graduated Interval Recall." This Method has been applied to the many levels and languages of the Pimsleur Programs.

The method seems to be a logical way to learn a language. You are not, however, going to learn it very quickly only doing 30 minutes a day. They suggest that you proceed to the next lesson when you've responded correctly 80% of the time. For me that can take 3 tries. They do say you can do the same lesson as many times as you want in one day (but not a new lesson) so I've been doing the same lesson 3 times a day at different times throughout the day. Still I think it's better than trying to memorize words and verb conjugations. Think about it. How did you learn your native language? Listening to your parents talk and repeating it.

I love the Pimsleur language system - I bought Italian I from Pimsleur directly (at a much higher cost!!) and loved it. But then I remembered how Amazon offers better deals and ordered Italian II from them. I started learning Italian in January and in the 4-5 months I've used the tapes, I am very satisfied with my level of conversation. And friends I speak Italian with are impressed with my progress. It is a very good system which I recommend highly. I take the CD on the bus with me and listen while commuting. I also listen to the tapes on my lunch hour and on long car trips. You have to take the lessons regularly so that the language is fresh in your mind - there is a lot of repetition which is great so you get used to the words and sentence formations. Regularity is key to progress and I find that I took 3-4 lessons a week in Italian I and 3 lessons a week in Italian II as it covers tenses of verbs and is a little more complicated. But I love that they don't push down too much new information so as to be overwhelming - they give you just enough with each lesson to learn without being discouraged. It's a good system.N.O.

Yes, you've heard about Rosetta Stone. I tried it and sent it back for a refund. This is my 5th language with Pimsleur, and I'll use them again if I decide to learn another language. It seems a bit repetitive and slow at times, but you need that repetition for it to really sink in. After 3 levels, you'll be at the point where you can build more vocabulary on your own by using a dictionary and talking with people. If you want to learn a language, Pimsleur rules!

item was in great shape.more of an issue with the Pimsleur system - it was unclear that when I worked through the 'Italian I' and thought I was starting the next in the series, "Italian 2", in fact there must be another set that I missed because the first unit refers several times to material I never covered.Fortunately, I had taken some lessons previously, and was able to jump the gap. Weird, though

So far I love it , its very challenging as compared to level one. The price was fantastic, and it came in perfect condition. Very quick delivery too ! Thanks , see you for level 3 when I get there !

The Pimsleur method of language learning works for me. It's based on listening like we learn language as a child instead of grammar like we learn language in school. This is my second transaction with Language Secrets and they are terrific. The products are just as advertised and arrive quickly.

I love Pimsleur! It supplements my Italian classes and I can use it between class semesters to keep me in practice and learn new things, as well.

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