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Customer Reviews

Grazie! What a fantastic Italian review of essentials. It is well-written and much better than the 2005 edition. Additionally, there is the CD which does have the native voices of the dialogues, and what a PLUS this CD will be for the beginning as well as the students who are reviewing to hear such excellent pronunciation. I am so glad to be ordering more copies for my students here at home. I am positive they will enjoy the layout of the book and the necessary repetition of vocabulary.

The book jumps rather quickly into full sentences so, if you are looking for a less aggressive entry into the language, this is not it. It is used as a textbook for Italian Class 101 in college. Without a professor to guide your learning, it is not the best way to learn Italian.

I don't know why my professor chose this book as the class's textbook - perhaps the choices are very limited?. There are just some things this book lacks, such as an index to help you look-up topics quickly. Also, there's a brief dictionary in the back of the book but listed only in Italian. For instance, if you wanna look-up the word "hear," you won't find it listed in English, only in Italian - "sentire." Once you find "sentire," then it'll translate to English, which is, "to hear." It sucks! I've looked up many simple words like the word, "while," ("mentre" is among one of many translations for that word) - it isn't listed in the book's dictionary. You will need to purchase a real good Italian dictionary to supplement what this book lacks. Moreover, this book came with a CD. This audio is purely conversational - it isn't a guide to help you speak sentence by sentence. Each conversation goes by fairly quickly and does not repeat or break down the parts for you. I think the only way to fully immerse yourself in Italian (or any languages) is to live in that country for at least a few yrs. or so.

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Excellent! I bought this book at a Half Price Bookstore and was my first introduction to my Italian (not to language). If it is your first time learning a language, this isn't for you. I have studied Latin which was an outline for all the grammar found in most languages. So, great book!

THIS IS A VERY GOOD BEGINNER'S BOOK. THE WORKBOOK PART IS A LITTLE CONFUSING BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF EXPRESSING IN ITALIAN THE EXAMPLES GIVEN IN ENGLISH THAT ONE HAS TO TRANSLATE. SOME OF THE ENGLISH IDIOMS ARE JUST NOT SUITABLE TO BE TRANSLATED INTO ITALIAN. A PRIMER FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE A "PRIMER"

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