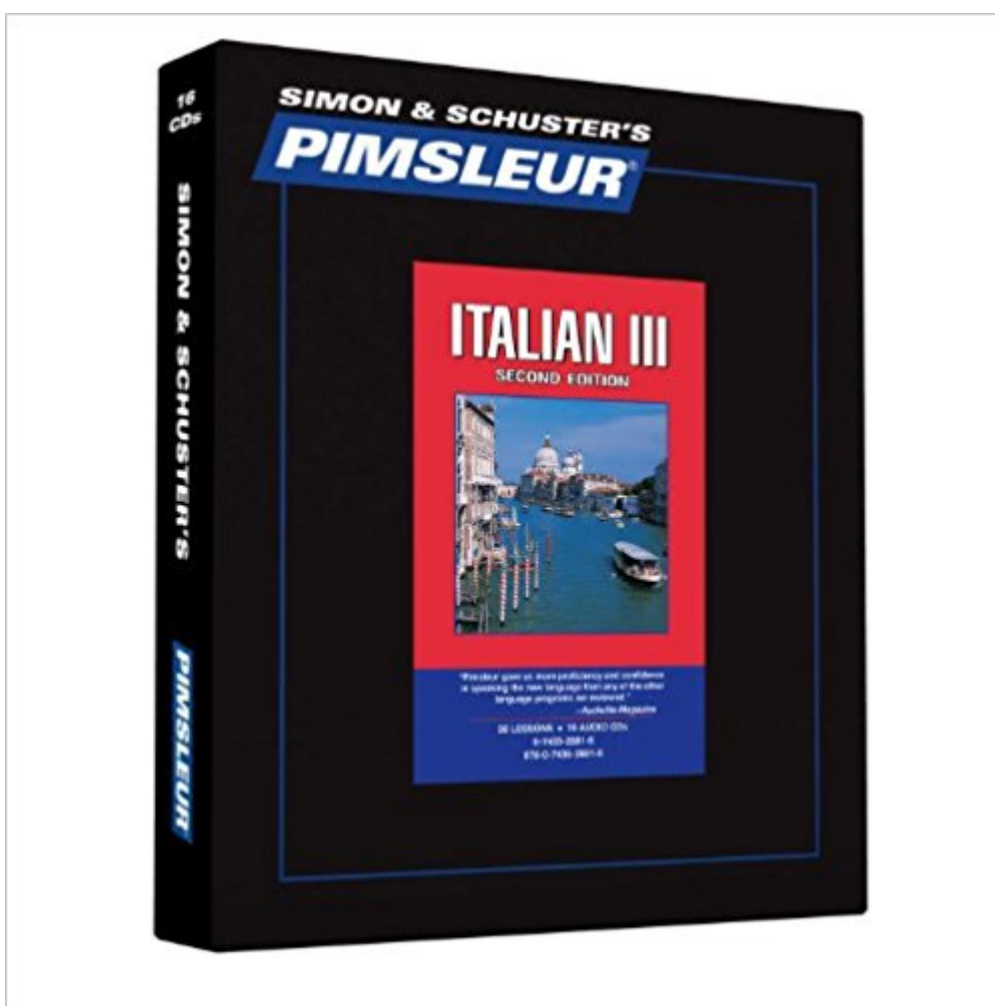


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# Pimsleur Italian Level 3 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Italian With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## 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 Levels 1 and 2.** In the first 10 lessons, you will expand your vocabulary and increase your fluency to an even higher level. You'll gain experience participating in many informal and some formal discussions on practical, social, and semiprofessional topics. You'll skillfully form longer, more complex sentences, and most importantly, you'll find yourself being understood, even by native speakers unused to dealing with foreigners. You'll be able to join in conversations eagerly, confident of being understood. In the next 10 lessons, your skills will demonstrate ever-increasing mastery of Italian. Speaking with grace and complete naturalness, you'll enjoy fluid conversations on many new subjects. Delving deeper into cultural norms and situations, you'll find yourself responding effortlessly, and able to choose from a wide accumulation of vocabulary and structures. In the final 10 lessons, you're nearing fluency with agile responses, and a natural sounding, near-native accent. You're able to utilize the language in subtle ways, and speak using past, present, and future tenses. Self-confidence soars as you no longer experience the language and culture as a foreigner, but as someone with a deepening insight into the Italian-speaking world. 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, to provide vocabulary and improve pronunciation. Before you know it, you'll be reading Italian with the ease and flexibility of a native speaker.

**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.

Yes, it's repetitive. Yes, it's geared to Americans. Yes, the vocabulary is limited. BUT you learn SYNTAX and BASIC CONVERSATION if you just do it for a half hour a day. Your pronunciation will sound more Italian. Your word order will be Italian word order rather than English word order. Take a walk while you do it. Lie in bed while you do it. Clean your kitchen while you do it. Shovel snow while you do it. As for learning new vocabulary, reading, and writing, try the Practice Makes Perfect series of workbooks. Each workbook focuses on a specific issue. For example, "Italian Pronouns and Prepositions" and "Italian Conversation" are two of the titles offered. And/or take a class at your local community college. But just keep on showing up a half hour a day with Pimsleur.

I have been using this course since level one while commuting. Using it daily is a form of immersion. Since it's all verbal you tend to think in phrases which makes sentence construction easier. Grammar is implied rather than stated so I make sentences more because they sound right rather than thinking through grammatical rules. The emphasis is on providing a frame work of action sentences in which you can later plug in various words. You would need to expand your vocabulary through rote memorization later.

How did you learn your primary language. Everyone learns by first hearing, then speaking. Reading

and writing come later. Pimsleur approaches language learning by a clever process of repetition which keeps you interested and gradually, at first, stretches out your memory. I finished course 1 and 2. I am almost done with 3 and have 4 waiting to process. This is worth the money if you are really interested in learning fairly painlessly. My driving commute gives me time to do two lessons a day or go over a tough one several times. Great Product.

This is the third Pimsleur set I've used for my Italian. I use it in conjunction with some other Italian language resources and it's really easy to learn the language without doing repetitious drills. I often use it while driving, so it's very time-efficient.

It was adequate, older version but acceptable.

I've been doing the Pimsleur approach for six months, and I'm already at Level 3. This is a very powerful and effective way to learn.

As expected, Pimsleur Italian 3 has more than met my expectations. My vocabulary and confidence with conversation has dramatically increased with this course level. I am looking forward to continuing on with Pimsleur Italian 4.

Two reasons that this product works well:(1) For one who has only car time to learn language, the Pimsleur CDs are great, as long as you don't mind looking like you're talking to yourself while driving (which you are!).(2) The graduated lessons, with carefully planned reinforcement, promote natural language learning, the same way a child learns his first language -- perception first, production second.

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