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Teach Yourself One-Day Italian (Book + 1CD) (TY: Language Guides)



Synopsis

FAST, FOCUSED LESSONS FOR ANY TRAVELER WHO NEEDS TO LEARN THE ESSENTIALS OF A NEW LANGUAGE TODAY. . Most travelers heading to a foreign land aren't looking to become fluent in the native tongue; they just need to learn enough to get by. The Teach Yourself One-Day audio series supplies time-pressed vacationers and businesspersons with 50 key words and a handful of essential phrases and is today's most effective, no-nonsense foreign language crash course.. The entertaining and remarkably informative 75-minute CD provides real-time instruction as author Elisabeth Smith teaches language essentials to a fellow airline passenger, while the eight page booklet outlines key words and phrases from the CD in written form. All the basic necessities are covered, including: . Meeting and greeting . Getting about . Asking for things. Shopping . Having a drink . Dealing with problems. Dining at a restaurant. .

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Elisabeth Smith has been teaching languages worldwide for 30 years. After the run-away success of her "instant" courses she now offers busy vacationers a ONE-DAY solution..

I took a trip to Italy and wanted to learn just enough conversational Italian to get by - this CD was PERFECT! I played it in the car whenever I was driving, and the learning was effortless. The only caveat I would add is that this is more like one MONTH Italian, rather than one DAY Italian. Still, it is well worth the money. I highly recommend it!

Excellent! Well worth the money. Easy to pick up on key Italian phrases.

I have now used the one-day Italian, French and German and all have been fantastic for learning some basic words to get about in the respective countries. You aren't going to learn the language, of course, but you can quickly and enjoyably develop a bit of an ear for it, as well as learn basic phrases needed for eating and getting around. I highly recommend this CD.

this cd is the second one in the series. I found it very informative and easy to follow this is a must for casual travellers

I recently purchased Teach Yourself One-Day Italian before a trip to Venice, Italy. I purchased the CD as a supplement to a 16 lessons set of Pimsleur Italian I had purchased and Michel Thomas' Deluxe Italian 8 CD set. I was very impressed with Elisabeth Smith's format and presentation. Far superior to any one CD language lesson I have come across and listened to. The CD provides exactly what it offers - 50 important words and a few sentences to help you on vacation. The format was very entertaining and instructive. It was easy and fun to listen to the CD over and over again as reinforcement of the learning process. I highly recommend this CD to anyone who wants to learn a few basic words and sentences before a trip. I was so impressed that I purchased all of Elisabeth Smith's other Teach Yourself One-Day CDs (French, German, Spanish and Greek). They all follow the same format. I always appreciate knowing a few basic words of the language of the country I am visiting. Typically, I use Pimsleur Level 1 CDs to get a basic grasp of a language and learn how to correctly pronounce the words. However, Pimsleur is costly. For those interested in just learning a few words at a great cost, you can't go wrong purchasing any of the Teach Yourself One-Day language CDs. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because she made me want to learn another 50 words right away. I would immediately purchase any CD Ms. Smith would put out that offered to teach me 100 to 300 basic words and sentences using a similar learning format. Thank you for a great product. I only hope others will purchase these little gems to keep them in circulation.

If you are going to Italy and you don't know any Italian - get this CD and listen to it before you go. I listened to it in my car on the way to work for several days before my recent trip to Italy and it was great. 50 very useful words and excellent pronunciation. It was great learning by listening and Elisabeth Smith has a great demeanor on the audio tracks that keeps you interested in learning the language. The words she taught I used every day I was in Italy. They helped me give a very good impression to the Italians I dealt with in train stations, bakeries, restaurants and hotels and even on the street. Just by saying a few words in Italian generated immediate empathy for me as a traveler by the Italians I met and they would then go out of their way to help me. This CD made my trip to Italy much more enjoyable. Elisabeth did a good job pacing the teaching so it built your confidence in speaking the new Italian words. She stuck to what was practical and usable. I highly recommend this CD to anyone traveling to Italy. I just bought her One-Day German CD for my daughter who will be studying in Berlin in a few weeks so she can pick up a little traveler's German. I was delighted when I found Elisabeth had produced a German CD. My daughter specifically asked if she had because I had let my daughter use the One-Day Italian CD by Elisabeth and she loved it, too. And my daughter has taken 6 years of French and is much better at languages than I am. So go out and get this CD, you'll be glad you did.

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