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Easy Italian Phrase Book: 770 Basic Phrases For Everyday Use (Dover Language Guides Italian)



Synopsis

Here's the perfect book to use when you're traveling to Italy for business or pleasure — or whenever fast, effective communication in Italian is needed. This handy, sturdy volume contains more than 770 basic phrases that provide the practical language necessary for most everyday situations. Designed for use as a quick reference tool and an easy study guide, Easy Italian Phrase Book is the perfect companion when traveling abroad or for reading at odd moments in order to learn a few phrases each day. Included are basic phrases used in: making yourself understood; general expressions; restaurants and specialty shops; phone conversations; boat, plane, and train travel; making hotel reservations; and much more. Each phrase in this inexpensive and easy-to-use book is accompanied by a phonetic pronunciation guide, and a complete index makes word and phrase location quick and easy.

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Customer Reviews

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I am just learning Italian and this book has been very helpful! I needed a book to help me with pronunciation and this is just what I received with this book. As a beginner of Italian, I really need the help of how to pronounce the Italian words. I wish more books/workbooks did this. I am glad I bought this book and would recommend it if you don't know how to pronounce Italian. We also just started Duolingo on our phone and purchased Rosetta Stone Italian to have with the little ones. This

book is a great price at \$3.50! I bought several more to have in our home for family to use as we're learning.

I purchased this as a gift for a friend that was interested in learning Italian. Its a great book for learning basic phrases. She absolutely loved it and said it was easier to read than most (learning) Italian language books. I would definitely purchase this again where it was so well received and came in super handy on her trip to Naples!

The title promises 770 basic phrases. Easily three quarters or more of these "phrases" are simply the same phrase repeated, with only a word or two difference. An example from page 34: Phrase #424 is "I should like to have [some cake]." Phrases 425 - 430 then tell you how to say you want pie, cheese, cookies, custard, chocolate ice cream and vanilla ice cream. Hm, couldn't I just have consulted a pocket dictionary? Meanwhile, the section on "Difficulties and Repairs", (i.e. situations where you might really need a phrase book), there are a mere 13 phrases! I found this book nearly useless for my purposes. There aren't nearly enough phrases to rely on the book as an on-the-spot, pocket communication tool, largely because it substitutes too much vocabulary for phraseology. And yet it doesn't have nearly enough vocabulary to make me feel like I could get away without having a pocket dictionary.

In part, the problem with this phrase book is the way the material is organized. Since the target readership probably knows very little about the Italian Language (that would be people like me), the most commonly used words and short phrases (like "Thank you" or "Please" or "Where is . . . ?" should be listed first, and serious thought given to how buyers might need to use the book. It contains rather a lot of conversational material that is not likely to be needed or used by tourists. If your need is for basic words and phrases to help you get information or communicate briefly, you can probably find a better thought-out book. On the positive side, the price is excellent.

Very basic phrases that help you communicate. I like that the sections are categorized by specific topics/themes. Quick and to the point.

Too generic. Not the most useful phrases for travelers.

A fun book. would be helpful for travel.

A bit dated but very helpful

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