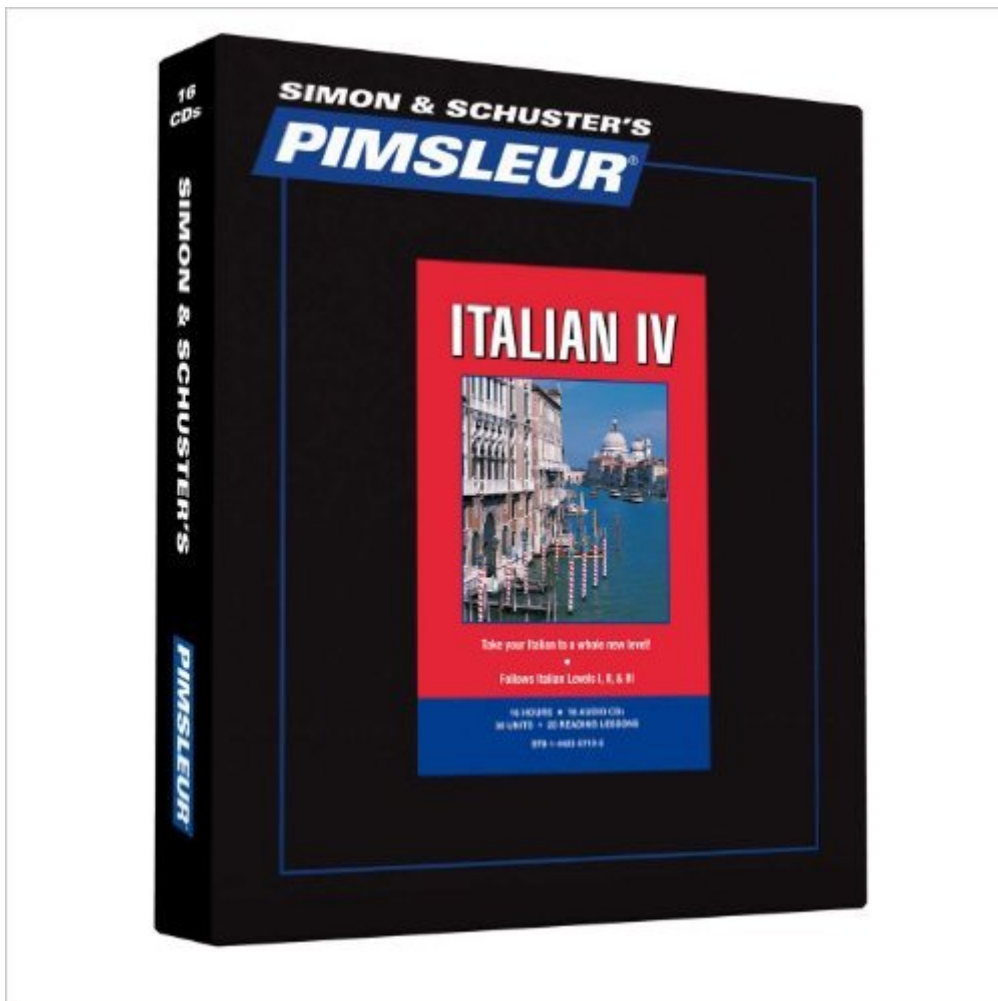


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# Pimsleur Italian Level 4 CD: Learn To Speak And Understand Italian With Pimsleur Language Programs (Comprehensive)



## 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, over 16 hours of audio, all featuring native speakers - a Reading Booklet and User's Guide What You'll Learn Thirty 30-minute lessons totaling 15 hours of spoken Italian language learning, plus one hour of Reading Lessons. Builds upon skills taught in Pimsleur's Italian Levels 1-3. You'll be speaking and understanding Italian with near-fluency and with a broad range of conversational skills. In Level 4 the pace and conversation moves more rapidly, accelerating exposure to new vocabulary and structures, and approaching native speed and comprehension. You'll learn to speak about your profession, needs, likes and dislikes, and to create complex sentences discussing the past, present and future. A few of the topics included in Italian Level 4: - Accommodations: In addition to learning about accommodation options, you'll inquire about amenities and local activities and events, get help with luggage, and ask about restaurant options and schedules. - Activities: biking, horseback riding, visiting art galleries, describing abstract qualities, seeing the opera, a theatrical performance or a concert in a variety of venues, sightseeing and touring ruins, churches and palaces. Checking schedules, buying tickets, taking a boat tour, a ferryboat or a cruise, visiting an aquarium or a winery. Attending cultural events and visiting iconic locations. - Shopping: trying on and buying various items of clothing, asking for colors and sizes, buying gifts and souvenirs, describing qualities of items, finding an ATM, going to an open-air market, haggling over prices, negotiating a discount, discussing shipping options and methods of payment. - Vacationing: visiting an agriturismo and participating in outdoor activities in a

variety of locations, going to the beach or swimming pool. Booking in high or low season, dealing with crowds, getting around using a variety of transportation. - Dealing with Unforeseen Events • A trip to the emergency room, describing an accident, getting assistance, losing or forgetting personal items, rescheduling an engagement, finding the way on the map. - Renting or Buying a Home: Learn to talk about desired location and neighborhood, specifying requirements like furnished or unfurnished, describing qualities, views and space requirements. - Family and friends: conversing informally with and about friends and extended family • cousins, aunts, grandparents; meeting distant relatives, specifying relationships, telling family stories, describing family history, and talking informally about everyday situations. - Recipes / Food: Trying new food, discussing preparation, expressing likes and preferences, exploring regional specialties, tasting and describing qualities of wine and food. - Small talk: expressing opinions, wishes, and stating views; asking how someone is feeling, telling stories about people or places. Reading Lessons are included at the end of Lesson 30 and are designed to expand your vocabulary, expose you to a variety of cultural events, and give you practice reading and hearing Italian. 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 Italian and Austria and is one of the official languages of Switzerland. It is also an official language in Belgium, Lichtenstein, and Luxembourg. Nearly 100 million people speak Italian as their first

language: about 77 million in Italian, 8 million in Austria, and 4.5 million in Switzerland. 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

I like this fourth course. It builds on everything that came before. There is more vocabulary per lesson in this latest course, and lots of drill on the passato prossimo, and all those pesky articles, adverbs, etc. I like it. I think one might find it most useful to go through the entire set and then do it again to see if all the info was retained. That is what I have done and it helped to know exactly what I was forgetting so I could drill those areas. I also try to write stories using the vocabulary and grammar so that I use new material in new ways. *Mi sono divertita mentre imparare la lingua.*

The booklet says to throw away paper and pencil, as you won't need them. I would not agree. I'd say these cds are a good supplement to paper and pencil type exercises, but not a substitute for them. For what they are, however, I think they're very good. The exercises build upon one another and I'm finding them very helpful.

Love these CDs. I use them on my commute to and from work (no time for a class) and feel like I've made steady progress learning just a little at a time, with the regular review built-in. I usually do one

30 minute lesson on the way home and then do it again the next morning on my way to work. Some are more difficult for me, so I've done some lessons more than that. I take weekends off usually, so it takes me more than six weeks to get through a whole set. I really like that while the English instructions are spoken by an English speaker, all of the Italian is by a native Italian speaker, so I can hear the proper accent. I have ordered from this vendor before and as always received the product promptly and well-packaged. No complaints.

Pimsleur has been a very useful adjunct to learning Italian for me. I have bought several of the levels from Language Secrets. Their prices are much lower than other vendors and items are always shipped in a timely fashion.

Pimsleur is a relatively painless way to start learning a new language. I'm midway through level 4 and it gets you speaking Italian. I found that by level 3 you really need to study the grammar and spelling separately. Trying to intuit this from listening to conversation is difficult. There are various free apps like Duolingo that can get you started on this. Also, level 4 comes in a digital format that you can use on your phone and is much more convenient.

This is an excellent program, like all of the Pimsleur courses. There is a variety of topics, and a variety of grammatical structures (conditionals, imperfects, subjunctives, etc.). My only gripe is that some of the vocab is pretty obscure. The one weakness of all Pimsleur courses is that the total amount of vocab learned is not very great (probably less than 200 words per 30 lessons), and so ideally they should all be really useful. But this course has words like "bas-reliefs" and "cross-country skiing" (and "downhill skiing"). One lesson has a line "her grandmother was a ski champion" -- how useful is that? But overall still an excellent course. Tip: look for it in the library.

This is the absolute best and easiest way to learn a language. I do Rosetta Stone and Yabla and enjoy dual language books but I have by far learned and retained more with Pimsleur. Give it a try you will not be disappointed. I'm 46 years old so don't think because of age you can't learn a language.

Now that I am on Level 4 of the series, I can see that the Pimsleur method does indeed help me substantially with pronunciation and memorization of sentence structure. I just wish, for myself personally, that the subject matter was less business focused, but I can see where that might be a

real plus for someone who travels to Italy primarily for work. There is much talk of conferences, appointments, and other office stuff. I would prefer more general conversation topics. No one has ever talked about their pets, for instance. Just a minor point though. It is, generally speaking, a very good series. And maybe they will get to pets. I'm only on disc two of Level 4.

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