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I didn't like this course book. Most of the book only gives you common words to memorize. During the entire book it doesn't mention the present tense of the most important verbs like to have, to be, to make, to be able to. So if you want to just say key words after this course book that is possible. Without knowing the most common verbs you won't be able to put them in sentences. Now if you know another Latin language like Spanish or Portuguese perhaps this book can be useful as long as you study the common verbs like *essere*, *avere*, *andare*, *fare* and *potere* on your own. If you don't know any foreign Latin language then I don't see where this book will help you.

I am very pleased with Berlitz's products. Of all the other learning systems I've tried (electronic and book) Berlitz has been my go to product for learning languages. Granted, the Basic Italian and Intermediate Italian books (the counterpart of Basic Italian, is Berlitz's Intermediate Italian. Its cover is similar, but different picture and wording) have only two tests per book. Berlitz could have gone into more depth of quizzing the student(s) to help them learn Italian to the max, and concentrate more on grammar instead of basic phrases for the lessons. However, the "helpful tips" sometimes at the end of each lesson helps to clear up any grammar questions and things of the like. ~Shiruba
Rose

Havent used it much yet...just received it. But, it seems like it is a very well put together course. One that actually teaches you useable Italian instead of a bunch of words you'll never use. It starts off giving you ideal information that'll help you check-in to your hotel...by example. Whoever compiled the course remembered what all transpired when they checked in at an Italian hotel & used it as an example. Again, a useful course & the price was more than OK!

I was hoping for a cheap version of Rosetta Stone, but this is just an update of the old "hear me pronounce the word" cassette tape systems available for years. I finally gave up and will go to Italy with my phrase book. Anybody want to buy my lightly used copy of this, contact me! ;-)

I've studied a lot of languages on my own and have struggled with finding material for language self-study. THIS is by far the best material for studying Italian - interesting, fun, interactive, the perfect speed for pronunciation, and despite being Berlitz uses sound methodology - communicative method of teaching. I have tried Teach Yourself series (awful, speak too fast) and Italian Now (yawn!). Don't waste your money on anything else.[...]

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