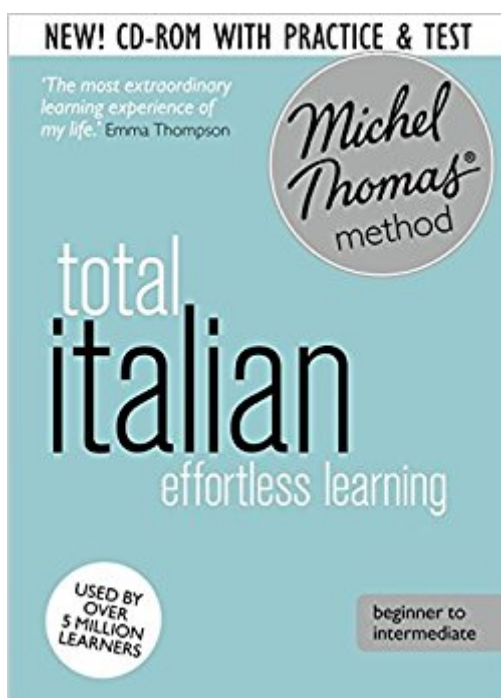


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Total Italian Foundation Course: Learn Italian With The Michel Thomas Method



Synopsis

Looking for a convenient language course that fits your lifestyle and gets you speaking a new language in a matter of hours? The acclaimed audio-led Michel Thomas Method Total Italian course, endorsed by celebrities, executives and learners worldwide, will deliver the results you want. How does it work? During the course, you will join Michel and two students in a live lesson, learning from both their successes and their mistakes to keep you motivated and involved throughout the course. You, as the learner, become the third student and participate actively in the class. Within the very first hour you will be able to construct simple phrases by listening and thinking out answers for yourself without the pressure of writing or memorizing. You learn through your own language, so there's no stress, and no anxiety. You'll stick with it because you'll love it. Why is the method so successful? The Michel Thomas Method was perfected over 50 years by celebrated psychologist and linguist Michel Thomas. This unique method works with your brain and draws on the principles of instructional psychology. Knowledge is structured and organised so that you assimilate the language easily and don't forget it. The method breaks down the language into building blocks that are introduced sequentially in such a way that you create your response and move on to ever-more-complex sentences. There is no need to stop for homework, additional exercises or vocabulary memorization, so you progress rapidly. What's in the Course? Total Italian with the Michel Thomas Method includes up to 7 hours of audio on CD and a practice CD-ROM with interactive activities and assessment which should be done after the course and as a means of review. *Note that the content is the same as the previously entitled Foundation course, but with the addition of a CD-ROM. Learn anywhere Don't be tied to chunky books or your computer, Michel Thomas Method audio courses let you learn whenever you want: at home, in your car, or on the move with your MP3 player. Where do I go next? Perfect Italian follows on from the Total course with 10 hours of audio and a practice CD-ROM.

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Michel Thomas (1914-2005) had an amazing life. Born in Poland, he spent his early years in Germany and then in France, where he studied psychology at the Sorbonne in Paris. When war broke out, he fought with the Resistance and suffered imprisonment in labour camps. At the end of the war he joined the US liberation army and later settled in the US where he established his world-famous language school. For more than 50 years he taught languages to the rich and famous and was the world's most sought-after language teacher. After creating several courses of his own, he passed on his method so that other teachers might use it too.

This is a great product, and you do start to pick up phrases quite easily and intuitively. There are limitations to such an "express" learning methodology. I found that interpreting written Italian was quite difficult, especially when it didn't follow the formulaic construction of sentences as prescribed by Michele Thomas. In short, this is a great product to give you enough Italian language skills to get by in Italy. In fact, if you're flying from the west coast to Italy, you can finish the entire set during your flight (assuming you're willing to stay up the entire flight!). If you're doing this to become a truly fluent speaker, this is perhaps not the best product for you.

I have learned Portuguese from the Michel Thomas cd's and now speak almost fluently. I also have the Arabic cd's which are really good. Those cd's were amazing, but the instructors were different and she utilized native speakers. At first with the Italian cd's, I got excited seeing that Michel

Thomas himself was teaching the course. However, disappointingly, he's not as good of a teacher as those from the other cd's. At one point he mispronounced an English word that made the students on the cd misunderstand him and then he made it seem like they were wrong. He also doesn't thoroughly explain things at times and doesn't go into the "they" form of verbs or the informal "you" at all. I still have learned a lot and feel comfortable speaking Italian when I go to Italy but this cd wasn't as good as some of the others.

Practical way to learn a language for touring. The student recordings do make it a little confusing, but it can also help identify common mistakes.

Have learned other languages using other methods. This version of Italian was frustrating listening to students who didn't know how to compose or say the phrases correctly. I wanted to hear the correct way to say the phrases.

While I agree, on principal, that Thomas' method is a good approach, potential buyers should be aware that these courses are NOT Italian for the casual traveler. If you think it is necessary to know how to express "I would like to have been able to do it yesterday", and differentiate that from "I wish I would have been able to do it yesterday", then these lessons are for you. But, if you think it better to know to politely ask for the best table in the corner of the restaurant with the view of the park, then you might want to reconsider. My own experience (as of disk 5) is that I tend zone out on the lessons that involve convoluted verb tenses, while I wait for the less frequent sections of useful phrases and concepts. Of course, your mileage may vary.

Excellent and effective way to learn a language. I love Michel Thomas!!

The product arrived before expected which was great. Micheal is a wonderful teacher.

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