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Ultimate Italian Advanced (Book And CD Set): Includes Comprehensive Coursebook And 8 Audio CDs (Ultimate Advanced)



Synopsis

Available September 2003
Created for the serious language-learner, our deluxe Ultimate Italian Advanced course has been revised and updated. It teaches a sophisticated level of conversation and grammar and is equivalent to two years of college study. Free additional exercises are now available on line!
Perfect for the businessperson and anyone traveling or living abroad, Ultimate Italian Advanced course contains a 400+ page book with eight 60-minute CDs covering 20 lessons. Each lesson includes lively, up-to-date dialogues, vocabulary, exercises, culture notes, and detailed explanations of grammar and usage.
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• Ideal for anyone planning to live or conduct business abroad
• Includes extensive business vocabulary and details of business etiquette
• Free extra practice on line with more than 100 additional practice sections
• Updated with new vocabulary and information about culture and everyday life; and now include references to the euro
• Now available on CD for ease in moving between lessons
• perfect for use in the car, at the gym, or anywhere you please

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“A really great package for those who do not have the time to sit in a classroom, or the money to spend on two years in a foreign country.”
—Juergen Kempff, Ph.D., Curriculum Director, University of California-Irvine
“Authentic, enlightening and useful!”
I like the fact that the business section was closely related to the dialogue.
It makes the learning process more fun and realistic.
—Marisa

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Text: English, Italian --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

I am very pleased with the quality of this product. I studied Italian for four years in college, but haven't really had the chance to use much of it in the 20 years since. I was planning a trip to Italy and wanted a refresher course, and this was just what the doctor ordered. The dialogues are relevant, entertaining, and realistic. The grammar is--well it's grammar, what can I say? A very good choice for someone with a good yet rusty background in Italian.

The written dialogs and exercises in the book are terrific. They are the only good advanced-level exercises that I have found. But I have to echo what others say about the CDs/tapes. I used to live in Italy and can speak my far-from-perfect Italian pretty quickly, but about 25% of the time, the practice phrases on the CD, as spoken by the native Italian speakers, last longer than the amount of time that they give you to repeat the phrase. In other words, a native Italian speaker probably couldn't rattle it off so quickly. This is really annoying in the car. But they do give you enough time for the majority of the phrases, so I guess the CDs are of some assistance.

I am constantly searching for new materials to advance my Italian and I was not disappointed with this set. After just three weeks of listening and reviewing the materials I feel that I have improved my comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. I listen to the CDs repeatedly when I work out. As a result, idioms, word order and ways of expressing ideas in Italian area seeming more natural to me. As a result, I feel confident carrying on conversations with my Italian friends. I am not tired of the set yet, and continue to get more and more out of it everytime I listen. Very meaty and helpful material. Great job!

Learned french then italian with this system.

Yes, indeed! This is advanced. I have seen complaints about it's cds being too fast, not enough time to repeat and so on... Which is what made me buy it. It is indeed what I had hoped for. An advanced book in its true sense! Typically we consider ourselves advanced when we are a bit better than at the beginning stage. With this book you would have to feel like you master the language to really enjoy it!

Good value;very well organized

a friend suggested this course and it is an excellent book (it has CD's that I borrowed) and came in very good condition and worth the price

Finally a course that is really good. I bought some courses before but none of them are comparable to this one.

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