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Synopsis

One of the most popular and successful beginning self-teaching language courses of its kind, Berlitz Basic offers a general introduction to a foreign language, with a particular emphasis on listening and speaking. Audio and text support provide a dual approach: Native speakers reinforce the audio's conversational focus, while the study guide provides exercises to test progress.

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Customer Reviews

This is a very good beginner/introduction course for comprehension and one of the few that applies the principle of listening to only the target language in action instead of translating and switching back and forth from English... But reading the other reviews here, there seems to be confusion as to what to expect. First of all: this is NOT a "travelers" course, so don't expect these tapes to just drill you on specific phrases to order food, check into hotels and change money... The market is packed with travelers language tapes and courses that will better serve those needs (such as the Berlitz Travel series). But this is Basic Italian which means its fundamental goal is to get one thinking and responding in Italian starting from scratch, so of course it begins by using some very simple sentences such as "I want... you want.." and "Who is listening to music?.. Mario is listening to music" (as the lessons progress it does get more complex but never too much so). So this isn't a course for memorizing set phrases and "canned speech" as much as it is for learning the fundamentals of speech and grammar in action. Second: Unless you already have some level of

experience in Italian, these tapes are NOT meant to be listened to on their own without the included textbook. Basic Italian is not to be confused with the "Learn in Your Car" or "Pimsleur" series as an audio-only course... absolute beginners with no knowledge of Italian MUST begin by following along the textbook and reading all the sidebar information in English as to understand what is happening and why.

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