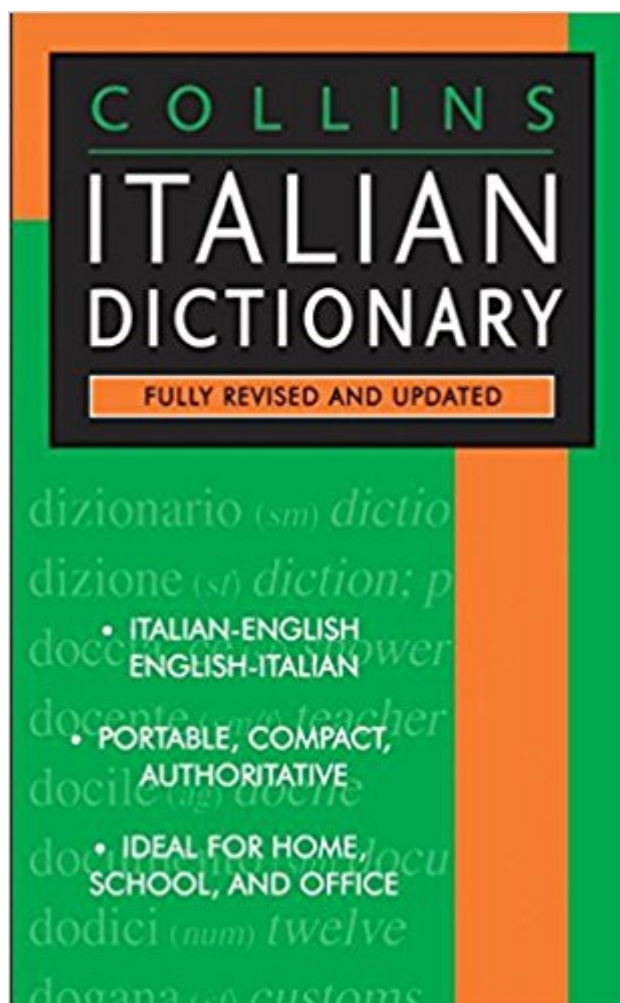




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# Collins Italian Dictionary (Collins Language)



## Synopsis

Collins Italian Dictionary  
Up-to-date coverage of today's language  
Offers over 40,000 entries and 70,000 translations  
Easy-to-use format  
Contains commonly used phrases and idioms  
Main irregular verb forms given  
Includes most common abbreviations, acronyms, and geographic names  
Pronunciations for English and Italian shown in the International Phonetic Alphabet

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## Customer Reviews

The new concise edition of The Collins Italian Dictionary offers comprehensive coverage of today's language with over 190,000 entries and translations, and a comprehensive grammar supplement that teaches how to speak and write in fluent, natural Italian. With over 80,000 references and 115,000 translations, this dictionary is designed to give up-to-date coverage in a practical, user-friendly format. The Collins Italian Concise Dictionary, 5th ed., will help any user understand the language of the Italian media and of contemporary literature, and includes business and computing terms. It also features special keywords and entries on aspects of Italian life and culture. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I started studying Italian about 2 months ago, with weekly lessons in preparation for a trip to Italy. As an adult learner working on my own, I quickly realized that a good dictionary was indispensable, and I wanted something with decent size print, and compact enough that I could carry it with me when in

Italy. Not only did the Collins dictionary satisfy all my needs, but it included a very useful and thorough review of grammar in the rear of the book, which I found very helpful in reviewing verbs and other challenges as I was learning. My Italian teacher, who has several such dictionaries, was also very impressed. I like it so much that I'm thinking of buying Collins language dictionaries for Spanish and French if they are organized like this one.

I've wanted this dictionary for quite a long while as most of my fellow classmates were using it last year. Finally I decided to order it at because my local Barnes & Noble book store did not have it in stock. It arrived in time for my first class this semester. Happily I got it out of my bag and placed it on my desk but then realized that everyone else in the class had a more recent edition. The edition I received was the 4th; everyone else who was in class with me last year already had the 5th edition. Thus the reason for the 3\*s--because did not send me the most current edition. Otherwise, this is an excellent dictionary and I strongly recommend it to those studying Italian.

I bought it to replace Mondadori's(1971) in similar format, but it doesn't. E.g., it defines "falegname" as "joiner" (what the hell is that? British?) while the old one defines it as "carpenter," which fits the context exactly. It also lacks some older words but includes some newer ones. I'd rather have one big dictionary than these two.Tom C

I have been a long time "studentessa Italiana" and was looking for a concise portable Italian dictionary that I could rely on but also did not want to add much additional weight to my bag when traveling. Well....I found this Collins dictionary to be quite portable and still covers over 40,000 entries. I currently own two Oxford Dictionaries, although they are the best but both are too heavy to use for travel. Another excellent dictionary is from Amsco Publications but it has not been updated. The only down side of the Collins book is the quality of the pages. They are like newsprint and are rather thin. If you are willing to overlook that part, then this book would be a great choice for travel and "un buon mercato".

The dictionary has a very nice price.

Nice format, good book size to handle easily, vast amount of words, easy to read and logical to understand arrangement. A truly nice appendix about grammar. My only wish to the publisher would be: when accent marks indicating the stressed syllable in Italian words is drawn, use a more

pronounced, thicker mark. What is used, is barely visible. However, that is small criticism about just one detail. I still would strongly recommend this dictionary to people who study / use Italian.

Our family is going to Italy this summer, and we wanted a dictionary to help with knowing where we are and what we are eating while there. This dictionary does the trick very handily. I am very happy and satisfied with this dictionary.

Proving to be very useful for pronunciation and general reference!! I highly recommend this book!

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