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Berlitz Romanian Phrase Book & Dictionary





Synopsis

A fresh, crisp new design re-launches this perennial bestseller. More user-friendly thanks to improved color-coding and new categories, this is the phrase book created by the people for the people.

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Customer Reviews

There aren't very many Romanian language resources out there, so this is your best option. I got a ton of use out of this phrasebook while I was in Romania. It's small enough to carry around in pretty much any purse or even a deep pocket. Not all the translations are perfect, but you will at least be able to get your point across. The book is sorted into categories and situations you might run into, which is useful. For example, there was a transportation section which helped when I was trying to buy a train ticket at the window. While many Romanians speak excellent English, everyone I spoke to was very happy I was at least trying to speak a little Romanian. I did also run into a few locals who didn't speak any English so this was a very helpful tool.

This is an excellent phrase book that does not always display word for word interpretations of Romanian expressions and also does not always teach the reader the proper phonics for the Romanian language. The reader needs to understand that a book cannot do these things because some of the Romanian expressions, vowels, and consonants do not exist in the English language. Having taken three vacations in Romania and a couple of basic CD language courses, I still find this

Berlitz Romanian phrase book an outstanding source of basic Romanian expressions that a tourist can use in Romania. I have memorized the useful sayings in this book, and I highly recommend it for English-speaking tourists going to one of the most beautiful countries on Earth.

Great little phrase book which is useful for translating on your own. I wouldn't depend on it for translations, though. As was mentioned earlier, it is missing some important things, sometimes omitting " \tilde{A} - \tilde{A} -". The biggest offender, though, was the phonetic translation for " \tilde{A} , \hat{A} f". It's supposed to be roughly "uh", but they describe the sound as "er". This is way too far from the actual sound to be of any use. I'm using the book for it's dictionary in the back, and for the phrases, which are very useful. Otherwise, I say stick to other books such as Complete Romanian published by Teach Yourself, and get the one with the CDs. Listening to the sounds will be very useful when first learning the language.

Easy to use and the small size fit perfectly in my backpack. My Romanian translators were critical of the pronunciation "key" and disagreed with the way the book explained the vowel sounds.

Otherwise, it was very helpful and I would recommend it to others who take the same mission trip as I do to Romania.

I love the size and the overall topics it covers. I like to have something in hand when I travel to another country and this turned out to be useful, just like the Lonely Planet phrase books I've previously used.

Great book! The phrases amd color break down make it so easy to find what you need

Our Romanian guide could not understand our attempts at simple things, luckily his English was excellent. In trying to help us he asked to see the book and explained our problems. The book was written clumsily with many errors.

Book was just great on our trip to Romania -- home of Vlad and Dracula, and our great friends. I was able to learn a few useful words and phrases on the plane to Bucharest. Thanks!

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