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Point It: Traveller's Language Kit - The Original Picture Dictionary - Bigger And Better (English, Spanish, French, Italian, German And Russian Edition)



Synopsis

Excerpt from page one -You may be fluent in many languages but sometimes you could find yourself -off the beaten track- where you cannot speak the language. -Point it- , is the answer with 1300 items to point at, is the answer. Everyone in the world will understand you. This passport-sized assistant is used not only by tourists but also by UN peacekeeping forces, Olympic athletes and speech therapists. The book is the result of the author's extensive travels.

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Customer Reviews

This is not only the cheapest book currently in print and included in this volume, it is possibly the bestselling photobook of all time. - The photobook- A History volume IIWarranting ten out of ten for imaginative traveling accessories, -point it- page-upon-page useful pictures. City Life, ManchesterThe solution is so simple that only a genius would have conceived it, a little book filled with photographs of everything you could ever want. The Guardian LondonGraf's creation contains 1300 photos of useful items. You'll never have to mime -roast chicken- again. HQ Magazine SydneyLet your pictures do the talking...Evening Standard London --From the Publisher

Dieter Graf is an architect and world traveler. point it reflects the experience he gained traveling in approximately 100 countries and spending three months going around the world by train.

I found this book really helpful. It's smaller and thinner than I expected, and the pictures are small, but it was a great universal tool. I mostly used it to show people where I was from, indicate what I

wanted to drink, clarify what type of meat I was ordering from menus, and ask where I could find a Western-style toilet. Book contents: Food - Table setup, animals & meats, grains, beverages, vegetables & fruits, nuts
Hotel - Bathroom fixtures, room type, bed sizes, room fixtures, amenities, camping gear, trailers & tents
Transportation - Trains, cars, vans, taxis, boats, planes, buses, bikes, gondolas, parking lots, problematic situations (being boxed in, car accident, etc.)
weather
Shopping
Leisure & sport
Help & first aid
Several maps of the world and continents

This little book comes in handy during my aphasia group meetings. I am a speech-language pathologist (SLP). I run aphasia communication groups. Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder resulting from a "brain" thing. Most often, people acquire aphasia as a result of a stroke, but can also get it from a head injury, brain infection, tumor, progressive brain disorder, etc. Aphasia can impact communication output systems, such as talking, writing and making meaningful gestures (like gesturing for people to "come here") and/or communication input systems like understanding what you read, what people say to you or what gestures mean (like the gesture one might make if you cut them off in traffic). In my groups, people with aphasia use the books to point to items when they cannot say the word. The additional benefit is the small size. They fit into a pocket neatly.

I originally received this back in 2002 from a friend when I was headed to Europe for a study abroad program. I have since replaced it at least six times, because I keep giving it away to friends who are going to a place where they don't speak the language, and they have all reported back that they not only loved it, they used the heck out of it. I found it was most helpful when we were traveling to more remote areas where English wasn't as prevalent than in bigger cities. The map was probably the most used portion of the book, but there were many other photos that came in handy.

This is definitely helpful, but it is tiny. I mean, tiny. I guess I could have read the dimensions before purchasing and I guess the tiny size helps for it fitting in a handbag or pocket, I just expected it to be a little larger.

I may have to update this review once I actually use the book for an upcoming trip. My initial impression is that it's nice and small, about passport size but 2-3 times thicker which makes it convenient to carry around. However there are a TON of pictures, so you have to become more familiar with where everything is in order to know what to use in your "conversations" and find it quickly. I also thought the photos looked outdated, but as long as they get the point across, I won't

complain. I tried to imagine past scenarios where I would have found this book useful. There is one page that has all the basic colors, and the food pages would have been useful. I'm more doubtful about how the different medicines pictured would be helpful for me, since they are all pretty small, but we shall see.

borrowed one last year while in France and it was very useful. Most of the shop keepers in Paris speak some English but some words were difficult for them and all I had to do was point to a picture and it was "lightbulb" on time. I just purchased two, one for me and one for a friend leaving for Italy next month.

I discovered this series years ago and relied on it many times. These days, with instant translators, it's somewhat less useful but I still carry it with me. I do use it because it's often faster to flip to that picture of a chicken than to haul out the phone, hit the app, type in the word and hope it's accurate. I'd recommend it as a useful backup to your phone translation function.

This little book is perfect to slip into an envelope with your Bon Voyagecards. Even though many countries do speak English, friends have told me it was helpful for them in more than one situation. Plus, it works for every country and can be used again and again.

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