



The Sickness of the Italian Language: Is American-English Destroying the World s Most Beautiful Language?

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This pamphlet is dedicated to those English-speaking lovers of Italian who believe that the integrity of the most beautiful language in the world should not be surrendered to the vagaries of Anglo-American jargon. It is almost impossible to calculate how many words there are in any language. The only practical way is to try to identify those words that are considered fundamental and of these, those that are more commonly used. It has been calculated that the Italian language has about 260,000 fundamental words. Of these, 10,000 are generally known but only 2,000 are used on a daily basis. The percentage of foreign, mainly American-English, terms used by present-day Italians is said to vary between 1.7 and 8 of the total words in the Italian dictionary; no assessment has been made of what the percentage is of the 2,000 words in common use. One does not have to be a mathematical genius to draw a moral from these figures.! If, as this essay aims to show, the Italian language is sick, the fault is ours, the Italians



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