

The background of the cover is a vibrant, high-angle photograph of an outdoor cafe courtyard. The courtyard is paved with cobblestones and features several tables and chairs. Some tables are occupied by people, including a woman in a denim jacket and another in a blue shirt. There are also some tables with floral arrangements. The surrounding buildings are painted in warm colors like yellow and orange, with red-tiled roofs. A white patio umbrella is visible on the right side. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

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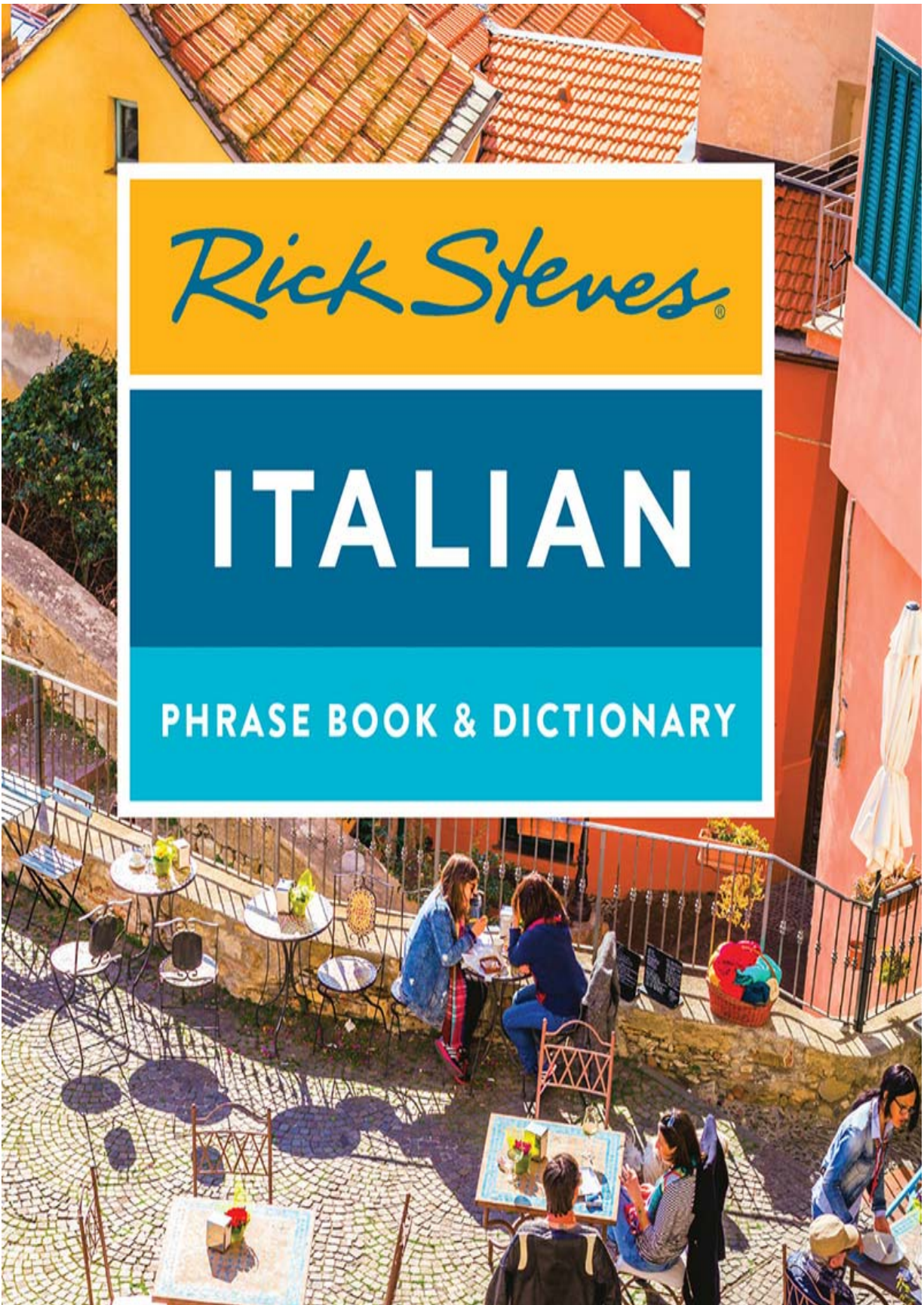
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Hi, I'm Rick Steves.

I'm the only monolingual speaker I know who's had the nerve to design a series of European phrase books. But that's one of the things that makes them better.

You see, after more than 30 years of travel through Europe, I've learned firsthand: (1) what's essential for communication in another country; and (2) what's not. I've assembled the most important words and phrases in a logical, no-frills format, and I've worked with native Europeans and seasoned travelers to give you the simplest, clearest translation possible.

But this book is more than just a pocket translator. The words and phrases have been carefully selected to help you have a smarter, smoother trip in Italy. The key to getting more out of every travel dollar is to get closer to the local people, and to rely less on entertainment, restaurants, and hotels that cater only to foreign tourists. This book will not only help you order a meal at a locals-only Venetian restaurant—but it will also help you talk with the family who runs the place...about their kids, travel dreams, and favorite flavors of **gelati**. Long after your memories of museums and Roman ruins have faded, you'll still treasure the personal encounters you had with your new Italian friends.

While I've provided plenty of phrases, you'll find it as effective to use even just a word or two to convey your meaning, and rely on context, gestures, and smiles to help you out. You could walk into a post office and struggle with the Italian phrase for "I would like to buy stamps for two postcards to the United States, please." Or you can walk up to the stamp counter, smile, show the clerk your postcards, and say "America, **per favore** (please)." And...presto!

You've got stamps. (For more advice, see the Tips for Hurdling the Language Barrier chapter on [here](#).)

To get the most out of this book, take the time to internalize and put into practice my Italian pronunciation tips. But don't worry too much about memorizing grammatical rules, like the gender of a noun—forget about sex, and communicate!

This book has a nifty menu decoder and a handy dictionary. You'll also find tongue twisters, international words, telephone tips, and two handy “cheat sheets.” Tear out the sheets and slip them into your pocket, so you can easily memorize key phrases during otherwise idle moments. A good phrase book should help you enjoy your travel experience—not just survive it—so I've added a healthy dose of humor. And as you prepare for your trip, you may want to read the latest edition of one of my many guidebooks on destinations in Italy.

Italians are more social and communal than most Europeans. And because they're so outgoing and their language is so fun, Italians are a pleasure to communicate with. Be melodramatic and talk with your *mani* (hands). Hear the melody; get into the flow. Italians want to connect, and they try harder than any other Europeans. Play with them. Even in non-touristy towns, where English is rare and Italian is the norm, showing a little warmth lets you hop right over the language barrier.

My goal is to help you become a more confident, extroverted traveler. If this phrase book helps make that happen, or if you have suggestions for making it better, I'd love to hear from you at [rick@ricksteves.com](mailto:rick@ricksteves.com).

***Buon viaggio!*** Happy travels!



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## Getting Started

User-friendly Italian is easy to get the hang of. Some Italian words are so familiar, you'd think they were English. If you can say *pizza*, *lasagna*, and *spaghetti*, you can speak Italian.

Italian pronunciation differs from English in some key ways:

**C** usually sounds like C in cat.

But C followed by E or I sounds like CH in chance.

**CH** sounds like C in cat.

**G** usually sounds like G in get.

But G followed by E or I sounds like G in gentle.

**GH** sounds like G in spaghetti.

**GLI** sounds like LI (pronounced lee) in million. The G is silent.

**GN** sounds like GN in lasagna.

**H** is never pronounced.

**I** sounds like EE in seed.

**R** is rolled as in brrravo!

**SC** usually sounds like SK in skip.

But SC followed by E or I sounds like SH in shape.  
Z usually sounds like TS in hits, and sometimes like the sound of  
DZ in kids.

You can communicate a lot with only a few key Italian words:  
***prego, va bene, così, questo/quello,*** and ***vorrei.***

***Prego*** (**preh-goh**) is the all-purpose polite word. It can mean  
“May I help you?” or “Here you go” or “You’re welcome” or  
“After you” (when someone’s holding the door for you).

***Va bene*** (**vah beh-nay**), meaning “It’s good,” is used constantly.  
It’s the all-purpose “OK” that you’ll hear a hundred times a day.

***Così*** (**koh-zee**) basically means “like this.” It can be handy, for  
instance, when ordering food (to show them how much of the  
eggplant you want on your ***antipasti*** plate).

***Questo*** (**kweh-stoh**, “this”) and ***quello*** (**kweh-loh**, “that”)  
combine conveniently with gestures. Just point to what you want  
and say ***quello***.

***Vorrei*** (**voh-reh-ee**) is an easy way to say “I would like.” It’s the  
standard and polite way to make a request in Italian. ***Vorrei un  
caffè, per favore*** (I would like a coffee, please).

A few language tips will help you learn some Italian and get the  
most out of this book. For instance, have you ever noticed that  
most Italian words end in a vowel? It’s ***o*** if the word is masculine  
and ***a*** if it’s feminine. So, a baby boy is a ***bambino*** and a baby girl  
is a ***bambina***. A man is ***generoso*** (generous), a woman is ***generosa***.  
In this book, we sometimes show gender-bender words like this:  
***generoso[a]***.

Adjective endings agree with the noun. It’s ***cara amica*** (a dear  
female friend) and ***caro amico*** (a dear male friend). Sometimes the  
adjective comes after the noun, as in ***vino rosso*** (red wine).  
Adjectives and nouns ending in ***e*** don’t change with the gender,

such as **gentile** (kind) or **cantante** (singer)—the same word applies to either sex.

Plurals are formed by changing the final letter of the noun: **a** becomes **e**, and **o** becomes **i**. So it's one **pizza** and two **pizze**, and one **cappuccino** and two **cappuccini**. If you're describing any group of people that includes at least one male, the adjective should end with **i**. But if the group is female, the adjective ends with **e**. A handsome man is **bello** and an attractive group of men (or men and women) is **belli**. A beautiful woman is **bella** and a bevy of beauties is **belle**.

The key to Italian inflection is to remember this simple rule: Most Italian words have their accent on the second-to-last syllable. To override this rule, Italians sometimes insert an accent: **città** (city) is pronounced chee-**ta**h.

Italians are animated and even dramatic. You may think two Italians are arguing when in reality they're agreeing enthusiastically. Be confident and have fun communicating. The Italians really do want to understand you, and are forgiving of a Yankee-fied version of their language.

Here's a quick guide to the phonetics used in this book:

<b>ah</b>	like A in father
<b>ay</b>	like AY in play
<b>eh</b>	like E in let
<b>ee</b>	like EE in seed
<b>ehr</b>	sounds like "air"
<b>ew</b>	like EW in few
<b>g</b>	like G in go
<b>ī</b>	like I in light
<b>oh</b>	like O in note
<b>oo</b>	like OO in too

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**ow**            like OW in now

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**s**                like S in sun

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**ts**             like TS in hits

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# Italian Basics

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Be creative! You can combine the phrases in this chapter to say “Two, please,” or “No, thank you,” or “Open tomorrow?” “Please” is a magic word in any language. If you know the word for what

you want, such as the bill, simply say *Il conto, per favore* (The bill, please).

## Hellos and Goodbyes

Pleasantries

Meeting and Greeting

Moving On

## Pleasantries

<b>Hello.</b>	Buongiorno. <b>bwohn-jor-noh</b>
<b>Do you speak English?</b>	Parla inglese? <b>par-lah een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>Yes. / No.</b>	Si. / No. <b>see / noh</b>
<b>I don't speak Italian.</b>	Non parlo l'italiano. <b>nohn par-loh lee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>I'm sorry.</b>	Mi dispiace. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay</b>
<b>Please.</b>	Per favore. <b>pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Thank you (very much).</b>	Grazie (mille). <b>graht-see-ay (mee-lay)</b>
<b>Excuse me. (to pass)</b>	Permesso. <b>pehr-meh-soh</b>
<b>Excuse me. (to get attention)</b>	Mi scusi. <b>mee skoo-zee</b>
<b>OK?</b>	Va bene? <b>vah beh-nay</b>
<b>OK. (Things are going well.)</b>	Va bene. <b>vah beh-nay</b>
<b>Good.</b>	Bene. <b>beh-nay</b>
<b>Great.</b>	Benissimo. <b>beh-nee-see-moh</b>

Excellent.	Perfetto. <b>pehr-feh-toh</b>
You are very kind.	Lei è molto gentile. <b>leh-ee eh mohl-toh jehn-tee-lay</b>
It's (not) a problem.	(Non) c'è problema. <b>(nohn) cheh proh-bleh-mah</b>
It doesn't matter.	Non importa. <b>nohn eem-por-tah</b>
You're welcome.	Prego. <b>preh-goh</b>
Goodbye!	Arrivederci! <b>ah-ree-veh-dehr-chee</b>

*Per favore* is the basic “please.” You might hear locals say *per piacere* (for my pleasure), which is used to sweetly ask for a favor. *Per favore* often comes at the beginning of a request, while *per piacere* normally goes at the end.

*Grazie*, an important word that means “thank you,” often sounds like **graht-see**; Italians barely pronounce the final syllable: **graht-see(ay)**.

## Meeting and Greeting

Good morning. / Good day.	Buongiorno. <b>bwohn-jor-noh</b>
Good afternoon.	Buon pomeriggio. <b>bwohn poh-meh-ree-joh</b>
Good evening.	Buona sera. <b>bwoh-nah seh-rah</b>
Good night.	Buona notte. <b>bwoh-nah noh-tay</b>
Hi. / Bye. (informal)	Ciao. <b>chow</b>
Hello. (informal)	Salve. <b>sahl-vay</b>
Welcome.	Benvenuto. <b>behn-veh-noo-toh</b>
Mr.	Signore <b>seen-yoh-ray</b>
Mrs.	Signora <b>seen-yoh-rah</b>



Miss	Signorina <b>seen-yoh-ree-nah</b>
My name is ____.	Mi chiamo ____ . <b>mee kee-ah-moh</b> ____
What's your name?	Come si chiama? <b>koh-may see kee-ah-mah</b>
Pleased to meet you.	Piacere. <b>pee-ah-cheh-ray</b>
How are you?	Come sta? <b>koh-may stah</b>
Very well, thank you.	Molto bene, grazie. <b>mohl-toh beh-nay graht-see-ay</b>
Fine, thanks.	Bene, grazie. <b>beh-nay graht-see-ay</b>
And you?	E Lei? <b>ay leh-ee</b>
Where are you from?	Di dove É? <b>dee doh-vay eh</b>
I am from ____.	Vengo da ____ . <b>vehn-goh dah</b> ____
I am / We are...	Sono / Siamo... <b>soh-noh / see-ah-moh</b>
Are you...?	Lei É...? <b>leh-ee eh</b>
...on vacation	...in vacanza <b>een vah-kahnt-sah</b>
...on business	...qui per lavoro <b>kwee pehr lah-voh-roh</b>

People use the greeting **buongiorno** (good morning / good day) before noon. After lunch, some people shift to **buon pomeriggio** (good afternoon), but many stick with **buongiorno** until mid-afternoon, when they switch to **buona sera** (good afternoon / evening). Some shorten it to a very casual **sera**. At bedtime, say **buona notte** (good night). Informal greetings (**ciao** and **salve**) are the same all day long.

In Italy, saying hello is important. When entering a shop, always offer a **buongiorno** or **buona sera** before getting down to business.

## Moving On

I'm going to ____.	Vado a ____ . <b>vah-doh ah</b> ____
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How do I go to ____?	Come arrivo a ____? <b>koh-may ah-ree-voh</b> ah _____
Let's go.	Andiamo. <b>ahn-dee-ah-moh</b>
See you later.	A più tardi. <b>ah pew tar-dee</b>
See you tomorrow!	A domani! <b>ah doh-mah-nee</b>
So long! (informal)	Ci vediamo! <b>chee veh-dee-ah-moh</b>
Goodbye.	Arrivederci. <b>ah-ree-veh-dehr-chee</b>
Good luck!	Buona fortuna! <b>bwoh-nah for-too-nah</b>
Happy travels!	Buon viaggio! <b>bwohn vee-ah-joh</b>

## Struggling with Italian

Who Speaks What?

Very Italian Expressions

### Who Speaks What?

Italian	l'italiano <b>lee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
English	inglese <b>een-gleh-zay</b>
Do you speak English?	Parla inglese? <b>par-lah een-gleh-zay</b>
A teeny weeny bit?	Nemmeno un pochino? <b>neh-meh-noh oon poh-kee-noh</b>
Please speak English.	Parli inglese, per favore. <b>par-lee een-gleh-zay pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
Speak slowly, please.	Parli lentamente, per favore. <b>par-lee lehn-tah-mehn-tay pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
Repeat?	Ripeta? <b>ree-peh-tah</b>
I understand.	Capisco. <b>kah-pees-koh</b>

<b>I don't understand.</b>	Non capisco. <b>nohn kah-pees-koh</b>
<b>Do you understand?</b>	Capisce? <b>kah-pee-shay</b>
<b>You speak English well.</b>	Lei parla bene l'inglese. <b>leh-ee par-lah beh-nay leen-gleh-zay</b>
<b>Does somebody here speak English?</b>	C'è qualcuno qui che parla inglese? <b>chew kwal-koo-noh kwee kay par-lah een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>I don't speak Italian.</b>	Non parlo l'italiano. <b>nohn par-loh lee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>I speak a little Italian.</b>	Parlo un po' d'italiano. <b>par-loh oon poh dee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>What does this mean?</b>	Cosa significa? <b>koh-zah seen-yee-fee-kah</b>
<b>How do you say this in Italian?</b>	Come si dice in italiano? <b>koh-may see dee-chay een ee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>Write it for me?</b>	Me lo scrivo? <b>may loh skree-vay</b>

## Very Italian Expressions

<b>Prego. preh-goh</b>	You're welcome. / Please. / After you. / All right. / Can I help you?
<b>Pronto. prohn-toh</b>	Hello. (answering phone) / Ready. (other situations)
<b>Ecco. eh-koh</b>	Here it is.
<b>Certo. chehr-toh</b>	Sure.
<b>Dica. dee-kah</b>	Tell me.
<b>Allora... ah-loh-rah</b>	Well... (like our "uh" before a sentence)
<b>Senta. sehn-tah</b>	Listen.
<b>Va bene. vah beh-nay</b>	OK.
<b>Va tutto bene. vah too-toh</b>	Everything's fine.

**beh-nay**

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**Basta. bah-stah** That's enough.

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**È tutto. eh too-toh** That's all.

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**Altro? ahl-troh** Do you need anything else?

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**la dolce vita lah dohl-chay** the sweet life  
**vee-tah**

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**il dolce far niente eel dohl-** the sweetness of doing nothing  
**chay far nee-ehn-tay**

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**Mi sono cadute le braccia!** I throw my arms down!  
**mee soh-noh kah-doo-tay**  
**lay brah-chah**

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**bello beh-loh** beautiful / very

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If Italians get frustrated, they might say ***Mi sono cadute le braccia!*** (I throw my arms down!)—sometimes literally thrusting their arms toward the floor in an “I give up” gesture.

Italians sometimes use the suffix ***issimo*** to intensify the word. If something is good, it's ***bravo***, but if it's very good, it's ***bravissimo***.

## Requests

The Essentials

Where?

How Much?

When?

How Long?

## Just Ask

### The Essentials

Can you help me?	Può aiutarmi? pwoh ah-yoo-tar-mee
Do you have ____?	Avete ____? ah-veh-tay ____
I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh
...this / that.	...questo / quello. kweh-stoh / kweh-loh
How much does it cost?	Quanto costa? kwahn-toh koh-stah
Is it free?	È gratis? eh grah-tees
Is it included?	È incluso? eh een-kloo-zoh
Is it possible?	È possibile? eh poh-see-bee-lay
Yes or no?	Si o no? see oh noh
Where is the toilet?	Dov'è la toilette? doh-veh lah twah-leh-tay
men	uomini / signori woh-mee-nee / seen-yoh-ree
women	donne / signore doh-nay / seen-yoh-ray

To prompt a simple answer, ask **Si o no?** (Yes or no?). To turn a word or sentence into a question, ask it in a questioning tone. An easy way to ask “Where is the toilet?” is to say **Toilette?**

### Where?

Where?	Dove? doh-vay
Where is...?	Dov'è...? doh-veh
...the tourist information	...l'ufficio informazioni loo-fee-choh een-

office	for-maht-see- <b>oh</b> -nee
...the train station	...la stazione lah staht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
...a cash machine	...un bancomat oon <b>bahn</b> -koh-maht
Where can I buy ____?	Dove posso comprare ____? <b>doh</b> -vay <b>poh</b> -soh kohm- <b>prah</b> -ray ____
Where can I find ____?	Dove posso trovare ____? <b>doh</b> -vay <b>poh</b> -soh troh- <b>vah</b> -ray ____

Italian makes it easy if you're looking for a *farmacia*, *hotel*, *ristorante*, or *supermercato*.

## How Much?

How much (does it cost)?	Quanto (costa)? <b>kwahn</b> -toh ( <b>koh</b> -stah)
Write it for me?	Me lo scrivo? may loh <b>skree</b> -vay
I'd like...	Vorrei... <b>voh</b> -reh-ee
...a ticket.	...un biglietto. oon beel- <b>yeh</b> -toh
...the bill.	...il conto. eel <b>kohn</b> -toh
This much. (gesturing)	Così. <b>koh</b> -zee
More. / Less.	Di più. / Di meno. dee pew / dee <b>meh</b> -noh
Too much.	Troppo. <b>troh</b> -poh

## When?

When?	Quando? <b>kwahn</b> -doh
What time is it?	Che ora sono? kay <b>oh</b> -rah <b>soh</b> -noh
At what time?	A che ora? ah kay <b>oh</b> -rah
open / closed	aperto / chiuso ah- <b>pehr</b> -toh / kee- <b>oo</b> -zoh

<b>What time does this open / close?</b>	A che ora apre / chiude? ah kay <b>oh-rah ah-pray / kee-oo-day</b>
<b>Is this open daily?</b>	È aperto tutti i giorni? eh ah- <b>pehr-toh too-tee ee jor-nee</b>
<b>What day is this closed?</b>	Che giorno chiudete? kay <b>jor-noh kee-oo-deh-tay</b>
<b>On time?</b>	In orario? een <b>oh-rah-ree-oh</b>
<b>Late?</b>	In ritardo? een <b>ree-tar-doh</b>
<b>Just a moment.</b>	Un momento. oon <b>moh-mehn-toh</b>
<b>now / soon / later</b>	adesso / presto / più tardi <b>ah-deh-soh / preh-stoh / pew tar-dee</b>
<b>today / tomorrow</b>	oggi / domani <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee</b>

For tips on telling time, see “Time and Dates” on [here](#).

## How Long?

<b>How long does it take?</b>	Quanto ci vuole? <b>kwahn-toh chee vwoh-lay</b>
<b>How many minutes?</b>	Quanti minuti? <b>kwahn-tee mee-noo-tee</b>
<b>How many hours?</b>	Quante ore? <b>kwahn-tay oh-ray</b>
<b>How far?</b>	Quanto dista? <b>kwahn-toh dee-stah</b>

## Just Ask

<b>Why?</b>	Perché? <b>pehr-keh</b>
<b>Why not?</b>	Perché no? <b>pehr-keh noh</b>
<b>Is it necessary?</b>	È necessario? eh <b>neh-cheh-sah-ree-oh</b>
<b>Can I have ____?</b>	Posso avere ____? <b>poh-soh ah-veh-ray</b>

<b>Can I / Can we...?</b>	Posso / Possiamo...? <b>poh-soh / poh-see-ah-moh</b>
<b>...borrow that for a moment</b>	...prenderlo in prestito per un momento <b>prehn-dehr-loh een preh-stee-toh pehr oon moh-mehn-toh</b>
<b>...use the toilet</b>	...usare la toilette <b>oo-zah-ray lah twah-leh-tay</b>
<b>Next? (in line)</b>	Il prossimo? <b>eel proh-see-moh</b>
<b>The last? (in line)</b>	L'ultimo? <b>lool-tee-moh</b>
<b>My turn?</b>	Tocca me? <b>toh-kah may</b>
<b>What? (didn't hear)</b>	Che cosa? <b>kay koh-zah</b>
<b>What is this / that?</b>	Che cos'è questo / quello? <b>kay koh-zeh kweh-stoh / kweh-loh</b>
<b>What's going on?</b>	Cosa succede? <b>koh-zah soo-cheh-day</b>

A versatile word is **Posso?** (Can I?), combined with a gesture. Say it to someone when you point to a table (to mean “Can I sit here?”), or to your camera (“Can I take a picture?”), or to your combo-ticket (“Is this sight covered by this ticket?”). When ordering a menu item, you can say **Posso avere \_\_\_\_?** (Can I have \_\_\_\_?). At a café, you’d say **Posso avere un caffè?** (Can I have a coffee?)

## Simply Important Words

Numbers

The Alphabet

Days and Months

Big Little Words



# Opposites

## Numbers

0	zero <b>zeh-roh</b>
1	uno <b>oo-noh</b>
2	due <b>doo-ay</b>
3	tre <b>tray</b>
4	quattro <b>kwah-troh</b>
5	cinque <b>cheen-kway</b>
6	sei <b>seh-ee</b>
7	sette <b>seh-tay</b>
8	otto <b>oh-toh</b>
9	nove <b>noh-vay</b>
10	dieci <b>dee-eh-chee</b>
11	undici <b>oon-dee-chee</b>
12	dodici <b>doh-dee-chee</b>
13	tredici <b>treh-dee-chee</b>
14	quattordici <b>kwah-tor-dee-chee</b>
15	quindici <b>kween-dee-chee</b>
16	sedici <b>seh-dee-chee</b>
17	diciassette <b>dee-chah-seh-tay</b>
18	diciotto <b>dee-choh-toh</b>
19	diciannove <b>dee-chah-noh-vay</b>
20	venti <b>vehn-tee</b>

You'll find more to count on in the "Numbers" section ([here](#)).

# The Alphabet

If you're spelling your name over the phone, you can use the nouns in the third column to help make yourself understood. I'd say my name as: **R...Rovigo, I...Imola, C...Como, K...Kashmir**. (The letters *j, k, w, x, and y* aren't officially part of the Italian alphabet and are usually found only in words of foreign origin.)

<b>a</b>	<b>ah</b>	Ancona	<b>ahn-koh-nah</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>bee</b>	Bologna	<b>boh-lohn-yah</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>chee</b>	Como	<b>koh-moh</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>dee</b>	Domodossola	<b>doh-moh-doh-soh-lah</b>
<b>e</b>	<b>ay</b>	Empoli	<b>ehm-poh-lee</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>ehf-ay</b>	Firenze	<b>fee-rehnt-say</b>
<b>g</b>	<b>jee</b>	Genova	<b>jeh-noh-vah</b>
<b>h</b>	<b>ah-kah</b>	Hotel	<b>oh-tehl</b>
<b>i</b>	<b>ee</b>	Imola	<b>ee-moh-lah</b>
<b>j</b>	<b>ee loon-gah</b>	Jupiter	<b>joo-pee-tehr</b>
<b>k</b>	<b>kah-pah</b>	Kashmir	<b>kahs-meer</b>
<b>l</b>	<b>ehl-ay</b>	Livorno	<b>lee-vor-noh</b>
<b>m</b>	<b>ehm-ay</b>	Milano	<b>mee-lah-noh</b>
<b>n</b>	<b>ehn-ay</b>	Napoli	<b>nah-poh-lee</b>
<b>o</b>	<b>oh</b>	Otranto	<b>oh-trahn-toh</b>
<b>p</b>	<b>pee</b>	Palermo	<b>pah-lehr-moh</b>
<b>q</b>	<b>koo</b>	quaranta	<b>kwah-rah-nah</b>
<b>r</b>	<b>ehr-ay</b>	Rovigo	<b>roh-vee-goh</b>
<b>s</b>	<b>ehs-ay</b>	Savona	<b>sah-voh-nah</b>
<b>t</b>	<b>tee</b>	Treviso	<b>treh-vee-zoh</b>
<b>u</b>	<b>oo</b>	Urbino	<b>oor-bee-noh</b>

<b>v</b>	<b>vee</b>	Venezia	<b>veh-neht-see-ah</b>
<b>w</b>	<b>dohp-yoh- voo</b>	Wi-Fi	<b>wee-fee</b>
<b>x</b>	<b>eeks</b>	xilofono	<b>zee-loh-foh-noh</b>
<b>y</b>	<b>eep-see-lohn</b>	yogurt	<b>yoh-goort</b>
<b>z</b>	<b>zeht-ah</b>	Zara	<b>tsah-rah</b>

## Days and Months

<b>Sunday</b>	domenica <b>doh-meh-nee-kah</b>
<b>Monday</b>	lunedì <b>loo-neh-dee</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	martedì <b>mar-teh-dee</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	mercoledì <b>mehr-koh-leh-dee</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	giovedì <b>joh-veh-dee</b>
<b>Friday</b>	venerdì <b>veh-nehr-dee</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	sabato <b>sah-bah-toh</b>
<b>January</b>	gennaio <b>jeh-nah-yoh</b>
<b>February</b>	febbraio <b>feh-brah-yoh</b>
<b>March</b>	marzo <b>mart-soh</b>
<b>April</b>	aprile <b>ah-pree-lay</b>
<b>May</b>	maggio <b>mah-joh</b>
<b>June</b>	giugno <b>joon-yoh</b>
<b>July</b>	luglio <b>lool-yoh</b>
<b>August</b>	agosto <b>ah-goh-stoh</b>
<b>September</b>	settembre <b>seh-tehm-bray</b>
<b>October</b>	ottobre <b>oh-toh-bray</b>
<b>November</b>	novembre <b>noh-vehm-bray</b>
<b>December</b>	dicembre <b>dee-chehm-bray</b>

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## Big Little Words

I	io <b>ee-oh</b>
you (formal)	Lei <b>leh-ee</b>
you (informal)	tu <b>too</b>
we	noi <b>noh-ee</b>
he	lui <b>loo-ee</b>
she	lei <b>leh-ee</b>
it	esso / essa <b>eh-soh / eh-sah</b>
they	loro <b>loh-roh</b>
and	e <b>ay</b>
at	a <b>ah</b>
because	perché <b>pehr-keh</b>
but	ma <b>mah</b>
by (train, car, etc.)	in <b>een</b>
for	per <b>pehr</b>
from	da <b>dah</b>
here	qui <b>kwee</b>
if	se <b>say</b>
in	in <b>een</b>
not	non <b>nohn</b>
now	adesso <b>ah-deh-soh</b>
of	di <b>dee</b>
only	solo <b>soh-loh</b>
or	o <b>oh</b>
out	fuori <b>foo-oh-ree</b>

<b>this</b>	questo <b>kweh-stoh</b>
<b>that</b>	quello <b>kweh-loh</b>
<b>there</b>	lì <b>lee</b>
<b>to</b>	a <b>ah</b>
<b>too</b>	anche <b>ahn-kay</b>
<b>very</b>	molto <b>mohl-toh</b>

## Opposites

<b>good / bad</b>	buono / cattivo <b>bwoh-noh / kah-tee-voh</b>
<b>best / worst</b>	il migliore / il peggiore <b>eel meel-yoh-ray / eel peh-joh-ray</b>
<b>a little / a lot</b>	poco / tanto <b>poh-koh / tahn-toh</b>
<b>more / less</b>	più / meno <b>pew / meh-noh</b>
<b>cheap / expensive</b>	economico / caro <b>eh-koh-noh-mee-koh / kah-roh</b>
<b>big / small</b>	grande / piccolo <b>grahn-day / pee-koh-loh</b>
<b>hot / cold</b>	caldo / freddo <b>kahl-doh / freh-doh</b>
<b>warm / cool</b>	caldo / fresco <b>kahl-doh / freh-skoh</b>
<b>open / closed</b>	aperto / chiuso <b>ah-pehr-toh / kee-oo-zoh</b>
<b>entrance / exit</b>	entrata / uscita <b>ehn-trah-tah / oo-shee-tah</b>
<b>push / pull</b>	spingere / tirare <b>speen-jeh-ray / tee-rah-ray</b>
<b>arrive / depart</b>	arrivare / partire <b>ah-ree-vah-ray / par-tee-ray</b>
<b>early / late</b>	presto / tardi <b>preh-stoh / tar-dee</b>
<b>soon / later</b>	presto / più tardi <b>preh-stoh / pew tar-dee</b>
<b>fast / slow</b>	veloce / lento <b>veh-loh-chay / lehn-toh</b>
<b>here / there</b>	qui / lì <b>kwee / lee</b>

<b>near / far</b>	vicino / lontano <b>vee-chee-noh / lohn-tah-noh</b>
<b>inside / outside</b>	dentro / fuori <b>dehn-troh / foo-oh-ree</b>
<b>mine / yours</b>	mio / suo <b>mee-oh / soo-oh</b>
<b>this / that</b>	questo / quello <b>kweh-stoh / kweh-loh</b>
<b>easy / difficult</b>	facile / difficile <b>fah-chee-lay / dee-fee-chee-lay</b>
<b>left / right</b>	sinistra / destra <b>see-nee-strah / deh-strah</b>
<b>up / down</b>	su / giù <b>soo / joo</b>
<b>above / below</b>	sopra / sotto <b>soh-prah / soh-toh</b>
<b>young / old</b>	giovane / anziano <b>joh-vah-nay / ahnt-see-ah-noh</b>
<b>new / old</b>	nuovo / vecchio <b>nwoh-voh / veh-kee-oh</b>
<b>heavy / light</b>	pesante / leggero <b>peh-zahn-tay / leh-jeh-roh</b>
<b>dark / light</b>	scuro / chiaro <b>skoo-roh / kee-ah-roh</b>
<b>happy / sad</b>	felice / triste <b>fee-lee-chay / tree-stay</b>
<b>beautiful / ugly</b>	bello[a] / brutto[a] <b>beh-loh / broo-toh</b>
<b>nice / mean</b>	carino[a] / cattivo[a] <b>kah-ree-noh / kah-tee-voh</b>
<b>smart / stupid</b>	intelligente / stupido[a] <b>een-tehl-ee-jehn-tay / stoo-pee-doh</b>
<b>vacant / occupied</b>	libero / occupato <b>lee-beh-roh / oh-koo-pah-toh</b>
<b>with / without</b>	con / senza <b>kohn / sehnt-sah</b>

## Sign Language

Here are some signs you may see in your travels.

<b>Acqua (non) potabile</b>	Water (not) drinkable
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<b>Affittasi / In affitto</b>	For rent or for hire
<b>Allarme antincendio</b>	Fire alarm
<b>All'interno...</b>	We have...
<b>Aperto (da ____ a ____)</b>	Open (from ____ to ____)
<b>Apertura: ore ____</b>	Opens at ____
<b>Area pedonale</b>	Pedestrian zone
<b>Area videosorvegliata</b>	Area under video surveillance
<b>Arrivi</b>	Arrivals
<b>Attendere (qui)</b>	Wait (here)
<b>Attenti al gradino</b>	Watch your step
<b>Attenzione</b>	Caution
<b>Attraversamento bambini</b>	School crossing
<b>Azienda per turismo (A.P.T.)</b>	Tourist information office
<b>Bagno / Servizi / Toilette / WC</b>	Toilet
<b>Biglietteria</b>	Ticket office
<b>Cagnaccio</b>	Mean dog
<b>Camere libere</b>	Vacancy
<b>Cassa / Cassa biglietti</b>	Cashier / Ticket desk
<b>Centro</b>	Town center
<b>Chiamata d'emergenza</b>	Emergency call
<b>Chiuso (per ferie / per restauro)</b>	Closed (for vacation / for restoration)
<b>Chiusura: ore ____</b>	Closes at ____
<b>Completo</b>	No vacancy
<b>Convalidare qui</b>	Validate here
<b>Disponibili qui</b>	Available here

<b>Donne</b>	Women
<b>Emergenza</b>	Emergency
<b>Entrata</b>	Entrance
<b>Entrata libera</b>	Free admission
<b>Entrata vietata</b>	No entry
<b>Fuori servizio</b>	Out of service
<b>In caso di emergenza</b>	In case of emergency
<b>Ingresso</b>	Entrance
<b>Inizio fila</b>	Line starts here
<b>Noleggio</b>	Rental shop
<b>Non dà resto</b>	No change given
<b>Non disturbare</b>	Do not disturb
<b>Non toccare</b>	Do not touch
<b>Non usare in caso di emergenza</b>	Do not use in case of emergency
<b>Occupato</b>	Occupied
<b>Orario</b>	Timetable
<b>Orario d'apertura / Orario d'ingresso</b>	Opening times
<b>Parcheggio vietato</b>	No parking
<b>Partenze</b>	Departures
<b>Passo carrabile</b>	Keep clear for traffic (no parking)
<b>Pausa pranzo</b>	Midday break / Lunch break
<b>Pericolo</b>	Danger
<b>Piano</b>	Floor / Level (of a building)
<b>Premere qui / Premere il pulsante</b>	Press here / Press the button (to change light at crosswalk)
<b>Prendere il numero</b>	Take a number



<b>Prenotato</b>	Reserved
<b>Proibito</b>	Prohibited
<b>Prossima fermata</b>	Next stop
<b>Sciopero</b>	Strike
<b>Senso unico</b>	One-way street
<b>Servizi / Servizi igienici</b>	Toilets
<b>Si (non si) accettano carte di credito</b>	We (do not) accept credit cards
<b>Signore / Signori</b>	Women / Men
<b>Solo importo esatto</b>	Exact change only
<b>Spingere</b>	Push
<b>Tirare</b>	Pull
<b>Sportello</b>	(Teller or cashier's) window
<b>Ufficio informazioni turistiche</b>	Tourist information office
<b>Uomini</b>	Men
<b>Uscita</b>	Exit
<b>Uscita d'emergenza</b>	Emergency exit
<b>Vendesi / In vendita</b>	For sale
<b>Vietato</b>	Forbidden
<b>Vietato fumare</b>	No smoking
<b>Vietato l'accesso</b>	No trespassing
<b>Vietato l'ingresso ecetto personale autorizzato</b>	Authorized personnel only
<b>Voi siete qui</b>	You are here (shown on map)

The *acqua alta* or *alluvione* signs you may see in riverfront or waterfront towns (such as Venice, Florence, and Rome) indicate the high-water mark of historic floods.



# Numbers, Money & Time

## Numbers

## Money

Key Phrases: Money

## Time and Dates

Key Phrases: Time and Dates

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

You can count on this chapter to cover Italian numbers, currency, credit and debit cards, time, dates, and major holidays and celebrations.

# Numbers

0	zero <b>zeh-roh</b>
1	uno <b>oo-noh</b>
2	due <b>doo-ay</b>
3	tre <b>tray</b>
4	quattro <b>kwah-troh</b>
5	cinque <b>cheen-kway</b>
6	sei <b>seh-ee</b>
7	sette <b>seh-tay</b>
8	otto <b>oh-toh</b>
9	nove <b>noh-vay</b>
10	dieci <b>dee-eh-chee</b>
11	undici <b>oon-dee-chee</b>
12	dodici <b>doh-dee-chee</b>
13	tredici <b>treh-dee-chee</b>
14	quattordici <b>kwah-tor-dee-chee</b>
15	quindici <b>kween-dee-chee</b>
16	sedici <b>seh-dee-chee</b>
17	diciassette <b>dee-chah-seh-tay</b>
18	diciotto <b>dee-choh-toh</b>
19	diciannove <b>dee-chah-noh-vay</b>
20	venti <b>vehn-tee</b>
21	ventuno <b>vehn-too-noh</b>
22	ventidue <b>vehn-tee-doo-ay</b>
23	ventitre <b>vehn-tee-tray</b>
30	trenta <b>trehn-tah</b>
31	trentuno <b>trehn-too-noh</b>

40	quaranta kwah- <b>rahn</b> -tah
41	quarantuno kwah- <b>rahn-too</b> -noh
50	cinquanta cheen- <b>kwahn</b> -tah
60	sessanta seh- <b>sahn</b> -tah
70	settanta seh- <b>tahn</b> -tah
80	ottanta oh- <b>tahn</b> -tah
90	novanta noh- <b>vahn</b> -tah
100	cento <b>chehn</b> -toh
101	centouno chehn-toh- <b>oo</b> -noh
102	centodue chehn-toh- <b>doo</b> -ay
200	duecento doo-eh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
300	trecento treh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
400	quattrocento kwah-troh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
500	cinquecento cheen-kweh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
600	seicento seh-ee- <b>chehn</b> -toh
700	settecento seh-teh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
800	ottocento oh-toh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
900	novecento noh-veh- <b>chehn</b> -toh
1000	mille <b>mee</b> -lay
2000	duemila doo-eh- <b>mee</b> -lah
2019	duemiladiciannove doo-eh-mee-lah-dee chah- <b>noh</b> -vee
2020	duemilaventi doo-eh-mee-lah- <b>vehn</b> -tee
2021	duemilaventuno doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn- <b>too</b> - noh
2022	duemilaventidue doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee- <b>doo</b> -ay
2023	duemilaventitré doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee- <b>tray</b>

2024	duemilaventiquattro <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee-kwah-troh</b>
2025	duemilaventicinque <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee-cheen-kway</b>
2026	duemilaventisei <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee-seh-ee</b>
2027	duemilaventisette <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee-seh-tay</b>
2028	duemilaventotto <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-toh-toh</b>
2029	duemilaventinove <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-vehn-tee-noh-vay</b>
2030	duemilatrenta <b>doo-eh-mee-lah-trehn-tah</b>
million	milione <b>mee-lee-oh-nay</b>
billion	miliardo <b>mee-lee-ar-doh</b>
number one	numero uno <b>noo-meh-roh oo-noh</b>
first	primo <b>pree-moh</b>
second	secondo <b>seh-kohn-doh</b>
third	terzo <b>tehrt-soh</b>
once	una volta <b>oo-nah vohl-tah</b>
twice	due volte <b>doo-ay vohl-tay</b>
a quarter	un quarto <b>oon kwar-toh</b>
a third	un terzo <b>oon tehrt-soh</b>
half	mezzo <b>mehd-zoh</b>
this much	tanto così <b>tahn-toh koh-zee</b>
a dozen	una dozzina <b>oo-nah dohd-zee-nah</b>
a handful	una manciata <b>oo-nah mahn-chah-tah</b>
enough	basta <b>bah-stah</b>
not enough	non basta <b>nohn bah-stah</b>

too much	troppo <b>troh-poh</b>
more	di più <b>dee pew</b>
less	di meno <b>dee meh-noh</b>
50%	cinquanta per cento <b>cheen-kwahn-tah pehr chehn-toh</b>
100%	cento per cento <b>chehn-toh pehr chehn-toh</b>

Learning how to say your hotel-room number is a good way to practice Italian numbers. You'll likely be asked for the number frequently (at breakfast, or to claim your key when you return to your room).

## Money

### Key Phrases: Money

Cash Machines (ATMs)

Credit and Debit Cards

Paying with a Credit Card

Exchanging Money

Italy uses the euro currency (€). One **euro** is divided into 100 cents (**centesimi**). Italians keep the term **euro** as singular, while **centesimi** is always plural. To say €2.50, it's **due euro e cinquanta centesimi** or, for short, **due euro e cinquanta**.

### Key Phrases: Money

euro (€)

euro **eh-oo-roh**

<b>cents</b>	centesimi <b>chehn-teh-zee-mee</b>
<b>cash</b>	contante <b>kohn-tahn-tay</b>
<b>Where is...?</b>	Dov'è...? <b>doh-veh</b>
<b>...a cash machine</b>	...un bancomat <b>oon bahn-koh-maht</b>
<b>...a bank</b>	...una banca <b>oo-nah bahn-kah</b>
<b>credit card</b>	carta di credito <b>kar-tah dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
<b>debit card</b>	carta di debito <b>kar-tah dee deh-bee-toh</b>
<b>Do you accept credit cards?</b>	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>

Use your common cents—*centesimi* are like pennies, and other coins are like nickels, dimes, and half-dollars. There are also €1 and €2 coins.

## Cash Machines (ATMs)

To get cash, ATMs are the way to go. All cash machines (called *bancomats*) have multilingual instructions. However, the keys may be marked in Italian: *esatto* (correct), *conferma* (confirm), *esegui* (continue), and *annullare* (cancel).

<b>money</b>	soldi / denaro <b>sohl-dee / deh-nah-roh</b>
<b>cash</b>	contante <b>kohn-tahn-tay</b>
<b>card</b>	carta <b>kar-tah</b>
<b>PIN code</b>	codice segreto / codice PIN <b>koh-dee-chay seh-greh-toh / koh-dee-chay peen</b>
<b>Where is...?</b>	Dov'è...? <b>doh-veh</b>
<b>...a cash machine</b>	...un bancomat <b>oon bahn-koh-maht</b>

...a bank	...una banca <b>oo-nah bahn-kah</b>
My debit card has been...	La mia carta di debito è stata... <b>lah mee-ah kar-tah dee deh-bee-toh eh stah-tah</b>
...demagnetized.	...smagnetizzata. <b>zmahn-yeht-eed-zah-tah</b>
...stolen.	...rubata. <b>roo-bah-tah</b>
...eaten by the machine.	...trattenuta dal bancomat. <b>trah-teh-noo-tah dahl bahn-koh-maht</b>
My card doesn't work.	La mia carta non funziona. <b>lah mee-ah kar-tah nohn foont-see-oh-nah</b>

## Credit and Debit Cards

Credit cards are widely accepted at larger businesses, though some smaller shops, restaurants, and hotels prefer cash.

credit card	carta di credito <b>kar-tah dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
debit card	carta di debito <b>kar-tah dee deh-bee-toh</b>
receipt	ricevuta <b>ree-cheh-vooh-tah</b>
sign	firmare <b>feer-mah-ray</b>
pay	pagare / saldare <b>pah-gah-ray / sahl-dah-ray</b>
cashier	cassiere <b>kah-see-eh-ray</b>
cash advance	prelievo <b>preh-lee-eh-voh</b>
Do you accept credit cards?	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
Cheaper if I pay cash?	C'è uno sconto se pago in contanti? <b>ch eh oo-noh skohn-toh say pah-goh een kohn-tahn-tee</b>
I do not have a PIN.	Non ho un codice segreto. <b>nohn oh oon koh-dee-chay seh-greh-toh</b>
Can I sign a receipt	Posso firmare una ricevuta invece? <b>poh-soh</b>



<b>instead?</b>	feer- <b>mah</b> -ray oo-nah ree-cheh- <b>voo</b> -tah een- <b>veh</b> -chay
<b>Print a receipt?</b>	Stampare una ricevuta? stahm- <b>pah</b> -ray oo-nah ree-cheh- <b>voo</b> -tah
<b>I have another card.</b>	Ho un'altra carta. oh oon- <b>ahl</b> -trah <b>kar</b> -tah

Credit and debit cards have chips that authenticate and secure transactions. Some European card readers will generate a receipt for you to sign; others may prompt you to enter a PIN (make sure you know it for all cards). If your card won't work (sometimes possible at ticket machines, toll booths, gas pumps, or parking lots), look for a cashier who can process your card manually—or pay in cash.

## Paying with a Credit Card

If calling to reserve tickets or a hotel room, you may need to convey your credit-card information over the phone. Prepare in advance: To fill in the blanks, use the numbers, alphabet, and months on [here](#), [here](#) and the years on [here](#).

<b>The name on the card is</b> _____.	Il nome sulla carta è _____. eel <b>noh</b> -may <b>soo</b> -lah <b>kar</b> -tah eh _____
<b>The credit card number is</b> _____.	Il numero della carta di credito è _____. eel <b>noo</b> -meh-roh <b>deh</b> -lah <b>kar</b> -tah dee <b>kreh</b> -dee-toh eh _____
<b>The expiration date is</b> _____.	La data di scadenza è _____. lah <b>dah</b> -tah dee skah- <b>dehnt</b> -sah eh _____
<b>The code (on the back) is</b> _____.	Il codice (sul retro) è _____. eel koh- <b>dee</b> -chay (sool <b>reh</b> -troh) eh _____

# Exchanging Money

exchange	cambio <b>kahm-bee-oh</b>
change money	cambiare dei soldi <b>kahm-bee-ah-ray deh-ee sohl-dee</b>
exchange rate	tasso di cambio <b>tah-soh dee kahm-bee-oh</b>
dollars	dollari <b>dol-lah-ree</b>
buy / sell	comprare / vendere <b>kohm-prah-ray / vehn-deh-ray</b>
commission	commissione <b>koh-mee-see-oh-nay</b>
Any extra fee?	C'è un sovrapprezzo? <b>ch eh oon soh-vrah-prehd-zoh</b>
I would like...	Vorrei... <b>voh-reh-ee</b>
...small bills.	...banconote di piccolo taglio. <b>bahn-koh-noh-tay dee pee-koh-loh tahl-yoh</b>
...large bills.	...banconote di grosso taglio. <b>bahn-koh-noh-tay dee groh-soh tahl-yoh</b>
...a mix of small and large bills.	...banconote miste di grande e piccolo taglio. <b>bahn-koh-noh-tay mee-stay dee grahn-day eh pee-koh-loh tahl-yoh</b>
...coins.	...monete. <b>moh-neh-tay</b>
Can you break this? (big bill into smaller bills)	Mi può cambiare questo? <b>mee pwoh kahm-bee-ah-ray kweh-stoh</b>
Is this a mistake?	Questo è un errore? <b>kweh-stoh eh oon eh-roh-ray</b>
This is incorrect.	Questo non è corretto. <b>kweh-stoh nohn eh koh-reh-toh</b>
Where is the nearest casino?	Dov'è il casinò più vicino? <b>doh-veh eel kah-zee-noh pew vee-chee-noh</b>

Exchange bureaus may list two rates: **acquisito** (we buy) and **vendita** (we sell). The closer together these two numbers are, the better the rate.

## Time and Dates

Telling Time

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## Telling Time

In Italy, the 24-hour clock (military time) is used for setting formal appointments (for instance, arrival times at a hotel), for the opening and closing hours of museums and shops, and for train, bus, and ferry schedules. Informally, Italians use the same 12-hour clock we do, but they don't say "o'clock"—they instead say **mattina** (morning), **pomeriggio** (afternoon), and so on. So they might meet

a friend at *tre di pomeriggio* (three in the afternoon) to catch a train that leaves at *le sedici* (16:00).

What time is it?	Che ore sono? kay <b>oh-ray soh-noh</b>
(in the) morning	(di) mattina (dee) mah- <b>tee-nah</b>
(in the) afternoon	(di) pomeriggio (dee) poh-meh- <b>ree-joh</b>
(in the) evening	(di) sera (dee) <b>seh-rah</b>
(at) night	(di) notte (dee) <b>noh-tay</b>
half	mezza <b>mehd-zah</b>
quarter	un quarto oon <b>kwar-toh</b>
minute	minuto mee- <b>noo-toh</b>
hour	ora <b>oh-rah</b>
It's / At...	Sono / Alle... <b>soh-noh / ah-lay</b>
...8:00 in the morning.	...le otto di mattina. lay <b>oh-toh dee mah-tee-nah</b>
...16:00.	...le sedici. lay <b>seh-dee-chee</b>
...4:00 in the afternoon.	...le quattro di pomeriggio. lay <b>kwah-troh dee poh-meh-ree-joh</b>
...10:30 in the evening.	...le dieci e mezza di sera. lay <b>dee-eh-chee ay mehd-zah dee seh-rah</b>
...a quarter past nine.	...le nove e un quarto. lay <b>noh-vay ay oon kwar-toh</b>
...a quarter to eleven.	...le undici meno un quarto. lay <b>oon-dee-chee meh-noh oon kwar-toh</b>
at 6:00 sharp	alle sei in punto <b>ah-lay seh-ee een poon-toh</b>
from 8:00 to 10:00	dalle otto alle dieci <b>dah-lay oh-toh ah-lay dee-eh-chee</b>
noon	mezzogiorno <b>mehd-zoh-jor-noh</b>
midnight	mezzanotte <b>mehd-zah-noh-tay</b>
It's my bedtime.	Per me è ora di andare a dormire. <b>pehr may</b>

	eh <b>oh</b> -rah dee ahn- <b>dah</b> -ray ah dor- <b>mee</b> -ray
<b>I will be / We will be...</b>	Sarò / Saremo... sah- <b>roh</b> / sah- <b>reh</b> -moh
<b>...back at 11:20.</b>	...di ritorno alle undici e venti. dee ree- <b>tor</b> -noh ah-lay <b>oon</b> -dee-chee ay <b>vehn</b> -tee
<b>...there by 18:00.</b>	...li per le diciotto. lee pehr lay dee- <b>choh</b> - toh

## Key Phrases: Time and Dates

<b>What time is it?</b>	Che ore sono? kay <b>oh</b> -ray <b>soh</b> -noh
<b>minute</b>	minuto <b>mee</b> -noo-toh
<b>hour</b>	ora <b>oh</b> -rah
<b>It's 1:00.</b>	É l'una. eh <b>loo</b> -nah
<b>It's...</b>	Sono... <b>soh</b> -noh
<b>...7:00 in the morning.</b>	...le sette di mattina. lay <b>seh</b> -tay dee mah- <b>tee</b> -nah
<b>...2:00 in the afternoon.</b>	...le due di pomeriggio. lay <b>doo</b> -ay dee poh-meh- <b>ree</b> -joh
<b>When does this open / close?</b>	A che ora apre / chiude? ah kay <b>oh</b> -rah <b>ah</b> -pray / kee- <b>oo</b> -day
<b>day</b>	giorno <b>jor</b> -noh
<b>today</b>	oggi <b>oh</b> -jee
<b>tomorrow</b>	domani <b>doh</b> -mah-nee
<b>(this) week</b>	(questa) settimana ( <b>kweh</b> -stah) seh-tee- mah-nah
<b>August 21</b>	il ventuno agosto eel <b>vehn</b> - <b>too</b> -noh ah- goh-stoh

In Italy, the *pomeriggio* (afternoon) turns to *sera* (evening) generally about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. is *cinque e mezza di sera*).

## Timely Questions

When?	Quando? <b>kwahn-doh</b>
When is...?	Quand'è...? <b>kwahn-deh</b>
At what time?	A che ora? <b>ah kay oh-rah</b>
opening time	ora di apertura <b>oh-rah dee ah-pehr-too-rah</b>
When does this open / close?	Quando apre / chiude? <b>kwahn-doh ah-pray / kee-oo-day</b>
Is the train...?	È... il treno? <b>eh... eel treh-noh</b>
Is the bus...?	È... l'autobus? <b>eh... low-toh-boos</b>
...early	...in anticipo <b>een ahn-tee-chee-poh</b>
...late	...in ritardo <b>een ree-tar-doh</b>
...on time	...in orario <b>een oh-rah-ree-oh</b>
When is checkout time?	A che ora bisogna liberare la camera? <b>ah kay oh-rah bee-zohn-yah lee-beh-rah-ray lah kah-meh-rah</b>

## It's About Time

now	adesso <b>ah-deh-soh</b>
soon	presto / tra poco <b>preh-stoh / trah poh-koh</b>
later	più tardi <b>pew tar-dee</b>
in one hour	tra un'ora <b>trah oon-oh-rah</b>
in half an hour	tra mezz'ora <b>trah mehd-zoh-rah</b>

<b>in three hours</b>	tra tre ore <b>trah tray oh-ray</b>
<b>early</b>	presto <b>preh-stoh</b>
<b>late</b>	tardi <b>tar-dee</b>
<b>on time</b>	puntuale <b>poon-too-ah-lay</b>
<b>anytime</b>	a qualsiasi ora <b>ah kwahl-see-ah-zee oh-rah</b>
<b>immediately</b>	immediatamente <b>ee-meh-dee-ah-tah-mehn-tay</b>
<b>every hour</b>	ogni ora <b>ohn-yee oh-rah</b>
<b>every day</b>	ogni giorno <b>ohn-yee jor-noh</b>
<b>daily</b>	giornaliero <b>jor-nahl-ee-eh-oh</b>
<b>last</b>	scorso <b>skor-soh</b>
<b>this</b>	questo <b>kweh-stoh</b>
<b>next</b>	prossimo <b>proh-see-moh</b>
<b>before</b>	prima <b>pree-mah</b>
<b>after</b>	dopo <b>doh-poh</b>
<b>May 15</b>	il quindici maggio <b>eel kween-dee-chee mah-joh</b>
<b>in the future</b>	in futuro <b>een foo-too-roh</b>
<b>in the past</b>	nel passato <b>nehl pah-sah-toh</b>

## The Day

<b>day</b>	giorno <b>jor-noh</b>
<b>today</b>	oggi <b>oh-jee</b>
<b>sunrise</b>	alba <b>ahl-bah</b>
<b>this morning</b>	stamattina <b>stah-mah-tee-nah</b>
<b>sunset</b>	tramonto <b>trah-mohn-toh</b>
<b>tonight</b>	stasera <b>stah-seh-rah</b>

<b>last night</b>	stanotte <b>stah-noh-tay</b>
<b>yesterday</b>	ieri <b>ee-eh-ree</b>
<b>tomorrow</b>	domani <b>doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>tomorrow morning</b>	domani mattina <b>doh-mah-nee mah-tee-nah</b>
<b>day after tomorrow</b>	dopodomani <b>doh-poh-doh-mah-nee</b>

## The Week

<b>Sunday</b>	domenica <b>doh-meh-nee-kah</b>
<b>Monday</b>	lunedì <b>loo-neh-dee</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	martedì <b>mar-teh-dee</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	mercoledì <b>mehr-koh-leh-dee</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	giovedì <b>joh-veh-dee</b>
<b>Friday</b>	venerdì <b>veh-nehr-dee</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	sabato <b>sah-bah-toh</b>
<b>week</b>	settimana <b>seh-tee-mah-nah</b>
<b>last week</b>	la settimana scorsa <b>lah seh-tee-mah-nah skor-sah</b>
<b>this week</b>	questa settimana <b>kweh-stah seh-tee-mah-nah</b>
<b>next week</b>	la settimana prossima <b>lah seh-tee-mah-nah proh-see-mah</b>
<b>weekend</b>	weekend “weekend”
<b>this weekend</b>	questo weekend <b>kweh-stoh “weekend”</b>

Weekdays plus Saturday are called *feriali* (literally “working days”); Sundays and holidays are *festivi*.



## The Months

<b>month</b>	mese <b>meh-zay</b>
<b>January</b>	gennaio <b>jeh-nah-yoh</b>
<b>February</b>	febbraio <b>feh-brah-yoh</b>
<b>March</b>	marzo <b>mart-soh</b>
<b>April</b>	aprile <b>ah-pree-lay</b>
<b>May</b>	maggio <b>mah-joh</b>
<b>June</b>	giugno <b>joon-yoh</b>
<b>July</b>	luglio <b>lool-yoh</b>
<b>August</b>	agosto <b>ah-goh-stoh</b>
<b>September</b>	settembre <b>seh-tehm-bray</b>
<b>October</b>	ottobre <b>oh-toh-bray</b>
<b>November</b>	novembre <b>noh-vehm-bray</b>
<b>December</b>	dicembre <b>dee-chehm-bray</b>

For dates, say *il* followed by the number and month; for example, July 4 is *il quattro luglio*.

## The Year

<b>year</b>	anno <b>ahn-noh</b>
<b>season</b>	stagione <b>stah-jee-oh-nay</b>
<b>spring</b>	primavera <b>pree-mah-veh-rah</b>
<b>summer</b>	estate <b>eh-stah-tay</b>
<b>fall</b>	autunno <b>ow-too-noh</b>
<b>winter</b>	inverno <b>een-vehr-noh</b>

For a list of years, see the “Numbers” section, earlier.

# Holidays and Happy Days

<b>holiday / festival</b>	festa <b>feh-stah</b>
<b>Is today / tomorrow a holiday?</b>	Oggi / Domani è festa? <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee eh feh-stah</b>
<b>Is a holiday coming up soon?</b>	Siamo vicini a una festa? <b>see-ah-moh vee-chee-nee ah oo-nah feh-stah</b>
<b>When is it?</b>	Quand'è? <b>kwahn-deh</b>
<b>What is the holiday?</b>	Che festa è? <b>kay feh-stah eh</b>
<b>Mardi Gras / Carnival</b>	Martedì Grasso / Carnevale <b>mar-teh-dee grah-soh / kar-neh-vah-lay</b>
<b>Holy Week</b>	Settimana Santa <b>seh-tee-mah-nah sahn-tah</b>
<b>Easter</b>	Pasqua <b>pahs-kwah</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	Ascensione <b>ah-shehn-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Liberation Day (April 25)</b>	Giorno della Liberazione <b>jor-noh deh-lah lee-beh-raht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>May Day (May 1)</b>	Primo Maggio <b>pree-moh mah-joh</b>
<b>Pentecost</b>	Pentecoste <b>pehn-teh-kohs-tay</b>
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	Corpus Domini <b>kor-poos doh-mee-nee</b>
<b>Assumption (Aug 15)</b>	Ferragosto <b>feh-rah-goh-stoh</b>
<b>All Saints' Day (Nov 1)</b>	Ognissanti <b>ohn-yee-sahn-tee</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Vigilia di Natale <b>vee-jeel-yah dee nah-tah-lay</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	Giorno di Natale <b>jor-noh dee nah-tah-lay</b>
<b>Merry Christmas!</b>	Buon Natale! <b>bwohn nah-tah-lay</b>
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Capodanno <b>kah-poh-dahn-noh</b>
<b>New Year's Day</b>	Il primo dell'anno <b>eel pree-moh dehl-ahn-noh</b>
<b>Happy New Year!</b>	Buon Anno! <b>bwohn ahn-noh</b>

<b>anniversary</b>	anniversario <b>ah-nee-vehr-sah-ree-oh</b>
<b>Happy (wedding) anniversary!</b>	Buon anniversario (di matrimonio)! <b>bwohn ah-nee-vehr-sah-ree-oh</b> (dee mah-tree- <b>moh-nee-oh</b> )
<b>birthday</b>	compleanno <b>kohm-pleh-ahn-noh</b>
<b>Happy birthday!</b>	Buon compleanno! <b>bwohn kohm-pleh-ahn-noh</b>

Italians celebrate birthdays with the same “Happy Birthday” tune that we use. The Italian words mean “Best wishes to you”: ***Tanti auguri a te, tanti auguri a te, tanti auguri, caro[a] \_\_\_\_\_, tanti auguri a te!***



# Transportation

## Getting Around

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### Finding Your Way

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

This chapter will help you buy transit tickets, get around—by train, bus, subway, taxi, rental car, and foot—and generally find your way around.

### Getting Around

#### Getting Tickets

<b>train</b>	treno <b>treh-noh</b>
<b>city bus</b>	autobus <b>ow-toh-boos</b>
<b>long-distance bus</b>	pullman / autobus <b>pool-mahn / ow-toh-boos</b>
<b>subway</b>	Metropolitana / Metro <b>meh-troh-poh-lee-tah-nah / meh-troh</b>
<b>taxi</b>	taxi <b>tahk-see</b>
<b>car</b>	macchina <b>mah-kee-nah</b>
<b>boat</b>	barca <b>bar-kah</b>
<b>ferry</b>	traghetto <b>trah-geh-toh</b>
<b>car ferry</b>	autotraghetto <b>ow-toh-trah-geh-toh</b>
<b>hydrofoil</b>	aliscafo <b>ah-lee-skah-foh</b>
<b>walk / by foot</b>	camminare / a piedi <b>kah-mee-nah-ray / ah pee-eh-dee</b>
<b>Where is the...?</b>	Dov'è il / la...? <b>doh-veh eel / lah</b>
<b>...train station</b>	...stazione <b>stah-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>...bus station</b>	...stazione degli autobus <b>stah-see-oh-nay dehl-yee ow-toh-boos</b>
<b>...bus stop</b>	...fermata <b>fehr-mah-tah</b>

...subway station	...stazione della Metro <b>staht-see-oh-nay deh-lah meh-troh</b>
...taxi stand	...fermata dei taxi <b>fehr-mah-tah deh-ee tahk-see</b>
I'm going / We're going to ____.	Vado / Andiamo a _____. <b>vah-doh / ahn-dee-ah-moh ah</b> _____
What is the cheapest / fastest / easiest way...?	Qual'è il modo più economico / più veloce / più facile...? <b>kwah-leh eel moh-doh pew eh-koh-noh-mee-koh / pew veh-loh-chay / pew fah-chee-lay</b>
...to downtown	...al centro <b>ahl chehn-troh</b>
...to the train station	...alla stazione <b>ah-lah staht-see-oh-nay</b>
...to my / to our hotel	...al mio / al nostro hotel <b>ahl mee-oh / ahl noh-stroh oh-tehl</b>
...to the airport	...all'aeroporto <b>ahl-ay-roh-por-toh</b>

## Getting Tickets

When you're buying tickets for the bus, train, or subway, the following phrases will come in handy.

<b>Where can I buy a ticket?</b>	Dove posso comprare un biglietto? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>How much (is a ticket to ____)?</b>	Quant'è (il biglietto per ____)? <b>kwahn-teh (eel beel-yeh-toh pehr ____)</b>
<b>I want to go to ____.</b>	Voglio andare a _____. <b>vohl-yoh ahn-dah-ray ah</b> _____
<b>One ticket / Two tickets (to ____).</b>	Un biglietto / Due biglietti (per ____). <b>oon beel-yeh-toh / doo-ay beel-yeh-tee (pehr ____)</b>
<b>When is the next train /</b>	Quando è il prossimo treno / autobus (per

bus (to _____)?	_____)? <b>kwahn-doh</b> eh eel <b>proh-see-moh treh-noh</b> / <b>ow-toh-boos</b> (pehr _____)
What time does it leave?	A che ora parte? ah kay <b>oh-rah par-tay</b>
Is it direct?	È diretto? eh dee- <b>reh-toh</b>
Is a reservation required?	Ci vuole la prenotazione? chee <b>vwoh-lay lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
I'd like / We'd like to reserve a seat.	Vorrei / Vorremmo prenotare un posto. <b>voh-reh-ee</b> / <b>voh-reh-moh preh-noh-tah-ray oon poh-stoh</b>
Can I buy a ticket on board?	Posso comprare un biglietto a bordo? <b>poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon beel-yeh-toh ah bor-doh</b>
Exact change only?	Solo importo esatto? <b>soh-loh eem-por-toh eh-zah-toh</b>

While you're unlikely to ride a **motorino** (motor scooter), you can't avoid them—they swarm around tight city streets like wasps (which is what the brand name **Vespa** literally means).

## Trains

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For tips and strategies about rail travel and railpasses in Italy, see [www.ricksteves.com/rail](http://www.ricksteves.com/rail). Note that many of the following train phrases work for long-distance bus travel as well.

## Ticket Basics

<b>ticket</b>	biglietto <b>beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>reservation</b>	prenotazione <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>ticket office</b>	biglietteria <b>beel-yeh-teh-ree-yah</b>
<b>ticket machine</b>	biglietteria automatica <b>beel-yeh-teh-ree-yah ow-toh-mah-tee-kah</b>
<b>validate</b>	timbrare / convalidare <b>teem-brah-ray / kohn-vah-lee-dah-ray</b>
<b>Where can I buy a ticket?</b>	Dove posso comprare un biglietto? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>Is this the line for...?</b>	È questa la fila per...? <b>eh kweh-stah lah</b>



	<b>fee-lah pehr</b>
...tickets	...biglietti <b>beel-yeh-tee</b>
...reservations	...prenotazioni <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nee</b>
...information	...informazioni <b>een-for-maht-see-oh-nee</b>
One ticket (to ____).	Un biglietto (per ____). <b>oon beel-yeh-toh (pehr ____)</b>
Two tickets.	Due biglietti. <b>doo-ay beel-yeh-tee</b>
I want to go to ____.	Voglio andare a _____. <b>vohl-yoh ahn-dah-ray ah ____</b>
How much (is a ticket to ____)?	Quant'è (il biglietto per ____)? <b>kwahn-teh (eel beel-yeh-toh pehr ____)</b>
one-way	andata <b>ahn-dah-tah</b>
round-trip	andata e ritorno <b>ahn-dah-tah ay ree-tor-noh</b>
today / tomorrow	oggi / domani <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee</b>

## Ticket Specifics

As trains and buses can sell out, it's smart to buy your tickets a day in advance even for short rides. For phrases related to discounts (such as for children, families, or seniors), see [here](#).

schedule	orario <b>oh-rah-ree-oh</b>
When is the next train / bus (to ____)?	Quando è il prossimo treno / autobus (per ____)? <b>kwahn-doh eh eel proh-see-moh treh-noh / ow-toh-boos (pehr ____)</b>
What time does it leave?	A che ora parte? <b>ah kay oh-rah par-tay</b>
I'd like / We'd like to leave...	Vorrei / Vorremmo partire... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh par-tee-ray</b>
I'd like / We'd like to arrive...	Vorrei / Vorremmo arrivare... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh ah-ree-vah-ray</b>

...by ____... (name time)	...per le ____... <b>pehr lay</b> ____
...at ____... (name time)	...alle ____... <b>ah-lay</b> ____
...in the morning / afternoon / evening.	...di mattina / pomeriggio / sera. <b>dee mah-tee-nah / poh-meh-ree-joh / seh-rah</b>
Is there a... train / bus?	C'è un treno / autobus...? <b>ch eh oon treh-noh / ow-toh-boos</b>
...earlier	...prima <b>pree-mah</b>
...later	...più tardi <b>pew tar-dee</b>
...overnight	...notturno <b>noh-toor-noh</b>
...cheaper	...più economico <b>pew eh-koh-noh-mee-koh</b>
...express	...espresso <b>eh-spreh-soh</b>
...direct	...diretto <b>dee-reh-toh</b>
Is it direct?	È diretto? <b>eh dee-reh-toh</b>
Is a transfer required?	Devo cambiare? <b>deh-voh kahm-bee-ah-ray</b>
How many transfers?	Quante volte devo cambiare treno? <b>kwahn-tay vohl-tay deh-voh kahm-bee-ah-ray treh-noh</b>
When? / Where?	Quando? / Dove? <b>kwahn-doh / doh-vay</b>
first / second class	prima / seconda classe <b>pree-mah / seh-kohn-dah klah-say</b>
How long is this ticket valid?	Per quanto tempo è valido questo biglietto? <b>pehr kwahn-toh teh-m-poh eh vah-lee-doh kweh-stoh beel-yeh-toh</b>
Can you validate my railpass?	Può convalidare la mia tessera ferroviaria? <b>pwoh kohn-vah-lee-dah-ray lah mee-ah teh-seh-rah feh-roh-vee-ah-ree-ah</b>

At the train station, you can buy tickets at the windows in the **atrio biglietteria** or **salone biglietti** (ticketing hall) or at machines

**(biglietterie automatiche)**. At large stations, be sure you go to the correct window: **biglietti** are tickets, **prenotazioni** is for reservations, **nazionali** is for domestic trips, and **internazionali** is international.

Rather than wait in line, you may find it faster to use machines to buy tickets, railpass reservations, and more. Look for the big “**self service**” signs, or the even faster **biglietto veloce** kiosks. Some machines take credit cards, others take cash, and some take both—before using a machine, be sure it accepts your method of payment. (When the machine prompts you—“Fidelity Card?”—choose no.) For nearby destinations only, use the machines marked **Rete regionale** (cash only, push button for English).

For a small fee, it’s also possible to book rail tickets through a travel agency (**agenzia di viaggi**).

## Ticket Types

<b>Flessibile</b>	The most flexible (and expensive)
<b>Base</b>	Basic fare
<b>Promo</b>	Special offers
<b>Servizi abbonati</b>	Specials for locals with monthly passes; not available for tourists

On tickets, **1a** (or **prima classe**) means first class, and **2a** (or **seconda classe**) means second class.

## Train Reservations

Some fast trains require a **prenotazione** (reservation)—often noted by an **®** in the schedule. Even if a reservation isn’t required, it can

be a good idea to reserve a seat on busy routes at popular times. (If you're using a railpass, you must pay an extra **supplemento** to reserve.)

<b>Is a reservation required?</b>	Ci vuole la prenotazione? <b>chee vwoh-lay lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>I'd like / We'd like to reserve...</b>	Vorrei / Vorremmo prenotare... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh preh-noh-tah-ray</b>
<b>...a seat.</b>	...un posto. <b>oon poh-stoh</b>
<b>...an aisle seat.</b>	...un posto corridoio. <b>oon poh-stoh koh-ree-doh-yoh</b>
<b>...a window seat.</b>	...un posto finestrino. <b>oon poh-stoh fee-neh-stree-noh</b>
<b>...two seats.</b>	...due posti. <b>doo-ay poh-stee</b>
<b>...a couchette (sleeping berth).</b>	...una cuccetta. <b>oo-nah koo-cheh-tah</b>
<b>...an upper / middle / lower berth.</b>	...una cuccetta di sopra / in mezzo / di sotto. <b>oo-nah koo-cheh-tah dee soh-prah / een mehd-zoh / dee soh-toh</b>
<b>...two couchettes.</b>	...due cuccette. <b>doo-ay koo-cheh-tay</b>
<b>...a sleeper compartment (private)</b>	...un compartimento in vagone letto. <b>oon kohm-par-tee-mehn-toh een vah-goh-nay leh-toh</b>
<b>...a sleeper compartment (with two beds).</b>	...un compartimento in vagone letto (con due cuccette). <b>oon kohm-par-tee-mehn-toh een vah-goh-nay leh-toh (kohn doo-ay koo-cheh-tay)</b>
<b>...the entire train.</b>	...tutto il treno. <b>too-toh eel treh-noh</b>

## Discounts

<b>Is there a cheaper ticket?</b>	C'è un biglietto più economico? <b>ch eh oon beel-yeh-toh</b> pew eh-koh- <b>noh</b> -mee-koh
<b>discount</b>	sconto <b>skohn-toh</b>
<b>reduced fare</b>	tariffa ridotta <b>tah-ree-fah ree-doh-tah</b>
<b>refund</b>	rimborso <b>reem-bor-soh</b>
<b>Is there a discount for...?</b>	Fate sconti per...? <b>fah-tay skohn-tee</b> pehr
<b>...children</b>	...bambini <b>bahm-bee-nee</b>
<b>...minors</b>	...minorenni <b>mee-noh-reh-nee</b>
<b>...seniors</b>	...anziani <b>ahnt-see-ah-nee</b>
<b>...families</b>	...famiglie <b>fah-meel-yay</b>
<b>...groups</b>	...gruppi <b>groo-pee</b>
<b>...advance purchase</b>	...acquisto anticipato <b>ah-kwee-stoh ahn-tee-chee-pah-toh</b>
<b>...weekends</b>	...fine settimana <b>fee-nay seh-tee-mah-nah</b>
<b>Are there any deals for this journey?</b>	Ci sono delle offerte per questo viaggio? <b>chee soh-noh deh-lay oh-fehr-tay</b> pehr <b>kweh-stoh vee-ah-joh</b>

## At the Train Station

<b>Where is the train station?</b>	Dov'è la stazione? <b>doh-veh lah staht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>train information</b>	informazioni treni / informazioni e servizi <b>een-for-maht-see-oh-nee treh-nee</b> / een-for-maht-see- <b>oh-nee</b> ay sehr- <b>veet-see</b>
<b>customer assistance</b>	assistenza clienti <b>ah-sees-tehnt-sah klee-ehn-tee</b>
<b>tickets</b>	biglietti <b>beel-yeh-tee</b>
<b>ticket hall</b>	atrio biglietteria / salone biglietti <b>ah-tree-oh</b>

	beel-yeh-teh-ree-yah / sah-loh-nay beel-yeh-tee
ticket sales	biglietteria beel-yeh-teh-ree-yah
(time of) departure / arrival	(orario di) partenza / arrivo (oh-rah-ree-oh-dee) par-tehnt-sah / ah-ree-voh
On time?	È in orario? eh een oh-rah-ree-oh
Late?	In ritardo? een ree-tar-doh
How late?	Quanto ritardo? kwahn-toh ree-tar-doh
platform / track	binario bee-nah-ree-oh
What platform does it leave from?	Da che binario parte? dah kay bee-nah-ree-oh par-tay
waiting room	sala di attesa / sala d'aspetto sah-lah dee ah-teh-zah / sah-lah dah-speh-toh
lockers	armadietti ar-mah-dee-eh-tee
baggage check	deposito bagagli / consegna deh-poh-zee-toh bah-gahl-yee / kohn-sehn-yah
tourist information	informazioni per turisti een-for-maht-see-oh-nee pehr too-ree-stee
lost and found office	ufficio oggetti smarriti oo-fee-choh oh-jeh-tee smah-ree-tee
toilet	toilette twah-leh-tay

## Key Phrases: Trains

train station	stazione staht-see-oh-nay
train	treno treh-noh
platform / track	binario bee-nah-ree-oh
What track does it leave from?	Da che binario parte? dah kay bee-nah-ree-oh par-tay
Is this the train to ____?	Questo è il treno per ____? kweh-stoh eh

	eel <b>treh-noh</b> pehr _____
<b>Which train to _____?</b>	Quale treno per _____? <b>kwah-lay treh-noh</b> pehr _____
<b>Tell me when to get off?</b>	Mi dice quando devo scendere? <b>mee dee-chay kwahn-doh deh-voh shehn-deh-ray</b>
<b>transfer (n)</b>	scalo <b>skah-loh</b>
<b>Change here for _____?</b>	Cambio qui per _____? <b>kahm-bee-oh kwee</b> pehr _____

The general term for “railroad” in Italian is *ferrovia*. Most trains in Italy are operated by the national rail company, *Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane*—abbreviated *FS*, and usually just called *Trenitalia* (trehn-ee-**tahl**-yah).

## Types of Trains

Trains are classified according to how fast and how far they travel; here are the abbreviations you may see, roughly in order from slowest to fastest.

<b>R / REG</b>	regionali (pokey milk-run trains)
<b>RV</b>	regionale veloce (medium-speed)
<b>IR</b>	InterRegio (medium-speed)
<b>D</b>	diretto (medium-speed)
<b>E</b>	espresso (medium-speed)
<b>IC</b>	InterCity (fast)
<b>EC</b>	EuroCity (fast)
<b>ES / AV / EAV</b>	Eurostar Italia Alta Velocità (super-fast)

The speedy **ES** and **EAV** routes use these types of trains: **Frecciabianca** (White Arrow), faster **Frecciargento** (Silver Arrow), **Frecciarossa** (Red Arrow), and the newest **Frecciarossa 1000** or **Freccemille**. A private company called Italo runs fast trains between major Italian cities.

## Train and Bus Schedules

European timetables use the 24-hour clock. It's like American time until noon. After that, subtract 12 and add "p.m." For example, 13:00 is 1 p.m., and 19:00 is 7 p.m.

You can check train schedules throughout Italy at the handy ticket machines. Newsstands sell up-to-date regional and all-Italy timetables (**orario ferroviario**).

At the station, look for the big yellow posters labeled **Partenze** (departures; ignore the white posters, which show arrivals). Organized in this order, each schedule has these columns:

<b>Ora</b>	Time of departure
<b>Treno</b>	Type and number of train
<b>Classi Servizi</b>	Services available (for example, dining car, <i>cuccetta</i> sleeping berths, etc.); if you see an <b>R</b> here, the train requires a reservation
<b>Principali Fermate Destinazioni</b>	Major stops and final destination
<b>Servizi Diretti e Annotazioni</b>	Additional notes (see bottom of poster)
<b>Binario / Bin</b>	Track number

On any timetable—posted or printed—you might also see some of these terms:



<b>a</b>	to; can mean “arrival”
<b>anche</b>	also
<b>annulata</b>	cancelled
<b>arrive / arrivi</b>	arrival(s)
<b>avvisi al pubblico / al viaggiatori</b>	advisory to the public / to travelers
<b>categoria / cat</b>	type of train
<b>circa ____ minuti di ritardo</b>	about ____ minutes late
<b>(non) circola nei giorni festivi</b>	does (not) run on holidays
<b>coincidenze</b>	connections
<b>corsia</b>	bus stall or platform
<b>corse rapide</b>	fast route (bus)
<b>da</b>	from
<b>destinazione</b>	destination
<b>direzione e / o stazione d’arrivo</b>	direction and / or final destination
<b>eccetto / escluso</b>	except
<b>feriali</b>	weekdays including Saturday
<b>ferma</b>	stops (v)
<b>ferma anche a ____</b>	also stops in ____
<b>ferma in tutte le stazioni</b>	stops at all the stations
<b>festivi</b>	Sundays and holidays
<b>fino</b>	until
<b>G</b>	runs even in case of strike
<b>giornaliero</b>	daily
<b>giorni</b>	days

<b>in ritardo</b>	late
<b>lavori</b>	work
<b>minuti</b>	minutes
<b>NB</b>	note
<b>non ferma a ____</b>	doesn't stop in ____
<b>ogni</b>	every
<b>ordinaria</b>	makes every stop (bus)
<b>ore</b>	hours
<b>partenza / p</b>	departure
<b>per</b>	for
<b>più tardi (dell'orario stabilito)</b>	later (than scheduled)
<b>possibile prolungamento di ____ minuti dell'orario di arrivo per lavori programmati</b>	possible delay of ____ minutes in arriving because of scheduled maintenance work
<b>provenienza</b>	originating from
<b>rapida</b>	fast route (bus)
<b>riduzioni (delle corse)</b>	reduced service
<b>ritardo / rit</b>	delay
<b>servizio automobilistico</b>	bus service
<b>servizio periodico</b>	periodic service
<b>si effettua anche ____</b>	also runs on ____
<b>solo</b>	only
<b>tempo</b>	time
<b>transita da ____</b>	stops at ____
<b>transiti</b>	stops
<b>treni in arrivo</b>	arriving trains

<b>treni in partenza</b>	departing trains
<b>tutti i giorni</b>	daily
<b>va</b>	goes
<b>vacanza</b>	holiday
<b>via</b>	by way of
<b>via autostrada / superstrada</b>	by expressway / super-expressway (bus)
<b>1-5 / 6 / 7</b>	Monday-Friday / Saturday / Sunday

**Avvisi** (advisory) is an important word: It means something is not running normally. If it appears to involve your train or bus, ask locals if there are any complications you should know about.

When perusing train schedules, it helps to know the Italian names of cities, such as **Firenze** (Florence), **Venezia** (Venice), **Napoli** (Naples), **Monaco di Baviera** (Munich), and **Parigi** (Paris). For tips on pronouncing Italian place names, see the end of this chapter.

## Major Train Stations

Big Italian cities often have multiple stations; when arriving or departing, be clear on which station your train uses. In many cases, you'll aim for the **Centrale** train station. The list of major cities below tells you which train station is nearest the city-center sights.

<b>Bolzano</b>	Bolzano (not Bolzano Süd)
<b>Cortona</b>	Camucia
<b>Florence</b>	Firenze Santa Maria Novella (Firenze S.M.N.)
<b>Milan</b>	Milano Centrale

<b>Naples</b>	Napoli Centrale
<b>Pisa</b>	Pisa Centrale (Pisa San Rossore is closer to the Leaning Tower, but has fewer trains)
<b>Rome</b>	Roma Termini (closer to ancient Roman sites; Roma San Pietro is near Vatican City, but has fewer trains)
<b>Venice</b>	Venezia Santa Lucia (on the island of Venice; Venezia Mestre is on the mainland)
<b>Verona</b>	Verona Porta Nuova

## All Aboard

To find the platforms, look for the signs *ai treni* (to the trains) or *ai binari* (to the platforms).

You'll need to validate (*timbrare*) most types of unreserved tickets on the platform in the machines marked *convalida biglietti*. If you're on the train and you forget to validate your ticket, go right away to the train conductor—before he comes to you—or you'll pay a fine.

The *composizione principali treni* (train-car configuration) diagram can show you where to wait for your car along the platform, though they're not always accurate.

<b>platform / track</b>	binario <b>bee-nah-ree-oh</b>
<b>number</b>	numero <b>noo-meh-roh</b>
<b>train car</b>	vagone <b>vah-goh-nay</b>
<b>conductor</b>	capotreno <b>kah-poh-treh-noh</b>
<b>Is this the train to ____?</b>	Questo è il treno per ____? <b>kweh-stoh eh eel treh-noh pehr ____</b>
<b>Which train to ____?</b>	Quale treno per ____? <b>kwah-lay treh-noh pehr ____</b>

Which train car to ____?	Quale vagone per ____? <b>kwah-lay vah-goh-nay</b> pehr ____
Where can I validate my ticket?	Dove posso timbrare il biglietto? <b>doh-vay poh-soh teem-brah-ray eel beel-yeh-toh</b>
Where is...?	Dov'è...? <b>doh-veh</b>
Is this...?	È questo...? <b>eh kweh-stoh</b>
...my seat	...il mio posto <b>eel mee-oh pohs-toh</b>
...first / second class	...la prima / seconda classe <b>lah pree-mah / seh-kohn-dah klah-say</b>
...the dining car	...il vagone ristorante <b>eel vah-goh-nay ree-stoh-rah-n-tay</b>
...the sleeper car	...il vagone letto <b>eel vah-goh-nay leh-toh</b>
...the toilet	...la toilette <b>lah twah-leh-tay</b>
front / middle / back	in testa / in centro / in coda <b>een teh-stah / een chehn-troh / een koh-dah</b>
reserved / occupied / free	prenotato / occupato / libero <b>preh-noh-tah-toh / oh-koo-pah-toh / lee-beh-roh</b>
aisle / window	corridoio / finestrino <b>koh-ree-doh-yoh / fee-neh-stree-noh</b>
Is this (seat) free?	È libero? <b>eh lee-beh-roh</b>
May I / May we...?	Posso / Possiamo...? <b>poh-soh / poh-see-ah-moh</b>
...sit here	...sedermi / sederci qui <b>seh-dehr-mee / seh-dehr-chee kwee</b>
...open the window	...aprire il finestrino <b>ah-pree-ray eel fee-neh-stree-noh</b>
...eat here	...mangiare qui <b>mahn-jah-ray kwee</b>
...eat your food	...mangiare il suo cibo <b>mahn-jah-ray eel soo-oh chee-boh</b>
(I think) this is my seat.	(Penso che) questo è il mio posto. ( <b>pehn-</b>

	soh kay) <b>kweh</b> -stoh eh eel <b>mee</b> -oh <b>poh</b> -stoh
<b>These are our seats.</b>	Sono i nostri posti. <b>soh</b> -noh ee <b>noh</b> -stree <b>poh</b> -stee
<b>Save my place?</b>	Mi tiene il posto? <b>mee</b> tee- <b>eh</b> -nay eel <b>poh</b> -stoh
<b>Save our places?</b>	Ci tiene i posti? <b>chee</b> tee- <b>eh</b> -nay ee <b>poh</b> -stee
<b>Where are you going?</b>	Dove va? <b>doh</b> -vay vah
<b>I'm going / We're going to ____.</b>	Vado / Andiamo a _____. <b>vah</b> -doh / ahn-dee- <b>ah</b> -moh ah _____
<b>When will it arrive (in ____)?</b>	Quando arriva (a ____)? <b>kwahn</b> -doh ah- <b>ree</b> -vah (ah _____)
<b>Where is a (handsome) conductor?</b>	Dov'è un (bel) capotreno? <b>doh</b> - <b>veh</b> oon (behl) kah-poh- <b>treh</b> -noh
<b>Tell me when to get off?</b>	Mi dice quando devo scendere? <b>mee</b> <b>dee</b> -chay <b>kwahn</b> -doh <b>deh</b> -voh <b>shehn</b> -deh-ray
<b>I'm getting off.</b>	Devo scendere. <b>deh</b> -voh <b>shehn</b> -deh-ray
<b>How do I open the door?</b>	Come si apre la porta? <b>koh</b> -may see <b>ah</b> -pray lah <b>por</b> -tah

As you approach a station on the train, you will hear an announcement such as ***Stiamo per arrivare alla Stazione di Milano Centrale*** (We are about to arrive at Milan Central Station).

## Changing Trains

<b>Change here for ____?</b>	Cambio qui per ____? <b>kahm</b> -bee-oh kwee pehr _____
<b>Where does one change for ____?</b>	Dove si cambia per ____? <b>doh</b> -vay see <b>kahm</b> -bee-ah pehr _____

<b>At what time?</b>	A che ora? <b>ah kay oh-rah</b>
<b>From what track does the connecting train leave?</b>	Da che binario parte la coincidenza? <b>dah kay bee-nah-ree-oh par-tay lah koh-een-chee-dehnt-sah</b>
<b>How many minutes in _____ (to change trains)?</b>	Quanti minuti a _____ (per prendere la coincidenza)? <b>kwahn-tee mee-noo-tee ah _____ (pehr prehn-deh-ray lah koh-een-chee-dehnt-sah)</b>

## Strikes

Strikes (*scioperi*) are common and generally last a day. Train employees will simply shrug and say **Sciopero**. But a few sporadic trains often do lumber down the tracks during most strikes. If a strike is pending, don't panic: Hoteliers and travel agencies can tell you when it will go into effect and which trains will continue to run (they're also marked "G" in train schedules.)

<b>strike</b>	sciopero <b>shoh-peh-roh</b>
<b>Is there a strike?</b>	C'è lo sciopero? <b>ch eh loh shoh-peh-roh</b>
<b>Only for today?</b>	È solo per oggi? <b>eh soh-loh pehr oh-jee</b>
<b>Tomorrow, too?</b>	Anche domani? <b>ahn-kay doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>Are there some trains today?</b>	C'è qualche treno oggi? <b>ch eh kwahl-kay treh-noh oh-jee</b>
<b>I'm going to _____.</b>	Vado a _____. <b>vah-doh ah _____</b>

Strikes often come with demonstrations (*manifestazioni*), which can close down streets and impede your progress.

## Long-Distance Buses

In Italy, buses can connect many smaller towns more efficiently and affordably than trains. In many hill towns, trains leave you at a station in the valley far below, while buses bring you right into the thick of things. If you're not sure where to buy tickets, ask ***Chi vende i biglietti dell'autobus per \_\_\_\_?*** (Who sells bus tickets to \_\_\_\_?). Some piazzas have more than one bus stop; confirm the departure point (***Dov'è la fermata?***).

Remember that many phrases that apply to train travel can be used for bus travel as well. For ticket-buying help, see [here](#).

<b>long-distance bus</b>	pullman / autobus <b>pool-mahn / ow-toh-boos</b>
<b>bus station</b>	stazione degli autobus <b>stah-see-oh-nay dehl-yeo ow-toh-boos</b>
<b>stall</b>	corsia / stallo <b>kor-see-ah / stah-loh</b>
<b>stop</b>	fermata <b>fehr-mah-tah</b>
<b>Who sells bus tickets to ____?</b>	Chi vende i biglietti dell'autobus per ____? <b>kee vehn-day ee beel-yeh-tee dehl-ow-toh-boos pehr ____</b>
<b>How many minutes will we be here?</b>	Quanti minuti ci fermiamo qui? <b>kwahn-tee mee-noo-tee chee fehr-mee-ah-moh kwee</b>
<b>Where is the bus stop?</b>	Dov'è la fermata? <b>doh-veh lah fehr-mah-tah</b>
<b>Where does the connection leave from?</b>	Da dove parte la coincidenza? <b>dah doh-vay par-tay lah koh-een-chee-dehnt-sah</b>

Buses marked ***via autostrada*** or ***via superstrada*** on schedules take speedy expressways—they'll get you there faster than ***ordinaria*** buses, which take back roads and make every stop. On schedules, ***transiti*** are the major stops en route. (For more tips on interpreting schedules, see [here](#).) Sundays and holidays are problematic; schedules are sparse, buses are jam-packed, and ticket offices are often closed. Plan ahead and buy your ticket in advance.



# City Buses and Subways

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## Ticket Talk

Most big cities offer deals on transportation, such as one-day tickets (***biglietto giornaliero***), multi-day passes, cheaper fares for youths and seniors, or a discount for buying a batch of tickets. You can buy tickets and passes at some newsstands, tobacco shops (***tabacchi***, marked by a black-and-white ***T*** sign), and major Metro stations and bus stops. For more discount-related phrases, see [here](#).

<b>Where can I buy a ticket?</b>	Dove posso comprare un biglietto? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>I want to go to ____.</b>	Voglio andare a _____. <b>vohl-yoh ahn-dah-ray ah _____</b>
<b>How much (is a ticket to ____)?</b>	Quant'è (il biglietto per ____)? <b>kwahn-teh (eel beel-yeh-toh pehr _____)</b>

<b>single ticket</b>	biglietto singolo <b>beel-yeh-toh seen-goh-loh</b>
<b>short-ride ticket</b>	biglietto per tragitto breve <b>beel-yeh-toh pehr trah-jee-toh breh-vay</b>
<b>day ticket</b>	biglietto giornaliero <b>beel-yeh-toh jor-nahl-yeh-roh</b>
<b>Is there a...?</b>	C'è un...? <b>ch eh oon</b>
<b>...day ticket</b>	...biglietto giornaliero <b>beel-yeh-toh jor-nahl-yeh-roh</b>
<b>...discount if I buy more tickets</b>	...sconto se compro più biglietti <b>skohn-toh say kohm-proh pew beel-yeh-tee</b>
<b>Can I buy a ticket on board (the bus)?</b>	Posso comprare un biglietto a bordo (dell'autobus)? <b>poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon beel-yeh-toh ah bor-doh (dehl-ow-toh-boos)</b>
<b>Exact change only?</b>	Solo importo esatto? <b>soh-loh eem-por-toh eh-zah-toh</b>
<b>validate (here)</b>	timbrare (qui) <b>teem-brah-ray (kwee)</b>

In many cities, you are required to **timbrare** (validate) your ticket by sticking it into a validation machine as you enter the subway station, bus, or tram. If you have an all-day or multi-day ticket, validate it only the first time you use it.

## Transit Terms

Most big cities have the usual public-transit systems, such as the **Metropolitana** (subway) and **autobus** (city bus). Some cities have unique types of transit, like the **elettrico** minibuses in Rome that connect tight old neighborhoods. Venice has boats instead of buses—you'll zip around on **vaporetti** (motorized ferries) and **traghetti** (gondola ferries).

## Key Phrases: City Buses and Subways

bus	autobus <b>ow-toh-boos</b>
subway	Metropolitana / Metro <b>meh-troh-poh-lee-tah-nah / meh-troh</b>
How do I get to ____?	Come si va a ____? <b>koh-may see vah ah</b> _____
Which stop for ____?	Qual'è la fermata per ____? <b>kwah-leh lah fehr-mah-tah pehr</b> _____
Tell me when to get off?	Mi dice quando devo scendere? <b>mee dee-chay kwahn-doh deh-voh shehn-deh-ray</b>

city bus	autobus <b>ow-toh-boos</b>
electric minibus	elettrico <b>eh-leh-tree-koh</b>
bus stop	fermata <b>fehr-mah-tah</b>
subway	Metropolitana / Metro <b>meh-troh-poh-lee-tah-nah / meh-troh</b>
subway station	stazione della Metro <b>staht-see-oh-nay deh-lah meh-troh</b>
public-transit map	mappa dei trasporti <b>mah-pah deh-ee trah-spor-tee</b>
entrance	entrata <b>ehn-trah-tah</b>
stop	fermata <b>fehr-mah-tah</b>
exit	uscita <b>oo-shee-tah</b>
line (subway)	linea <b>lee-neh-ah</b>
number (bus)	numero <b>noo-meh-roh</b>
direction	direzione <b>dee-reht-see-oh-nay</b>
direct	diretto <b>dee-reh-toh</b>

<b>connection</b>	coincidenza <b>koh-een-chee-dehnt-sah</b>
<b>pickpocket</b>	borseggiatore <b>bor-seh-jah-toh-ray</b>

The *mappa dei trasporti* is a map of the city's public transit, often accompanied by the *orario* (timetable) and *tariffe* (fares). At night, most transit stops running, except for a few *linee notturne* (night lines).

## Public Transit

<b>How do I get to ____?</b>	Come si va a ____? <b>koh-may see vah ah</b> _____
<b>How do we get to ____?</b>	Come andiamo a ____? <b>koh-may ahn-dee-ah-moh ah</b> _____
<b>Which bus to ____?</b>	Quale autobus per ____? <b>kwah-lay ow-toh-boos pehr</b> _____
<b>Does it stop at ____?</b>	Si ferma a ____? <b>see fehr-mah ah</b> _____
<b>Which stop for ____?</b>	Qual'è la fermata per ____? <b>kwah-leh lah fehr-mah-tah pehr</b> _____
<b>Which direction for ____?</b>	Da che parte è ____? <b>dah kay par-tay eh</b> _____
<b>Is a transfer required?</b>	Devo cambiare? <b>deh-voh kahm-bee-ah-ray</b>
<b>When is...?</b>	Quando parte...? <b>kwahn-doh par-tay</b>
<b>...the first / next / last...</b>	...il primo / il prossimo / l'ultimo... <b>eel pree-moh / eel proh-see-moh / lool-tee-moh</b>
<b>...bus / subway</b>	...autobus / Metro <b>ow-toh-boos / meh-troh</b>
<b>How often does it run (per hour / per day)?</b>	Ogni quanto passa (all'ora / al giorno)? <b>ohn-yee kwahn-toh pah-sah (ah-loh-rah / ahl jor-noh)</b>

<b>When does the next one leave?</b>	Quando parte il prossimo? <b>kwahn-doh par-tay eel proh-see-moh</b>
<b>Where does it leave from?</b>	Da dove parte? <b>dah doh-vay par-tay</b>
<b>Tell me when to get off?</b>	Mi dice quando devo scendere? <b>mee dee-chay kwahn-doh deh-voh shehn-deh-ray</b>
<b>I'm getting off.</b>	Devo scendere. <b>deh-voh shehn-deh-ray</b>
<b>How do I open the door?</b>	Come si apre la porta? <b>koh-may see ah-pray lah por-tah</b>

If you press the button to request a stop on a bus, a sign lights up that says *fermata richiesta* (stop requested). Upon arrival, you might have to press a button or pull a lever to open the door—watch locals and imitate.

## Taxis

Taxis are generally affordable, efficient, and worth considering. They usually take up to four people. If you have trouble flagging down a taxi, ask for directions to a *fermata dei taxi* (taxi stand) or seek out a big hotel where taxis wait for guests. The simplest way to tell a cabbie where you want to go is to state your destination followed by “please” (*Uffizi, per favore*). Tipping isn’t expected, but it’s polite to round up—if the fare is €19, give €20.

## Getting a Taxi

<b>Taxi!</b>	Taxi! <b>tahk-see</b>
<b>Can you call a taxi?</b>	Può chiamare un taxi? <b>pwoh kee-ah-mah-ray oon tahk-see</b>
<b>Where can I get a taxi?</b>	Dove posso prendere un taxi? <b>doh-vay</b>

	<b>poh-soh prehn-deh-ray oon tahk-see</b>
<b>Where is a taxi stand?</b>	Dov'è una fermata dei taxi? <b>doh-veh oo-nah fehr-mah-tah deh-ee tahk-see</b>
<b>Are you free?</b>	È libero? <b>eh lee-beh-roh</b>
<b>Occupied.</b>	Occupato. <b>oh-koo-pah-toh</b>
<b>To _____, please.</b>	A _____, per favore. <b>ah _____ pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>To this address.</b>	A questo indirizzo. <b>ah kweh-stoh een-dee-reed-zoh</b>
<b>I know there's a meter, but about how much is it to go...?</b>	So che c'è il tassametro, ma più o meno quanto costa andare...? <b>soh kay cheh eel tah-sah-meh-troh mah pew oh meh-noh kwahn-toh koh-stah ahn-dah-ray</b>
<b>...to _____</b>	<b>...a _____ ah _____</b>
<b>...to the airport</b>	<b>...all'aeroporto ahl-ay-roh-por-toh</b>
<b>...to the train station</b>	<b>...alla stazione ferroviaria ah-lah staht-see-oh-nay feh-roh-vee-ah-ree-ah</b>
<b>...to this address</b>	<b>...a questo indirizzo ah kweh-stoh een-dee-reed-zoh</b>
<b>Is there an extra supplement?</b>	C'è qualche supplemento? <b>ch eh kwahl-kay soo-pleh-mehn-toh</b>
<b>Too much.</b>	Troppo. <b>troh-poh</b>
<b>Can you take _____ people?</b>	Può portare _____ persone? <b>pwoh por-tah-ray _____ pehr-soh-nay</b>
<b>Any extra fee?</b>	C'è un sovrapprezzo? <b>ch eh oon soh-vrah-prehd-zoh</b>
<b>Do you have an hourly rate?</b>	Avete una tariffa oraria? <b>ah-veh-tay oo-nah tah-ree-fah oh-rah-ree-ah</b>
<b>How much for a one-hour city tour?</b>	Quant'è per un giro della città di un'ora? <b>kwahn-teh pehr oon jee-roh deh-lah chee-tah dee oon-oh-rah</b>

## Key Phrases: Taxis

<b>Taxi!</b>	Taxi! <b>tahk-see</b>
<b>taxi stand</b>	fermata dei taxi <b>fehr-mah-tah deh-ee tahk-see</b>
<b>Are you free?</b>	È libero? <b>eh lee-beh-roh</b>
<b>Occupied.</b>	Occupato. <b>oh-koo-pah-toh</b>
<b>To _____, please.</b>	A _____, per favore. <b>ah _____ pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>The meter, please.</b>	Il tassametro, per favore. <b>eel tah-sah-meh-troh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Stop here.</b>	Si fermi qui. <b>see fehr-mee kwee</b>
<b>My change, please.</b>	Il resto, per favore. <b>eel reh-stoh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Keep the change.</b>	Tenga il resto. <b>tehn-gah eel reh-stoh</b>

Before hopping in a taxi, it's smart to ask roughly how much your trip will cost. Also, Uber works in many European cities.

## Cabbie Conversation

<b>The meter, please.</b>	Il tassametro, per favore. <b>eel tah-sah-meh-troh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Where is the meter?</b>	Dov'è il tassametro? <b>doh-veh eel tah-sah-meh-troh</b>
<b>I'm / We're in a hurry.</b>	Sono / Siamo di fretta. <b>soh-noh / see-ah-moh dee freh-tah</b>
<b>Slow down.</b>	Rallenti. <b>rah-lehn-tee</b>

<b>If you don't slow down, I'll throw up.</b>	Se non rallenta, vomito. say nohn rah- <b>lehn-tah voh-mee-toh</b>
<b>(To the) left.</b>	(A) sinistra. (ah) see- <b>nee-strah</b>
<b>(To the) right.</b>	(A) destra. (ah) <b>deh-strah</b>
<b>Straight ahead.</b>	Sempre dritto. <b>sehm-pray dree-toh</b>
<b>Please stop here...</b>	Per favore, si fermi qui... pehr fah- <b>voh-ray see fehr-mee kwee</b>
<b>...for a moment.</b>	...per un momento. pehr oon moh- <b>mehn-toh</b>
<b>...for ____ minutes.</b>	...per ____ minuti. pehr ____ mee- <b>noo-tee</b>
<b>Can you wait?</b>	Può aspettare? pwoh ah-speh- <b>tah-ray</b>
<b>Crazy traffic, isn't it?</b>	Un traffico incredibile, vero? oon <b>trah-fee-koh een-kreh-dee-bee-lay veh-roh</b>
<b>You drive like a madman!</b>	Guida come un pazzo! <b>gwee-dah koh-may oon pahd-zoh</b>
<b>You drive very well.</b>	Guida molto bene. <b>gwee-dah mohl-toh beh-nay</b>
<b>I can see it from here.</b>	Lo vedo da qui. loh <b>veh-doh dah kwee</b>
<b>Point it out?</b>	Me lo mostra? may loh <b>moh-strah</b>
<b>Stop here.</b>	Si fermi qui. see <b>fehr-mee kwee</b>
<b>Here is fine.</b>	Va bene qui. vah <b>beh-nay kwee</b>
<b>At this corner.</b>	A questo angolo. ah <b>kweh-stoh ahn-goh-loh</b>
<b>The next corner.</b>	Al prossimo angolo. ahl <b>proh-see-moh ahn-goh-loh</b>
<b>My change, please.</b>	Il resto, per favore. eel <b>reh-stoh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Keep the change.</b>	Tenga il resto. <b>tehn-gah eel reh-stoh</b>
<b>This ride is / was more fun</b>	Questo viaggio è / è stato più divertente di



than Disneyland.

Disneyland. **kweh**-stoh vee-**ah**-joh eh / eh  
**stah**-toh pew dee-vehr-**tehn**-tay dee  
“Disneyland”

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## Driving

Renting Wheels

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## Renting Wheels

I'd like to rent a...

Vorrei noleggiare un / una... **vor-reh-ee**  
**noh-leh-jah**-ray oon / **oo**-nah

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...car.

...macchina. **mah**-kee-nah

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...station wagon.

...station wagon. **stah**-see-ohn **wah**-gohn

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...van.

...monovolume. **moh**-noh-voh-**loo**-may

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...convertible.	...decapottabile. <b>dee-kah-poh-tah-bee-lay</b>
...motorcycle.	...motocicletta. <b>moh-toh-chee-kleh-tah</b>
...motor scooter.	...motorino. <b>moh-toh-ree-noh</b>
<b>How much...?</b>	Quanto...? <b>kwahn-toh</b>
...per hour	...all'ora <b>ah-loh-rah</b>
...per half day	...per mezza giornata <b>pehr mehd-zah jor-nah-tah</b>
...per day	...al giorno <b>ahl jor-noh</b>
...per week	...alla settimana <b>ah-lah seh-tee-mah-nah</b>
car rental agency	agenzia di autonoleggio <b>ah-jehnt-see-ah dee ow-toh-noh-leh-joh</b>
tax / insurance	tasse / assicurazione <b>tah-say / ah-see-koo-raht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Includes taxes and insurance?</b>	Include tasse e assicurazione? <b>een-kloo-day tah-say eh ah-see-koo-raht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Any extra fee?</b>	Ci sono costi aggiuntivi? <b>chee soh-noh koh-stee ah-joon-tee-vee</b>
<b>Unlimited mileage?</b>	Chilometraggio illimitato? <b>kee-loh-meh-trah-joh ee-lee-mee-tah-toh</b>
<b>manual / automatic transmission</b>	cambio manuale / automatico <b>kahm-bee-oh mahn-oo-ah-lay / ow-toh-mah-tee-koh</b>
<b>pick up / drop off</b>	ritiro / riconsegna <b>ree-tee-roh / ree-kohn-sehn-yah</b>
<b>Is there...?</b>	C'è...? <b>ch eh</b>
...a discount	...uno sconto <b>oo-noh skohn-toh</b>
...a deposit	...una caparra <b>oo-nah kah-pah-rah</b>
...a helmet	...un casco <b>oon kah-skoh</b>
<b>When must I bring it back?</b>	Quando devo riportarla? <b>kwahn-doh deh-voh ree-por-tar-lah</b>
<b>Can I drop it off in</b>	La posso riconsegnare in un'altra città / a

another city / in \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_? lah **poh**-soh ree-kohn-sehn-**yah**-ray  
een oon-**ahl**-trah chee-**tah** / ah \_\_\_\_\_

How do I get to the  
expressway / to \_\_\_\_\_?

Come arrivo alla superstrada / a \_\_\_\_\_? **koh**-  
may ah-ree-voh **ah**-lah soo-pehr-**strah**-dah  
/ ah \_\_\_\_\_

## Key Phrases: Driving

car	macchina <b>mah</b> -kee-nah
gas station	benzinaio <b>behnt</b> -see- <b>nah</b> -yoh
parking lot	parcheggio <b>par</b> - <b>keh</b> -joh
Where can I park?	Dove posso parcheggiare? <b>doh</b> -vay <b>poh</b> - soh par-keh- <b>jah</b> -ray
downtown	centro <b>chehn</b> -troh
straight ahead	sempre dritto <b>sehm</b> -pray <b>dree</b> -toh
left	sinistra <b>see</b> - <b>nee</b> -strah
right	destra <b>deh</b> -strah
I'm lost.	Mi sono perso[a]. mee <b>soh</b> -noh <b>pehr</b> -soh
How do I get to _____?	Come si va a _____? <b>koh</b> -may see vah ah _____

Before leaving the car-rental office, get directions to your next destination—or at least to the expressway. For all the details on the dizzying variety of insurance options, see [www.ricksteves.com/cdw](http://www.ricksteves.com/cdw). If you'd rather rent a bike, see [here](#).

## Getting to Know Your Rental Car

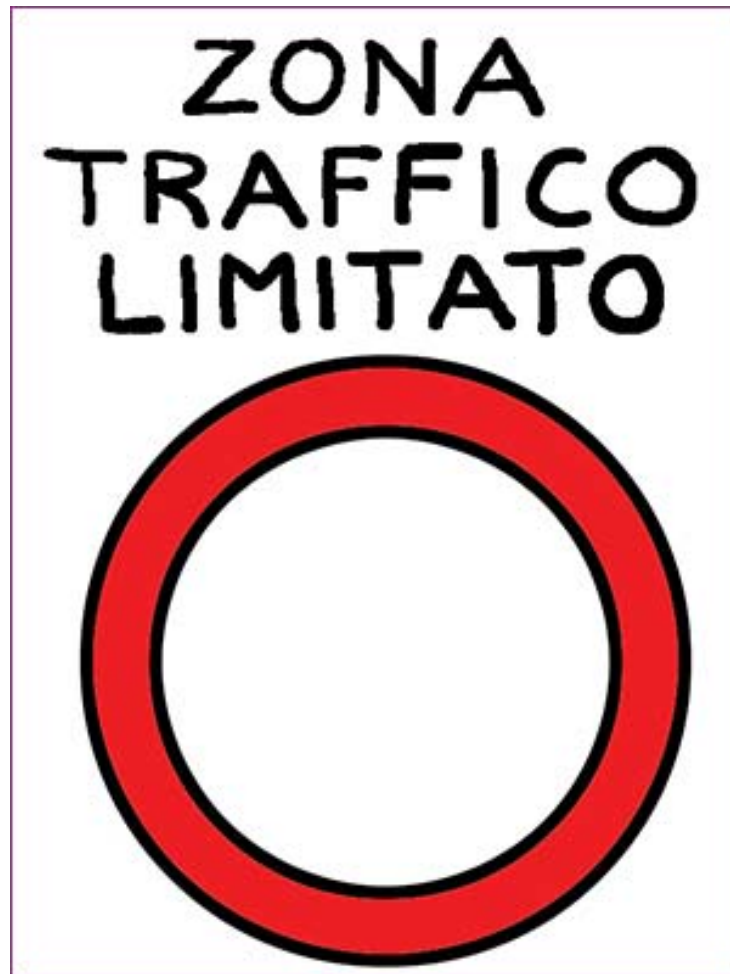
Before driving off, familiarize yourself with your rental car. Examine it to be sure that all damage is noted on the rental agreement so you won't be held responsible for it later.

<b>It's damaged here.</b>	Qui c'è un danno. <b>kwee cheh oon dah-noh</b>
<b>Please add it to the rental agreement.</b>	Lo aggiunga al contratto di noleggio per favore. <b>loh ah-joon-gah ahl kohn-trah-toh dee noh-leh-joh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>That scratch / That dent was already in the car.</b>	Quel graffio / Quella ammaccatura c'era già. <b>kwehl grah-fee-oh / kweh-lah ah-mah-kah-too-rah cheh-rah jah</b>
<b>What kind of gas does it take?</b>	Che tipo di benzina ha? <b>kay tee-poh dee behnt-see-nah ah</b>
<b>gas</b>	benzina <b>behnt-see-nah</b>
<b>diesel</b>	gasolio <b>gah-zoh-lee-oh</b>
<b>How do I open the gas cap?</b>	Come si apre il tappo della benzina? <b>koh-may see ah-pray eel tah-poh deh-lah behnt-see-nah</b>
<b>How does this work?</b>	Come funziona? <b>koh-may foont-see-oh-nah</b>
<b>key</b>	chiave <b>kee-ah-vay</b>
<b>headlights</b>	fari <b>fah-ree</b>
<b>radio</b>	radio <b>rah-dee-oh</b>
<b>windshield wipers</b>	tergicristalli <b>tehr-jee-kree-stah-lee</b>
<b>alarm / security system</b>	allarme / sistema di sicurezza <b>ah-lar-may / see-steh-mah dee see-koor-ehd-zah</b>
<b>How do I turn off the security system?</b>	Come si spegne l'allarme? <b>koh-may see spehn-yay lah-lar-may</b>
<b>GPS</b>	GPS <b>jee-pee-ehs-ay</b>
<b>How do I change the language to English?</b>	Come si cambia la lingua per avere l'inglese? <b>koh-may see kahm-bee-ah lah leen-gwah pehr ah-veh-ray leen-gleh-zay</b>

Sometimes you can rent a GPS device with your car. The language for the menus and instructions can be changed to English.

## Traffic Troubles

The biggest traffic problem many visitors have in Italy is being fined for driving in restricted zones. Traffic is forbidden in many city centers (including Rome, Florence, and Milan). Don't drive or park in any area that has a sign reading *Zona Traffico Limitato* (*ZTL*, often shown above a red circle). If you do, your license plate can be photographed and a hefty ticket will be mailed to your home.



<b>traffic</b>	traffico <b>trah-fee-koh</b>
<b>traffic jam</b>	ingorgo <b>een-gor-goh</b>
<b>rush hour</b>	ora di punta <b>oh-rah dee poon-tah</b>
<b>delay</b>	ritardo <b>ree-tar-doh</b>
<b>construction</b>	lavori stradali <b>lah-voh-ree strah-dah-lee</b>
<b>accident</b>	incidente <b>een-chee-dehn-tay</b>
<b>detour</b>	deviazione <b>deh-vee-aht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>How long is the delay?</b>	Di quant'è il ritardo? <b>dee kwahn-teh eel ree-tar-doh</b>
<b>Is there another way to go (to ____)?</b>	C'è un'altra strada (per ____)? <b>ch eh oon-ahl-trah strah-dah (pehr ____)</b>

For more navigational words, see “Finding Your Way,” later.

## Tolls

Expressways (*autostrada*) come with tolls but save time. Signs are sparse—stay alert so you don't miss your exit. Sometimes there's a toll-free *superstrada* that's just as fast for your journey—ask around.

<b>toll road</b>	autostrada <b>ow-toh-strah-dah</b>
<b>tolls</b>	pedaggio autostradale <b>peh-dah-joh ow-toh-strah-dah-lay</b>
<b>tollbooth</b>	casello <b>kah-zeh-loh</b>
<b>toll ticket</b>	biglietto del pedaggio <b>beel-yeh-toh dehl peh-dah-joh</b>
<b>cash / card</b>	contanti / carta <b>kohn-tahn-tee / kar-tah</b>
<b>to pay</b>	pagare <b>pah-gah-ray</b>
<b>Is there a fast free road to</b>	C'è una superstrada per ____? <b>ch eh oo-nah</b>

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soo-pehr-**strah**-dah pehr \_\_\_\_\_

## At the Gas Station

Unleaded is *senza piombo* or *benzina verde* (which can be *normale* or *super*), and diesel is *gasolio*. Prices are listed per liter; there are about four liters in a gallon. Small-town stations are usually cheaper than *autostrada* rest stops, but have shorter hours.

gas station	benzinaio <b>behnt-see-nah-yoh</b>
The nearest gas station?	Il benzinaio più vicino? <b>eel behnt-see-nah-yoh pew vee-chee-noh</b>
Self-service?	Self-service? <b>sehlf-sehr-vees</b>
Fill the tank.	Il pieno. <b>eel pee-eh-noh</b>
I need...	Ho bisogno di... <b>oh bee-zohn-yoh dee</b>
...gas.	...benzina. <b>behnt-see-nah</b>
...unleaded.	...benzina verde. <b>behnt-see-nah vehr-day</b>
...super.	...super. <b>soo-pehr</b>
...diesel.	...gasolio. <b>gah-zoh-lee-oh</b>

## Parking

parking lot	parcheggio <b>par-keh-joh</b>
parking garage	garage <b>gah-rahj</b>
ticket machine / parking meter	parchimetro <b>par-kee-meh-troh</b>
parking clock (to put on dashboard)	disco <b>dee-skoh</b>
available / full	disponibile / completo <b>dee-spoh-nee-bee-</b>

	lay / kohm- <b>pleh</b> -toh
<b>Where can I park?</b>	Dove posso parcheggiare? <b>doh-vay poh-soh par-keh-jah-ray</b>
<b>Is parking nearby?</b>	È vicino il parcheggio? <b>eh vee-chee-noh eel par-keh-joh</b>
<b>Can I park here?</b>	Posso parcheggiare qui? <b>poh-soh par-keh-jah-ray kwee</b>
<b>How long can I park here?</b>	Per quanto tempo posso parcheggiare qui? <b>pehr kwahn-toh tehm-poh poh-soh par-keh-jah-ray kwee</b>
<b>Is it safe?</b>	È sicuro? <b>eh see-koo-roh</b>
<b>Is it free?</b>	È gratis? <b>eh grah-tees</b>
<b>Where do I pay?</b>	Dove posso pagare? <b>doh-vay poh-soh pah-gah-ray</b>
<b>How much per hour / per day?</b>	Quanto costa all'ora / al giorno? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah ahl-loh-rah / ahl jor-noh</b>

Parking in Italian cities is expensive and hazardous. Plan to pay to use a parking garage in big cities. Leave nothing of value in your car. Take parking restrictions seriously to avoid getting fines and having your car towed away (a memorable but costly experience).

If you park on the street, white lines generally mean parking is free. Study the signs—often the free zones have a 30- or 60-minute limit. Italian cars come equipped with a **disco** (cardboard clock), which you can use in a **zona disco**—set the clock to your arrival time and leave it on the dashboard. Blue lines mean you'll have to pay at the machine (then leave the time-stamped receipt on the dashboard). If there's no machine, there's probably a roving attendant who will take your money (the attendant must give you a receipt/ticket—otherwise, he's not legal). Yellow lines indicate residential permit parking.



Signs showing a street cleaner and a day of the week indicate which day the street is cleaned; there's a very high tow-fee incentive to learn the days of the week in Italian (see [here](#)).

Garages are more expensive than street parking but are safe, save time, and help you avoid the stress of parking tickets. You'll usually receive a ticket when you enter the garage; take it with you and pay before returning to your car.

## Car Trouble and Parts

<b>accident</b>	incidente <b>een-chee-dehn-tay</b>
<b>fender-bender</b>	tamponamento <b>tahm-poh-nah-mehn-toh</b>
<b>breakdown</b>	guasto <b>gwah-stoh</b>
<b>repair shop</b>	autofficina <b>ow-toh-fee-chee-nah</b>
<b>strange noise</b>	rumore strano <b>roo-moh-ray strah-noh</b>
<b>electrical problem</b>	problema elettrico <b>proh-bleh-mah eh-leh-tree-koh</b>
<b>warning light</b>	luci d'emergenza <b>loo-chee dee-mehr-jehnt-sah</b>
<b>smoke</b>	fumo <b>foo-moh</b>
<b>My car won't start.</b>	La mia macchina non parte. <b>lah mee-ah mah-kee-nah nohn par-tay</b>
<b>My car is broken.</b>	La mia macchina è rotta. <b>lah mee-ah mah-kee-nah eh roh-tah</b>
<b>This doesn't work.</b>	Non funziona. <b>nohn foont-see-oh-nah</b>
<b>Please check this.</b>	Controlli questo per favore. <b>kohn-troh-lee kweh-stoh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>oil</b>	olio <b>oh-lee-oh</b>
<b>(flat) tire</b>	gomma (a terra) <b>goh-mah (ah teh-rah)</b>

air in the tires	aria nelle gomme <b>ah-ree-ah neh-lay goh-may</b>
radiator	radiatore <b>rah-dee-ah-toh-ray</b>
(dead) battery	batteria (scarica) <b>bah-teh-ree-ah (skah-ree-kah)</b>
sparkplug	candela <b>kahn-deh-lah</b>
fuse	fusibile <b>foo-zee-bee-lay</b>
headlights	fari <b>fah-ree</b>
taillights	luci posteriori <b>loo-chee pos-teh-ree-oh-ree</b>
turn signal	freccia <b>freh-chah</b>
brakes	freni <b>freh-nee</b>
window	finestrino <b>fee-neh-stree-noh</b>
windshield	parabrezza <b>pah-rah-brehd-zah</b>
windshield wipers	tergicristalli <b>tehr-gee-kree-stah-lee</b>
engine	motore <b>moh-toh-ray</b>
fanbelt	cinghia del ventilatore <b>cheen-gee-ah (hard "g") dehl vehn-tee-lah-toh-ray</b>
starter	motorino di avviamento <b>moh-toh-ree-noh dee ah-vee-ah-mehn-toh</b>
transmission (fluid)	(liquido della) trasmissione <b>(lee-kwee-doh deh-lah) trahs-mee-see-oh-nay</b>
key	chiave <b>kee-ah-vay</b>
alarm	allarme <b>ah-lar-may</b>
It's overheating.	Si sta surriscaldando. <b>see stah soo-ree-skahl-dahn-doh</b>
It's a lemon (a swindle).	È una fregatura. <b>eh oo-nah freh-gah-too-rah</b>
I need...	Ho bisogno di... <b>oh bee-zohn-yoh dee</b>
...a tow truck.	...un carro attrezzi. <b>oon kah-roh ah-trehd-zee</b>

...a mechanic.	...un meccanico. oon meh- <b>kah</b> -nee-koh
...a stiff drink.	...un whiskey. oon “whiskey”

For help with repair, see “Repairs” on [here](#) of the Services chapter.

## The Police

In any country, the flashing lights of a patrol car are a sure sign that someone’s in trouble. If it’s you, try this handy phrase: *Mi dispiace, sono un turista* (Sorry, I’m a tourist). Or, for the adventurous: *Se non le piace come guido, si tolga dal marciapiede*. (If you don’t like how I drive, stay off the sidewalk.) If you’re in serious need of assistance, turn to the Help! chapter.

police	polizia poh-leet- <b>see</b> -ah
officer	agente di polizia ah- <b>jehn</b> -tay dee poh-leet- <b>see</b> -ah
driver’s license	patente di guida pah- <b>tehn</b> -tay dee <b>gwee</b> -dah
international driving permit	patente internazionale pah- <b>tehn</b> -tay een-tehr-naht-see-oh- <b>nah</b> -lay
What seems to be the problem?	Quale sarebbe il problema? <b>kwah</b> -lay sah- <b>reh</b> -bay eel proh- <b>bleh</b> -mah
restricted zone	zona a traffico limitato <b>zoh</b> -nah ah <b>trah</b> -fee-koh lee-mee- <b>tah</b> -toh
pedestrian-only	zona pedonale <b>zoh</b> -nah peh-doh- <b>nah</b> -lay
speeding	eccesso di velocità eh- <b>cheh</b> -soh dee veh-loh-chee- <b>tah</b>
I didn’t know the speed limit.	Non sapevo quale fosse il limite di velocità. nohn sah-peh-voh <b>kwah</b> -lay <b>foh</b> -say eel lee-mee-tay dee veh-loh-chee- <b>tah</b>
parking ticket	multa per divieto di sosta <b>mool</b> -tah pehr

	dee-vee- <b>eh</b> -toh dee <b>soh</b> -stah
<b>I didn't know where to park.</b>	Non sapevo dove parcheggiare. <b>nohn sah-peh-voh doh-vay</b> par-keh- <b>jah</b> -ray
<b>I am very sorry.</b>	Mi dispiace molto. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay mohl-toh</b>
<b>Can I buy your hat?</b>	Mi vende il suo cappello? <b>mee vehn-day eel soo-oh kah-peh-loh</b>

## Finding Your Way

Route-Finding Phrases

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Whether you're driving, walking, or biking, these phrases will help you get around.

## Route-Finding Phrases

<b>I'm going / We're going to _____.</b>	Vado / Andiamo a _____. <b>vah-doh / ahn-dee-ah-moh ah _____</b>
<b>Do you have a...?</b>	Avete una...? <b>ah-veh-tay oo-nah</b>
<b>...city map</b>	...cartina della città <b>kar-tee-nah deh-lah chee-tah</b>
<b>...road map</b>	...cartina stradale <b>kar-tee-nah strah-dah-</b>

lay

<b>How many minutes...?</b>	Quanti minuti...? <b>kwahn-tee mee-noo-tee</b>
<b>How many hours...?</b>	Quante ore...? <b>kwahn-tay oh-ray</b>
<b>...on foot</b>	...a piedi <b>ah pee-eh-dee</b>
<b>...by bicycle</b>	...in bicicletta <b>een bee-chee-kleh-tah</b>
<b>...by car</b>	...in macchina <b>een mah-kee-nah</b>
<b>How many kilometers to ____?</b>	Quanti chilometri per ____? <b>kwahn-tee kee-loh-meh-tree pehr ____</b>
<b>What is the... route to Rome?</b>	Qual'è la strada... per andare a Roma? <b>kwah-leh lah strah-dah... pehr ahn-dah-ray ah roh-mah</b>
<b>...most scenic</b>	...più panoramica <b>pew pah-noh-rah-mee-kah</b>
<b>...fastest</b>	...più veloce <b>pew veh-loh-chay</b>
<b>...easiest</b>	...più facile <b>pew fah-chee-lay</b>
<b>...most interesting</b>	...più interessante <b>pew een-teh-reh-sahn-tay</b>
<b>Point it out?</b>	Me lo mostra? <b>may loh moh-strah</b>
<b>Where is this address?</b>	Dov'è questo indirizzo? <b>doh-veh kweh-stoh een-dee-reed-zoh</b>

You can summit some hill towns by using a *scala mobile* (long escalator), *ascensore* (elevator), or *funicolare* (funicular). For terms relating to mountain lifts, see [here](#).

## Directions

Following signs to *centro* will land you in the heart of things. On a map, *(voi) siete qui* means “you are here.”

downtown

centro **chehn-troh**

<b>straight ahead</b>	sempre dritto <b>sehm-pray dree-toh</b>
<b>(to the) left / right</b>	(a) sinistra / destra (ah) see- <b>nee-strah</b> / <b>deh-strah</b>
<b>first</b>	prima <b>pree-mah</b>
<b>next</b>	prossima <b>proh-see-mah</b>
<b>intersection</b>	incrocio <b>een-kroh-choh</b>
<b>corner</b>	angolo <b>ahn-goh-loh</b>
<b>block</b>	isolato <b>ee-zoh-lah-toh</b>
<b>roundabout</b>	rotonda <b>roh-tohn-dah</b>
<b>stoplight</b>	semaforo <b>seh-mah-foh-roh</b>
<b>(main) square</b>	piazza (principale) pee- <b>aht-sah</b> (preen-chee- <b>pah-lay</b> )
<b>street</b>	strada / via <b>strah-dah</b> / <b>vee-ah</b>
<b>avenue</b>	viale <b>vee-ah-lay</b>
<b>tree-lined avenue</b>	viale alberato <b>vee-ah-lay ahl-beh-rah-toh</b>
<b>curve</b>	curva <b>koor-vah</b>
<b>bridge</b>	ponte <b>pohn-tay</b>
<b>tunnel</b>	galleria <b>gah-leh-ree-ah</b>
<b>road</b>	strada <b>strah-dah</b>
<b>highway</b>	autostrada <b>ow-toh-strah-dah</b>
<b>expressway</b>	superstrada <b>soo-pehr-strah-dah</b>
<b>north</b>	nord <b>nord</b>
<b>south</b>	sud <b>sood</b>
<b>east</b>	est <b>ehst</b>
<b>west</b>	ovest <b>oh-vehst</b>
<b>shortcut</b>	scorciatoia <b>skor-chah-toy-ah</b>
<b>traffic jam</b>	ingorgo <b>een-gor-goh</b>

## Lost Your Way

I'm lost.	Mi sono perso[a]. <b>mee soh-noh pehr-soh</b>
We're lost.	Ci siamo persi. <b>chee see-ah-moh pehr-see</b>
Excuse me, can you help me?	Scusi, mi può aiutare? <b>skoo-zee mee pwoh ah-yoo-tah-ray</b>
Where am I?	Dove sono? <b>doh-vay soh-noh</b>
Where is ____?	Dov'è ____? <b>doh-veh ____</b>
How do I get to ____?	Come si va a ____? <b>koh-may see vah ah ____</b>
Can you show me the way?	Mi può indicare la strada? <b>mee pwoh een-dee-kah-ray lah strah-dah</b>

## Reading Road Signs

<b>Alt / Stop</b>	Stop
<b>Attenzione</b>	Caution
<b>Carabinieri</b>	Police
<b>Centro / Centrocittà</b>	Center of town
<b>Circonvallazione</b>	Ring road
<b>Dare la precedenza</b>	Yield
<b>Deviazione</b>	Detour
<b>Entrata</b>	Entrance
<b>Lavori in corso</b>	Road work ahead
<b>Lavori stradali</b>	Construction
<b>Non si passa, c'è la manifestazione</b>	Closed due to a demonstration
<b>Prossima uscita</b>	Next exit
<b>Rallentare</b>	Slow down

<b>Senso unico</b>	One-way street
<b>Tutti le (altre) destinazioni</b>	All (other) destinations (follow when leaving a town)
<b>Uscita</b>	Exit
<b>Zona pedonale</b>	Pedestrian zone
<b>Zona traffico limitato (ZTL)</b>	Cars not allowed (If you drive here, you'll get a ticket)


For a list of other signs you might see, turn to [here](#).

## Going Places


















If you're using a Rick Steves guidebook, you're likely to see these place names. If someone doesn't understand your pronunciation, write the town name on a piece of paper.

<b>Cinque Terre</b>	<b>cheen-kway teh-ray</b>
<b>Civita (di Bagnoregio)</b>	<b>chee-vee-tah (dee bahn-yoh-reh-jee-oh)</b>
<b>Florence (Firenze)</b>	<b>fee-rehnt-say</b>
<b>Italian Riviera (Riviera Ligure)</b>	<b>ree-vee-yeh-rah lee-goo-ray</b>
<b>Lake Como (Lago di Como)</b>	<b>lah-goh dee koh-moh</b>
<b>Milan (Milano)</b>	<b>mee-lah-noh</b>
<b>Naples (Napoli)</b>	<b>nah-poh-lee</b>
<b>Rome (Roma)</b>	<b>roh-mah</b>
<b>San Gimignano</b>	<b>sahn jee-meen-yah-noh</b>
<b>Vatican City (Città del Vaticano)</b>	<b>chee-tah dehl vah-tee-kah-noh</b>
<b>Venice (Venezia)</b>	<b>veh-neht-see-ah</b>



 **AND LEARN THESE ROAD SIGNS**

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 Speed Limit (km/hr)	 Yield	 No Passing	 End of No Passing Zone
 One Way	 Intersection	 Main Road	 Expressway
 Danger	 No Entry	 Cars Prohibited	 All Vehicles Prohibited
 No Through Road	 Restrictions No Longer Apply	 Yield to Oncoming Traffic	 No Stopping
 Parking	 No Parking	 Customs	 Peace



# Sleeping

## Reservations

Key Phrases: Sleeping

## At the Hotel

## Special Concerns

## At the Hostel

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

This chapter covers making reservations, hotel stays (including checking in, typical hotel words, making requests, and dealing with difficulties), specific concerns (such as families and mobility issues), and hostels.

# Reservations

Making a Reservation

Key Phrases: Sleeping

Getting Specific

Nailing Down the Price

What Your Hotelier Wants to Know

Arrival and Departure

Confirm, Change, or Cancel

## Making a Reservation

<b>reservation</b>	prenotazione <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Do you have...?</b>	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>I'd like to reserve...</b>	Vorrei prenotare... <b>voh-reh-ee preh-noh-tah-ray</b>
<b>...a room for...</b>	...una camera per... <b>oo-nah kah-meh-rah pehr</b>
<b>...one person / two people</b>	...una persona / due persone <b>oo-nah pehr-soh-nah / doo-ay pehr-soh-nay</b>
<b>...today / tomorrow</b>	...oggi / domani <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>...one night</b>	...una notte <b>oo-nah noh-tay</b>
<b>two / three nights</b>	due / tre notti <b>doo-ay / tray noh-tee</b>
<b>June 21</b>	il ventuno giugno <b>eel vehn-too-noh joon-yoh</b>

<b>How much is it?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>Anything cheaper?</b>	Niente di più economico? <b>nee-ehn-tay dee pew eh-koh-noh-mee-koh</b>
<b>I'll take it.</b>	La prendo. <b>lah prehn-doh</b>
<b>My name is ____.</b>	Mi chiamo ____ . <b>mee kee-ah-moh ____</b>
<b>Do you need a deposit?</b>	Bisogna lasciare un acconto? <b>bee-zohn-yah lah-shah-ray oon ah-kohn-toh</b>
<b>Do you accept credit cards?</b>	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
<b>Can I reserve with a credit card and pay in cash?</b>	Posso prenotare con la carta di credito e pagare in contanti? <b>poh-soh preh-noh-tah-ray kohn lah kar-tah dee kreh-dee-toh ay pah-gah-ray een kohn-tahn-tee</b>

## Key Phrases: Sleeping

<b>Do you have a room?</b>	Avete una camera? <b>ah-veh-tay oo-nah kah-meh-rah</b>
<b>for one person / two people</b>	per una persona / due persone <b>pehr oo-nah pehr-soh-nah / doo-ay pehr-soh-nay</b>
<b>today / tomorrow</b>	oggi / domani <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>one night / two nights</b>	una notte / due notti <b>oo-nah noh-tay / doo-ay noh-tee</b>
<b>How much is it?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>hotel</b>	hotel / albergo <b>oh-tehl / ahl-behr-goh</b>
<b>small hotel</b>	pensione / locanda <b>pehn-see-oh-nay / loh-kahn-dah</b>
<b>vacancy / no vacancy</b>	camere disponibili / completo <b>kah-meh-ray dee-spoh-nee-bee-lee / kohm-pleh-toh</b>

Many people stay at a **hotel** (also called **albergo**), but you have other choices as well. These include a small hotel (**pensione** or **locanda**), a country inn (**locanda di campagna**), or a working farm with accommodations (**agriturismo**). Staying at a family-run place offers double the cultural experience for half the price of a hotel. Rooms rented in a home may be called **camere** (rooms), **soggiorno** (stay), or simply **B&B**. Other options include a hostel (**ostello**), a vacation apartment (**casa vacanze**), or accommodations in a convent (often called **istituto**).

## Getting Specific

I'd like a...	Vorrei una... <b>voh-reh-ee oo-nah</b>
...single room.	...camera singola. <b>kah-meh-rah seen-goh-lah</b>
...double room.	...camera doppia. <b>kah-meh-rah doh-pee-ah</b>
...triple room.	...camera tripla. <b>kah-meh-rah treep-lah</b>
...room for ____ people.	...camera per ____ persone. <b>kah-meh-rah pehr ____ pehr-soh-nay</b>
with / without / and	con / senza / e <b>kohn / sehnt-sah / ay</b>
double bed	letto matrimoniale <b>leh-toh mah-tree-moh-nee-ah-lay</b>
twin beds	letti singoli <b>leh-tee seen-goh-lee</b>
...together / separate	...uniti / separati <b>oon-ee-tee / seh-pah-rah-tee</b>
single bed	letto singolo <b>leh-toh seen-goh-loh</b>
bed without a footboard	letto senza piedi <b>leh-toh sehnt-sah pee-ay-dee</b>

<b>private bathroom</b>	bagno in camera <b>bahn-yoh een kah-meh-rah</b>
<b>toilet</b>	toilette / gabinetto <b>twah-leh-tay / gah-bee-neh-toh</b>
<b>shower</b>	doccia <b>doh-chah</b>
<b>bathtub</b>	vasca da bagno <b>vah-skah dah bahn-yoh</b>
<b>with only a sink</b>	con solo un lavandino <b>kohn soh-loh oon lah-vahn-dee-noh</b>
<b>shower outside the room</b>	doccia comune <b>doh-chah koh-moo-nay</b>
<b>balcony</b>	balcone <b>bahl-koh-nay</b>
<b>view</b>	vista <b>vee-stah</b>
<b>cheap</b>	economica <b>eh-koh-noh-mee-kah</b>
<b>quiet</b>	tranquilla <b>trahn-kwee-lah</b>
<b>romantic</b>	romantica <b>roh-mahn-tee-kah</b>
<b>on the ground floor</b>	al piano terra <b>ahl pee-ah-noh teh-rah</b>
<b>Do you have...?</b>	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>...an elevator</b>	...l'ascensore <b>lah-shehn-soh-ray</b>
<b>...air-conditioning</b>	...l'aria condizionata <b>lah-ree-ah kohn-deet-see-oh-nah-tah</b>
<b>...Wi-Fi (in the room)</b>	...il Wi-Fi (in camera) <b>eel wee-fee (een kah-meh-rah)</b>
<b>...parking</b>	...un parcheggio <b>oon par-keh-joh</b>
<b>...a garage</b>	...un garage <b>oon gah-rahj</b>
<b>What's your email address?</b>	Qual'è il suo indirizzo email? <b>kwah-leh eel soo-oh een-dee-reed-zoh "email"</b>
<b>What is your cancellation policy?</b>	Quali sono i termini per la cancellazione della prenotazione? <b>kwah-lee soh-noh ee tehr-mee-nee pehr lah kahn-cheh-laht-see-oh-nay deh-lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>

In Italy, a true double or queen-size bed is relatively rare. Sometimes, a “double bed” is two twin beds in separate frames, pushed together.

Taller guests may want to request a *letto senza piedi* (bed without a footboard).

## Nailing Down the Price

price	prezzo <b>prehd-zoh</b>
How much is...?	Quanto costa...? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
...a room for ____ people	...una camera per ____ persone <b>oo-nah kah-meh-rah pehr ____ pehr-soh-nay</b>
...your cheapest room	...la camera più economica <b>lah kah-meh-rah pew eh-koh-noh-mee-kah</b>
Is breakfast included?	La colazione è inclusa? <b>lah koh-laht-see-oh-nay eh een-kloo-zah</b>
Complete price?	Prezzo completo? <b>prehd-zoh kohm-pleh-toh</b>
Is it cheaper if...?	È più economico se...? <b>eh pew eh-koh-noh-mee-koh say</b>
...I stay three nights	...mi fermo tre notti <b>mee fehr-moh tray noh-tee</b>
...I pay cash	...pago in contanti <b>pah-goh een kohn-tahn-tee</b>

### What Your Hotelier Wants to Know

If you'd like to reserve by email, your hotelier needs to know the following information: number and type of rooms (i.e., single or double); number of nights; date of arrival (written

day/month/year); date of departure; and any special needs (such as bathroom in the room, cheapest room, twin beds vs. one big bed, crib, air-conditioning, quiet, view, ground floor, no stairs, and so on). Here's a sample email I'd send to make a reservation.

**From:** [rick@ricksteves.com](mailto:rick@ricksteves.com)

**Sent:** Today

**To:** [info@hotelcentral.com](mailto:info@hotelcentral.com)

**Subject:** Reservation request for 19-22 July

Dear Hotel Central,

I would like to stay at your hotel. Please let me know if you have a room available and the price for:

- 2 people
- Double bed and en suite bathroom in a quiet room
- Arriving 19 July, departing 22 July (3 nights)

Thank you!

Rick Steves

The hotel will reply with its room availability and rates for your dates. This is not a confirmation—you must email back to say that you want the room at the given rate, and you'll likely be asked for a credit-card number for a deposit.

Many hotels are willing to lower the price if you stay for longer periods and/or pay in cash. Rates can vary by season: High season



*(alta stagione)* is more expensive than low season (*bassa stagione*). At some hotels in resort towns, you're required to pay for half-pension (*mezza pensione*), which covers lunch or dinner at their restaurant.

## Arrival and Departure

(date of) arrival	(data di) arrivo ( <b>dah-tah dee</b> ) ah-ree-voh
(date of) departure	(data di) partenza ( <b>dah-tah dee</b> ) par-tent-sah
I'll arrive / We'll arrive...	Arrivo / Arriviamo... ah-ree-voh / ah-ree-vee- <b>ah-moh</b>
I'll depart / We'll depart...	Parto / Partiamo... <b>par-toh</b> / par-tee- <b>ah-moh</b>
...June 16.	...il sedici giugno. eel <b>seh-dee-chee joon-yoh</b>
...in the morning / afternoon / evening.	...la mattina / il pomeriggio / la sera. lah mah- <b>tee-nah</b> / eel poh-meh- <b>ree-joh</b> / lah <b>seh-rah</b>
...Friday before 6 p.m.	...venerdì entro le sei di sera. veh-nehr- <b>dee ehn-troh lay seh-ee dee seh-rah</b>
I'll stay / We'll stay two nights.	Starò / Staremo due notti. <b>stah-roh</b> / <b>stah-reh-moh doo-ay noh-tee</b>
We arrive Monday, depart Wednesday.	Arriviamo lunedì, partiamo mercoledì. ah-ree-vee- <b>ah-moh loo-neh-dee</b> par-tee- <b>ah-moh mehr-koh-leh-dee</b>

For help with saying dates in Italian, see the “Time and Dates” section starting on [here](#).

# Confirm, Change, or Cancel

It's smart to call a day or two in advance to confirm your reservation.

<b>I have a reservation.</b>	Ho una prenotazione. <b>oh oo-nah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>My name is ____.</b>	Mi chiamo _____. <b>mee kee-ah-moh ____</b>
<b>I'd like to... my reservation.</b>	Vorrei... una prenotazione. <b>voh-reh-ee... oo-nah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>...confirm</b>	...confermare <b>kohn-fehr-mah-ray</b>
<b>...change</b>	...cambiare <b>kahm-bee-ah-ray</b>
<b>...cancel</b>	...annullare <b>ah-noo-lah-ray</b>
<b>The reservation is for...</b>	La prenotazione è per... <b>lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay eh pehr</b>
<b>...today / tomorrow.</b>	...oggi / domani. <b>oh-jee / doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>...August 13.</b>	...il tredici agosto. <b>eel treh-dee-chee ah-goh-stoh</b>
<b>Did you find the reservation?</b>	Avete trovato la prenotazione? <b>ah-veh-tay troh-vah-toh lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Is everything OK?</b>	Va bene? <b>vah beh-nay</b>
<b>See you then.</b>	Ci vediamo allora. <b>chee veh-dee-ah-moh ah-loh-rah</b>
<b>I'm sorry that I need to cancel.</b>	Mi dispiace ma devo cancellare la mia prenotazione. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay mah deh-voh kahn-cheh-lah-ray lah mee-ah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Is there a penalty (for canceling the reservation)?</b>	C'è una penalità da pagare (in caso di cancellazione)? <b>cheh oo-nah peh-nah-lee-tah dah pah-gah-ray (een kah-zoh dee kahn-cheh-laht-see-oh-nay)</b>

Depending on how far ahead you cancel a reservation—and on the hotel’s cancellation policy—you might pay a penalty.

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## Checking In

My name is ____.	Mi chiamo ____.	<i>mee kee-ah-moh</i> ____
I have a reservation.	Ho una prenotazione.	<i>oh oo-nah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</i>
one night	una notte	<i>oo-nah noh-tay</i>
two / three nights	due / tre notti	<i>doo-ay / tray noh-tee</i>
When will the room be ready?	Quando sarà pronta la camera?	<i>kwahn-doh sah-rah prohn-tah lah kah-meh-rah</i>
Where is...?	Dov'è...?	<i>doh-veh</i>
...my room	...la mia camera	<i>lah mee-ah kah-meh-rah</i>
...the elevator	...l'ascensore	<i>lah-shehn-soh-ray</i>

...the breakfast room	...la sala colazione lah <b>sah</b> -lah koh-laht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
Is breakfast included?	La colazione è inclusa? lah koh-laht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay eh een- <b>kloo</b> -zah
When does breakfast start and end?	Quando comincia e finisce la colazione? <b>kwahn</b> -doh koh- <b>meen</b> -chah ay fee- <b>nee</b> -shay lah koh-laht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
key	chiave <b>kee</b> - <b>ah</b> -vay
Two keys, please.	Due chiavi, per favore. <b>doo</b> -ay kee- <b>ah</b> -vee pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray

## Choosing a Room

Can I see...?	Posso vedere...? <b>poh</b> -soh veh- <b>deh</b> -ray
...a room	...una camera <b>oo</b> -nah <b>kah</b> -meh-rah
...a different room	...un'altra camera <b>oon</b> - <b>ahl</b> -trah <b>kah</b> -meh-rah
Do you have something...?	Avete qualcosa...? <b>ah</b> - <b>veh</b> -tay kwahl- <b>koh</b> -zah
...larger / smaller	...di più grande / di più piccolo <b>dee</b> pew <b>grahn</b> -day / <b>dee</b> pew <b>pee</b> -koh-loh
...better / cheaper	...di più bello / di più economico <b>dee</b> pew <b>beh</b> -loh / <b>dee</b> pew eh-koh- <b>noh</b> -mee-koh
...brighter	...di più luminoso <b>dee</b> pew loo-mee- <b>noh</b> -zoh
...quieter	...di più tranquillo <b>dee</b> pew trahn- <b>kwee</b> -loh
...in the back	...sul retro <b>sool</b> <b>reh</b> -troh
...with a view (of the sea)	...con vista (sul mare) <b>kohn</b> <b>vee</b> -stah ( <b>sool</b> <b>mah</b> -ray)

...on a lower / higher floor	...ad un piano più basso / più alto <b>ahd oon pee-ah-noh</b> pew <b>bah-soh</b> / pew <b>ahl-toh</b>
No, thank you.	No, grazie. <b>noh graht-see-ay</b>
What a charming room!	Che bella camera! <b>kay beh-lah kah-meh-rah</b>
I'll take it.	La prendo. <b>lah prehn-doh</b>

When selecting a room, be aware that *con vista* (with a view) can also come with more noise. If a *tranquilla* room is important to you, say so.

## Hotel Words

cancellation policy	termini per la cancellazione della prenotazione <b>tehr-mee-nee</b> pehr lah kahn-cheh-laht-see- <b>oh-nay</b> <b>deh-lah</b> preh-noh-taht-see- <b>oh-nay</b>
elevator	l'ascensore <b>lah-shehn-soh-ray</b>
emergency exit	uscita d'emergenza <b>oo-shee-tah</b> deh-mehr- <b>jehnt-sah</b>
fire escape	scala anti-incendio <b>skah-lah</b> ahn-tee- <b>een-chehn-dee-oh</b>
floor...	piano... <b>pee-ah-noh</b>
...lower / higher	...più basso / più alto <b>pew bah-soh</b> / <b>pew ahl-toh</b>
ground floor	al piano terra <b>ahl pee-ah-noh</b> <b>teh-rah</b>
laundry	bucato <b>boo-kah-toh</b>
parking	parcheggio <b>par-keh-joh</b>
price	tariffe <b>tah-ree-fay</b>
reservation	prenotazione <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>

room...	camera... <b>kah-meh-rah</b>
...single	...singola <b>seen-goh-lah</b>
...double	...doppia <b>doh-pee-ah</b>
...triple	...tripla <b>treep-lah</b>
...family	...per una famiglia <b>pehr oo-nah fah-meel-yah</b>
stairs	scale <b>skah-lay</b>
suite	suite <b>sweet</b>
swimming pool	la piscina <b>lah pee-shee-nah</b>
view	vista <b>vee-stah</b>
Wi-Fi	Wi-Fi <b>wee-fee</b>

## In Your Room

air-conditioner	condizionatore <b>kohn-deet-see-oh-nah-toh-ray</b>
alarm clock	sveglia <b>svehl-yah</b>
balcony	balcone <b>bahl-koh-nay</b>
bathroom	bagno <b>bahn-yoh</b>
bathtub	vasca da bagno <b>vah-skah dah bahn-yoh</b>
bed	letto <b>leh-toh</b>
bedspread	copriletto <b>koh-pree-leh-toh</b>
blanket	coperta <b>koh-pehr-tah</b>
blinds	persiane <b>pehr-see-ah-nay</b>
city map	mappa della città <b>mah-pah deh-lah chee-tah</b>
chair	sedia <b>seh-dee-ah</b>
closet	armadio <b>ar-mah-dee-oh</b>

corkscrew	cavatappi <b>kah-vah-tah-pee</b>
crib	culla <b>koo-lah</b>
curtain	tenda <b>tehn-dah</b>
door	porta <b>por-tah</b>
double bed	letto matrimoniale <b>leh-toh mah-tree-moh-nee-ah-lay</b>
drain	scarico <b>skah-ree-koh</b>
electrical adapter	adattatore elettrico <b>ah-dah-tah-toh-ray eh-leh-tree-koh</b>
electrical outlet	presa <b>preh-zah</b>
faucet	rubinetto <b>roo-bee-neh-toh</b>
hair dryer	phon <b>fohn</b>
hanger	stampella <b>stahm-peh-lah</b>
key	chiave <b>kee-ah-vay</b>
kitchenette	cucina <b>koo-chee-nah</b>
lamp	lampada <b>lahm-pah-dah</b>
lightbulb	lampadina <b>lahm-pah-dee-nah</b>
lock	serratura <b>seh-rah-too-rah</b>
mirror	specchio <b>speh-kee-oh</b>
pillow	cuscino <b>koo-shee-noh</b>
radio	radio <b>rah-dee-oh</b>
remote control...	telecomando... <b>teh-leh-koh-mahn-doh</b>
...for the TV	...per la televisione <b>pehr lah teh-leh-vee-zee-oh-nay</b>
...for the air-conditioning	...per l'aria condizionata <b>pehr lah-ree-ah kohn-deet-see-oh-nah-tah</b>
safe	cassaforte <b>kah-sah-for-tay</b>
scissors	forbici <b>for-bee-chee</b>
shampoo	shampo <b>shahm-poh</b>

<b>sheets</b>	lenzuola <b>lehnt-swoh-lah</b>
<b>shower</b>	doccia <b>doh-chah</b>
<b>shutters</b>	persiane <b>pehr-see-ah-nay</b>
<b>single bed</b>	letto singolo <b>leh-toh seen-goh-loh</b>
<b>sink</b>	lavabo <b>lah-vah-boh</b>
<b>sink stopper</b>	tappo <b>tah-poh</b>
<b>soap</b>	sapone <b>sah-poh-nay</b>
<b>sponge (for the shower)</b>	spugna (per la doccia) <b>spoon-yah (pehr lah doh-chah)</b>
<b>telephone</b>	telefono <b>teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>television</b>	televisione <b>teh-leh-vee-zee-oh-nay</b>
<b>toilet</b>	gabinetto <b>gah-bee-neh-toh</b>
<b>toilet paper</b>	carta igienica <b>kar-tah ee-jeh-nee-kah</b>
<b>towel (hand)</b>	asciugamano per il viso <b>ah-shoo-gah-mah-noh pehr eel vee-zoh</b>
<b>towel (bath)</b>	telo bagno <b>teh-loh bahn-yoh</b>
<b>twin beds</b>	letti singoli <b>leh-tee seen-goh-lee</b>
<b>wake-up call</b>	sveglia telefonica <b>svehl-yah teh-leh-foh-nee-kah</b>
<b>water (hot / cold)</b>	acqua (calda / fredda) <b>ahk-wah (kahl-dah / freh-dah)</b>
<b>window</b>	finestra <b>fee-neh-strah</b>
<b>window screen</b>	zanzariera <b>zahn-zah-ree-eh-rah</b>

If you don't see remote controls (for the TV or air-conditioner) in the room, ask for them at the front desk. A comfortable setting for the air-conditioner is about 20 degrees Celsius. On Italian faucets, a *C* stands for *caldo* (hot)—the opposite of cold.



## Hotel Hassles

Combine these phrases with the words in the previous table to make simple and clear statements such as: *Gabinetto non funziona* (Toilet doesn't work).

<b>There is a problem in my room.</b>	C'è un problema nella mia camera. <b>ch</b> eh <b>oon</b> <b>proh-bleh-mah</b> <b>neh-lah</b> <b>mee-ah</b> <b>kah-meh-rah</b>
<b>Come with me.</b>	Venga con me. <b>vehn-gah</b> <b>kohn</b> <b>may</b>
<b>The room is...</b>	La camera è... <b>lah</b> <b>kah-meh-rah</b> <b>eh</b>
<b>...dirty.</b>	...sporca. <b>spor-kah</b>
<b>...noisy.</b>	...rumorosa. <b>roo-moh-roh-zah</b>
<b>...stinky.</b>	...maleodorante. <b>mah-leh-oh-doh-rahn-tay</b>
<b>...too hot / too cold.</b>	...troppo calda / troppo fredda. <b>troh-poh</b> <b>kahl-dah</b> / <b>troh-poh</b> <b>freh-dah</b>
<b>How can I make the room cooler / warmer?</b>	Come devo fare per avere la camera più fresca / più calda? <b>koh-may</b> <b>deh-voh</b> <b>fah-ray</b> <b>pehr</b> <b>ah-veh-ray</b> <b>lah</b> <b>kah-meh-rah</b> <b>pew</b> <b>freh-s-kah</b> / <b>pew</b> <b>kahl-dah</b>
<b>The room is moldy / musty.</b>	Nella camera c'è la muffa / odore di chiuso. <b>neh-lah</b> <b>kah-meh-rah</b> <b>ch</b> eh <b>lah</b> <b>moo-fah</b> / <b>oh-doh-ray</b> <b>dee</b> <b>kee-oo-zoh</b>
<b>It's smoky.</b>	C'è l'odore di fumo. <b>ch</b> eh <b>loh-doh-ray</b> <b>dee</b> <b>foo-moh</b>
<b>There's no (hot) water.</b>	Non c'è acqua (calda). <b>nohn</b> <b>ch</b> eh <b>ahk-wah</b> ( <b>kahl-dah</b> )
<b>I can't open / shut / lock...</b>	Non riesco ad aprire / a chiudere / a chiudere a chiave... <b>nohn</b> <b>ree-eh-skoh</b> <b>ahd</b> <b>ah-pree-ray</b> / <b>ah</b> <b>kee-oo-deh-ray</b> / <b>ah</b> <b>kee-oo-deh-ray</b> <b>ah</b> <b>kee-ah-vay</b>

...the door / the window.	...la porta / la finestra. lah <b>por-tah</b> / lah <b>fee-neh-strah</b>
<b>How does this work?</b>	Come funziona? <b>koh-may foont-see-oh-nah</b>
<b>This doesn't work.</b>	Non funziona. <b>nohn foont-see-oh-nah</b>
<b>When will it be fixed?</b>	Quando verrà riparato? <b>kwahn-doh veh-rah ree-pah-rah-toh</b>
<b>The bed is too soft / hard.</b>	Il letto è troppo morbido / duro. eel <b>leh-toh eh troh-poh mor-bee-doh / doo-roh</b>
<b>I can't sleep.</b>	Non riesco a dormire. <b>nohn ree-eh-skoh ah dor-mee-ray</b>
<b>ants</b>	formiche <b>for-mee-kay</b>
<b>bedbugs</b>	cimici <b>chee-mee-chee</b>
<b>cockroaches</b>	scarafaggi <b>skah-rah-fah-jee</b>
<b>mice</b>	topi <b>toh-pee</b>
<b>mosquitoes</b>	zanzare <b>zahnt-sah-ray</b>
<b>I'm covered with bug bites.</b>	Sono pieno[a] di punture di insetti. <b>soh-noh pee-eh-noh dee poon-too-ray dee een-seh-tee</b>
<b>My... was stolen.</b>	Mi hanno rubato... <b>mee ahn-noh roo-bah-toh</b>
<b>...money</b>	...i soldi. <b>ee sohl-dee</b>
<b>...computer</b>	...il computer. <b>eel kohm-poo-tehr</b>
<b>...camera</b>	...la macchina fotografica. lah <b>mah-kee-nah foh-toh-grah-fee-kah</b>
<b>I need to speak to the manager.</b>	Devo parlare con il direttore. <b>deh-voh par-lah-ray kohn eel dee-reh-toh-ray</b>
<b>I want to make a complaint.</b>	Vorrei fare un reclamo. <b>voh-reh-ee fah-ray oon reh-klah-moh</b>

Keep your valuables with you, out of sight in your room, or in a room safe (if available). For help on dealing with theft or loss, including a list of items, see [here](#).

## Hotel Help

Use the “In Your Room” words (on [here](#)) to fill in the blanks.

<b>I'd like...</b>	Vorrei... <b>voh-reh-ee</b>
<b>Do you have...?</b>	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>a / another</b>	un / un altro <b>oon / oon ahl-troh</b>
<b>extra</b>	extra <b>ehk-strah</b>
<b>different</b>	altra <b>ahl-trah</b>
<b>Please change...</b>	Per favore può cambiare... <b>pehr fah-voh-ray pwoh kahm-bee-ah-ray</b>
<b>Please don't change...</b>	Per favore può non cambiare... <b>pehr fah-voh-ray pwoh nohn kahm-bee-ah-ray</b>
<b>...the towels / sheets.</b>	...gli asciugamani / le lenzuola. <b>lee ah-shoo-gah-mah-nee / lay lent-soo-oh-lah</b>
<b>What is the charge to...?</b>	Quanto costa...? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>...use the telephone</b>	...usare il telefono <b>oo-zah-ray eel teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>...use the Internet</b>	...usare Internet <b>oo-zah-ray een-tehr-neht</b>
<b>Do you have Wi-Fi...?</b>	Avete il Wi-Fi...? <b>ah-veh-tay eel wee-fee</b>
<b>...in the room / lobby</b>	...in camera / nella reception <b>een kah-meh-rah / neh-lah reh-sehp-see-ohn</b>
<b>What is the network name / password?</b>	Qual'è il network name / la password? <b>kwah-leh eel "network" nah-may / lah "password"</b>
<b>Is a... nearby?</b>	C'è un / una... qui vicino? <b>ch eh oon / oo-</b>

	nah... kwee vee- <b>chee</b> -noh
...full-service laundry	...lavanderia lah-vahn-deh- <b>ree</b> -ah
...self-service laundry	...lavanderia self-service lah-vahn-deh- <b>ree</b> -ah sehlf- <b>sehr</b> -vees
...pharmacy	...farmacia far-mah- <b>chee</b> -ah
...grocery store	...alimentari / supermercato ah-lee-mehn- <b>tah</b> -ree / soo-pehr-mehr- <b>kah</b> -toh
...restaurant	...ristorante ree-stoh- <b>rahn</b> -tay
Where do you go for lunch / dinner / coffee?	Dove si va per il pranzo / la cena / il caffè? <b>doh</b> -vay see vah pehr eel <b>prahnt</b> -soh / lah <b>cheh</b> -nah / eel kah- <b>feh</b>
Will you call a taxi for me?	Mi può chiamare un taxi? mee pwoh kee-ah- <b>mah</b> -ray oon <b>tahk</b> -see
Where can I park?	Dove posso parcheggiare? <b>doh</b> -vay <b>poh</b> -soh par-keh- <b>jah</b> -ray
What time do you lock up?	A che ora chiude? ah kay <b>oh</b> -rah kee- <b>oo</b> -day
Please wake me at 7:00.	Mi svegli alle sette, per favore. mee <b>svehl</b> -yee ah-lay <b>seh</b> -tay pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
I'd like to stay another night.	Vorremmo fermarci un'altra notte. <b>voh</b> - <b>reh</b> -moh fehr- <b>mar</b> -chee oon- <b>ahl</b> -trah <b>noh</b> -tay
Will you call my next hotel...?	Può chiamare il mio prossimo hotel...? pwoh kee-ah- <b>mah</b> -ray eel mee-oh <b>proh</b> -see-moh oh- <b>tehl</b>
...for tonight	...per stasera pehr stah- <b>seh</b> -rah
...to make / to confirm a reservation	...per fare / confermare una prenotazione pehr <b>fah</b> -ray / kohn-fehr- <b>mah</b> -ray <b>oo</b> -nah preh-noh-taht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
Will you please call another hotel for me? (if hotel is booked)	Chiamerebbe un altro albergo per me per favore? kee-ah-meh- <b>reh</b> -bay oon <b>ahl</b> -troh ahl- <b>behr</b> -goh pehr may pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray

I will pay for the call.

Pago la chiamata. **pah-goh lah kee-ah-mah-tah**

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## Checking Out

When is check-out time?

A che ora devo lasciare la camera? **ah kay oh-rah deh-voh lah-shah-ray lah kah-meh-rah**

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Can I check out later?

Posso lasciare la camera più tardi? **poh-soh lah-shah-ray lah kah-meh-rah pew tar-dee**

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I'll leave / We'll leave...

Parto / Partiamo... **par-toh / par-tee-ah-moh**

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...today / tomorrow.

...oggi / domani. **oh-jee / doh-mah-nee**

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...very early.

...molto presto. **mohl-toh preh-stoh**

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Can I pay now?

Posso pagare subito? **poh-soh pah-gah-ray soo-bee-toh**

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The bill, please.

Il conto, per favore. **eel kohn-toh pehr fah-voh-ray**

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I think this is too high.

Credo che il conto sia troppo alto. **kreh-doh kay eel kohn-toh see-ah troh-poh ahl-toh**

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Can you explain the bill?

Può spiegare il conto? **pwoh spee-eh-gah-ray eel kohn-toh**

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Can you itemize the bill?

Posso avere il conto in dettaglio? **poh-soh ah-veh-ray eel kohn-toh een deh-tahl-yoh**

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Do you accept credit cards?

Accettate carte di credito? **ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh**

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Is it cheaper if I pay cash?

È più economico se pago in contanti? **eh pew eh-koh-noh-mee-koh say pah-goh een kohn-tahn-tee**

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Everything was great.

Tutto magnifico. **too-toh mahn-ye-fee-koh**

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I slept like a dormouse.	Ho dormito come un ghio. oh dor- <b>mee</b> -toh <b>koh</b> -may oon <b>gee</b> -roh (hard “g”)
Can I / Can we...?	Posso / Possiamo...? <b>poh</b> -soh / poh-see- <b>ah</b> -moh
...leave baggage here until ____ o'clock	...lasciare il bagaglio qui fino a ____ lah- <b>shah</b> -ray eel bah- <b>gahl</b> -yoh kwee <b>fee</b> -noh ah ____
A tip for you.	Questo è per lei. <b>kweh</b> -stoh eh pehr <b>leh</b> -ee

## Special Concerns

Families

Mobility Issues

### Families

Do you have...?	Avete...? <b>ah-veh</b> -tay
...a family room	...una camera per una famiglia <b>oo</b> -nah <b>kah</b> -meh-rah pehr <b>oo</b> -nah fah- <b>meel</b> -yah
...a family discount	...uno sconto per famiglie <b>oo</b> -noh <b>skohn</b> -toh pehr fah- <b>meel</b> -yay
...a discount for children	...uno sconto per bambini <b>oo</b> -noh <b>skohn</b> -toh pehr bahm- <b>bee</b> -nee
I have / We have...	Ho / Abbiamo... oh / ah- <b>bee</b> - <b>ah</b> -moh
...one child.	...un bambino. <b>oon</b> bahm- <b>bee</b> -noh
...two children.	...due bambini. <b>doo</b> -ay bahm- <b>bee</b> -nee
____ months old	di ____ mesi <b>dee</b> ____ <b>meh</b> -zee
____ years old	di ____ anni <b>dee</b> ____ <b>ahn</b> -nee
Are children allowed?	I bambini sono ammessi? <b>ee</b> bahm- <b>bee</b> -nee

	<b>soh-noh ah-meh-see</b>
<b>Is there an age limit?</b>	C'è un limite d'età? <b>ch eh oon lee-mee-tay deh-tah</b>
<b>I'd like / We'd like...</b>	Vorrei / Vorremmo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
<b>...a crib.</b>	...una culla. <b>oo-nah koo-lah</b>
<b>...an extra bed.</b>	...un letto in più. <b>oon leh-toh een pew</b>
<b>...bunk beds.</b>	...letti a castello. <b>leh-tee ah kah-steh-loh</b>
<b>babysitting service</b>	servizio di babysitter <b>sehr-veet-see-oh dee bay-bee-see-tehr</b>
<b>Is... nearby?</b>	C'è... qui vicino? <b>ch eh... kwee vee-chee-noh</b>
<b>...a park</b>	...un parco <b>oon par-koh</b>
<b>...a playground</b>	...un parco giochi <b>oon par-koh joh-kee</b>
<b>...a swimming pool</b>	...una piscina <b>oo-nah pee-shee-nah</b>

## Mobility Issues

For related phrases, see [here](#) in the Personal Care and Health chapter.

<b>Do you have...?</b>	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>...an elevator</b>	...l'ascensore <b>lah-shehn-soh-ray</b>
<b>...a ground-floor room</b>	...una camera al piano terra <b>oo-nah kah-meh-rah ahl pee-ah-noh teh-rah</b>
<b>...a wheelchair-accessible room</b>	...una camera accessibile con la sedia a rotelle <b>oo-nah kah-meh-rah ah-cheh-see-bee-lay kohn lah seh-dee-ah ah roh-teh-lay</b>

## At the Hostel

Europe's cheapest beds are in hostels, open to travelers of any age. Official hostels (affiliated with Hostelling International) are usually big and institutional. Independent hostels are more casual, with fewer rules.

<b>hostel</b>	ostello <b>oh-steh-loh</b>
<b>dorm bed</b>	letto in un dormitorio <b>leh-toh een oon dor-mee-toh-ree-oh</b>
<b>How many beds per room?</b>	Quanti letti per camera? <b>kwahn-tee leh-tee pehr kah-meh-rah</b>
<b>dorm for women only</b>	dormitorio per sole donne <b>dor-mee-toh-ree-oh pehr soh-lay doh-nay</b>
<b>co-ed dorm</b>	dormitorio misto <b>dor-mee-toh-ree-oh mee-stoh</b>
<b>double room</b>	camera doppia <b>kah-meh-rah doh-pee-ah</b>
<b>family room</b>	camera per una famiglia <b>kah-meh-rah pehr oo-nah fah-meel-yah</b>
<b>Is breakfast included?</b>	La colazione è inclusa? <b>lah koh-laht-see-oh-nay eh een-kloo-zah</b>
<b>curfew</b>	coprifuoco <b>koh-pree-fwoh-koh</b>
<b>lockout</b>	chiusura notturna <b>kee-oo-zoo-rah noh-toor-nah</b>
<b>membership card</b>	tessera <b>teh-seh-rah</b>





# Eating

## Restaurants

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## What's Cooking?

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Key Phrases: Drinking

## Picnicking

## Italian / English Menu Decoder

## English / Italian Menu Decoder

Dig into this chapter's phrases for dining at restaurants, special concerns (including dietary restrictions, children, and being in a hurry), types of food and drink, and shopping for your picnic. The next chapter is a Menu Decoder.

In general, Italians eat meals a bit later than we do. At 7:00 or 8:00 in the morning, they have a light breakfast (a roll and coffee), often while standing at a café or bar. Lunch, which is usually the main meal of the day, begins around 13:00 and can last for a couple of hours. Then they eat a late, light dinner (around 20:00-21:30, sometimes earlier in winter). To bridge the gap, people drop into a bar in the late afternoon for a *spuntino* (snack) and aperitif.

Most restaurant kitchens are closed between lunch and dinner. Good restaurants don't reopen for dinner before 19:00.

## Restaurants

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## Tipping

Italian food is one of life's great pleasures. The Italians have an expression: ***A tavola non si invecchia*** (At the table, one does not age). To eat well in Italy, look for these key words: ***fatta in casa*** (homemade; **fah**-tah een **kah**-zah), ***per oggi*** (for today; pehr **oh**-jee), and ***stagione*** (season; stah-jee-**oh**-nay).

## Types of Restaurants

**Ristorante:** A fine-dining establishment

**Trattoria:** Typically a family-owned place that serves home-cooked meals, generally at moderate prices

**Osteria:** An informal eatery, with large shared tables, good food, and wine

**Pizzeria:** A casual pizza joint that often offers pasta and more; a *pizza rustica* or *pizza al taglio* shop sells slices by weight, usually for take-out

**Pizzicheria:** An old-fashioned delicatessen (not to be confused with a *pizzeria*)

**Rosticceria:** A take-out or sit-down shop specializing in roasted meats and accompanying *antipasti* (appetizers)

**Salumeria:** Delicatessen specializing in *salumi* (cold cuts)

## Key Phrases: Restaurants

Where's a good restaurant nearby?	Dov'è un buon ristorante qui vicino? doh- <b>veh</b> oon bwohn ree-stoh- <b>rahn</b> -tay kwee vee- <b>chee</b> -noh
I'd like...	Vorrei... voh- <b>reh</b> -ee
We'd like...	Vorremmo... voh- <b>reh</b> -moh
...a table for one / two.	...un tavolo per uno / due. oon <b>tah</b> -voh-loh pehr oo-noh / <b>doo</b> -ay
Is this table free?	È libero questo tavolo? eh <b>lee</b> -beh-roh <b>kweh</b> -stoh <b>tah</b> -voh-loh
How long is the wait?	Quanto c'è da aspettare? <b>kwahn</b> -toh cheh dah ah-speh- <b>tah</b> -ray
The menu (in English), please.	Il menù (in inglese), per favore. eel meh- <b>noo</b> (een een- <b>gleh</b> -zay) pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
The bill, please.	Il conto, per favore. eel <b>kohn</b> -toh pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
Do you accept credit cards?	Accettate carte di credito? ah-cheh- <b>tah</b> -tay <b>kar</b> -tay dee <b>kreh</b> -dee-toh

**Tavola calda:** Inexpensive buffet-style restaurant; a *caffetteria* is similar

**Bar:** The neighborhood hangout that serves coffee, soft drinks, beer, liquor, snacks, and ready-made sandwiches

**Enoteca:** Wine shop or wine bar that also serves snacks

**Buca:** Cellar restaurant

**Autogrill:** Cafeteria and snack bar, found at freeway rest stops and often in city centers (Ciao is a popular chain)

**Locanda:** A countryside restaurant serving simple local specialties

## Finding a Restaurant

Where's a good... restaurant nearby?	Dov'è un buon ristorante... qui vicino? doh- <b>veh</b> oon bwohn ree-stoh- <b>rahn</b> -tay... kwee vee- <b>chee</b> -noh
...cheap	...economico eh-koh- <b>noh</b> -mee-koh
...local-style	...con cucina casereccia kohn koo- <b>chee</b> - nah kah-zeh- <b>reh</b> -chah
...untouristy	...non per turisti nohn pehr too- <b>ree</b> -stee
...romantic	...romantico roh- <b>mahn</b> -tee-koh
...vegetarian	...vegetariano veh-jeh-tah-ree- <b>ah</b> -noh
...fast	...veloce veh- <b>loh</b> -chay
...fast-food (Italian-style)	...tavola calda tah-voh-lah <b>kahl</b> -dah
...self-service buffet	...self-service sehlf- <b>sehr</b> -vees
...Asian	...asiatica ah-zee- <b>ah</b> -tee-kah
with terrace	con terrazza kohn teh- <b>rahd</b> -zah
with a salad bar	con un banco delle insalate kohn oon <b>bahn</b> - koh <b>deh</b> -lay een-sah- <b>lah</b> -tay
candlelit	a lume di candela ah loo-may dee kahn- <b>deh</b> -lah
popular with locals	che piace alla gente del posto kay pee- <b>ah</b> - chay ah-lah <b>jehn</b> -tay dehl <b>poh</b> -stoh
moderate price	a buon mercato ah bwohn mer- <b>kah</b> -toh
a splurge	caro <b>kah</b> -roh
Is it better than	È meglio di McDonald's? eh <b>mehl</b> -yoh dee

McDonald's?

“McDonald's”

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## Getting a Table

I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... voh- <b>reh</b> -ee / voh- <b>reh</b> -moh
...a table...	...un tavolo... oon <b>tah</b> -voh-loh
...for one / two.	...per uno / due. pehr <b>oo</b> -noh / <b>doo</b> -ay
...inside / outside.	...dentro / fuori. <b>dehn</b> -troh / <b>fwoh</b> -ree
...by the window.	...vicino alla finestra. vee- <b>chee</b> -noh <b>ah</b> -lah fee- <b>neh</b> -strah
...with a view.	...con la vista. kohn lah <b>vee</b> -stah
quiet	tranquillo <b>trahn</b> - <b>kee</b> -loh
Is this table free?	È libero questo tavolo? eh <b>lee</b> -beh-roh <b>kweh</b> -stoh <b>tah</b> -voh-loh
Can I sit here?	Posso sedermi qui? <b>poh</b> -soh seh- <b>dehr</b> -mee kwee
Can we sit here?	Possiamo sederci qui? poh-see- <b>ah</b> -moh seh- <b>dehr</b> -chee kwee
How long is the wait?	Quanto c'è da aspettare? <b>kwahn</b> -toh cheh dah ah-speh- <b>tah</b> -ray
How many minutes?	Quanti minuti? <b>kwahn</b> -tee mee- <b>noo</b> -tee
Where is the toilet?	Dov'è la toilette? doh- <b>veh</b> lah twah- <b>leh</b> -tay

## Reservations

reservation	prenotazione <b>preh</b> -noh-taht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
Are reservations recommended?	È meglio prenotare? eh <b>mehl</b> -yoh <b>preh</b> -noh- <b>tah</b> -ray

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I'd like to make a reservation...	Vorrei prenotare... voh-reh-ee preh-noh-tah-ray
...for myself.	...per me. pehr may
...for two people.	...per due persone. pehr doo-ay pehr-soh-nay
...for today / tomorrow.	...per oggi / domani. pehr oh-jee / doh-mah-nee
...for lunch / dinner.	...per pranzo / cena. pehr prahnt-soh / cheh-nah
...at _____. (specific time)	...alle _____. ah-lay _____
My name is _____.	Mi chiamo _____. mee kee-ah-moh _____
I have a reservation for _____ people.	Ho una prenotazione per _____ persone. oh oo-nah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay pehr _____ pehr-soh-nay

## The Menu

A full Italian meal—and menu—is divided into three courses:

**Antipasti:** Appetizers such as *bruschetta*, grilled veggies, deep-fried tasties, or a plate of olives, cold cuts, and cheeses

**Primo piatto:** A “first dish,” generally consisting of pasta, rice (especially *risotto*), or soup

**Secondo piatto:** A “second dish,” equivalent to our main course, of meat and fish / seafood dishes

A side dish (*contorno*) may come with the *secondo* or cost extra. After all that food, *dolci* (desserts) seem gluttonous—but still very tempting.

menu

menù meh-noo

<b>The menu (in English), please.</b>	Il menù (in inglese), per favore. <b>eel meh-noo</b> (een een- <b>gleh-zay</b> ) pehr fah- <b>voh-ray</b>
<b>appetizers</b>	antipasti <b>ahn-tee-pah-stee</b>
<b>first course</b>	primo piatto <b>pree-moh pee-ah-toh</b>
<b>main course</b>	secondo piatto <b>seh-kohn-doh pee-ah-toh</b>
<b>side dishes</b>	contorni <b>kohn-tor-nee</b>
<b>specialty (of the house)</b>	specialità (della casa) <b>speh-chah-lee-tah (deh-lah kah-zah)</b>
<b>daily specials</b>	piatti del giorno <b>pee-ah-tee dehl jor-noh</b>
<b>menu of the day</b>	menù del giorno <b>meh-noo dehl jor-noh</b>
<b>tourist menu / fixed-price menu</b>	menù turistico / menù fisso <b>meh-noo too-ree-stee-koh / meh-noo fee-soh</b>
<b>breakfast</b>	colazione <b>koh-laht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>lunch</b>	pranzo <b>prahnt-soh</b>
<b>dinner</b>	cena <b>cheh-nah</b>
<b>dishes</b>	piatti <b>pee-ah-tee</b>
<b>hot / cold dishes</b>	piatti caldi / freddi <b>pee-ah-tee kahl-dee / freh-dee</b>
<b>sandwiches</b>	panini <b>pah-nee-nee</b>
<b>bread</b>	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
<b>salad</b>	insalata <b>een-sah-lah-tah</b>
<b>soup</b>	zuppa <b>tsoo-pah</b>
<b>meat</b>	carni <b>kar-nee</b>
<b>poultry</b>	pollame <b>poh-lah-may</b>
<b>fish</b>	pesce <b>peh-shay</b>
<b>seafood</b>	frutti di mare <b>froo-tee dee mah-ray</b>
<b>vegetables</b>	verdure <b>vehr-doo-ray</b>
<b>cheese</b>	formaggio <b>for-mah-joh</b>



dessert	dolce <b>dohl-chay</b>
bar snacks	stuzzichini <b>stood-zee-kee-nee</b>
drink menu	lista delle bevande <b>lee-stah deh-lay beh-vahn-day</b>
beverages	bevande / bibite <b>beh-vahn-day / bee-bee-tay</b>
beer	birra <b>bee-rah</b>
wine	vino <b>vee-noh</b>
cover charge	coperto <b>koh-pehr-toh</b>
service (not) included	servizio (non) incluso <b>sehr-veet-see-oh (nohn) een-kloo-zoh</b>
comes with	servito con <b>sehr-vee-toh kohn</b>
choice of	a scelta <b>ah shehl-tah</b>

For most travelers, a three-course meal is simply too much food. To avoid overeating (and to stretch your budget), share dishes. A good rule of thumb is for each person to order any two courses. For example, a couple can order and share one **antipasto**, one **primo**, one **secondo**, and one dessert or two **antipasti** and two **primi**.

Usually a good deal, a **menù del giorno** (menu of the day) offers you a choice of appetizer, entrée, and dessert at a fixed price. A tourist-oriented **menù turistico** works the same way, but often includes less interesting or adventurous options.

## Ordering

To get the waiter's attention, simply say **Scusi** (Excuse me) or **Per favore** (Please). If you have allergies or dietary restrictions, see [here](#).

waiter	cameriere <b>kah-meh-ree-eh-ray</b>
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waitress	cameriera <b>kah-meh-ree-eh-rah</b>
I'm ready / We're ready to order.	Sono pronto / Siamo pronti per ordinare. <b>soh-noh prohn-toh / see-ah-moh prohn-tee pehr or-dee-nah-ray</b>
I / We need a little more time.	Mi / Ci serve un altro minuto. <b>mee / chee sehr-vay oon ahl-troh mee-noo-toh</b>
I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
...just a drink.	...soltanto qualcosa da bere. <b>sohl-tahn-toh kwahl-koh-zah dah beh-ray</b>
...to see the menu.	...vedere il menù. <b>veh-deh-ray eel meh-noo</b>
...to eat.	...mangiare. <b>mahn-jah-ray</b>
...only a first course.	...solo un primo piatto. <b>soh-loh oon pree-moh pee-ah-toh</b>
Do you have...?	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
...an English menu	...un menù in inglese <b>oon meh-noo een een-gleh-zay</b>
...a menu of the day	...un menù del giorno <b>oon meh-noo dehl jor-noh</b>
...half portions	...mezze porzioni <b>mehd-zay port-see-oh-nee</b>
What do you recommend?	Che cosa raccomanda? <b>kay koh-zah rah-koh-mahn-dah</b>
What's your favorite dish?	Qual'è il suo piatto preferito? <b>kwah-leh eel soo-oh pee-ah-toh preh-feh-ree-toh</b>
What is better? (point to items on menu)	Qual'è meglio? <b>kwah-leh mehl-yoh</b>
What is...?	Che cosa c'è di...? <b>kay koh-zah cheh dee</b>
Is it...?	È...? <b>eh</b>
...good	...buono <b>bwoh-noh</b>

...affordable	...poco caro <b>poh-koh kah-roh</b>
...expensive	...caro <b>kah-roh</b>
...local	...di locale <b>dee loh-kah-lay</b>
...fresh	...di fresco <b>dee freh-skoh</b>
...fast	...di veloce <b>dee veh-loh-chay</b>
...spicy (hot)	...piccante <b>pee-kahn-tay</b>
Is it filling?	Riempie molto? <b>ree-ehm-pee-ay mohl-toh</b>
Make me happy.	Mi faccia felice. <b>mee fah-chah feh-lee-chay</b>
Around ____ euros.	Intorno ai ____ euro. <b>een-tor-noh ī ____ eh-oo-roh</b>
What is that? (pointing)	Che cos'è quello? <b>kay koh-zeh kweh-loh</b>
How much is it?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
Nothing with eyeballs.	Niente con gli occhi. <b>nee-ehn-tay kohn lee oh-kee</b>
Can I substitute (something) for the ____?	Posso sostituire (qualcosa d'altro) per il ____? <b>poh-soh soh-stee-twee-ray (kwahl-koh-zah dahl-troh) pehr eel ____</b>
Can I / Can we get it to go?	Posso / Possiamo averlo da portar via? <b>poh-soh / poh-see-ah-moh ah-vehr-loh dah portar vee-ah</b>

## A Sample Menu of the Day

Choose a first course, second course, dessert, and beverage.

# TRATTORIA DUE TORRE

STRADA FELLINI 37, ROMA

MENU TURISTICO €25

## PRIMO PIATTO (FIRST COURSE)

- RISOTTO MILANESE
- SPAGHETTI CARBONARA
- PENNE AL PESTO
- ZUPPA MINESTRONE
- PROSCIUTTO E MELONE

## SECONDO PIATTO (SECOND COURSE)

- PESCE AI FERRI (FISH COOKED OVER COALS)
- SALTIMBOCCA ALLA ROMANA
- GRIGLIATA DI CARNE (MIXED GRILL)
- MELANZANE ALLA PARMIGIANA (EGGPLANT)

## CONTORNI (VEGETABLE SIDE DISHES)

- VERDURE DI STAGIONE (VEGETABLES OF THE SEASON)  
◦ INSALATA

## DOLCI (DESSERT)

- TIRAMISU DELLA CASA
- GELATO
- FRUTTA

## BEVANDE (DRINKS)

- 1/4 VINO ◦ ACQUA

BUON APPETITO!

 \_\_\_\_\_   
SERVIZIO INCLUSO 10%

Many eateries post handwritten lists of the day's specials—usually based on what the chef found fresh at the market. Specials are often noted with the word *oggi* (today)—sometimes followed by *lo chef consiglia* (the chef recommends) or *consigliamo* (we recommend).

When going to a good restaurant with an approachable staff, I like to say *Mi faccia felice* (Make me happy), and set a price limit.

Here are a few things you may hear from your server: First, he'll ask what you'd like to drink (*Da bere?*). When ready to take your order, he'll ask *Prego?* He'll prompt you with *E dopo?* (And then?) to see what else you might want; just reply *È tutto* (That's all). When you're finished eating, place your utensils on your plate with the handles pointing to your right as the Italians do. This tells the waiter you're done. He'll confirm by asking *Finito?* He'll usually ask if you'd like dessert (*Qualcosa di dolce?*) and coffee (*Un caffè?*), and if you want anything else (*Altro?*).

## Tableware and Condiments

I'd like a...	Vorrei un / una... voh- <b>reh</b> -ee oon / <b>oo</b> -nah
We'd like a...	Vorremmo un / una... voh- <b>reh</b> -moh oon / <b>oo</b> -nah
...napkin.	...tovagliolo. toh-vahl- <b>yoh</b> -loh
...knife.	...coltello. koh- <b>teh</b> -loh
...fork.	...forchetta. for- <b>keh</b> -tah
...spoon.	...cucchiaio. koo-kee- <b>ah</b> -yoh
...cup.	...tazza. <b>tahd</b> -zah
...glass.	...bicchiere. bee-kee- <b>eh</b> -ray
Please...	Per favore... pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
...another table setting.	...un altro coperto. oon <b>ahl</b> -troh koh- <b>pehr</b> -toh
...another plate.	...un altro piatto. oon <b>ahl</b> -trah pee- <b>ah</b> -toh
silverware	posate poh- <b>zah</b> -tay
carafe	caraffa kah- <b>rah</b> -fah
water	acqua <b>ah</b> -kwah
bread	pane <b>pah</b> -nay

<b>breadsticks</b>	grissini <b>gree-see-nee</b>
<b>butter</b>	burro <b>boo-roh</b>
<b>margarine</b>	margarina <b>mar-gah-ree-nah</b>
<b>salt / pepper</b>	sale / pepe <b>sah-lay / peh-pay</b>
<b>sugar</b>	zucchero <b>tsoo-keh-roh</b>
<b>artificial sweetener</b>	dolcificante <b>dohl-chee-fee-kahn-tay</b>
<b>honey</b>	miele <b>mee-eh-lay</b>
<b>mustard</b>	senape <b>seh-nah-pay</b>
<b>mayonnaise</b>	maionese <b>mah-yoh-neh-zay</b>
<b>toothpick</b>	stuzzicadente <b>stood-zee-kah-dehn-tay</b>

## The Food Arrives

After serving the meal, your server might wish you a cheery *Buon appetito!*

<b>Looks delicious!</b>	Ha un ottimo aspetto! <b>ah oon oh-tee-moh ah-speh-toh</b>
<b>Is this included with the meal?</b>	È incluso nel pasto questo? <b>eh een-kloo-zoh nehl pah-stoh kweh-stoh</b>
<b>I did not order this.</b>	Io questo non l'ho ordinato. <b>ee-oh kweh-stoh nohn loh or-dee-nah-toh</b>
<b>Can you heat it up?</b>	Lo può scaldare? <b>loh pwoh skahl-dah-ray</b>
<b>A little.</b>	Un po'. <b>oon poh</b>
<b>More. / Another.</b>	Di più. / Un altro. <b>dee pew / oon ahl-troh</b>
<b>One more, please.</b>	Ancora un altro, per favore. <b>ahn-koh-rah oon ahl-troh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>The same.</b>	Lo stesso. <b>loh steh-soh</b>
<b>Enough.</b>	Basta. <b>bah-stah</b>

<b>Finished.</b>	Finito. <b>fee-nee-toh</b>
<b>I'm full.</b>	Sono sazio. <b>soh-noh saht-see-oh</b>
<b>I'm stuffed! ("I'm as full as an egg!")</b>	Sono pieno[a] come un uovo! <b>soh-noh pee-eh-noh koh-may oon woh-voh</b>
<b>Thank you.</b>	Grazie. <b>graht-see-ay</b>

## Complaints

<b>This is...</b>	Questo è... <b>kweh-stoh eh</b>
<b>...dirty.</b>	...sporco. <b>spor-koh</b>
<b>...greasy.</b>	...grasso. <b>grah-soh</b>
<b>...salty.</b>	...salato. <b>sah-lah-toh</b>
<b>...undercooked.</b>	...troppo crudo. <b>troh-poh kroo-doh</b>
<b>...overcooked.</b>	...troppo cotto. <b>troh-poh koh-toh</b>
<b>...cold.</b>	...freddo. <b>freh-doh</b>
<b>...disgusting.</b>	...pessimo. <b>peh-see-moh</b>
<b>Yuck!</b>	Che schifo! <b>kay skee-foh</b>

## Compliments to the Chef

If you enjoyed a good meal, it's nice to praise the chef.

<b>Yummy!</b>	Buono! <b>bwoh-noh</b>
<b>Very good!</b>	Molto buono! <b>mohl-toh bwoh-noh</b>
<b>Delicious!</b>	Delizioso! <b>deh-leet-see-oh-zoh</b>
<b>Divinely good!</b>	Una vera bontà! <b>oo-nah veh-rah bohn-tah</b>
<b>I love Italian food.</b>	Adoro la cucina italiana. <b>ah-doh-roh lah koo-chee-nah ee-tah-lee-ah-nah</b>
<b>My compliments to the</b>	Complimenti al cuoco! <b>kohm-plee-mehn-</b>

chef!	tee ahl <b>kwoh</b> -koh
A great memory!	Grande ricordo! <b>grahn</b> -day ree- <b>kor</b> -doh

## Paying

bill	conto <b>kohn</b> -toh
The bill, please.	Il conto, per favore. eel <b>kohn</b> -toh pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
Together.	Conto unico. <b>kohn</b> -toh oo-nee-koh
Separate checks.	Conto separato. <b>kohn</b> -toh seh-pah- <b>rah</b> -toh
Do you accept credit cards?	Accettate carte di credito? ah-cheh- <b>tah</b> -tay <b>kar</b> -tay dee <b>kreh</b> -dee-toh
This is not correct.	Questo non è giusto. <b>kweh</b> -stoh nohn eh <b>joo</b> -stoh
Can you explain this?	Lo può spiegare? loh pwoh spee-eh- <b>gah</b> -ray
Can you itemize the bill?	Può spiegare il conto in dettaglio? pwoh spee-eh- <b>gah</b> -ray eel <b>kohn</b> -toh een deh- <b>tahl</b> -yoh
What if I wash the dishes?	E se lavassi i piatti? ay say lah- <b>vah</b> -see ee pee- <b>ah</b> -tee
Could I have a receipt, please?	Posso avere una ricevuta, per favore? <b>poh</b> -soh ah- <b>veh</b> -ray oo-nah ree-cheh- <b>voo</b> -tah pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray

## Cover and Tipping

Two extra charges are commonly found at Italian restaurants: *coperto* and *servizio*. Both charges, if assessed, by law must be listed on the menu.



The *coperto* (cover), sometimes called *pane e coperto* (bread and cover), is a minor fee (€1.50-3/person) covering the cost of the typical basket of bread, oil, salt, cutlery, and linens found on your table. It's not negotiable, and it's not a tip (it goes to the owner).

The *servizio* (a 10- to 15-percent service charge) is similar to the mandatory gratuity that American restaurants often add for large groups. Because the service charge is sometimes built into your bill, look carefully at your check to see if you've already paid a tip—don't leave a tip beyond this.

If there is no *servizio* on the bill, a common tip at a simple restaurant or pizzeria is €1 per person (or simply round up the bill).

At a finer restaurant, leave a few euros per person.

## Tipping

<b>tip</b>	mancia <b>mahn-chah</b>
<b>service (not) included</b>	servizio (non) incluso <b>sehr-veet-see-oh (nohn) een-kloo-zoh</b>
<b>Is tipping expected?</b>	Bisogna lasciare una mancia? <b>bee-zohn-yah lah-shah-ray oo-nah mahn-chah</b>
<b>What percent?</b>	Che percentuale? <b>kay pehr-chehn-too-ah-lay</b>
<b>Keep the change.</b>	Tenga il resto. <b>tehn-gah eel reh-stoh</b>
<b>Change, please.</b>	Il resto, per favore. <b>eel reh-stoh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>This is for you.</b>	Questo è per lei. <b>kweh-stoh eh pehr leh-ee</b>

In Italian bars and any eatery that doesn't have wait staff, there's no need to tip. See the "Cover and Tipping" sidebar (previous page) for tipping tips.

## Special Concerns

In a Hurry

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### In a Hurry

Europeans take their time at meals, so don't expect speedy service. If you're in a rush, let your server know. To hurry things up, ask for your bill when the waiter brings your food.

<b>I'm / We're in a hurry.</b>	Sono / Siamo di fretta. <b>soh-noh / see-ah-moh dee freh-tah</b>
<b>I'm sorry.</b>	Mi dispiace. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay</b>
<b>I need to be served quickly.</b>	Ho bisogno di essere servito[a] rapidamente. <b>oh bee-zohn-yoh dee eh-seh-ray sehr-vee-toh rah-pee-dah-mehn-tay</b>
<b>We need to be served quickly.</b>	Avremmo bisogno di essere serviti rapidamente. <b>ah-vreh-moh bee-zohn-yoh dee eh-seh-ray sehr-vee-tee rah-pee-dah-mehn-tay</b>
<b>I must / We must...</b>	Devo / Dobbiamo... <b>deh-voh / doh-bee-ah-moh</b>

...leave in 30 minutes / one hour.	...andarcene tra trenta minuti / un'ora. ahn-dar- <b>cheh</b> -nay trah <b>trehn</b> -tah mee- <b>noo</b> -tee / oo- <b>noh</b> -rah
When will the food be ready?	Tra quanto è pronto il cibo? trah <b>kwahn</b> -toh eh <b>prohn</b> -toh eel <b>chee</b> -boh
The bill, please.	Il conto, per favore. eel <b>kohn</b> -toh pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray

## Allergies and Other Dietary Restrictions

If the food you're unable to eat doesn't appear in this list, look for it in the Menu Decoder. You'll find vegetarian phrases in the next section.

I'm allergic to...	Sono allergico[a] a... <b>soh</b> -noh ah- <b>lehr</b> -jee- koh ah
I cannot eat...	Non posso mangiare... <b>nohn poh</b> -soh mahn- <b>jah</b> -ray
He cannot / She cannot eat...	Lui non può / Lei non può mangiare... <b>loo</b> - ee nohn pwoh / <b>leh</b> -ee nohn pwoh mahn- <b>jah</b> -ray
He / She has a severe allergy to...	Ha un'allergia molto seria a... ah oon-ah- <b>lehr</b> -jee-ah <b>mohl</b> -toh <b>seh</b> -ree-ah ah
No...	Niente... <b>nee-ehn</b> -tay
...dairy products.	...latticini. lah-tee- <b>chee</b> -nee
...nuts.	...noci e altra frutta secca. <b>noh</b> -chee ay <b>ahl</b> -trah <b>froo</b> -tah <b>seh</b> -kah
...peanuts.	...arachidi. ah- <b>rah</b> -kee-dee
...walnuts.	...noci. <b>noh</b> -chee
...wheat / gluten.	...frumento / glutine. <b>froo</b> - <b>mehn</b> -toh / <b>gloo</b> -tee-nay

...seafood.	...frutti di mare. <b>froo-tee dee mah-ray</b>
...shellfish.	...molluschi e crostacei. <b>moh-loo-skee ay kroh-stah-cheh-ee</b>
...salt / sugar.	...sale / zucchero. <b>sah-lay / tsoo-keh-roh</b>
I am diabetic.	Ho il diabete. <b>oh eel dee-ah-beh-tay</b>
He / She is lactose intolerant.	Lui / Lei ha un'intolleranza ai latticini. <b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah oon-een-toh-leh-rahnt-sah ī lah-tee-chee-nee</b>
I'd like / We'd like a...	Vorrei / Vorremmo un... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh oon</b>
...kosher meal.	...pasto kasher. <b>pah-stoh kah-shehr</b>
...halal meal.	...pasto halal. <b>pah-stoh ah-lahl</b>
...light (low-fat) meal.	...pasto leggero. <b>pah-stoh leh-jeh-roh</b>
Low cholesterol.	Colesterolo basso. <b>koh-leh-steh-roh-loh bah-soh</b>
No caffeine.	Senza caffeina. <b>sehnt-sah kah-feh-ee-nah</b>
No alcohol.	Niente alcool. <b>nee-ehn-tay ahl-kohl</b>
Organic.	Biologico. <b>bee-oh-loh-jee-koh</b>
I eat only insects.	Mangio solo insetti. <b>mahn-joh soh-loh een-seh-tee</b>

## Vegetarian Phrases

I'm a...	Sono... <b>soh-noh</b>
...vegetarian.	...vegetariano[a]. <b>veh-jeh-tah-ree-ah-noh</b>
...strict vegetarian.	...strettamente vegetariano[a]. <b>streh-tah-mehn-tay veh-jeh-tah-ree-ah-noh</b>
...vegan.	...vegano[a]. <b>veh-gah-noh</b>
Is any meat or animal fat	Contiene carne o grassi animali? <b>kohn-tee-</b>

used in this?	<b>eh-nay kar-nay oh grah-see ah-nee-mah-lee</b>
What is vegetarian? (pointing to menu)	Quali piatti sono vegetariani? <b>kwah-lee pee-ah-tee soh-noh veh-jeh-tah-ree-ah-nee</b>
I don't eat...	Io non mangio... <b>ee-oh nohn mahn-joh</b>
I'd like this without...	Vorrei questo ma senza... <b>voh-reh-ee kweh-stoh mah sehnt-sah</b>
...meat.	...carne. <b>kar-nay</b>
...eggs.	...uova. <b>woh-vah</b>
...animal products.	...prodotti animali. <b>proh-doh-tee ah-nee-mah-lee</b>
I eat...	Io mangio... <b>ee-oh mahn-joh</b>
Do you have...?	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
...anything with tofu	...qualcosa con il tofu <b>kwahl-koh-zah kohn eel toh-foo</b>
...veggie burgers	...hamburger vegetariani <b>ahm-boor-gehr veh-jeh-tah-ree-ah-nee</b>

## Children

Children's menus and special dishes for *bambini* are rare in Italy. Most Italian parents request a *mezza porzione* (half portion, not always available), or simply order from the regular menu and customize it for their kids.

Do you have a children's menu?	Avete un menù per bambini? <b>ah-veh-tay oon meh-noo pehr bahm-bee-nee</b>
children's portions	delle porzioni per bambini <b>deh-lay port-see-oh-nee pehr bahm-bee-nee</b>
half portions	mezze porzioni <b>mehd-zay port-see-oh-nee</b>
high chair	un seggiolone <b>oon seh-joh-loh-nay</b>

<b>booster seat</b>	un seggiolino <b>oon seh-joh-lee-noh</b>
<b>noodles</b>	pasta <b>pah-stah</b>
<b>rice</b>	del riso <b>dehl ree-zoh</b>
<b>with butter</b>	con il burro <b>kohn eel boo-roh</b>
<b>without sauce</b>	senza sugo <b>sehnt-sah soo-goh</b>
<b>sauce / dressing on the side</b>	il sugo / il condimento a parte <b>eel soo-goh / eel kohn-dee-mehn-toh ah par-tay</b>
<b>pizza</b>	pizza “pizza”
<b>...cheese only</b>	...Margherita <b>mar-geh-ree-tah</b>
<b>...pepperoni</b>	...con salame piccante <b>kohn sah-lah-may pee-kahn-tay</b>
<b>cheese sandwich...</b>	un panino... al formaggio <b>oon pah-nee-noh... ahl for-mah-joh</b>
<b>...toasted</b>	...scaldato <b>skahl-dah-toh</b>
<b>hot dog</b>	wurstel <b>voor-stehl</b>
<b>hamburger</b>	hamburger <b>ahm-boor-gehr</b>
<b>french fries</b>	patate fritte <b>pah-tah-tay free-tay</b>
<b>ketchup</b>	ketchup “ketchup”
<b>small milk</b>	un po’ di latte <b>oon poh dee lah-tay</b>
<b>straw</b>	cannuccia <b>kah-noo-chah</b>
<b>More napkins, please.</b>	Degli altri tovaglioli, per favore. <b>dehl-yee ahl-tree toh-vahl-yoh-lee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

Don’t expect to find peanut butter sandwiches in Italy. Italian kids would rather have a sandwich with Nutella (*un panino con la Nutella*), the popular chocolate-hazelnut spread.

## What’s Cooking?

Breakfast

Key Phrases: What's Cooking?

Pastries

What's Probably Not For Breakfast

Sandwiches

If You Knead Bread

Say Cheese

Antipasti and Cured Meats

Pasta

Soups

Salad

Pizza

Meat

Meat, but...

Avoiding Mis-Steaks

Poultry

Fish and Seafood

How Food Is Prepared

Flavors and Spices

Veggies and Sides

Fruits

Nuts to You

Just Desserts

Gelato

## Breakfast

Italian breakfasts, like Italian bath towels, are small: coffee and a roll with butter and marmalade. Some hotels, accustomed to American travelers, may serve hard-boiled eggs and cereal—but don't count on it. The strong coffee is often mixed about half-and-half with heated milk. The delicious red orange juice (*succo di arance rosse*) is made from Sicilian blood oranges.

<b>I'd like / We'd like...</b>	Vorrei / Vorremmo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
<b>breakfast</b>	colazione <b>koh-laht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>bread</b>	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
<b>baguette</b>	baguette <b>bah-geh-tay</b>
<b>roll</b>	pane / panino <b>pah-nay / pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>sweet roll</b>	brioche <b>bree-ohsh</b>
<b>croissant</b>	cornetto <b>kor-neh-toh</b>



<b>toast</b>	toast “toast”
<b>butter</b>	burro <b>boo-roh</b>
<b>jam</b>	marmellata <b>mar-meh-lah-tah</b>
<b>honey</b>	miele <b>mee-eh-lay</b>
<b>fruit cup</b>	macedonia <b>mah-cheh-doh-nee-ah</b>
<b>milk</b>	latte <b>lah-tay</b>
<b>coffee / tea</b>	caffè / tè <b>kah-feh / teh</b>
<b>fruit juice</b>	succo di frutta <b>soo-koh dee froo-tah</b>
<b>fresh orange juice</b>	spremuta di arancia <b>spreh-moo-tah dee ah-rah-n-chah</b>
<b>blood orange juice</b>	succo di arance rosse <b>soo-koh dee ah-rah-n-chay roh-say</b>
<b>hot chocolate</b>	cioccolata calda <b>choh-koh-lah-tah kahl-dah</b>

## Key Phrases: What’s Cooking?

<b>food</b>	cibo <b>chee-boh</b>
<b>breakfast</b>	colazione <b>koh-laht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>lunch</b>	pranzo <b>prahnt-soh</b>
<b>dinner</b>	cena <b>cheh-nah</b>
<b>bread</b>	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
<b>cheese</b>	formaggio <b>for-mah-joh</b>
<b>soup</b>	minestra / zuppa <b>mee-neh-strah / tsoo-pah</b>
<b>salad</b>	insalata <b>een-sah-lah-tah</b>
<b>fish</b>	pesce <b>peh-shay</b>
<b>chicken</b>	pollo <b>poh-loh</b>
<b>meat</b>	carni <b>kar-nee</b>
<b>vegetables</b>	verdure <b>vehr-doo-ray</b>

<b>fruit</b>	frutta <b>froo-tah</b>
<b>dessert</b>	dolci <b>dohl-chee</b>

If you want to skip your hotel breakfast, consider browsing for a morning picnic at a local open-air market. Or do as the Italians do: Stop into a bar or café to drink a cappuccino and munch a **cornetto** (croissant) while standing at the bar.

## Pastries

Pastries go by the generic name **pasticcini** or simply **dolci** (sweets; sometimes called **brioche** in the north, **cornetti** in the south, and **paste** in Florence).

<b>pastries</b>	pasticcini / dolci <b>pah-stee-chee-nee / dohl-chee</b>
<b>cream puff</b>	bignè alla crema <b>been-yeh ah-lah kreh-mah</b>
<b>filled with...</b>	ripieno di / alla... <b>ree-pee-eh-noh dee / ah-lah</b>
<b>...jam...</b>	...marmellata di... <b>mar-meh-lah-tah dee</b>
<b>...strawberry</b>	...fragola <b>frah-goh-lah</b>
<b>...apricot</b>	...albicocca <b>ahl-bee-koh-kah</b>
<b>...cherry</b>	...ciliegia <b>chee-lee-eh-jah</b>
<b>...blackberry</b>	...more <b>moh-ray</b>
<b>...apple</b>	...mela <b>meh-lah</b>
<b>...chocolate</b>	...cioccolato <b>choh-koh-lah-toh</b>
<b>...custard / crème</b>	...crema <b>kreh-mah</b>
<b>...nuts / almonds</b>	...noci / mandorle <b>noh-chee / mahn-dor-</b>

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...raisins	...uvetta oo- <b>veh</b> -tah
What is fresh now?	Cosa c'è di fresco in questo periodo? <b>koh-</b> <b>zah</b> cheh dee <b>freh</b> -skoh een <b>kweh</b> -stoh pehr-ee- <b>oh</b> -doh

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While most bars serve basic pastries for breakfast, you'll find a wider selection at a *pasticceria* (pastry shop).

## What's Probably Not For Breakfast

These items are not typical on a traditional Italian breakfast table, but you may find them at international hotels or cafés catering to foreigners.

omelet	omelette / frittata oh-meh- <b>leh</b> -tay / free- <b>tah</b> -tah
eggs...	uova... <b>woh</b> -vah
...fried	...fritte <b>free</b> -tay
...scrambled	...strapazzate strah-pahd- <b>zah</b> -tay
...poached	...in camicia een kah- <b>mee</b> -chah
...hard-boiled	...sode <b>soh</b> -day
...soft-boiled	...alla coque <b>ah</b> -lah kohk
ham	prosciutto cotto proh- <b>shoo</b> -toh <b>koh</b> -toh
cheese	formaggio for- <b>mah</b> -joh
yogurt	yogurt <b>yoh</b> -goort
cereal	cereali cheh-reh- <b>ah</b> -lee

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## Sandwiches

<b>sandwich (on a baguette)</b>	panino <b>pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>I'd like a sandwich.</b>	Vorrei un panino. <b>voh-reh-ee oon pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>white bread</b>	pane bianco <b>pah-nay bee-ahn-koh</b>
<b>whole-grain bread</b>	pane integrale <b>pah-nay een-teh-grah-lay</b>
<b>toasted ham and cheese</b>	toast con prosciutto cotto e formaggio "toast" <b>kohn proh-shoo-toh koh-toh ay for-mah-joh</b>
<b>cheese</b>	formaggio <b>for-mah-joh</b>
<b>tuna</b>	tonno <b>toh-noh</b>
<b>fish</b>	pesce <b>peh-shay</b>
<b>chicken</b>	pollo <b>poh-loh</b>
<b>turkey</b>	tacchino <b>tah-kee-noh</b>
<b>ham</b>	prosciutto <b>proh-shoo-toh</b>
<b>air-cured beef</b>	bresaola <b>breh-zah-oh-lah</b>
<b>salami</b>	salame <b>sah-lah-may</b>
<b>lettuce</b>	lattuga <b>lah-too-gah</b>
<b>tomato</b>	pomodoro <b>poh-moh-doh-roh</b>
<b>onion</b>	cipolla <b>chee-poh-lah</b>
<b>mustard</b>	senape <b>seh-nah-pay</b>
<b>mayonnaise</b>	maionese <b>mah-yoh-neh-zay</b>
<b>on sandwich bread / on a roll</b>	con pane in cassetta / panino <b>kohn pah-nay een kah-seh-tah / pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>toasted / grilled / heated</b>	scaldato / alla griglia / caldo <b>skahl-dah-toh / ah-lah greel-yah / kahl-doh</b>
<b>Does this come cold or hot?</b>	Si mangia freddo o caldo? <b>see mahn-jah freh-doh oh kahl-doh</b>
<b>That. (pointing)</b>	Quello. <b>kway-loh</b>
<b>What is that?</b>	Che cos'è? <b>kay koh-zeh</b>

<b>What is good with that?</b>	Cosa è buono con questo? <b>koh-zah eh bwoh-noh kohn kweh-stoh</b>
<b>What do you suggest?</b>	Cosa mi consiglia? <b>koh-zah mee kohn-seel-yah</b>
<b>very filling (big sandwich)</b>	molto pieno <b>mohl-toh pee-eh-noh</b>
<b>just a taste (small sandwich)</b>	solo un assaggio <b>soh-loh oon ah-sah-jee-noh</b>
<b>well heated / cooked</b>	molto caldo / cotto <b>mohl-toh kahl-doh / koh-toh</b>
<b>not overcooked</b>	non troppo caldo <b>nohn troh-poh kahl-doh</b>

To grab a sandwich, stop by a *panificio* (bakery)—or, better yet, a *paninoteca* or *focacceria*, where they can custom-make you a sandwich. Beyond the basic ingredients, you may see *pomodoro gratinato* (tomatoes grilled and dusted with breadcrumbs) or *alla toscana* (with chicken liver paste). You can also look for *panini farciti* (premade sandwiches) at *enoteche* (wine bars), other bars, and cafés.

## Types of Sandwiches

The generic Italian sandwich comes on a baguette—it’s called a *panino*. Another common sandwich—especially in central Italy—is the *foccacia*, made on the puffy bread of the same name.

**panino** **pah-nee-noh** baguette sandwich

**foccacia** **foh-kah-chah** rustic, pillowy bread “stuffed” to make sandwiches

**foccacina** **foh-kah-chee-nah** small foccacia sandwich

**schacciata** **skee-ah-chah-tah** thin, “squashed” bread sprinkled with sea salt and olive oil; used to make a foccacia-type sandwich (Tuscany)

**piadina** **pee-ah-dee-nah** soft, thin, pita-like bread, often served with

fillings

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**panini farciti** **pah-nee-nee far-chee-tee** prepared sandwiches—just grab and go

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**tramezzini** **trah-mehd-zee-nee** sandwiches served cold and stuffed with mayo and a variety of fillings (such as egg, tuna, or shrimp)

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**crostini** **kroh-stee-nee** small toasted bread rounds topped with meat or vegetable pastes

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In central Italy, **porchetta** stands serve tasty rolls stuffed with slices of roasted suckling pig.

## If You Knead Bread

bread	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
whole-grain bread	pane integrale <b>pah-nay een-teh-grah-lay</b>
olive bread	pane alle olive <b>pah-nay ah-lay oh-lee-vay</b>
rye bread	pane di segale <b>pah-nay dee seh-gah-lay</b>
brown bread	pane scuro <b>pah-nay skoo-roh</b>
Tuscan bread (unsalted)	pane toscano <b>pah-nay toh-skah-noh</b>
loaf of bread	filone <b>fee-loh-nay</b>
breadsticks	grissini <b>gree-see-nee</b>

Every region of Italy has its own bread, highly prized by the locals. We have the saying “good as gold,” but the Italians say “good as bread.”

## Say Cheese

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cheese formaggio **for-mah-joh**

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<b>cheese shop</b>	formaggeria <b>for-mah-jeh-ree-ah</b>
<b>Do you have a cheese that is...?</b>	Avete un formaggio...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon for-mah-joh</b>
<b>...mild / sharp</b>	...dolce / saporito <b>dohl-chay / sah-poh-ree-toh</b>
<b>...fresh / aged</b>	...fresco / stagionato <b>freh-skoh / stah-joh-nah-toh</b>
<b>...soft / hard</b>	...morbido / duro <b>mor-bee-doh / doo-roh</b>
<b>...from a cow / sheep / goat</b>	...di mucca / di pecora / di capra <b>dee moo-kah / dee peh-koh-rah / dee kah-prah</b>
<b>...sliced</b>	...affettato <b>ah-feh-tah-toh</b>
<b>...smoked</b>	...affumicato <b>ah-foo-mee-kah-toh</b>
<b>May I taste it?</b>	Posso avere un assaggio? <b>poh-soh ah-veh-ray oon ah-sah-joh</b>
<b>What is your favorite cheese?</b>	Qual'è il suo formaggio preferito? <b>kwah-leh eel soo-oh for-mah-joh preh-feh-ree-toh</b>
<b>I would like three or four types of cheese for a picnic.</b>	Vorrei tre o quattro tipi di formaggi per un picnic. <b>voh-reh-ee tray oh kwah-troh tee-pee dee for-mah-jee pehr oon peek-neek</b>
<b>Choose for me, please.</b>	Scelga lei, per favore. <b>shehl-gah leh-ee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>This much. (showing size)</b>	Tanto così. <b>tahn-toh koh-zee</b>
<b>More. / Less.</b>	Di più. / Di meno. <b>dee pew / dee meh-noh</b>
<b>Can you please slice it?</b>	Lo può affettare, per favore? <b>loh pwoh ah-feh-tah-ray pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

## Italian Cheeses

Italian cheeses (*formaggi*) come in various types: *a pasta molle* (soft, like ricotta or mozzarella); *a pasta semidura* (semi-hard, like provolone); or *a pasta dura* or *grana* (hard, crumbly, and granular, like *parmigiano-reggiano*).

**asiago (mezzano / stravecchio)** ah-zee-ah-goh (mehd-zah-noh / strah-veh-kee-oh) hard, mild cow cheese (young, firm, and creamy / aged, pungent, and granular)

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**bel paese** behl pah-eh-zay mild, white, creamy cow cheese

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**bocconcini** boh-kohn-chee-nee small balls of mozzarella

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**burrata** boo-rah-tah mozzarella with cream added, extremely soft

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**caciocavallo / ragusano** kah-choh-kah-va-loh / rah-goo-zah-noh semi-hard cow cheeses (Southern Italy and Sicily)

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**formaggio di capra / caprino** for-mah-joh dee kah-prah / kah-pree-noh goat cheese

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**formaggio fresco** for-mah-joh freh-skoh cream cheese

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**fontina (Val d’Aosta)** fohn-tee-nah (vahl doh-stah) semi-hard, nutty, Gruyère-style cheese—best from Val d’Aosta

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**formaggio di fossa** for-mah-joh dee foh-sah sheep or cow cheese aged in an underground “pit” (*fossa*)

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**gorgonzola** gor-gohnt-soh-lah pungent, blue-veined cheese, either creamy (*dolce*) or aged and hard (*stagionato*)

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**grana padano** grah-nah pah-dah-noh grainy grating cheese from cows, similar to *parmigiano-reggiano* but lower quality

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**mascarpone** mah-skar-poh-nay sweet, buttery, spreadable dessert cheese

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**mozzarella (di bufala)** mohd-zah-reh-lah (dee boo-fah-lah) mozzarella (from water buffalo)

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**parmigiano-reggiano** par-mee-jah-noh reh-gee-ah-noh hard, crumbly, sharp, aged cow cheese

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**pecorino (fresco / stagionato)** peh-koh-ree-noh (freh-skoh / stah-joh-nah-toh) ewe cheese (fresh, soft, and mild / aged and sharp)

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**pecorino romano** **peh-koh-ree-noh roh-mah-noh** variation on *pecorino* that's hard, aged, and often grated over food

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**piacentino di enna** **pee-ah-chehn-tee-noh dee eh-nah** hard, spicy sheep cheese with saffron and pepper (Sicily)

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**provolone / provola** **proh-voh-loh-nay / proh-voh-lah** rich, firm, aged cow cheese

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**ricotta** **ree-koh-tah** soft, airy cheese made by “recooking” leftover whey

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**scamorza** **skah-mort-sah** cow cheese similar to mozzarella, often smoked

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**stracchino** **strah-kee-noh** spreadable, soft cow cheese

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**taleggio** **tah-leh-joh** rich, creamy, cow cheese

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Certain cheeses—including *gorgonzola* and *pecorino*—taste very different depending on how long they're aged; specify *fresco* (soft and mild) or *stagionato* (hard and sharp).

## Antipasti and Cured Meats

*Antipasti* (starters) are typically an assortment of local cheeses, meats, and vegetables. An Italian specialty is *salumi* (cured meats).

### Antipasti

**antipasto misto** **ahn-tee-pah-stoh mee-stoh** mix of cold cuts, marinated vegetables, and sometimes cheeses

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**antipasto (frutti) di mare** **ahn-tee-pah-stoh (froo-tee) dee mah-ray** marinated mix of fish and shellfish, served chilled

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**bruschetta** **broo-skeh-tah** toast brushed with olive oil and garlic or chopped tomatoes

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**carciofi alla giudia / romana** **kar-choh-fee ah-lah joo-dee-ah / roh-mah-nah** artichokes flattened and deep-fried (“Jewish-style”) / artichokes

simmered with garlic and mint (“Roman-style”)

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**carpaccio** **kar-pah-choh** thinly sliced raw beef served with olive oil, lemon juice, and shaved *parmigiano-reggiano*

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**cipolloti** **chee-poh-loh-tee** mini-onions marinated in oil

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**crocchette** **kroh-keh-tay** croquettes (deep-fried mashed potato balls)

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**crostini** **kroh-stee-nee** toast topped with liver pâtés or other meat or veggie pastes

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**fagioli all’uccelletto** **fah-joh-lee ah-loo-cheh-leh-toh** beans slow-cooked with tomato and sage (Tuscany)

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**farro** **fah-roh** spelt (grain often used in salads and soups)

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**fave al guanciale** **fah-vay ahl gwahn-chah-lay** fava beans simmered with *guanciale* (cured pork cheek) and onion

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**filetti di baccalà** **fee-leh-tee dee bah-kah-lah** batter-fried salted cod

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**fiori di zucca** **fee-oh-ree dee tsoo-kah** lightly fried squash blossoms, filled with mozzarella and anchovies

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**frittata con le erbe** **free-tah-tah kohn lay ehr-bay** an unfolded omelet with fresh herbs

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**fritti** **free-tee** little deep-fried snacks (often croquettes, mozzarella, or olives stuffed with meat)

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**gattafin** **gah-tah-feen** greens stuffed in pastry and deep-fried (Riviera)

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**inzimino** **eent-see-mee-noh** anything—often cuttlefish—marinated in tomatoes and greens

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**involtini** **een-vohl-tee-nee** stuffed rolls of meat or vegetables

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**olive con peperoni** **oh-lee-vay kohn peh-peh-roh-nee** green olives stuffed with red hot peppers

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**olive nere / verdi** **oh-lee-vay neh-ray / vehr-dee** black olives / green olives

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**orzo** **ord-zoh** tiny, rice-shaped pasta

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**prosciutto e melone / fichi** **proh-shoo-toh ay meh-loh-nay / fee-kee** air-cured ham wrapped around cantaloupe / fresh figs

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**salumi misti** **sah-loo-mee mee-stee** assortment of sliced, cured meats

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**sarde in saor** **sar-day een sah-or** sardines marinated with onions

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**suppli / arancini** **soo-plee / ah-rahn-chee-nee** deep-fried balls of rice, tomato sauce, and mozzarella

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**tagliere** **tahl-yeh-ray** sampling of meats and cheeses on a wooden board (Tuscany)

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**vitello tonnato** **vee-teh-loh toh-nah-toh** thin-sliced roasted veal with tuna-caper mayonnaise

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## Salumi

**Salumi** (literally “salted meats”)—also called **affettati** (sliced)—are an Italian staple. The Italians have invented innumerable ways to encase, cook, and cure meat (usually pork).

**bresaola** **breh-zah-oh-lah** air-cured beef; “della Valtellina” is low-fat and top quality

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**capocollo / coppa** **kah-poh-koh-loh / koh-pah** peppery, air-cured pork shoulder

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**cotechino / zampone** **koh-teh-kee-noh / zahm-poh-nay** pork sausage traditionally stuffed into a pig’s leg (*zampone* still is; *cotechino* is just in a casing)

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**finocchiona** **fee-noh-kee-oh-nah** salami with fennel seeds

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**guanciale** **gwahn-chah-lay** tender, flavorful, air-cured pork cheek

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**lampredotto** **lahm-preh-doh-toh** cow stomach that resembles a lamprey (eel)—a Florentine favorite

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**lardo** **lar-doh** strips of seasoned lard, often served on toast

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**lonzino** **lohn-zee-noh** air-cured pork loin

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**mortadella** **mor-tah-deh-lah** pink, finely ground, baloney-like pork loaf

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**‘nduja** **doo-yah** spicy, spreadable salami

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**pancetta** **pahn-cheh-tah** salt-cured, peppery pork belly meat

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**pancetta arrotolata** **pahn-cheh-tah ah-roh-toh-lah-tah** pancetta rolled into a tight, sausage-like bundle and sliced

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**salame** **sah-lah-may** air-dried sausage, sometimes spicy

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**salamino** **sah-lah-mee-noh** small salami

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**salsiccia** **sahl-see-chah** link sausage

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**sbriciolona** **zbree-choh-loh-nah** less aged, “crumbly” *finocchiona*

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**sopressata** **soh-preh-sah-tah** in the south, a coarsely ground, spicy salami; in Tuscany (*sopressata toscana*), a headcheese-like gelatinous brick of pork trimmings

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**speck** **spehk** smoked, juniper-flavored, thinly sliced pork shoulder

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For a sampler plate, look for ***affettato misto*** (mixed cold cuts) or—in Tuscany—***tagliere*** (a “board” that often includes cheeses).

## Prosciutto

Produced mainly in the north of Italy, ***prosciutto*** is thinly sliced ham that can be sweet or salty.

**prosciutto (crudo)** **proh-shoo-toh (kroo-doh)** air-cured ham hock, thinly sliced

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**prosciutto dolce** **proh-shoo-toh dohl-chay** sweet prosciutto

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**prosciutto salato / stagionato** **proh-shoo-toh sah-lah-toh / stah-joh-nah-toh** salty prosciutto

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**prosciutto di Parma** **proh-shoo-toh dee par-mah** premium, super-lean, sweet prosciutto

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**prosciutto toscano** **proh-shoo-toh toh-skah-noh** Tuscan prosciutto, generally dark and salty

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**culatello** **koo-lah-teh-loh** made with the finest pork and sometimes wine-cured

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Purists claim that the best *prosciutto* comes from *cinta senese* (Sienese-branded) pigs, with black hooves.

## Pasta

Italy is the land of pasta, with more than 600 varieties. Each variation has a purpose, usually as the perfect platform for highlighting the sauce, meat, or regional ingredients of a particular dish. While *pasta secca* (dry-stored pasta) can be delicious, nothing can match *pasta fresca* (fresh-made pasta). Italians prefer their pasta cooked *al dente* (“to the tooth”—still quite firm compared to American tastes).

## Long Noodles

*Pasta lunga* are long enough to twist around a fork. Here are some favorites:

**spaghetti** “spaghetti” the classic Italian pasta

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**capellini / capelli d’angelo** kah-peh-lee-nee / kah-peh-lee dahn-jeh-loh  
extremely thin spaghetti (“little hairs” / “angel hair”)

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**vermicelli** vehr-mee-cheh-lee slightly thinner than spaghetti (“little worms”)

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**bucatini** boo-kah-tee-nee long, thick, hollow tubes

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**fusilli bucati** foo-zee-lee boo-kah-tee long, tightly coiled hollow tubes

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**pici / bigoli** pee-chee / bee-goh-lee hand-rolled thick strands (Tuscany / Veneto)

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**barbina** bar-bee-nah very skinny spaghetti often coiled into nest-like “beards”

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**spaghetti alla chitarra** “spaghetti” ah-lah kee-tah-rah square spaghetti

cut on a “guitar”-shaped stringed device

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**Pasta lunga** can also be flattened and/or ribbon-shaped; the first four are listed in order of width:

**linguine** leen-gwee-nay narrow, flat spaghetti (“little tongues”)

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**fettuccine** feh-too-chee-nay slightly wider, flat egg noodles cut into “small ribbons”

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**tagliatelle** tahl-yah-teh-lay even wider, flat noodles

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**pappardelle** pah-par-deh-lay very wide, flat noodles, best with meat sauces

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**trenette** treh-neh-tay long, flat, thin noodles similar to linguine

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**tripoline** tree-poh-lee-nay long, flat, thick noodles ruffled on one side (“tripe”-shaped)

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**mafalde** mah-fahl-day wide, flat, rectangular noodles ruffled on both sides

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If a pasta is a bit thicker, **one** is added to the end; if it’s a bit thinner, **ine**, **ette**, or **elle** is added. For example, **spaghettoni** is skinnier than **spaghetti**, while **spaghettoni** is thicker. **Vermicelloni** is thicker **vermicelli**. You may also see variations that are **mezzi** (half the length).

## Short Noodles

**Pasta corta** are scooped or speared with a fork. Most are tube-shaped and come in different lengths and thicknesses. Some are **lisce** (smooth) and others are **rigate** (grooved—better for clinging to sauce).

**penne** pehn-nay angle-cut tubes (“quills”); draw out the *nn* sound to avoid saying *pene* (penis)

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**rigatoni** *ree-gah-toh-nee* “ridged,” square-cut, hollow tubes

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**ziti** *zee-tee* long, hollow tubes (wider than penne); these “grooms” are traditionally served at weddings

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**mostaccioli** *moh-stah-choh-lee* “moustache”-like smooth penne (Southern Italy)

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**fusilli** *foo-zee-lee* spiral shapes ideal for cream or cheese sauces

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**rotini** *roh-tee-nee* like fusilli, but shorter

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**garganelli** *gar-gah-neh-lee* flat egg pasta rolled into a tube

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Other types of *pasta corta* are named for their distinctive shapes:

**conchiglie / cocchiole** *kohn-keel-yay / koh-choh-lay* hollow, “seashell” shape

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**farfalle** *far-fah-lay* “butterfly” or bowtie shape

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**orecchiette** *oh-reh-kee-eh-tay* “ear” or bowl shape

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**orzo** *ord-zoh* tiny “barley” shape (looks like rice)

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**rotelle** *roh-teh-lay* “wagon wheel” shape

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**strozzapreti** *strohd-zah-preh-tee* “priest-stranglers”—shaped like a priest’s collar

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**trofie / trofiette** *troh-fee-ay / troh-fee-eh-tay* twisted noodle, ideal for pesto

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**umbricelli** *oom-bree-cheh-lee* thick, chewy, rolled pasta (Umbria)

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There are many, many other shapes, including *alfabeto* (letter), *fiori* (flower), *galletti* (rooster’s comb, ruffled on one side), *lumache* (snail), and *marziani* (spirals resembling “martian” antennae)...to name but a few.

## Stuffed Pasta

Some pasta is almost always made fresh and often designed to be filled (*ripieni*). Aside from the familiar *ravioli* and *tortellini*, you'll find:

**manicotti** mah-nee-koh-tee large tubes (“sleeves”); usually stuffed (often with ricotta) and baked

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**cannelloni** kah-neh-loh-nee wide tube similar to manicotti; often used in baked dishes

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**cappelletti** kah-peh-leh-tee meat-filled dumplings, usually cooked in chicken broth

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**gnocchi** nyoh-kee shell-shaped, hand-rolled dumplings made from potatoes

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**tortelli / tordelli** tor-teh-lee / tor-deh-lee small, C-shaped pasta filled with meat or cheese

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**agnolotti / mezzelune** ahn-yoh-loh-tee / mehd-zeh-loo-nay stuffed pasta shaped like a “priest’s hat” or “half-moon”

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**girasoli** jee-rah-zoh-lee “sunflower”-shaped ravioli

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**pansotti** pahn-soh-tee ravioli with ricotta, greens, and often walnut sauce (Riviera)

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## Pasta and Rice Dishes

Words describing a pasta sauce or preparation are usually preceded by *in* or *alla* (in the style of).

**aglio e olio** ahl-yoh ay oh-lee-oh garlic and olive oil

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**alfredo** ahl-freh-doh butter, cream, and *parmigiano*

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**amatriciana** ah-mah-tree-chee-ah-nah sauce of pork cheek, pecorino cheese, and tomato

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**arrabbiata** ah-rah-bee-ah-tah “angry,” spicy tomato sauce with chili peppers

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**bigoli in salsa** bee-goh-lee een sahl-sah thick, whole-wheat noodles with



anchovy sauce (Venice)

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**bolognese** boh-lohn-yeh-zay meat and tomato sauce

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**boscaiola** boh-skah-yoh-lah with mushrooms and sausage

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**brodo** broh-doh in broth

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**burro e salvia** boo-roh ay sahl-vee-ah butter and sage

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**cacio e pepe** kah-choh ay peh-pay cheese and pepper

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**carbonara** kar-boh-nah-rah bacon, egg, cheese, and pepper

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**carrettiera** kah-reh-tee-eh-rah spicy, with garlic, lots of olive oil, and little tomatoes

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**contadina** kohn-tah-dee-nah “peasant’s wife-style,” rustic and hearty—can be with beans, pancetta, or tomatoes

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**diavola** dee-ah-voh-lah “devil-style,” spicy hot

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**forno** for-noh oven-baked

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**ai funghi** ī foon-gee (hard “g”) with mushrooms

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**frutti di mare** froo-tee dee mah-ray seafood sauce

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**genovese** jeh-noh-veh-zay with pesto

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**gricia** gree-chah with cured pork and *pecorino romano* cheese

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**marinara** mah-ree-nah-rah usually a tomato sauce, often with garlic and onions; can also refer to a dish with seafood

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**noci** noh-chee with walnuts

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**norma** nor-mah tomato, eggplant, and ricotta-cheese sauce

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**dell’ortolano** deh-lor-tah-lah-noh “greengrocer-style,” with vegetables

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**pajata / pagliata** pah-yah-tah / pahl-yah-tah with calf intestines (Rome)

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**panna** pah-nah cream

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**pescatore** peh-skah-toh-ray seafood (“fishermen’s”-style)

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**pesto** peh-stoh basil ground with *parmigiano*, garlic, pine nuts, and olive oil

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**pomodoro** poh-moh-doh-roh tomato only

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**puttanesca** poo-tah-neh-skah “harlot”-style tomato sauce with anchovies,

olives, and capers

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**quattro formaggi** kwah-troh for-mah-jee four cheeses

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**ragù** rah-goo meaty tomato sauce

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**risi e bisi** ree-zee ay bee-zee rice and peas (Venice)

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**risotto** (al nero di seppia / ai porcini / alla milanese) ree-zoh-toh (ahl neh-roh dee seh-pyah / ī por-chee-nee / ah-lah mee-lah-neh-zay) short-grain rice, slowly simmered in broth (made with cuttlefish ink / with porcini mushrooms / with saffron)

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**scoglio** skohl-yoh with mussels, clams, and tomatoes

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**sorrentina** soh-rehn-tee-nah “Sorrento-style”—tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella (usually over gnocchi)

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**spezzatino** spehd-zah-tee-noh with diced meat in a rich sauce

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**strascicata alla fiorentina** strah-shee-kah-tah ah-lah fee-oh-rehn-tee-nah sautéed with meat sauce (“dragged” in a skillet)

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**sugo** soo-goh sauce, usually tomato

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**sugo di lepre** soo-goh dee leh-pray rich sauce made of wild hare

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**tartufo / tartufata** tar-too-foh / tar-too-fah-tah with truffles

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**umbra** oom-brah sauce of anchovies, garlic, tomatoes, and truffles

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**vongole** vohn-goh-lay with clams and spices

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## Soups

soup...

zuppa... tsoo-pah

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...of the day

...del giorno dehl jor-noh

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...chicken

...di pollo dee poh-loh

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...beef

...di carne dee kar-nay

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...fish

...di pesce dee peh-shay

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...vegetable

...di verdure dee vehr-doo-ray

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...with noodles

...con pastina kohn pah-ste-nah

...with rice	...con riso <b>kohn ree-zoh</b>
vegetable soup	minestrone <b>mee-neh-stroh-nay</b>
stew	stufato <b>stoo-fah-toh</b>
broth	brodo <b>broh-doh</b>

## Soup Specialties

**carabaccia** **kah-rah-bah-chah** onion soup (Tuscany)

**impepata di cozze** **eem-peh-pah-tah dee kohd-zay** soup with mussels in the shell

**minestrone** **mee-neh-stroh-nay** classic Italian vegetable soup

**pappa al pomodoro** **pah-pah ahl poh-moh-doh-roh** thick soup of tomatoes, olive oil, and bread (Tuscany)

**pasta e fagioli** **pah-stah ay fah-joh-lee** bean and pasta soup

**peposo** **peh-poh-zoh** highly peppered beef stew (Florence)

**ribollita / zuppa alla volterrana** **ree-boh-lee-tah / tsoo-pah ah-lah vohl-teh-rah-nah** “reboiled” stew of white beans, veggies, and olive oil, layered with bread (Tuscany)

**stracciatella alla romana** **strah-chah-teh-lah ah-lah roh-mah-nah** egg-drop meat broth topped with *parmigiano-reggiano* (Rome)

**zuppa di pesce** **tsoo-pah dee peh-shay** seafood stew

**zuppa lombarda** **tsoo-pah loh-m-bar-dah** Tuscan bean soup

## Salad

**Insalate** (salads) are usually served as a side dish with the main course (if you don’t order a **secondo**, the waiter will ask when you’d like the salad served). Salad dressing is normally just the oil and vinegar at the table; if it’s missing, ask for the **oliera**.

salad...	insalata... een-sah- <b>lah</b> -tah
...green	...verde <b>veh</b> -day
...mixed	...mista <b>mee</b> -stah
...niçoise	...nizzarda need- <b>zar</b> -dah
...with ham and cheese	...con prosciutto e formaggio <b>kohn proh-shoo</b> -toh ay for- <b>mah</b> -joh
...with egg	...con uova <b>kohn woh</b> -vah
lettuce	lattuga <b>lah-too</b> -gah
tomato	pomodoro <b>poh-moh-doh</b> -roh
onion	cipolla <b>chee-poh</b> -lah
cucumber	cetriolo <b>cheh-tree-oh</b> -loh
carrot	carota <b>kah-roh</b> -tah
oil / vinegar	olio / aceto <b>oh-lee-oh</b> / ah- <b>cheh</b> -toh
oil and vinegar	oliera <b>oh-lee-eh</b> -rah
dressing (on the side)	condimento (a parte) <b>kohn-dee-mehn</b> -toh (ah <b>par</b> -tay)
What is in this salad?	Che cosa c'è in questa insalata? kay <b>koh-zah cheh een kweh</b> -stah een-sah- <b>lah</b> -tah

Salad bars at fast-food restaurants and *autostrada* rest stops can be a good budget bet.

## Salad Specialties

**insalata caprese** een-sah-**lah**-tah **kah-preh**-zay sliced tomato topped with fresh mozzarella, basil leaves, and olive oil

**insalata di mare** een-sah-**lah**-tah dee **mah**-ray chilled, cooked seafood tossed with parsley, lemon, and olive oil

**insalata russa** een-sah-**lah**-tah **roo**-sah vegetable salad with mayonnaise

**misticanza** mee-stee-**kahnt-sah** mixed green salad of arugula, curly endive, and anchovies

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**panzanella** pahnt-sah-**neh-lah** bread, chopped tomatoes, onions, and basil tossed in a light vinaigrette

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# Pizza

For a fresh, fast, and frugal meal, drop by a **pizzeria**. Get it to go (*da portar via*—for the road), or eat it on the spot. To get cold pizza warmed up, say **Caldo, per favore** (Hot, please). Listed below are some types and toppings to look for, as well as other tasty snacks sold at **pizzerias**.

## Types of Pizza

**acciughe** ah-**choo**-gay anchovies

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**bianca / ciaccina** bee-**ahn**-kah / **chah-chee**-nah “white” pizza (no tomatoes)

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**capricciosa** kah-pree-**choh**-zah “chef’s choice”—usually ham, mushrooms, olives, and artichokes

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**carciofi** kar-**choh**-fee artichokes

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**(alla) diavola** (ah-lah) dee-**ah**-voh-lah spicy (usually spicy salami)

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**funghi** **foon**-gee (hard “g”) mushrooms

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**genovese** jeh-noh-**veh**-zay with a thick, foccacia-like crust

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**margherita** mar-geh-**ree**-tah tomato sauce, mozzarella, and basil

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**marinara** mah-ree-**nah**-rah tomato sauce, oregano, and garlic, but no cheese

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**melanzane** meh-lahnt-**sah**-nay eggplant

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**napoletana / napoli** nah-poh-leh-**tah**-nah / **nah**-poh-lee mozzarella, anchovies, and tomato sauce

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**peperoni** peh-peh-**roh**-nee green or red peppers (not spicy salami!)

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**porcini** por-**chee**-nee porcini mushrooms

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**prosciutto** proh-**shoo**-toh ham

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**quattro formaggi / stagioni kwah-troh for-mah-jee / stah-joh-nee** pizza divided into quarters with four different cheeses / toppings

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**ripiena ree-pee-eh-nah** stuffed

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**salame piccante / salamino sah-lah-may pee-kahn-tay / sah-lah-mee-noh** spicy salami (similar to American “pepperoni”)

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**salsa di pomodoro sahl-sah dee poh-moh-doh-roh** just tomato sauce (no cheese)

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**salsiccia sahl-see-chah** sausage

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**siciliana see-chee-lee-ah-nah** capers, olives, and often anchovies

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**tonno e cipolla toh-noh ay chee-poh-lah** tuna and onions

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**vegetariana / ortolana veh-jeh-tah-ree-ah-nah / or-toh-lah-nah** veggie

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**viennese vee-eh-nay-zay** tomato, mozzarella, and German-style sausage

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**calzone kahlt-soh-nay** folded pizza turnover with various fillings

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**farinata / cecina / torta di ceci fah-ree-nah-tah / cheh-chee-nah / tor-tah dee cheh-chee** savory chickpea crêpe

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For take-out (*pizza al taglio*), you’ll most likely find *pizza rustica*: pizza baked in a big rectangular pan and sold by weight. Order 100 grams (*un etto*) for a snack-size piece; 200 grams (*due etti*) makes a light meal. Or show the size you want with your hands and say *Tanto così* (*tahn-toh koh-zee*; This much).

If you want a pepperoni pizza, don’t order *peperoni* (which means peppers)—instead, go for *diavola* or *salame piccante*.

## Meat

For terms relating to *prosciutto*, *salumi*, and other cold cuts, see [here](#).

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meat

carne **kar-nay**

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<b>cold cuts / cured meats</b>	salumi / affettati <b>sah-loo-mee / ah-feh-tah-tee</b>
<b>cutlet</b>	cotoletta <b>koh-toh-leh-tah</b>
<b>ribs</b>	costolette <b>koh-stoh-leh-tay</b>
<b>shoulder</b>	spalla <b>spah-lah</b>
<b>shank (leg meat)</b>	stinco <b>steen-koh</b>
<b>beef</b>	manzo <b>mahnt-soh</b>
<b>beef steak</b>	bistecca di manzo <b>bee-steh-kah dee mahnt-soh</b>
<b>sirloin steak</b>	entrecote <b>ehn-treh-koh-tay</b>
<b>rib-eye steak</b>	costata <b>koh-stah-tah</b>
<b>roast beef</b>	roast beef “roast beef”
<b>air-cured beef</b>	bresaola <b>breh-zah-oh-lah</b>
<b>goat (kid)</b>	capretto <b>kah-preh-toh</b>
<b>ham...</b>	prosciutto... <b>proh-shoo-toh</b>
<b>...dried, air-cured</b>	...crudo <b>kroo-doh</b>
<b>...smoked</b>	...affumicato <b>ah-foo-mee-kah-toh</b>
<b>...cooked</b>	...cotto <b>koh-toh</b>
<b>...roasted</b>	...arrosto <b>ah-roh-stoh</b>
<b>bacon, salt-cured</b>	pancetta <b>pahn-cheh-tah</b>
<b>lamb</b>	agnello <b>ahn-yeh-loh</b>
<b>mutton</b>	montone <b>mohn-toh-nay</b>
<b>oxtail</b>	coda di bue <b>koh-dah dee boo-ay</b>
<b>pork</b>	maiale <b>mī-yah-lay</b>
<b>suckling pig</b>	porchetta / maialino <b>por-keh-tah / mī-yah-lee-noh</b>
<b>boar</b>	cinghiale <b>cheen-gee-ah-lay</b>
<b>sausage</b>	salsiccia <b>sahl-see-chah</b>



<b>blood sausage</b>	sanguinaccio <b>sahn-gwee-nah-choh</b>
<b>rabbit</b>	coniglio <b>koh-neel-yoh</b>
<b>veal</b>	vitello <b>vee-teh-loh</b>
<b>veal, thin-sliced</b>	scaloppine <b>skah-loh-pee-nay</b>
<b>venison</b>	selvaggina <b>sehl-vah-jee-nah</b>
<b>Is this cooked?</b>	È cotto questo? <b>eh koh-toh kweh-stoh</b>

On a menu, the price of steak is often listed per *etto* (100 grams, about a quarter-pound); the letters *s.q.* (for *secondo quantità*) mean “according to quantity.” It is most common to order four or five *etti* of steak to share. There’s often a minimum-weight order—ask.

## Meat, but...

<b>brains</b>	cervella <b>chehr-veh-lah</b>
<b>kidney</b>	rognone <b>rohn-yoh-nay</b>
<b>liver</b>	fegato <b>feh-gah-toh</b>
<b>neck</b>	collo <b>koh-loh</b>
<b>organs (entrails)</b>	frattaglie <b>frah-tahl-yay</b>
<b>tongue</b>	lingua <b>leen-gwah</b>
<b>horse meat</b>	carne equina <b>kar-nay eh-kwee-nah</b>
<b>sweetbreads (veal)</b>	animelle (di vitello) <b>ah-nee-meh-lay (dee vee-teh-loh)</b>
<b>tripe</b>	trippa <b>tree-pah</b>
<b>cow’s stomach</b>	lampredotto <b>lahm-preh-doh-toh</b>
<b>calf intestines (Rome)</b>	pajata / pagliata <b>pah-yah-tah / pahl-yah-tah</b>

## Avoiding Mis-Steaks

<b>alive</b>	vivo <b>vee-voh</b>
<b>raw</b>	crudo <b>kroo-doh</b>
<b>very rare</b>	molto al sangue <b>mohl-toh ahl sahn-gway</b>
<b>rare</b>	al sangue <b>ahl sahn-gway</b>
<b>medium</b>	cotto <b>koh-toh</b>
<b>well-done</b>	ben cotto <b>behn koh-toh</b>
<b>very well-done</b>	completamente cotto <b>kohm-pleh-tah-mehn-tay koh-toh</b>
<b>almost burnt</b>	quasi bruciato <b>kwah-zee broo-chah-toh</b>
<b>loin</b>	lombo <b>lohm-boh</b>
<b>tenderloin</b>	filetto <b>fee-leh-toh</b>
<b>sirloin</b>	entrecote / lombatina <b>ehn-treh-koh-tay / lohm-bah-tee-nah</b>
<b>rib-eye steak</b>	costata <b>koh-stah-tah</b>
<b>T-bone</b>	bistecca (alla fiorentina) <b>bee-steh-kah (ah-lah fee-oh-rehn-tee-nah)</b>
<b>rib</b>	costoletta <b>koh-stoh-leh-tah</b>
<b>chop</b>	cotoletta / braciola <b>koh-toh-leh-tah / brah-choh-lah</b>
<b>fillet</b>	filetto <b>fee-leh-toh</b>
<b>huge chunk of meat</b>	trancio <b>trahn-choh</b>

In Tuscany, the best beef comes from the white **Chianina** cow. It's cooked seven minutes on one side, seven on the other, and 15 minutes later, you get steak. There's no asking how you'd like it done; *this* is the way it's done.

Look out—especially in Rome—for the phrase **quinto quarto**: The so-called “fifth quarter” includes tripe, tail, brains, and pigs’ feet.

Italians have many variations on headcheese—unwanted cuts of meat (often organs) preserved in meat gelatin. If you're not a fan of organs, avoid anything with the word *testa* (head), including *testa in cassetta*, *coppa di testa*, or *formaggio di testa*. Also be careful with *sopressata*—in the south, this word means a spicy salami, but in Tuscany, it could be headcheese.

## Poultry

poultry	pollame <b>poh-lah-may</b>
chicken	pollo <b>poh-loh</b>
duck	anatra <b>ah-nah-trah</b>
goose	oca <b>oh-kah</b>
turkey	tacchino <b>tah-kee-noh</b>
partridge	pernice <b>pehr-nee-chay</b>
breast	petto <b>peh-toh</b>
thigh	sovracoscia <b>soh-vrah-koh-shah</b>
drumstick	coscia <b>koh-shah</b>
white / dark meat	carne bianca / scura <b>kar-nay bee-ahn-kah / skoo-rah</b>
liver (pâté)	fegato (patè) <b>feh-gah-toh (pah-teh)</b>
eggs	uova <b>woh-vah</b>
free-range eggs	uova di galline allevate a terra <b>woh-vah dee gah-lee-nay ah-leh-vah-tay ah teh-rah</b>
How long has this been dead?	Da quanto tempo è morto questo? <b>dah kwahn-toh tehm-poh eh mor-toh kweh-stoh</b>

# Meat and Poultry Specialties

**abbacchio alla romana** ah-bah-kee-oh ah-lah roh-mah-nah grilled baby lamb chops

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**arrosto misto** ah-roh-stoh mee-stoh assortment of roasted meats, usually veal, pork, and lamb

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**bistecca alla fiorentina** bee-steh-kah ah-lah fee-oh-rehn-tee-nah thick T-bone steak, grilled very rare (Florence)

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**bollito misto** boh-lee-toh mee-stoh various meats boiled and served with a selection of sauces

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**canederli** kah-neh-dehr-lee large dumplings with ham, liver, spinach, or cheese, served in broth or with butter (Dolomites)

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**carrè affumicato** kah-reh ah-foo-mee-kah-toh pork shank that's smoked, then boiled (Dolomites)

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**Chianina** kee-ah-nee-nah top-quality Tuscan beef, from white cows

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**cinghiale** cheen-gee-ah-lay (hard "g") boar, served grilled or in soups, stews, and pasta (Tuscany)

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**coda alla vaccinara** koh-dah ah-lah vah-chee-nah-rah oxtail braised with garlic, wine, tomato, and celery

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**cotoletta alla milanese** koh-toh-leh-tah ah-lah mee-lah-neh-zay breaded veal chop (like wiener schnitzel)

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**crauti rossi** krow-tee roh-see ("krow" rhymes with "cow") red-cabbage sauerkraut (Dolomites)

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**fegatelli** feh-gah-teh-lee liver meatballs (Tuscany)

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**fegato alla veneziana** feh-gah-toh ah-lah veh-neht-see-ah-nah liver and onions (Venice)

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**involtini di vitello (al sugo)** een-vohl-tee-nee dee vee-teh-loh (ahl soo-goh) thinly sliced veal rolled with prosciutto, celery, and cheese (in a tomato sauce)

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**ossobuco (alla genovese)** oh-soh-boo-koh (ah-lah jeh-noh-veh-zay) veal shank (braised in broth with carrots, onions, and tomatoes)

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**pollo alla cacciatora** **poh-loh ah-lah kah-chah-toh-rah** “hunter-style” chicken with red wine, rosemary, garlic, tomato, and often mushrooms

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**saltimbocca alla romana** **sahl-teem-boh-kah ah-lah roh-mah-nah** thinly sliced veal layered with prosciutto and sage, then lightly fried

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**stinco di maiale** **steen-koh dee mī-yah-lay** roasted pork shank (Dolomites)

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**straccetti** **strah-cheh-tee** meat sliced very thinly, sautéed, and served with arugula and cherry tomatoes or mushrooms

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**tagliata** **tahl-yah-tah** thin slices of grilled tenderloin, typically on a bed of arugula

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**trippa alla fiorentina** **tree-pah ah-lah fee-oh-rehn-tee-nah** tripe and vegetables sautéed in a tomato sauce, sometimes baked with *parmigiano-reggiano* (Florence)

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**trippa alla romana** **tree-pah ah-lah roh-mah-nah** tripe braised with onions, carrots, and mint (Rome)

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## Fish and Seafood

**seafood**

frutti di mare **froo-tee dee mah-ray**

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**assorted seafood**

misto di frutti di mare **mee-stoh dee froo-tee dee mah-ray**

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**fish**

pesce **peh-shay**

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**shellfish**

crostacei **kroh-stah-cheh-ee**

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**anchovies**

acciughe **ah-choo-gay**

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**bream (fish)**

orata **oh-rah-tah**

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**clams**

vongole **vohn-goh-lay**

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**cod**

merluzzo **mehr-lood-zoh**

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**crab / spider crab**

granchio / granseola **grahn-kee-oh / grahn-seh-oh-lah**

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**crayfish**

gambero di fiume **gahm-beh-roh dee fee-**

**oo-may**

<b>cuttlefish</b>	seppia <b>sehp-yah</b>
<b>dogfish</b>	palombo <b>pah-lohm-boh</b>
<b>eel</b>	anguilla <b>ahn-gwee-lah</b>
<b>hake</b>	nasello <b>nah-zeh-loh</b>
<b>halibut</b>	ippoglosso / halibut <b>ee-poh-gloh-soh / ah-lee-boot</b>
<b>herring</b>	aringa <b>ah-reen-gah</b>
<b>lobster</b>	aragosta <b>ah-rah-goh-stah</b>
<b>monkfish</b>	rana pescatrice <b>rah-nah peh-skah-tree-chay</b>
<b>mussels</b>	cozze <b>kohd-zay</b>
<b>octopus</b>	polpo <b>pohl-poh</b>
<b>oysters</b>	ostriche <b>oh-stree-kay</b>
<b>prawns</b>	scampi / gamberi <b>skahm-pee / gahm-beh-ree</b>
<b>jumbo prawns</b>	gamberoni <b>gahm-beh-roh-nee</b>
<b>salmon</b>	salmone <b>sahl-moh-nay</b>
<b>salt cod</b>	baccalà <b>bah-kah-lah</b>
<b>sardines</b>	sardine <b>sar-dee-nay</b>
<b>scad (like mackerel)</b>	sgombro <b>zgohm-broh</b>
<b>scallops</b>	capasante <b>kah-peh-zahn-tay</b>
<b>sea bass</b>	branzino <b>brahnt-see-noh</b>
<b>shrimp / small shrimp...</b>	gamberi / gamberetti... <b>gahm-beh-ree / gahm-beh-reh-tee</b>
<b>...in the shell</b>	...interi <b>een-teh-ree</b>
<b>...peeled</b>	...sgusciati <b>zgoo-shah-tee</b>
<b>sole</b>	sogliola <b>sohl-yoh-lah</b>
<b>squid</b>	calamari <b>kah-lah-mah-ree</b>

<b>swordfish</b>	pesce spada <b>peh-shay spah-dah</b>
<b>trout</b>	trota <b>troh-tah</b>
<b>tuna</b>	tonno <b>toh-noh</b>
<b>turbot (like flounder)</b>	rombo <b>roh-m-boh</b>
<b>How much for a portion?</b>	Quanto per una porzione? <b>kwahn-toh pehr oo-nah port-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>What's fresh today?</b>	Cosa c'è di fresco oggi? <b>koh-zah cheh dee freh-skoh oh-jee</b>
<b>How do you eat this?</b>	Come si mangia? <b>koh-may see mahn-jah</b>
<b>Do you eat this part?</b>	Si mangia anche questa parte? <b>see mahn-jah ahn-kay kweh-stah par-tay</b>
<b>Just the head, please.</b>	Solo la testa, per favore. <b>soh-loh lah teh-stah pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

Italians like to stuff seafood—be it mussels, sardines, or anchovies—with delicious herbs, bread crumbs, and cheese. Like steak, seafood is often served by the *etto* (100 grams). Fish is usually served whole with the head and tail, but it's also prepared as just a fillet (*filetto*). To find out how much a typical portion costs, ask *Quanto per una porzione?*

## Fish and Seafood Specialties

**anguillette in umido** **ahn-gwee-leh-tay een oo-mee-doh** stewed baby eels (Rome)

**baccalà alla livornese** **bah-kah-lah ah-lah lee-vor-neh-zay** salt cod with tomato and herbs

**branzino al cartoccio** **brahnt-see-noh ahl kar-toh-choh** sea bass steamed in parchment

**cozze ripiene** **kohd-zay ree-pee-eh-nay** mussels stuffed with herbs,

cheese, and bread crumbs

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**fritto misto** **free-toh mee-stoh** deep-fried calamari, prawns, and assorted small fish

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**missoltino** **mee-sohl-tee-noh** shad-like lake fish that's salted and air-dried (Lakes)

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**moleche col pien** **moh-leh-kay kohl pee-ehn** fried soft-shell crabs (Venice)

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**pesce spada alla ghiotta** **peh-shay spah-day ah-lah gee-oh-tah** (hard "g") swordfish with tomatoes, olives, and capers

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**seppie al nero** **sehp-yay ahl neh-roh** cuttlefish (like squid) served in its own ink, often over spaghetti or with polenta

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**spiedini alla griglia** **spee-eh-dee-nee ah-lah greel-yah** fish or shellfish grilled on a skewer, often with vegetables

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**tegame alla Vernazza** **teh-gah-may ah-lah vehr-naht-sah** fresh anchovies, potatoes, tomatoes, white wine, oil, and herbs (Cinque Terre)

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**zuppa di pesce** **tsoo-pah dee peh-shay** fish soup or stew

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## How Food Is Prepared

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**aged** stagionato **stah-joh-nah-toh**

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**assorted** assortiti **ah-sor-tee-tee**

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**baked** al forno **ahl for-noh**

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**barbecued** alla griglia **ah-lah greel-yah**

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**boiled** bollito / lessso **boh-lee-toh / leh-soh**

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**braised** brasato **brah-zah-toh**

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**breaded** impanato **eem-pah-nah-toh**

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**broiled** alla brace **ah-lah brah-chay**

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**browned** rosolato **roh-zoh-lah-toh**

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**cold** freddo **freh-doh**

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<b>cooked</b>	cotto <b>koh-toh</b>
<b>chopped</b>	tritato <b>tree-tah-toh</b>
<b>crispy</b>	croccante <b>kroh-kahn-tay</b>
<b>cured</b>	stagionato <b>stah-joh-nah-toh</b>
<b>fresh</b>	fresco <b>freh-skoh</b>
<b>fried / pan-fried</b>	fritto / in padella <b>free-toh / een pah-deh-lah</b>
<b>pan-fried with bread crumbs</b>	alla milanese <b>ah-lah mee-lah-neh-zay</b>
<b>garnished</b>	guarnizione <b>gwar-neet-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>glazed</b>	glassato <b>glah-sah-toh</b>
<b>grated</b>	grattugiato <b>grah-too-jah-toh</b>
<b>grilled</b>	alla griglia <b>ah-lah greel-yah</b>
<b>homemade</b>	fatto in casa <b>fah-toh een kah-zah</b>
<b>hot</b>	caldo <b>kahl-doh</b>
<b>in cream sauce</b>	con panna <b>kohn pah-nah</b>
<b>juicy</b>	succoso <b>soo-koh-zoh</b>
<b>marinated</b>	marinato <b>mah-ree-nah-toh</b>
<b>melted</b>	fuso <b>foo-zoh</b>
<b>minced</b>	macinato <b>mah-chee-nah-toh</b>
<b>mixed</b>	misto <b>mee-stoh</b>
<b>pickled</b>	sott'aceto <b>soh-tah-cheh-toh</b>
<b>poached</b>	affogato <b>ah-foh-gah-toh</b>
<b>rare</b>	al sangue <b>ahl sahn-gway</b>
<b>raw</b>	crudo <b>kroo-doh</b>
<b>roasted</b>	arrosto <b>ah-roh-stoh</b>
<b>sautéed</b>	saltato in padella <b>sahl-tah-toh een pah-deh-lah</b>
<b>skewer(ed)</b>	spiedino <b>spee-eh-dee-noh</b>

smoked	affumicato <b>ah-foo-mee-kah-toh</b>
steamed	al vapore <b>ahl vah-poh-ray</b>
steamed in parchment	al cartoccio <b>ahl kar-toh-choh</b>
stuffed	ripieno <b>ree-pee-eh-noh</b>
with tomato, cheese, and bread crumbs	alla parmigiana <b>ah-lah par-mee-jah-nah</b>

## Flavors and Spices

spicy (flavorful)	speziato <b>speht-see-ah-toh</b>
spicy (hot)	piccante <b>pee-kahn-tay</b>
(too) salty	(troppo) salato ( <b>troh-poh</b> ) <b>sah-lah-toh</b>
sour	agro <b>ah-groh</b>
sweet	dolce <b>dohl-chay</b>
bitter	amaro <b>ah-mah-roh</b>
cayenne	pepe di caienna <b>peh-peh dee kī-yeh-nah</b>
cilantro (coriander)	coriandolo <b>koh-ree-ahn-doh-loh</b>
cinnamon	cannella <b>kah-neh-lah</b>
citrus	agrumi <b>ah-groo-mee</b>
garlic	aglio <b>ahl-yoh</b>
ginger	zenzero <b>tsehnt-seh-roh</b>
horseradish	rafano <b>rah-fah-noh</b>
mint	menta <b>mehn-tah</b>
oregano	origano <b>oh-ree-gah-noh</b>
paprika	paprika <b>pah-ree-kah</b>
parsley	prezzemolo <b>prehd-zeh-moh-loh</b>
pepper	pepe <b>peh-peh</b>
rosemary	rosmarino <b>roh-smah-ree-noh</b>

salt

sale **sah-lay**

sugar

zucchero **tsoo-keh-roh**

You can look up more herbs and spices in the Menu Decoder (next chapter).

## Veggies and Sides

Expect main dishes to be served without vegetables or other side dishes. That's why *contorni* (sides) appear separately on the menu.

vegetables

verdure **vehr-doo-ray**

mixed vegetables

misto di verdure **mee-stoh dee vehr-doo-ray**

artichoke

carciofo **kar-choh-foh**

giant artichoke

carciofo romanesco **kar-choh-foh roh-mah-neh-skoh**

arugula (rocket)

rucola **roo-koh-lah**

asparagus

asparagi **ah-spah-rah-jee**

avocado

avocado **ah-voh-kah-doh**

bean

fagiolo **fah-joh-loh**

beet

barbabietola **bar-bah-bee-eh-toh-lah**

broccoli

broccoli **broh-koh-lee**

cabbage

verza **vehrt-sah**

capers

capperi **kah-peh-ree**

carrot

carota **kah-roh-tah**

cauliflower

cavolfiore **kah-vohl-fee-oh-ray**

chickpea (garbanzo)

cece **ch eh-cheh**

corn

granoturco / mais **grah-noh-toor-koh / "mice"**

<b>cucumber</b>	cetriolo <b>ch</b> eh-tree- <b>oh</b> -loh
<b>eggplant</b>	melanzana meh-lahnt- <b>sah</b> -nah
<b>endive</b>	indivia <b>een-dee</b> -vee-ah
<b>fennel</b>	finocchio <b>fee-noh</b> -kee-oh
<b>French fries</b>	patate fritte pah- <b>tah</b> -tay <b>free</b> -tay
<b>garlic</b>	aglio <b>ahl</b> -yoh
<b>green bean</b>	fagiolino fah-joh- <b>lee</b> -noh
<b>lentil</b>	lenticchia lehn- <b>tee</b> -kee-ah
<b>mushroom</b>	fungo <b>foon</b> -goh
<b>olive</b>	oliva <b>oh-lee</b> -vah
<b>onion</b>	cipolla <b>chee-poh</b> -lah
<b>peas</b>	piselli <b>pee-zeh</b> -lee
<b>pepper (green / red)</b>	peperone (verde / rosso) <b>peh-peh-roh</b> -nay ( <b>veh</b> -day / <b>roh</b> -soh)
<b>pepper (hot)</b>	peperoncino <b>peh-peh-rohn-chee</b> -noh
<b>pickle</b>	cetriolino <b>ch</b> eh-tree- <b>oh-lee</b> -noh
<b>polenta</b>	polenta <b>poh-lehn</b> -tah
<b>potato / roasted potatoes</b>	patata / patate arrosto pah- <b>tah</b> -tah / pah- <b>tah</b> -tay ah- <b>roh</b> -stoh
<b>rice</b>	riso <b>ree</b> -zoh
<b>spinach</b>	spinaci <b>spee-nah</b> -chee
<b>tomato</b>	pomodoro <b>poh-moh-doh</b> -roh
<b>turnip</b>	rapa <b>rah</b> -pah
<b>truffle</b>	tartufo tar- <b>too</b> -foh
<b>zucchini</b>	zucchine <b>tsoo-kee</b> -nay

**Polenta** (cornmeal) is a popular side dish in the north, either served warm and soft, or cut into firm slabs and grilled. **Polenta** is a

standard accompaniment with salt cod (*baccalà*) or Venetian calf liver and onions (*fegato alla veneziana*).

## Fruits

fruit	frutta <b>froo-tah</b>
fruit salad	macedonia <b>mah-cheh-doh-nee-ah</b>
fruit smoothie	frullato di frutta <b>froo-lah-toh dee froo-tah</b>
apple	mela <b>meh-lah</b>
apricot	albicocca <b>ahl-bee-koh-kah</b>
banana	banana <b>bah-nah-nah</b>
berries	frutti di bosco <b>froo-tee dee boh-skoh</b>
blackberry	mora <b>moh-rah</b>
blueberry	mirtillo <b>meer-tee-loh</b>
cantaloupe	melone <b>meh-loh-nay</b>
cherry	ciliegia <b>chee-lee-eh-jah</b>
...sour cherry	...amarena / visciola <b>ah-mah-reh-nah / vee-shoh-lah</b>
date	dattero <b>dah-teh-roh</b>
fig	fico <b>fee-koh</b>
grapefruit	pompelmo <b>pohm-pehl-moh</b>
grapes	uva <b>oo-vah</b>
honeydew melon	melone d'inverno <b>meh-loh-nay deen-vehr-noh</b>
lemon	limone <b>lee-moh-nay</b>
mango	mango <b>mahn-goh</b>
orange	arancia <b>ah-rahn-chah</b>
peach	pesca <b>peh-skah</b>

pear	pera <b>peh-rah</b>
persimmon	caco <b>kah-koh</b>
pineapple	ananas <b>ah-nah-nahs</b>
plum	susina <b>soo-zee-nah</b>
pomegranate	melograno <b>meh-loh-grah-noh</b>
prune	prugna <b>proon-yah</b>
raisin	uvetta <b>oo-veh-tah</b>
raspberry	lampone <b>lahm-poh-nay</b>
strawberry	fragola <b>frah-goh-lah</b>
tangerine	mandarino <b>mahn-dah-ree-noh</b>
watermelon	cocomero / anguria <b>koh-koh-meh-roh / ahn-goo-ree-ah</b>

On a menu, you might see *frutta fresca di stagione* (fresh fruit of the season). Mixed berries are called *frutti di bosco* (forest fruits). If you ask for *sottobosco* (under the forest), you'll get a bowl of mixed berries with lemon and sugar.

## Nuts to You

nuts	noci <b>noh-chee</b>
almond	mandorla <b>mahn-dor-lah</b>
cashew	anacardo <b>ah-nah-kar-doh</b>
chestnut	castagna <b>kah-stahn-yah</b>
coconut	cocco <b>koh-koh</b>
hazelnut	nocciola <b>noh-choh-lah</b>
peanut	arachide / nocciolina <b>ah-rah-kee-day / noh-choh-lee-nah</b>
pine nut	pinolo <b>pee-noh-loh</b>

pistachio	pistacchio pee- <b>stah</b> -kee-oh
seed	seme <b>seh</b> -may
sunflower	girasole jee-rah- <b>zoh</b> -lay
walnut	noce <b>noh</b> -chay

## Just Desserts

I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... voh- <b>reh</b> -ee / voh- <b>reh</b> -moh
dessert	dolce <b>dohl</b> -chay
cake	torta <b>tor</b> -tah
cookies	biscotti bee- <b>skoh</b> -tee
ice cream	gelato jeh- <b>lah</b> -toh
sorbet	sorbetto sor- <b>beh</b> -toh
fruit salad	macedonia mah-cheh- <b>doh</b> -nee-ah
tart	crostata kroh- <b>stah</b> -tah
pie	torta <b>tor</b> -tah
whipped cream	panna <b>pah</b> -nah
chocolate mousse	mousse di cioccolato moos dee choh-koh- <b>lah</b> -toh
pudding	budino boo- <b>dee</b> -noh
candy	caramella kah-rah- <b>meh</b> -lah
chocolates	cioccolatini choh-koh-lah- <b>tee</b> -nee
low calorie	poche calorie <b>poh</b> -kay kah-loh- <b>ree</b> -ay
homemade	fatto in casa <b>fah</b> -toh een <b>kah</b> -zah
We'll split one.	Ne dividiamo uno. nay dee-vee-dee- <b>ah</b> -moh <b>oo</b> -noh
Two forks / spoons, please.	Due forchette / cucchiari, per favore. <b>doo</b> -ay

	for- <b>keh</b> -tay / koo-kee- <b>ī</b> -ee pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
<b>I shouldn't, but...</b>	Non dovrei, ma... <b>nohn doh-vreh-ee mah</b>
<b>Super tasty!</b>	Super gustoso! <b>soo-pehr goo-stoh-zoh</b>
<b>Exquisite!</b>	Squisito! <b>skwee-zee-toh</b>
<b>Sinfully good</b> (“A sin of the throat”).	Un peccato di gola. <b>oon peh-kah-toh dee goh-lah</b>

## Dessert Specialties

**buccellato** **boo-cheh-lah-toh** wreath-shaped anise-and-raisin bread (Lucca)

**cannoli** **kah-noh-lee** fried pastry tubes filled with whipped ricotta, candied fruit, and chocolate

**cannoncini** **kah-nohn-chee-nee** baked pastry tubes filled with cream

**cantucci** / **cantuccini** **kahn-too-chee** / **kahn-too-chee-nee** crunchy almond biscotti, often dipped in Vin Santo (sweet dessert wine)

**cassata** **kah-sah-tah** ice cream, sponge cake, ricotta cheese, fruit, and pistachios (Sicily)

**crepella** **kreh-speh-lah** baked crêpe, often stuffed with ricotta

**crostata di ricotta** **kroh-stah-tah dee ree-koh-tah** cheesecake-like dessert with ricotta, Marsala wine, cinnamon, and chocolate

**delizia al limone** **deh-leet-see-ah ahl lee-moh-nay** cake with lemon-flavored whipped cream (Amalfi Coast)

**Kaiserschmarrn** **kī-zehr-shmarn** eggy crêpe with raisins, jam, and powdered sugar (Dolomites)

**ossi di morto** **oh-see dee mor-toh** “bones of the dead” Tuscan cookies

**panettone** **pah-neh-toh-nay** Milanese yeast cake with raisins and candied fruit

**panforte** **pahn-for-tay** dense fruit and nut cake (Siena)



**panna cotta** **pah-nah koh-tah** custard-like dessert, served with berries or other toppings

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**pignolo** **peen-yoh-loh** almond cookie with pine nuts

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**pizzelle** **peet-seh-lay** thin, delicate waffle cookie

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**profiterole** **proh-fee-teh-roh-lay** cream-filled pastry with warm chocolate sauce

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**ricciarelli** **ree-chah-reh-lee** white macaroon-and-almond cookie (Tuscany)

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**rocciata** **roh-chah-tah** apple strudel with raisins (Umbria)

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**semifreddo** **seh-mee-freh-doh** “semi-frozen” dessert (like a frozen mousse)

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**tartufo (con panna)** **tar-too-foh (kohn pah-nah)** dark-chocolate gelato ball with a cherry inside (and whipped cream on top)

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**tiramisù** **tee-rah-mee-soo** espresso-soaked cake with chocolate, cream, and sweet Marsala wine

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**torta della nonna** **tor-tah deh-lah noh-nah** “grandma-style” custard tart with pine nuts

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**torta di mele** **tor-tah dee meh-lay** apple cake

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**zabaglione** **tsah-bahl-yoh-nay** custard of egg yolks, sugar, and sweet wine

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**zeppola** **tseh-poh-lah** deep-fried doughnut filled with custard

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**zuppa inglese** **tsoo-pah een-gleh-zay** rum-soaked cake layered with whipped cream and fruit (like trifle)

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There are hundreds of different desserts and cookies made in Italy. Even Romeo and Juliet have their own special sweets named for them: **baci di Giuletta** (vanilla meringues, literally “Juliet’s kisses”) and **sospiri di Romeo** (hazelnut and chocolate cookies, literally “Romeo’s sighs”).

# Gelato

Gelato is an edible art form. To find the best *gelateria*, look for the words *artigianale*, *nostra produzione*, and *produzione propria*, meaning it's made on the premises. Gelato displayed in covered metal tins (rather than white plastic) is more likely to be homemade. Seasonal flavors and pastel hues (not garish colors) are also good signs.

<b>cone</b>	cono <b>koh-noh</b>
<b>cup</b>	coppa / copetta <b>koh-pah / koh-peh-tah</b>
<b>one scoop</b>	una pallina <b>oo-nah pah-lee-nah</b>
<b>two scoops</b>	due palline <b>doo-ay pah-lee-nay</b>
<b>one flavor / two flavors</b>	un gusto / due gusti <b>oon goo-stoh / doo-ay goo-stee</b>
<b>with whipped cream</b>	con panna <b>kohn pah-nah</b>
<b>sorbet</b>	sorbetto <b>sor-beh-toh</b>
<b>slushy ice with sweet syrup</b>	granita / grattachecca <b>grah-nee-tah / grah-tah-keh-kah</b>
<b>mix of slushy ice and gelato</b>	cremolata <b>kreh-moh-lah-tah</b>
<b>What is that?</b>	Che cos'è? <b>kay koh-zeh</b>
<b>A little taste?</b>	Un assaggio? <b>oon ah-sah-joh</b>
<b>How many flavors can I have?</b>	Quanti gusti posso avere? <b>kwahn-tee goo-stee poh-soh ah-veh-ray</b>
<b>Which flavors go well together?</b>	Quali gusti stanno bene insieme? <b>kwah-lee goo-stee stah-noh beh-nay een-see-eh-may</b>
<b>a cone / a cup for ____ euros (fill in amount)</b>	un cono / una coppa da ____ euro <b>oon koh-noh / oo-nah koh-pah dah ____ eh-oo-roh</b>

To avoid having your request for a cone turn into a €10 “tourist special,” survey the size options and be very clear in your order: for example, *un cono da due euro* (a €2 cone).

## Gelato Flavors

If you’re debating flavors, ask the vendor *Quali gusti stanno bene insieme?* (Which flavors go well together?). To order fruit flavors, see “Fruits” on [here](#).

**After Eight** “After Eight” chocolate and mint

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**bacio** **bah-choh** chocolate hazelnut

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**caffè** **kah-feh** coffee

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**cassata** **kah-sah-tah** mixed with dried fruits

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**cioccolato** **choh-koh-lah-toh** chocolate

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**cocco** **koh-koh** coconut

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**crema** **kreh-mah** cream

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**crème caramel** **krehm kah-rah-mehl** flan

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**croccantino** **kroh-kahn-tee-noh** “crunchy,” with toasted peanut bits

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**fior di latte** **fee-or dee lah-tay** milk

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**liquirizia** **lee-kwee-reet-see-ah** licorice

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**macedonia** **mah-cheh-doh-nee-ah** mixed fruit

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**malaga** **mah-lah-gah** rum raisin (more or less)

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**menta** **mehn-tah** mint

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**meringa** **meh-reen-gah** meringue

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**nocciola** **noh-choh-lah** hazelnut

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**noce** **noh-chay** nut

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**riso** **ree-zoh** rice

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**rosa** **roh-zah** rose

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**stracciatella** **strah-chah-teh-lah** vanilla with shreds of chocolate

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**tartufo** **tar-too-foh** super chocolate

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**torrone** **toh-roh-nay** nougat

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**vaniglia** **vah-neel-yah** vanilla

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**yogurt** **yoh-goort** yogurt

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**zuppa inglese** **tsoo-pah een-gleh-zay** trifle

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### Water

<b>mineral water...</b>	acqua minerale... <b>ah-kwah mee-neh-rah-lay</b>
<b>...with carbonation / sparkling</b>	...con gas / frizzante <b>kohn gahs / freed-zahn-tay</b>
<b>...without carbonation / natural</b>	...senza gas / naturale <b>sehnt-sah gahs / nah-too-rah-lay</b>
<b>lightly carbonated water</b>	acqua leggermente effervescente <b>ah-kwah leh-jehr-mehn-tay eh-fehr-veh-shehn-tay</b>
<b>(half) liter</b>	(mezzo) litro <b>(mehd-zoh) lee-troh</b>
<b>tap water</b>	acqua del rubinetto <b>ah-kwah dehl roo-bee-neh-toh</b>
<b>(not) drinkable</b>	(non) potabile <b>(nohn) poh-tah-bee-lay</b>
<b>Is this water safe to drink?</b>	È potabile quest'acqua? <b>eh poh-tah-bee-lay kweh-stah-kwah</b>

You can ask for *acqua del rubinetto* (tap water) in restaurants, but your server may give you a funny look. Italians are notorious water snobs; your server just can't understand why you wouldn't want good water to go with your good food. It's customary and never expensive to order a *litro* (liter) or *mezzo litro* (half liter) of bottled water. *Acqua leggermente effervescente* (lightly carbonated water) is a meal-time favorite. To pare down to the simplest form, ask for *con gas* if you want fizzy water and *senza gas* if you prefer still water.

# Milk

<b>whole milk</b>	latte intero <b>lah-tay een-teh-roh</b>
<b>skim milk</b>	latte magro <b>lah-tay mah-groh</b>
<b>fresh milk</b>	latte fresco <b>lah-tay freh-skoh</b>
<b>milk shake</b>	frullato / frappè <b>froo-lah-toh / frah-peh</b>
<b>cold / hot</b>	freddo / caldo <b>freh-doh / kahl-doh</b>
<b>straw</b>	cannuccia <b>kah-noo-chah</b>
<b>hot chocolate (with whipped cream)</b>	cioccolata calda (con panna) <b>choh-koh-lah-tah kahl-dah (kohn pah-nah)</b>

## Key Phrases: Drinking

<b>drink</b>	bibita <b>bee-bee-tah</b>
<b>(mineral) water</b>	acqua (minerale) <b>ah-kwah (mee-neh-rah-lay)</b>
<b>tap water</b>	acqua del rubinetto <b>ah-kwah dehl roo-bee-neh-toh</b>
<b>milk</b>	latte <b>lah-tay</b>
<b>juice</b>	succo <b>soo-koh</b>
<b>coffee</b>	caffè <b>kah-feh</b>
<b>tea</b>	tè <b>teh</b>
<b>wine</b>	vino <b>vee-noh</b>
<b>beer</b>	birra <b>bee-rah</b>
<b>Cheers!</b>	Cin cin! <b>cheen cheen</b>

## Juice and Other Drinks

(fruit) juice	succo (di frutta) <b>soo-koh</b> (dee <b>froo-tah</b> )
freshly squeezed juice	spremuta <b>spreh-moo-tah</b>
100% juice	100% succo di frutta <b>chehn-toh</b> pehr <b>chehn-toh soo-koh</b> dee <b>froo-tah</b>
orange juice	succo di arancia <b>soo-koh</b> dee ah- <b>rahn-chah</b>
freshly squeezed orange juice	spremuta di arancia <b>spreh-moo-tah</b> dee ah- <b>rahn-chah</b>
blood orange juice	succo di arance rosse <b>soo-koh</b> dee ah- <b>rahn-chay roh-say</b>
apple juice	succo di mela <b>soo-koh</b> dee <b>meh-lah</b>
grape juice	succo d'uva <b>soo-koh doo-vah</b>
pineapple juice	succo d'ananas <b>soo-koh dah-nah-nahs</b>
fruit smoothie	frullato di frutta <b>froo-lah-toh</b> dee <b>froo-tah</b>
lemonade	limonata <b>lee-moh-nah-tah</b>
(diet) soda	bibita gassata ("light") <b>bee-bee-tah</b> gah- <b>sah-tah</b> ("light")
energy drink	bibita energetica <b>bee-bee-tah</b> eh-nehr- <b>jeh-tee-kah</b>
with / without...	con / senza... <b>kohn</b> / <b>sehnt-sah</b>
...sugar	...zucchero <b>tsoo-keh-roh</b>
...ice	...ghiaccio <b>gee-ah-choh</b> (hard "g")

## Coffee

When you're ordering coffee in bars in bigger cities, you'll notice that the price board (*lista dei prezzi*) clearly lists two price levels: the cheaper level for the stand-up **bar** and the more expensive for

the *tavolo* (table) or *terrazza* (out on the terrace or sidewalk). If standing at the bar, don't order from the bartender—instead, order and pay first at the *cassa* (cash register), then take your receipt to the person who makes the coffee. Refills are never free (except at hotel breakfasts).

<b>espresso...</b>	caffè... <b>kah-feh</b>
<b>...with milk</b>	...latte <b>lah-tay</b>
<b>...with foamed milk</b>	...cappuccino <b>kah-poo-chee-noh</b>
<b>...American-style (with hot water)</b>	...americano <b>ah-meh-ree-kah-noh</b>
<b>...with sugar</b>	...con zucchero <b>kohn tsoo-keh-roh</b>
<b>...iced and sweetened</b>	...freddo <b>freh-doh</b>
<b>...double shot</b>	...doppio <b>dohp-yoh</b>
<b>instant</b>	solubile <b>soh-loo-bee-lay</b>
<b>decaffeinated</b>	decaffeinato / Hag <b>deh-kah-feh-nah-toh / ahg</b>
<b>price list...</b>	lista dei prezzi... <b>lee-stah deh-ee preht-see</b>
<b>...at the bar / at a table / on the terrace</b>	...al bar / al tavolo / in terrazza <b>ahl bar / ahl tah-voh-loh / een teh-raht-sah</b>
<b>Same price if I sit or stand?</b>	Costa uguale al tavolo o al banco? <b>koh-stah oo-gwah-lay ahl tah-voh-loh oh ahl bahn-koh</b>
<b>Very hot, please.</b>	Molto caldo, per favore. <b>mohl-toh kahl-doh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Hotter, please.</b>	Più caldo, per favore. <b>pew kahl-doh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

In Italian, *caffè* means espresso. If you ask for *un latte*, you'll get a glass of hot milk; instead, order *un caffè latte*. For the closest thing to a cup of drip coffee, request *un caffè americano*.



Italians like their coffee only warm—to get it hot, request ***molto caldo*** (very hot) or ***più caldo, per favore*** (hotter, please).

## Coffee Specialties

Italians use precise terminology to get just the right combination of espresso with hot water and/or milk. While coffee is popular any time of day, Italians drink the kinds with lots of milk only in the morning. After lunchtime, Italians add just a splash of milk to their coffee (for example, ***caffè macchiato***). But ***baristas*** are willing—perhaps with a raised eyebrow—to serve milky drinks to tourists in the afternoon.

These coffee drinks are listed in order of containing increasing amounts of hot water:

**caffè kah-feh** a shot of espresso in a little cup

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**caffè corto kah-feh kor-toh** extra-strong espresso with only a bit of hot water, in a small cup

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**caffè lungo kah-feh loon-goh** espresso diluted with a bit more (“long”) hot water, in a small cup

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**caffè americano kah-feh ah-meh-ree-kah-noh** espresso diluted with more hot water, in a larger cup (closest to American-style drip coffee)

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These coffee drinks are listed in order of containing increasing amounts of milk:

**caffè macchiato kah-feh mah-kee-ah-toh** espresso “marked” with just a splash of milk, served in a small cup

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**caffè schiumato kah-feh skoo-mah-toh** caffè macchiato with extra foam

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**cappuccino kah-poo-chee-noh** espresso with foamed milk on top

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**caffè latte kah-feh lah-tay** espresso mixed with hot milk, no foam, in a

tall glass

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**latte macchiato** **lah-tay mah-kee-ah-toh** layers of hot milk and foam, “marked” by an espresso shot, in a tall glass

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When ordering a *macchiato* in Italy, specify either *caffè macchiato* (espresso with a tiny bit of milk) or *latte macchiato* (lots of milk and foam with a shot of espresso).

Here are some other popular coffee drinks:

**caffè corretto** **kah-feh koh-reh-toh** espresso “corrected” with a shot of liqueur (typically grappa, amaro, or Sambuca)

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**marocchino** **mah-roh-kee-noh** “Moroccan” coffee with espresso, foamed milk, and cocoa powder

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**mocaccino** **moh-kah-chee-noh** similar to *marocchino*, but with chocolate instead of cocoa

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**caffè freddo** **kah-feh freh-doh** sweet, iced espresso

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**cappuccino freddo** **kah-poo-chee-noh freh-doh** iced cappuccino

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While the frappuccino is an American invention, a *cappuccino freddo* comes close.

## Tea

**hot water** acqua calda **ah-kwah kahl-dah**

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**tea** tè **teh**

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**lemon** limone **lee-moh-nay**

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**tea bag** bustina di tè **boo-stee-nah dee teh**

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**herbal tea** tisana **tee-zah-nah**

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**chamomile** camomilla **kah-moh-mee-lah**

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**black tea** tè nero **teh neh-roh**

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<b>green tea</b>	tè verde <b>teh vehr-day</b>
<b>lemon tea</b>	tè al limone <b>teh ahl lee-moh-nay</b>
<b>citrus tea</b>	tè agli agrumi <b>teh ahl-yee ah-groo-mee</b>
<b>fruit tea</b>	tè alla frutta <b>teh ah-lah froo-tah</b>
<b>mint tea</b>	tè alla menta <b>teh ah-lah mehn-tah</b>
<b>iced tea</b>	tè freddo <b>teh freh-doh</b>

*Tè freddo* (iced tea) is usually from a can—sweetened and flavored with lemon or peach.

## Wine Lingo

The ancient Greeks who colonized Italy more than 2,000 years ago called it *Oenotria* (land of the grape). Italian wines are named by grape, place, descriptive term, or a combination of these.

<b>wine</b>	vino <b>vee-noh</b>
<b>table wine</b>	vino da tavola <b>vee-noh dah tah-voh-lah</b>
<b>house wine</b>	vino della casa <b>vee-noh deh-lah kah-zah</b>
<b>red</b>	rosso <b>roh-soh</b>
<b>white</b>	bianco <b>bee-ahn-koh</b>
<b>rosé</b>	rosato <b>roh-zah-toh</b>
<b>sparkling</b>	frizzante / spumante <b>freed-zahn-tay / spoo-mahn-tay</b>
<b>sparkling white wine</b>	prosecco <b>proh-seh-koh</b>
<b>local</b>	locale <b>loh-kah-lay</b>
<b>of the region</b>	della regione <b>deh-lah reh-joh-nay</b>
<b>chilled</b>	ghiacciato <b>gee-ah-chah-toh</b> (hard “g”)
<b>at room temperature</b>	a temperatura ambiente <b>ah tehm-peh-rah-too-rah ahm-bee-ehn-tay</b>

<b>cork</b>	tappo <b>tah-poh</b>
<b>corkscrew</b>	cavatappi <b>kah-vah-tah-pee</b>
<b>vineyard</b>	vigneto <b>veen-yeh-toh</b>
<b>harvest</b>	vendemmia <b>vehn-deh-mee-ah</b>
<b>wine-tasting</b>	degustazione <b>deh-goo-staht-see-oh-nay</b>

## Ordering Wine

<b>I'd like / We'd like...</b>	Vorrei / Vorremo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
<b>...the wine list.</b>	...la lista dei vini. <b>lah lee-stah deh-ee vee-nee</b>
<b>...a glass...</b>	...un bicchiere... <b>oon bee-kee-eh-ray</b>
<b>...a small glass...</b>	...un bicchiere piccolo... <b>oon bee-kee-eh-ray pee-koh-loh</b>
<b>...a quarter liter...</b>	...un quartino... <b>oon kwar-tee-noh</b>
<b>...a half liter...</b>	...un mezzo... <b>oon mehd-zoh</b>
<b>...a liter...</b>	...un litro... <b>oon lee-troh</b>
<b>...a carafe...</b>	...una caraffa... <b>oo-nah kah-rah-fah</b>
<b>...a bottle...</b>	...una bottiglia... <b>oo-nah boh-teel-yah</b>
<b>...of red wine.</b>	...di rosso. <b>dee roh-soh</b>
<b>...of white wine.</b>	...di bianco. <b>dee bee-ahn-koh</b>
<b>...of house wine / table wine.</b>	...di vino della casa / vino da tavola. <b>dee vee-noh deh-lah kah-zah / vee-noh dah tah-voh-lah</b>

For a good, light, affordable, straightforward wine at a meal, order *Una caraffa di vino della casa* (A carafe of the house wine).

## Finding the Right Wine

Visit an *enoteca* (wine shop or bar) to sample a variety of regional wines.

I'd like to sample a typical local wine.	Vorrei provare un vino locale tipico. <b>voh-reh-ee proh-vah-ray oon vee-noh loh-kah-lay tee-pee-koh</b>
What do you recommend?	Cosa raccomanda? <b>koh-zah rah-koh-mahn-dah</b>
Choose for me, please.	Scelga lei, per favore. <b>shehl-gah leh-ee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
Around ____ euros.	Intorno ai ____ euro. <b>een-tor-noh ī ____ eh-oo-roh</b>
I like _____. (fill in type of wine)	Mi piace il _____. <b>mee pee-ah-chay eel ____</b>
I like something that is _____ and _____.	Preferisco qualcosa di _____ e _____. <b>preh-feh-ree-skoh kwahl-koh-zah dee ____ ay ____</b>
sweet	dolce / abboccato / amabile <b>dohl-chay / ah-boh-kah-toh / ah-mah-bee-lay</b>
semi-dry	semi-secco <b>seh-mee-seh-koh</b>
(very) dry	(molto) secco <b>(mohl-toh) seh-koh</b>
light / heavy	leggero / gustoso <b>leh-jeh-roh / goo-stoh-zoh</b>
full-bodied	corposo / pieno <b>kor-poh-zoh / pee-eh-noh</b>
young	giovane <b>joh-vah-nay</b>
mature	maturo <b>mah-too-roh</b>
fruity	fruttato <b>froo-tah-toh</b>
earthy	terroso <b>teh-roh-zoh</b>
tannic	tannico <b>tah-nee-koh</b>

<b>elegant</b>	elegante <b>eh-leh-gahn-tay</b>
<b>smooth</b>	morbido <b>mor-bee-doh</b>
<b>sharp</b>	spigoloso <b>spee-goh-loh-zoh</b>
<b>easy to drink</b>	facile da bere <b>fah-chee-lay dah beh-ray</b>
<b>Another, please.</b>	Un altro, per favore. <b>oon ahl-troh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

## Wine Labels

The information on an Italian wine label can help you choose something decent. In general, Italy designates its wines by one of four official categories.

**VDT (Vino da Tavola):** Table wine, the lowest grade—made anywhere in Italy, but often still quite good

**IGT (Indicazione Geografica Tipica):** From a more specific region within Italy; this broad category includes higher-quality wines (such as Super Tuscans) that don't meet strict DOC or DOCG rules

### Regional Wines

**Tuscany:** Many Tuscan wines are made with sangiovese (“blood of Jupiter”) grapes, including the well-known Chiantis, which range from cheap, acidic basket-bottles of table wine (called *fiaschi*) to the hearty Chianti Classico. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is a high-quality dry ruby red that pairs well with meat, especially chicken. One of Italy’s top reds is Brunello di Montalcino (smooth, dry, aged at least four years in wood); a cheaper, younger “baby Brunello” is Rosso di Montalcino. Pricey Super Tuscans blend traditional grapes with

locally grown non-Italian grapes (such as cabernet or merlot). Your only decent white choice is Vernaccia di San Gimignano (medium-dry, pairs well with pasta and salad). Trebbiano and Vermentino are two other local white grapes. Vin Santo is a sweet, syrupy, “holy” dessert wine, often served with biscotti for dipping.

**Veneto (near Venice):** Valpolicella grapes are used to make a light, fruity, dry, red table wine (also called Valpolicella), as well as Amarone (full-bodied red aged for at least four years in oak) and Recioto (sweet dessert wine made with high-sugar grapes). Bardolino is a light, fruity, Beaujolais-like picnic wine. Whites include Soave (crisp, dry white that pairs well with seafood; the best is Soave Classico), Pinot Grigio, and Bianco di Custoza. If you like bubbles, try Fragolino (sweet, slightly fizzy dessert wine made from a strawberry-flavored grape) or Prosecco (connoisseurs say the best hails from Valdobbiadene).

**Umbria:** Trebbiano is this region’s main white grape. Look for Orvieto Classico (a golden, dry white). For reds, consider Sagrantino de Montefalco (dark, tannic) or Torgiano Rosso Riserva (elegant, smooth). Wines from the quality producer Lungarotti are worth trying.

**Cinque Terre (Liguria):** This coastal region produces light, delicate whites (using mostly bosco grapes) that go well with seafood. Dolce acqua is a medium-bodied red. After dinner, try Sclacchetra (shah-keh-**trah**; a silky sweet, potent, amber-colored wine made with raisins).

**Rome (Lazio):** Wines to try include Frascati (inexpensive dry white); Castelli Romani, Marino, Colli Albani, and Velletri (all

light and fairly dry); and Torre Ercolana (balanced, medium-bodied, best-quality red).

**Dolomites:** While beer is king here, look for reds such as St. Magdalaner (light, dry, made from Schiava grapes), Lagrein Scuro (full-bodied, dry and fruity, similar to a cabernet sauvignon or merlot), or whites like Pinot Grigio, Gewürztraminer, and Pinot Blanc. Nosiola is an aromatic local grape used for dessert and sparkling wine.

**Piedmont:** This region specializes in bold, dry reds. Nebbiolo is the main red grape. Wine lovers drool over Barolo (big, tannic, aged three years or more) or its little brother Barbaresco (elegant, aged two years). For lighter, less tannic reds, try Barbera or Dolcetto (soft, fruity). Whites include Gavi (light, fruity) and Arneis (flowery, medium-bodied). For bubbly wines, try Brachetto (crimson, sweet, berry notes, excellent aperitif), Moscato d’Asti (semi-sweet, slightly fizzy), and Asti Spumante (dry).

**Campania:** Plentiful sun and Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic soils provide great wine-growing conditions. Taurasi is an excellent ruby-colored, tannic, aged, full-bodied red from the Aglianico grape. Lacryma Christi (“tears of Christ”) comes in both red (medium body) and white (dry and fruity, great with seafood). Other whites are Greco di Tufo (dry, pale-yellow) and Fiano di Avellino (soft, flavorful, dry).

**Sicily:** The main red is Nero d’Avola (jammy, full-bodied, tannic). Corvo, Regaleali, and Planeta are some established producers. White wines use indigenous grapes like Grillo, Inzolio, and Catarrato. Try Bianco d’Alcamo (dry, fresh, fruity)



and Etna Bianco (dry, lemon flavors, pairs well with shellfish).  
Marsala is a (usually) sweet, fortified dessert wine.

**DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata):** High-quality wine—usually quite affordable—made from specific grapes grown in a delimited area

**DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita):** Highest-quality wine made with grapes from a defined area whose quality is guaranteed; these wines, with a pink or green label on the neck, are a good bet if you want a quality wine

You may also see these terms on wine labels:

**Riserva:** DOCG or DOC wine matured for a longer, specified time

**Classico:** From a defined, select area

**Annata:** Year of harvest

**Vendemmia:** Harvest

**Imbottigliato dal produttore all'origine:** Bottled by producers

Red wine dominates in Italy. Many small-town Italians in the hotel business have a cellar or *cantina* that they are proud to show off. They'll often jump at any excuse to descend and drink.

## Beer

I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
beer...	birra... <b>bee-rah</b>
...from the tap	...alla spina <b>ah-lah spee-nah</b>
bottle	bottiglia <b>boh-teel-yah</b>

<b>can</b>	lattina <b>lah-tee-nah</b>
<b>light / dark</b>	chiara / scura <b>kee-ah-rah / skoo-rah</b>
<b>local / imported</b>	locale / importata <b>loh-kah-lay / eem-por-tah-tah</b>
<b>small / large</b>	piccola / grande <b>pee-koh-lah / grahn-day</b>
<b>wheat</b>	birra di frumento <b>bee-rah dee froo-mehn-toh</b>
<b>microbrew</b>	birra artigianale <b>bee-rah ar-tee-jah-nah-lay</b>
<b>a glass of draft beer</b>	una birra alla spina <b>oo-nah bee-rah ah-lah spee-nah</b>
<b>small (11 oz) beer</b>	birra piccola <b>bee-rah pee-koh-lah</b>
<b>medium (1 pint) beer</b>	birra media <b>bee-rah meh-dee-ah</b>
<b>large (1 liter) beer</b>	birra grande <b>bee-rah grahn-day</b>
<b>half-liter bottle</b>	bottiglia da mezzo litro <b>boh-teel-yah dah mehd-zoh lee-troh</b>
<b>shandy (beer with lemon soda)</b>	birra con limonata <b>bee-rah kohn lee-moh-nah-tah</b>
<b>low-calorie (“light”)</b>	leggera <b>leh-jeh-rah</b>
<b>non-alcoholic beer</b>	analcolica <b>ahn-ahl-koh-lee-kah</b>

Italians drink mainly lager beers. You’ll find local brews (Peroni or Moretti) and imports such as Heineken. Italians never drink beer with meat.

Remember, bars often have a tiered price system; you’ll pay more to sit than to stand. (For details, see [here](#).)

## Bar Talk

<b>bar</b>	bar <b>bar</b>
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Shall we go for a drink?	Andiamo a prendere qualcosa da bere? <b>ahn-dee-ah-moh ah prehn-deh-ray kwahl-koh-zah dah beh-ray</b>
I'll buy you a drink.	Ti offro qualcosa da bere. <b>tee oh-froh kwahl-koh-zah dah beh-ray</b>
It's on me.	Pago io. <b>pah-goh ee-oh</b>
The next one's on me.	Offro io la prossima. <b>oh-froh ee-oh lah proh-see-mah</b>
What would you like?	Che cosa prendi? <b>kay koh-zah prehn-dee</b>
I'll have ____.	Prendo _____. <b>prehn-doh _____</b>
I don't drink.	Non bevo. <b>nohn beh-voh</b>
What is the local specialty?	Qual'è la specialità locale? <b>kwah-leh lah speh-chah-lee-tah loh-kah-lay</b>
Straight.	Liscio. <b>lee-shoh</b>
With / Without ice.	Con / Senza ghiaccio. <b>kohn / sehnt-sah gee-ah-choh (hard "g")</b>
One more.	Un altro. <b>oon ahl-troh</b>
I'm a little drunk.	Mi sento un po' ubriaco[a]. <b>mee sehnt-toh oon poh oo-bree-ah-koh</b>
Cheers!	Cin cin! <b>cheen cheen</b>
To your health!	Salute! <b>sah-loo-tay</b>
Long live Italy!	Viva l'Italia! <b>vee-vah lee-tahl-yah</b>
I'm hung over.	Ho i postumi della sbronza. <b>oh ee poh-stoo-mee deh-lah zbrohnt-sah</b>

## Aperitivo Specialties

Before dinner, try an *aperitivo* to stimulate your palate.

**Americano** **ah-meh-ree-kah-noh** vermouth with bitters, brandy, and

lemon peel

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**Bellini** **beh-lee-nee** Prosecco and white peach juice (Venice)

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**Campari** **kahm-pah-ree** dark-colored bitters with herbs and orange peel

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**Cinzano** **cheent-sah-noh** popular brand of vermouth (red and white)

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**Cynar** **chee-nar** flavored with artichoke

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**Martini** **mar-tee-nee** popular brand of vermouth (red and white)

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**Punt e Mes** **poont ay mehs** sweet red vermouth and red wine

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**spremuta di frutta** **spreh-moo-tah dee froo-tah** freshly squeezed fruit juice

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**spritz con Campari / con Aperol** **spreetz kohn kahm-pah-ree / kohn ah-peh-rohl** white wine, soda, and ice with Campari (bitter) or Aperol (sweet), garnished with an olive or skewer of fruit (Venice)

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**Tiziano** **teet-see-ah-noh** grape juice and Prosecco

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## Digestivo Specialties

After dinner, try a **digestivo**, a liqueur thought to aid in digestion. Many restaurants make their own brew, using a secret combination of herbs.

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**amaretto** **ah-mah-reh-toh** almond-flavored liqueur

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**amaro** **ah-mah-roh** sweet, strong bitters (well-known brands are Montenegro and Fernet Branca)

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**Frangelico** **frah-jeh-lee-koh** hazelnut liqueur

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**grappa** **grah-pah** brandy distilled from grape skins (*vinacce*) and stems

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**limoncello** **lee-mohn-cheh-loh** lemon liqueur

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**nocino** **noh-chee-noh** dark, sweet walnut liqueur—similar to Jägermeister

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**sambuca (con mosca)** **sahm-boo-kah (kohn moh-skah)** syrupy, anise-flavored liqueur (with “flies”—three coffee beans)

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**Sgroppino** **zgroh-pee-noh** squeezed lemon juice, lemon gelato, and vodka

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**stravecchio** **strah-veh-kee-oh** aged (mellower) grappa

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## Picnicking

Tasty Picnic Words

At the Grocery

Produce Markets

While you can opt for the one-stop **supermercato**, it's more fun to assemble your picnic and practice your Italian visiting an **alimentari** (small grocery), individual shops, or a **mercato** (open-air market).

## Tasty Picnic Words

picnic	picnic <b>peek-neek</b>
sandwich or roll	panino <b>pah-nee-noh</b>
bread	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
whole-wheat bread	pane integrale <b>pah-nay een-teh-grah-lay</b>
cured ham	prosciutto crudo <b>proh-shoo-toh kroo-doh</b>
cooked ham	prosciutto cotto <b>proh-shoo-toh koh-toh</b>
sausage	salsiccia <b>sahl-see-chah</b>
cheese	formaggio <b>for-mah-joh</b>
mustard...	senape... <b>seh-nah-pay</b>
mayonnaise...	maionese... <b>mah-yoh-neh-zay</b>
...in a tube	...in tubetto <b>een too-beh-toh</b>
olives...	olive... <b>oh-lee-vay</b>

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<b>pickles...</b>	cetriolini... <b>ch</b> eh-tree-oh- <b>lee</b> -nee
<b>...in a jar</b>	...in vasetto <b>een vah-zeh</b> -toh
<b>yogurt</b>	yogurt <b>yoh</b> -goort
<b>fruit</b>	frutta <b>froo</b> -tah
<b>box of juice</b>	cartone di succo di frutta <b>kar-toh</b> -nay dee <b>soo</b> -koh dee <b>froo</b> -tah
<b>cold drinks</b>	bibite ghiacciate <b>bee</b> -bee-tay gee-ah- <b>chah</b> -tay (hard “g”)
<b>spoon / fork...</b>	cucchiaio / forchetta... <b>koo</b> -kee- <b>i</b> -yoh / <b>for-keh</b> -tah
<b>...made of plastic</b>	...di plastica <b>dee plah</b> -stee-kah
<b>cup / plate...</b>	bicchiere / piatto... <b>bee</b> -kee- <b>eh</b> -ray / <b>pee-ah</b> -toh
<b>...made of paper</b>	...di carta <b>dee kar</b> -tah

To get real juice, look for **100% succo** on the label. Don’t forget the wine for your picnic. Public consumption may be forbidden back home, but Europeans see no problem with sipping a glass of wine outside—in parks, on benches, or along the riverbank.

## At the Grocery

Meat and cheese are sold by the gram. One hundred grams (**un etto**) is enough for two sandwiches.

<b>Is it self-service?</b>	È self-service? <b>eh sehlf-sehr</b> -vees
<b>Fifty grams.</b>	Cinquanta grammi. <b>cheeng-kwahn</b> -tah <b>grah</b> -mee
<b>One hundred grams.</b>	Un etto. <b>oon eh</b> -toh
<b>More. / Less.</b>	Di più. / Di meno. <b>dee pew</b> / <b>dee meh</b> -noh

<b>A piece.</b>	Un pezzo. <b>oon pehd-zoh</b>
<b>Half.</b>	Metà. <b>meh-tah</b>
<b>A slice.</b>	Una fetta. <b>oo-nah feh-tah</b>
<b>Four slices.</b>	Quattro fette. <b>kwah-troh feh-tay</b>
<b>A thin slice.</b>	Una fettina. <b>oo-nah feh-tee-nah</b>
<b>Cut into slices (fine).</b>	Affettato (sottile). <b>ah-feh-tah-toh (soh-tee-lay)</b>
<b>Can you please slice it?</b>	Lo può affettare, per favore? <b>loh pwoh ah-feh-tah-ray pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Does it need to be cooked?</b>	Bisogna cucinarlo prima di mangiarlo? <b>bee-zohn-yah koo-chee-nar-loh pree-mah dee mahn-jar-loh</b>
<b>Ripe for today?</b>	Da mangiare oggi? <b>dah mahn-jah-ray oh-jee</b>
<b>May I taste it?</b>	Posso assaggiarlo? <b>poh-soh ah-sah-jar-loh</b>
<b>Will you make... for me / us?</b>	Mi / Ci può fare...? <b>mee / chee pwoh fah-ray</b>
<b>...a sandwich</b>	...un panino <b>oon pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>...two sandwiches</b>	...due panini <b>doo-ay pah-nee-nee</b>
<b>To take out.</b>	Da portar via. <b>dah por-tar vee-ah</b>
<b>A container.</b>	Un contenitore. <b>oon kohn-teh-nee-toh-ray</b>
<b>A small bag.</b>	Un sacchettino. <b>oon sah-keh-tee-noh</b>
<b>A bag, please.</b>	Un sacchetto, per favore. <b>oon sah-keh-toh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Can I use the microwave?</b>	Posso usare il forno a microonde? <b>poh-soh oo-zah-ray eel for-noh ah mee-kroh-ohn-day</b>
<b>May I borrow a...?</b>	Posso prendere in prestito...? <b>poh-soh prehn-deh-ray een preh-stee-toh</b>
<b>Do you have a...?</b>	Avete un...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon</b>

Where can I buy / find a...?	Dove posso comprare / trovare un...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray / troh-vah-ray oon</b>
...corkscrew	...cavatappi <b>kah-vah-tah-pee</b>
...can opener	...apriscatole <b>ah-pree-skah-toh-lay</b>
...bottle opener	...apribottiglie <b>ah-pree-boh-teel-yay</b>
Is there a park nearby?	C'è un parco qui vicino? <b>ch eh oon par-koh kwee vee-chee-noh</b>
Where is a good place to picnic?	Dov'è un bel posto per fare un picnic? <b>doh-veh oon behl poh-stoh pehr fah-ray oon peek-neek</b>
Is picnicking allowed here?	Va bene fare un picnic qui? <b>vah beh-nay fah-ray oon peek-neek kwee</b>

When buying cold cuts for a picnic, you can order by the *fettina* (thin slice). For two people, I might get *cinque fettine* (five slices) of prosciutto.

When selecting *antipasti*, you can also ask for *una porzione* (a portion) in a take-out container (*contenitore*). Use gestures to show exactly how much you want. The word *basta* (enough) works as a question or as a statement.

## Produce Markets

It's customary to let the merchant choose produce for you. Say *per oggi* (pehr **oh-jee**; for today), and he or she will grab you something ready to eat. Pointing and gesturing go a long way.

Pay careful attention, as the unit of measure can differ from item to item. It could be *al kg* (per kilogram—1,000 grams), *al kilo*, *per ½ kg* (500 grams or *per 500 gr*), *per ¼ kg* (250 grams), *per etto* (100 grams or *per 100 gr*), and so on. If a price is listed



without a unit, then it's usually per kilo, but confirm just in case by asking *Il prezzo è al kilo?* (In Italian, the words kilogram and kilo can also be written as *chilogram* and *chilo*.) Some items may be priced by the *etto*, by the piece (*pezzo* or *l'uno*), or by the bunch (*manciata* or *mazzo*).

Is it priced by the kilo?	Il prezzo è al kilo? eel <b>prehd-zoh</b> eh ahl <b>kee-loh</b>
kilo	kilo <b>kee-loh</b>
½ kilo	mezzo kilo <b>mehd-zoh kee-loh</b>
200 grams	due etti <b>doo-ay eh-tee</b>
100 grams	un etto <b>oon eh-toh (chehn-toh grah-mee)</b>
that	quello <b>kweh-loh</b>
this much	tanto così <b>tahn-toh koh-zee</b>
more / less	di più / di meno <b>dee pew / dee meh-noh</b>
too much	troppo <b>troh-poh</b>
enough	basta così <b>bah-stah koh-zee</b>
in one piece	un unico pezzo <b>oon oo-nee-koh pehd-zoh</b>
one / two	l'uno / due <b>loo-noh / doo-ay</b>
bunch of produce / stemmed things	manciata / mazzo <b>mahn-chah-tah / mahd-zoh</b>
bunch (a lot)	un bel pò <b>oon behl poh</b>

# Menu Decoder

Menu Categories

Small Words

**Italian / English Menu Decoder**

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This handy Italian–English decoder (followed by an English–Italian decoder) won’t list every word on the menu, but it will help you get *trota* (trout) instead of *tripa* (tripe). Note that this list includes only the most common beverages. For a rundown of Italian regional wines, turn to [here](#); for aperitifs and digestifs, see [here](#).

## Menu Categories

When you pick up a menu, you’ll likely see these categories of offerings.

<b>Colazione</b>	Breakfast
<b>Pranzo</b>	Lunch
<b>Cena</b>	Dinner
<b>Antipasti</b>	Appetizers
<b>Piatti Caldi</b>	Hot Dishes

<b>Piatti Freddi</b>	Cold Dishes
<b>Panini</b>	Sandwiches
<b>Insalate</b>	Salads
<b>Minestre / Zuppe</b>	Soups
<b>Menù a Prezzo Fisso</b>	Fixed-Price Meal(s)
<b>Specialità</b>	Specialties
<b>Piatti</b>	Dishes
<b>Primo Piatto (Primi)</b>	First Course(s)
<b>Secondo Piatto (Secondi)</b>	Main Course(s)
<b>Carne</b>	Meat
<b>Pollame</b>	Poultry
<b>Pesce</b>	Fish
<b>Frutti di Mare</b>	Seafood
<b>Contorni</b>	Side Dishes
<b>Riso</b>	Rice Dishes
<b>Verdure</b>	Vegetables
<b>Pane</b>	Bread
<b>(Lista delle) Bevande</b>	Drinks (Menu)
<b>(Lista dei) Vini</b>	Wine (List)
<b>Dolci</b>	Dessert
<b>La Nostra</b>	“Our”
<b>Selezione di...</b>	Selection of...

And for the fine print:

<b>cover charge</b>	coperto
<b>service (not) included</b>	servizio (non) incluso
<b>tax included</b>	I.V.A. inclusa

## Small Words

<b>alla / alle / della / delle</b>	in the style of
<b>con / senza</b>	with / without
<b>di</b>	of
<b>e</b>	and
<b>l'etto</b>	price per 100 grams
<b>in</b>	in
<b>-ine, -ette, -elle</b>	small
<b>-one</b>	big
<b>oppure</b>	or
<b>s.q. (secondo quantità)</b>	price according to quantity
<b>su</b>	served over

If you see a phrase that begins with **alla** or **della**, the next word might not appear in this decoder. That's because these phrases mean "in the style of," and are often flowery, artsy, or obscure descriptions. Even if you knew the exact meaning, it might not make things much clearer.

# Italian / English Menu Decoder

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A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q
R	S	T	U
V	W	Z	

## A

**abbacchio alla romana** grilled spring lamb chops

**abboccato** sweet (wine)

**acciuga** anchovy

**acero** maple

**aceto** vinegar

**acqua** water

**acqua del rubinetto** tap water

**acqua minerale (naturale / con gas)** mineral water (still / carbonated)

**affettati** cold cuts; cured meats

**affettato** sliced

**affogato** poached

**affogato al caffè** ice cream with coffee

**affumicato** smoked (often refers to salty smoked fish)

**aglio** garlic

**aglio e olio** with garlic and olive oil (pasta)

**aglio fresco** garlic shoot

**agnello** lamb

**agnolotti** stuffed pasta shaped like a “priest’s hat”

**agrodolce** sweet and sour

**agrumi** citrus

**albicocca** apricot

**albume** egg white

**alcool** alcohol

**alfabeto** letter-shaped pasta

**alfredo** butter, cream, and *parmigiano* sauce (pasta)

**amabile** sweet (wine)

**amarena** sour cherry

**amaro** bitter; also a type of digestif

**amatriciana** sauce of pork cheek, pecorino cheese, and tomato (pasta)

**anacardo** cashew

**analcolica** alcohol-free

**ananas** pineapple

**anatra** duck

**aneto** dill

**anguilla** eel

**anguillette in umido** stewed baby eels

**anguria** watermelon

**anice** anise

**animelle (di vitello)** sweetbreads (of veal)

**annata** vintage (wine)

**antipasti** appetizers

**antipasto (frutti) di mare** assortment of fish and shellfish

**antipasto misto** assortment of meats and veggies

**arachide** peanut

**aragosta** lobster

**arancia** orange

**arancia rossa** blood orange

**aranciata** orange soda

**arancini** deep-fried balls of rice, tomato sauce, and mozzarella

**aringa / aringhe** herring

**arista** pork loin

**arrabbiata** “angry,” spicy pasta sauce with tomatoes and hot peppers

**arrosto** roasted

**arrosto misto** assortment of roasted meats

**asiago** hard, mild cow cheese

**asiago mezzano** young, firm, and creamy asiago

**asiago stravecchio** aged, pungent, and granular asiago

**asparagi** asparagus

**assortiti** assorted

**astice** lobster

## B

**babà (al rhum)** mushroom-shaped, rum-soaked cake

**baccalà** rehydrated Atlantic salt cod

**baccalà alla livornese** salt cod with tomato and herbs

**baccalà mantecato** whipped spread of cod and mayonnaise

**bacio** chocolate hazelnut candy

**barbabietola** beet

**barbina** very skinny spaghetti often coiled into nest-like “beards”

**basilico** basil

**bavette** flank steak

**bavette / bavettine** skinnier tagliatelle



**bel paese** mild, white, creamy cow cheese

**ben cotto / molto ben cotto** well-done / very well-done (meat)

**bevande** beverages

**bianco** white

**bibite** beverages

**bicchiere** glass

**bietola** chard

**bignè (alla crema)** (cream) puff

**bignole** cream puff

**bigoli (in salsa)** thick pasta strands made of whole wheat or buckwheat (with anchovy sauce)

**biologico** organic

**birra** beer

**birra alla spina** beer on tap

**bis** split course

**biscotto** cookie

**bistecca (di manzo)** (beef) steak

**bistecca alla fiorentina** Florence-style, very rare T-bone steak

**bistecca di fesa di manzo** rump steak

**bocconcini** small balls of mozzarella; also refers to bite-size stew meat

**bollente** boiling hot

**bollito** boiled

**bollito misto** various boiled meats with sauces

**bolognese** meat and tomato sauce (pasta)

**bombolone / bomba** filled doughnut

**boscaiola** mushroom and sausage sauce (pasta and pizza)

**(di) bosco** wild (“of the forest”)

**bottarga** cured fish roe

**bottiglia** bottle

**(alla) brace** broiled

**braciola** chop

**branzino** sea bass

**brasato** braised

**bresaola** air-cured beef, thinly sliced

**brioche** sweet roll

**broccolo romanesco** a cross between broccoli and cauliflower

**brodo** broth

**bruciatini** cured pork, similar to pancetta

**bruciato** burned

**bruschetta** toast brushed with olive oil and garlic or chopped tomatoes

**bucatini** long, thick, hollow pasta tubes

**buccellato** wreath-shaped anise-and-raisin bread

**budino** pudding

**burrata** soft, creamy mozzarella

**burro** butter

**burro d'arachidi** peanut butter

**burro e salvia** butter and sage (pasta)

**bussoli** Easter cookies

**bustina di tè** tea bag

**buzzara** seafood (often shrimp) and tomato pasta sauce

## C

**cacciatora** “hunter-style” chicken or rabbit, with red wine, rosemary, garlic, tomato, and often mushrooms

**cacio e pepe** cheese and pepper (pasta)

**caciocavallo** semi-hard cow cheese

**caciucco** Tuscan fish soup

**caco** persimmon

**caffè** espresso (a shot in a little cup)

**caffè americano** espresso diluted with hot water (closest to American-style drip coffee)

**caffè con panna** espresso with a dollop of whipped cream

**caffè corretto** espresso “corrected” with a shot of liqueur

**caffè corto** extra-strong espresso

**caffè freddo** sweet, iced espresso

**caffè latte** espresso with hot milk

**caffè lungo** espresso diluted with some hot water

**caffè macchiato** espresso with just a splash of milk

**caffè schiumato** caffè macchiato with extra foam

**caffè solubile** instant coffee

**caffeina** caffeine

**calamarata** “squid”-shaped pasta with spicy tomato sauce and squid

**calamari** squid

**caldo** hot

**calzone** pizza turnover

**camomilla** chamomile

**campanelle** “bell”-shaped pasta

**canederli** large dumplings with ham, liver, spinach, or cheese

**cannella** cinnamon

**cannelloni** big, stuffed pasta tube

**cannoli** fried pastry tubes filled with whipped ricotta, candied fruit, and chocolate

**cannoncini** baked pastry tubes filled with cream

**cantucci / cantuccini** Tuscan almond cookies

**capellini / capelli d’angelo** extremely thin spaghetti

**capesante** scallops

**capocollo** peppery, air-cured pork shoulder

**caponata** eggplant and vegetable salad

**cappelletti** meat-filled dumplings

**cappero** caper

**cappuccino** espresso with foamed milk

**capra** goat

**capretto** kid (goat)

**capricciosa** chef's choice; combo

**caprino** goat cheese

**capriolo** roe deer

**carabaccia** Tuscan onion soup

**caraffa** carafe

**caramelle** candy

**carbonara** sauce with bacon, egg, cheese, and pepper (pasta)

**carbonella** charcoal

**carciofi alla giudia** artichokes flattened and deep-fried

**carciofi alla romana** artichokes stuffed with garlic, mint, and parsley

**carciofo** artichoke

**carciofo romanesco** giant artichoke

**cardamomo** cardamom

**carne** meat

**carne bianca** white meat

**carne di cervo** venison

**carne equina** horse meat

**carne in umido** meat stew

**carne scura** dark meat

**carota** carrot

**carpaccio** thinly sliced air-cured meat

**carrè affumicato** pork shank that's smoked then boiled

**carrè di** rack of

**carrettiera** spicy sauce with garlic, olive oil, and little tomatoes  
(pasta)

**(al) cartoccio** steamed in parchment

**(della) casa** of the house

**casarecce** short pasta with S-shaped cross-section

**casereccio** home-style

**cassata** ice cream, sponge cake, ricotta, fruit, and pistachios; also a  
gelato flavor with dried fruits (Sicily)

**castagne** chestnut

**castellane** pasta shaped like a castle tower

**cavatappi** corkscrew; "corkscrew"-shaped pasta

**cavatelli** croissant-shaped pasta

**cavolfiore** cauliflower

**cavolini di bruxelles** Brussels sprouts

**cavolo** cabbage

**cavolo nero** Tuscan kale

**cavolo riccio** kale

**cazzotto** calzone-like folded pizza

**cece** chickpea (garbanzo bean)  
**cecina** savory chickpea crêpe  
**cedro** citron (lemon-like citrus fruit)  
**cellentani** corkscrew-shaped pasta  
**cena** dinner  
**cereali** cereal  
**cereali misti** multigrain  
**cervella** brains  
**cervo** deer  
**cetriolino** pickle  
**cetriolo** cucumber  
**(lo) chef consiglia** “the chef recommends”  
**chiacchiere** fritters with powdered sugar  
**Chianina** top-quality Tuscan beef  
**chiantigiana** Chianti-style  
**chicche** small potato dumplings; sometimes describes sweets  
**chiodo di garofano** clove (spice)  
**ciabatta** crusty, flat, rustic bread  
**ciambella** filled doughnut  
**ciambellone** pound cake  
**cibo** food  
**cicchetti** small appetizers (Venice)

**ciccioli (frolli)** compressed dried pork belly; crispy pork belly

**ciliegia** cherry

**cinese** Chinese

**cinghiale** boar

**cioccolata** chocolate

**cipolla** onion

**cipollina** chive

**cipolloti** mini-onions marinated in oil

**ciuffi** tufts

**classico** wine from a defined, select area

**cocchie** hollow, “seashell”-shaped pasta

**cocomero** watermelon

**coda alla vaccinara** oxtail braised with garlic, wine, tomato, and celery

**coda di bue** oxtail

**collo** neck

**(di) Colonnata** best-quality lardo (seasoned lard)

**(al) coltello** hand-sliced to order

**con panna** with whipped cream

**conchiglie** hollow, “seashell”-shaped pasta

**condito** seasoned

**congelato** frozen

**coniglio** rabbit



**cono** cone

**conserva** preserves

**consigliamo** “we recommend”

**contadina** “peasant-style”; rustic

**coppa** small bowl; also peppery, air-cured pork shoulder

**coppa di testa** headcheese (organs in aspic)

**coriandolo** cilantro; coriander

**cornetti** generic term for pastries

**cornetto** croissant

**corposo** full-bodied (wine)

**corretto, caffè** espresso with a shot of liqueur

**corto, caffè** extra-strong espresso

**corzetti** pasta that resembles stamped coins

**coscia** drumstick

**cosciotto di agnello** leg of lamb

**costata** rib-eye steak

**costoletta** rib

**cotechino** pork sausage

**cotoletta** chop or cutlet; often a breaded veal chop

**cotto** cooked; medium (meat)

**cotto al forno** oven-baked

**cotto sul momento** cooked on request (à la minute)

**cozza** mussel

**cozze ripiene** mussels stuffed with herbs, cheese, and bread crumbs

**crauti rossi** red-cabbage sauerkraut

**crema** custard

**crème caramel** custard with caramelized topping

**cremolata** mix of slushy ice and gelato

**crescenza** mild, soft cheese

**crescione** watercress

**crepella** baked crêpe, often stuffed with ricotta

**croccante** crisp; crispy

**croccantino** “crunchy” gelato flavor with toasted peanut bits

**crochetta** croquette (deep-fried mashed potato ball)

**crosta** crust (bread); rind (cheese)

**crostacei** shellfish

**crostata (di marmellata)** tart (with jam)

**crostata di ricotta** cheesecake-like dessert

**crostino** toast with pâté

**crudo** raw; air-cured (prosciutto)

**cucina** kitchen

**culatello** air-cured, high-quality prosciutto

**cumino** cumin

**cuoco** cook; chef

## D

**da portar via** to go

**daterini** sweet cherry tomatoes

**dattero** date

**decaffeinato** decaffeinated

**deglassato** deglazed

**delicato** mild (cheese)

**delizia al limone** cake with lemon-flavored whipped cream

**dello chef** chef's choice

**(al) dente** cooked firm, "to the tooth" (pasta)

**diavola** "devil-style," spicy hot; with pepperoni-like salami (pizza)

**digestivo** digestif (after-dinner drink)

**disossato** boneless

**ditali / ditalini** "thimble"-shaped pasta

**dolce** sweet; dessert

**dolci** sweets (often sweet rolls)

**dolci dal carrello** dessert cart

**dolcificante** artificial sweetener

**dozzina** dozen

**dragoncello** tarragon

## E

**effervescente** carbonated

**eliche** “propeller”-shaped pasta

**emmenthal** Swiss cheese

**entrecote** sirloin steak

**erba cipollina** chive

**erbe** herbs

**espresso** espresso coffee

**etto** 100 grams

**extravergine** extra virgin (top-quality olive oil)

## F

**facile da bere** easy to drink (wine)

**fagiano** pheasant

**fagioli all’uccelletto** “bird-style” beans with tomato and sage

**fagiolino** green bean; also a green bean-shaped pasta

**fagiolo** bean

**fagiolo lima** lima bean

**fagottino** puff pastry turnover

**faraona** guinea hen

**farcito** stuffed

**farfalle** “butterfly”- or bowtie-shaped pasta

**farinata** savory chickpea crêpe (Liguria); also a porridge

**farro** spelt (nutty-tasting grain)

**fatto in casa** homemade

**fava** fava bean

**fave al guanciale** fava beans simmered with cured pork cheek and onion

**fedelini** thin, long pasta noodle

**fegatelli** liver meatballs

**fegato (patè)** liver (pâté)

**fegato alla veneziana** liver and onions

**fettina** slice

**fettuccine** flat egg noodles cut into “small ribbons”

**fettuce** wider fettucine noodle

**fettucelle** skinnier fettucine noodle

**fico** fig

**filetto** tenderloin; fillet

**filetto di baccalà** salt cod fried in batter

**filone** loaf of bread

**finocchio** fennel

**finocchiona** salami with fennel seeds

**fiorentina** “Florence-style”

**fiori** “flower”-shaped pasta

**fiori di zucca** fried squash blossoms filled with mozzarella and anchovies

**focaccia** rustic, flat bread (or a sandwich made with that bread)

**foccacina** small foccacia sandwich

**foglia di vite** grape leaf

**foglia / verdura a foglia** leaf / leafy vegetable

**fontina (Val d'Aosta)** semi-hard, nutty, Gruyère-style cheese

**formaggi, quattro** four cheeses (pizza or pasta)

**formaggio** cheese

**formaggio di capra / formaggio di caprino** goat cheese

**formaggio di fossa** cheese aged underground

**formaggio di testa** headcheese (organs in aspic)

**formaggio fresco** cream cheese

**(al) forno** oven-baked

**fragola** strawberry

**frangelico** hazelnut liqueur

**frappè** milkshake

**frattaglie** offal (organs)

**freddo** cold; iced (coffee drinks)

**fresco** fresh

**fricassea** fricassee

**frittata** omelet

**frittata con le erbe** eggs pan-cooked with fresh herbs

**frittella** fritter

**fritti** little deep-fried snacks

**fritto** fried

**fritto misto** deep-fried calamari, prawns, and assorted small fish

**frittole** small doughnuts eaten during Carnevale

**frittura** deep-fried food

**frizzante** sparkling

**frullato di frutta** fruit smoothie

**frumento** wheat

**frutta** fruit

**fruttato** fruity (young wine)

**frutti di bosco** berries

**frutti di mare** seafood

**(ai) funghi** (with) mushrooms

**fungo** mushroom

**fungo porcino** porcini mushroom

**fusilli** spiral-shaped pasta

**fusilli bucati** long, tightly coiled hollow pasta

**fuso** melted

## G

**galletti** pasta shaped like a rooster's comb; chanterelle mushrooms

**galletto** cockerel (rooster)

**gamberetto** small shrimp

**gambero** shrimp

**gambero di fiume** crayfish

**gamberone** big shrimp

**garganelli** flat egg pasta rolled into a tube

**gassata** carbonated

**gattafin** deep-fried pastry filled with greens

**gelatina** jelly

**gelato** ice cream

**gemelli** pasta shaped like a double helix (“twins”)

**genovese** with pesto sauce; with a thick crust (pizza)

**ghiacciato** chilled

**ghiaccio** ice

**gigli** conical “lily”-shaped pasta

**(del) giorno** (of the) day

**giovane** young (wine)

**girasole** sunflower; also a ravioli shape

**glassato** glazed

**glutine** gluten

**gnocchi** little potato dumplings

**gomiti** “elbow” macaroni

**gorgonzola** blue cheese

**grana padano** grainy, hard cheese, similar to *parmigiano-reggiano*  
but a cheaper version

**granchio** crab



**grande** large

**granita** flavored shaved ice

**granoturco** corn

**grappa** brandy distilled from fermented grapes

**grasso** cooking fat

**(al) gratin** topped with browned cheese

**gratinate** au gratin (with melted cheese)

**grattachecca** slushy ice with sweet syrup

**grattugiato** grated

**gricia** with cured pork and *pecorino romano* cheese (pasta)

**griglia** grilled

**grissini** breadsticks

**groviera** Swiss cheese

**guanciale** tender, air-cured pork cheek

**guarnizione** garnish

**guscio** shell; peel; rind

**gusto** flavor (gelato)

**gustoso** flavorful; heavy (wine)

## H

**Hag** decaffeinated coffee

## I

**impanato** breaded

**impepata (di cozze)** mussel soup (with mussels in the shell)

**importato** imported

**incluso** included

**indivia** endive

**insalata** salad

**insalata caprese** salad of sliced tomato, mozzarella, and basil

**insalata di mare** seafood salad

**insalata mista** mixed salad

**insalata russa** vegetable salad with mayonnaise

**insalata verde** green salad

**integrale** whole-grain

**involtini** stuffed; rolls, wraps; meat or fish fillets with fillings

**involtini al sugo** veal cutlets rolled with prosciutto and cheese in tomato sauce

**inzimino** marinated in tomatoes and greens

**ippoglosso** halibut

## K

**kaiserschmarrn** eggy crêpe with raisins, jam, and powdered sugar

**kasher** kosher

## L

**lampone** raspberry

**lampredotto** cow's stomach

**lardellato** larded

**lardo (di Colonnata)** strips of seasoned lard (top-quality)

**latte** milk

**latte fresco** fresh milk

**latte intero** whole milk

**latte macchiato** hot milk and foam, layered in a tall glass,  
“marked” by an espresso shot

**latte magro** skim milk

**latticini** dairy products

**lattuga** lettuce

**lattuga romana** Romaine lettuce

**leggermente** mild; mildly

**leggero** light (not heavy)

**legume** pulses

**lenticchia** lentil

**lepre / sugo di lepre** hare / rich sauce with hare

**(su) letto** on a bed of

**lieviti** breakfast pastries

**lievito** yeast

**limonata** lemon soda

**limoncello** lemon liqueur

**limone** lemon

**lingua** tongue

**linguettine** skinny linguine

**linguine** narrow, flat spaghetti

**liquirizia** licorice

**locale** local

**lombarda, zuppa** Tuscan bean soup

**lombatina** sirloin

**lombo / lombata** loin

**lonzino** air-cured pork loin

**luccio** pike

**lumaca** snail

**lungo, caffè** espresso diluted with water

## M

**maccheroni** tube-shaped pasta

**macchiato, caffè** espresso “marked” with a splash of milk

**macchiato, latte** hot milk and foam, layered in a tall glass, “marked” by an espresso shot

**macedonia** fruit salad

**macinato** minced

**mafalde / mafaldine** wide, flat, rectangular noodles ruffled on both sides

**maggiorana** marjoram

**maiale** pork

**maiale sotto sale** salt pork

**maionese** mayonnaise

**mais** sweet corn

**malaga** gelato flavor resembling rum raisin

**maltagliati** “roughly cut” pasta

**mandarino** tangerine

**mandorla** almond

**mango** mango

**manicotti** big, stuffed pasta tube

**manzo** beef

**margarina** margarine

**margherita** with tomato sauce, mozzarella, and basil (pizza)

**marinara** tomato sauce—on pasta, sometimes with seafood; on pizza, without cheese

**marinato** marinated

**marmellata** jam

**marocchino** “Moroccan” coffee with espresso, foamed milk, and cocoa powder

**(al) Marsala** sweet Marsala wine sauce

**marziani** pasta spirals resembling “Martian” antennae

**mascarpone** sweet, buttery dessert cheese

**matturo** mature (wine)

**mela** apple

**mela cotogna** quince

**melanzana** eggplant

**melograno** pomegranate

**melone** cantaloupe; melon

**melone d'inverno** honeydew melon

**menta** mint

**menù del giorno** menu of the day

**menù fisso** fixed-price meal

**meridionale** southern Italian

**meringa** meringue

**merluzzo** cod

**mezzani** hollow, tubular pasta

**mezzano** young, firm, creamy asiago cheese

**mezzelune** stuffed pasta shaped like “half-moons”

**mezzo** half

**midollo** marrow; marrowbone

**miele** honey

**millefoglie** layers of sweet, buttery pastry

**minestra** soup

**minestrone** classic Italian vegetable soup

**mirtillo** blueberry

**missoltino** salted, air-dried shad-like lake fish

**misticanza** mixed green salad of arugula, curly endive, and anchovies

**misto** mixed; assorted

**mocaccino** espresso with foamed milk and chocolate

**moleche col pien** fried soft-shell crabs

**mollusco** shellfish

**montone** mutton

**mora** blackberry

**morbido** soft (cheese); smooth (wine)

**mortadella** baloney-like pork loaf

**moscardino (bianco)** octopus

**mostaccioli** “moustache”-like penne pasta

**mozzarella (di bufala)** mozzarella cheese (from water-buffalo milk)

## N

**napoletana / napoli** with mozzarella, anchovies, and tomato sauce (pizza)

**nasello** hake (whitefish)

**naturale** still (bottled water)

**‘nduja** spicy, spreadable salami

**nero** black

**nero di seppia** cuttlefish ink

**nocciola** hazelnut

**nocciolina** peanut

**noce** walnut

**noce di cocco** coconut

**noce moscata** nutmeg

**nocino** walnut liqueur

**nodino** knuckle

**norma** tomato, eggplant, and ricotta cheese sauce (pasta)

## O

**oca** goose

**oggi** today

**olio** oil

**oliva** olive

**olive con peperoni** olives stuffed with red hot peppers

**olive nero** black olives

**olive verde** very green olives

**omelette** omelet

**orata** bream (fish)

**orecchiette** “ear”-shaped pasta

**origano** oregano



**(dell') ortolano** “greengrocer-style,” with vegetables

**orzo** tiny, barley-shaped pasta; barley

**ossi di morto** “bones of the dead” Tuscan cookies

**ossobuco (alla genovese)** veal shank (braised in broth with vegetables)

**ostricha** oyster

**otto** “8”-shaped pastry

## P

**paccheri** short, very wide pasta tubes

**pagliata / pajata** calf intestines

**pallina** scoop (ice cream)

**palombo** dogfish

**pan di spagna** sponge cake

**pancetta** salt-cured pork belly meat

**pancetta arrotolata** pancetta rolled into a tight, sausage-like bundle and sliced

**pane** bread; rolls

**pane alle olive** olive bread

**pane aromatico** herb or vegetable bread

**pane bianco** white bread

**pane casereccio** home-style bread

**pane di segale** rye bread

**pane integrale** whole-grain bread

**pane scuro** brown bread

**pane toscano** rustic bread made without salt

**panettone** Milanese yeast cake with raisins and candied fruit  
(Christmas)

**panforte** dense fruit and nut cake

**panificio** bakery

**panini farciti** premade sandwiches

**panino** roll; baguette sandwich

**panna** cream; whipped cream

**panna cotta** custard-like dessert, served with berries or other  
toppings

**pansotti** ravioli with ricotta and greens

**panzanella** bread salad with tomatoes

**panzerotto** calzone-like folded pizza

**papaia** papaya

**pappa al pomodoro** soup of tomatoes, olive oil, and bread

**pappardelle** very wide, flat noodles

**paprika** paprika

**parmigiana** with tomato, cheese, and bread crumbs

**parmigiano-reggiano** hard, sharp, aged cow cheese

**passito** sweet dessert wine

**pasta e fagioli** bean and pasta soup

**pasta fresca** fresh-made pasta  
**pasta secca** dry-stored pasta  
**pasta sfoglia** puff pastry  
**paste** sweet rolls (Florence); plural of “pasta”  
**pasticcino** pastry  
**pasticcio di carne** hash  
**pasticciotto** small custard pie  
**pastina** small soup noodle  
**patata** potato  
**patate arrosto** roasted potatoes  
**patate fritte** French fries  
**patate sabbiose** deep-fried potato chunks  
**patè di fegato** chicken liver paste  
**pecora** sheep  
**pecorino** ewe cheese  
**pecorino fresco** fresh, soft, mild ewe cheese  
**pecorino romano** hard, aged ewe cheese  
**pecorino stagionato** aged, sharp ewe cheese  
**pellizzoni** thicker spaghetti  
**penne** angle-cut pasta tubes  
**pennette** smaller penne  
**pennoni** larger penne

**pepato** with pepper

**pepe** pepper (spice)

**pepe di caienna** cayenne pepper

**peperonata** peppers with tomato sauce

**peperoncino** hot chili pepper

**peperone** bell pepper

**peposo** highly peppered beef stew

**pera** pear

**perciatelli** hollow, tubular pasta noodles

**pernice** partridge

**pesante** heavy (rich, hard to digest)

**pesca** peach

**pescatore** seafood sauce (“fisherman-style”)

**pesce** fish

**pesce lupo** catfish

**pesce spada** swordfish

**pesce spada alla ghiotta** swordfish with tomatoes, olives, and capers

**pesto** basil and pine nut sauce

**petto (di \_\_\_\_)** breast (of \_\_\_\_)

**pezzo** piece

**piacentino di enna** hard, spicy sheep cheese with saffron and pepper

**(a) piacere** to order (as you like)

**piadina** stuffed, soft, flat bread

**piatto** plate

**piatto di formaggi misti** cheese plate

**piccante** spicy hot

**piccione / piccioncino** squab (young pigeon)

**piccolo** small

**pici** hand-rolled thick pasta strands

**pieno** full-bodied (wine)

**pignolo** macaroon

**pinolo** pine nut

**pisello** pea

**pistacchio** pistachio

**pizza al taglio** pizza by the slice

**pizza bianca** “white” pizza (no tomato sauce)

**pizza ciaccina** Tuscan “white” pizza (no tomato sauce)

**pizza rustica** “rustic” pizza, sold by weight

**pizzelle** thin, delicate waffle cookie

**pizzoccheri** short, thick buckwheat tagliatelle

**platessa** plaice (whitefish)

**poche calorie** low calorie

**polenta** slow-cooked cornmeal

**pollame** poultry

**pollastrella** game hen

**pollo** chicken

**pollo alla cacciatora** “hunter-style” chicken with red wine, rosemary, garlic, tomato, and often mushrooms

**polpa di riccio** sea urchin

**polpo** octopus

**pomodorino vesuvio** very sweet cherry tomatoes

**pomodoro** tomato

**pomodoro gratinato** tomatoes grilled and dusted with breadcrumbs

**pompelmo** grapefruit

**pompelmo rosa** pink grapefruit

**porchetta** roast suckling pig

**porcini** porcini mushroom

**porro** leek

**prezzemolo** parsley

**prezzo al peso** priced by the weight

**prezzo di mercato** market price

**profiterole** cream-filled pastry with warm chocolate sauce

**prosciutto** cured ham

**prosciutto cotto** cooked ham

**prosciutto crudo** air-cured ham

**prosciutto di Parma** top-quality prosciutto

**prosciutto dolce** “sweet” (less salty) air-cured ham

**prosciutto e melone / fichi** air-cured ham wrapped around melon / fresh figs

**prosciutto salato** “salty” air-cured ham

**prosciutto toscano** dark and salty air-cured ham

**provolone / provola** rich, firm, aged cow cheese

**prugna** prune

**puntarella** curly endive served with anchovy dressing

**purè di patate** mashed potatoes

**puro** pure

**puttanesca** “harlot”-style tomato sauce with anchovies, olives, and capers (pasta)

## Q

**quaglia** quail

**quattro formaggi** four cheeses (pizza or pasta)

**quattro stagioni** with four separate toppings (pizza)

**quinto quarto** offal (“fifth quarter”)

## R

**radiatore** radiator-shaped pasta

**radicchio** bitter, deep-purple lettuce

**radice** root

**rafano** horseradish

**ragù** meaty tomato sauce (pasta)

**ragusano** semi-hard cow cheese

**rana pescatrice** monkfish

**rapa** turnip

**ravanello** radish

**ribes nero** black currant

**ribes rosso** red currant

**ribollita** “reboiled” stew of white beans, veggies, bread, and olive oil

**ricciarelli** white macaroon-and-almond cookie

**riccio di mare** sea urchin (“sea hedgehog”)

**ricoperto** coated

**ricotta** white cheese resembling cottage cheese

**rigatino croccante** crispy bacon (Tuscany)

**rigatoncini** shorter rigatoni

**rigatoni** “ridged,” square-cut pasta tubes

**ripassate** sautéed with garlic and olive oil (usually a green vegetable)

**ripieno** stuffed; filled

**risi e bisi** rice and peas (Venice)

**riso** rice



**riso basmati** basmati rice  
**riso condito** seasoned rice  
**riso integrale** brown rice  
**riso jasmine** jasmine rice  
**risotto** short-grain rice, simmered in broth  
**risotto ai porcini** simmered rice with porcini mushrooms  
**risotto al nero di seppia** rice simmered in cuttlefish ink  
**risotto alla milanese** simmered rice with saffron  
**rocciata** apple strudel with raisins  
**rognone** kidney  
**romana** “Roman style”  
**rombo** turbot (flounder-like fish)  
**rosa** rose  
**rosato** rosé (wine)  
**rosmarino** rosemary  
**rosolato** browned  
**rospo** frogfish (small marine fish)  
**rosso** red  
**rotelli** “wagon wheel”-shaped pasta  
**rotini** short, spiral-shaped pasta  
**rubinetto, acqua del** tap water  
**rusa, insalata** vegetable salad with mayonnaise

## S

**sagnarelli** thick, flat, short noodles with wavy edges

**salame** cured sausage, sometimes spicy

**salame di Sant'Olcese** Genoa salami

**salame piccante** spicy salami (similar to American pepperoni)

**salamino** small salami

**salato** salty

**sale** salt

**salmone** salmon

**salmone in bellavista** braised salmon, usually elegantly presented

**salsa bruna** gravy

**salsa di pomodoro** tomato and garlic sauce

**salsiccia** link sausage

**saltato** sautéed (“skipped”)

**saltimbocca alla romana** thinly sliced sautéed veal layered with prosciutto and sage

**salumi** cold cuts

**salumi misti** assortment of sliced, cured meats

**salvia** sage

**sambuca** anise liqueur

**(al) sangue / molto al sangue** rare / very rare (meat)

**sanguinaccio** blood sausage

**saporito** sharp (cheese)

**sarda / sardina** sardine

**sarde in saor** sardines marinated with onions

**sbrisolona / sbriciolona** crumbly; can refer to crumble cake and /  
or a less-aged, “crumbly” fennel salami

**scaldato** toasted

**scalogno** shallot

**scaloppine** thin-sliced veal

**scamerita (di maiale)** pork shoulder

**scamorza** mozzarella-like cow cheese, often smoked

**scampi** prawns

**scarola** escarole

**schacciata** thin, “squashed” bread sprinkled with sea salt and olive  
oil

**schiuma** milky foam on espresso

**sciachetrà** sweet dessert wine

**scialatelli** like linguine, but squared instead of rounded

**scoglio** pasta sauce with mussels, clams, and tomatoes

**scottaditto** “scorch your fingers” (can’t wait to eat them)

**scottato** blanched

**scremato** skimmed

**secco** dry (wine)

**selvaggina** game

**selvatico** wild-grown

**seme** seed

**semifreddo** frozen mousse-like dessert

**semola** semolina

**senape** mustard

**senza glutine** gluten-free

**seppia** cuttlefish, sometimes squid

**seppie al nero** cuttlefish served in its own ink

**sfoglia** puff pastry, often filled with fruit

**sfogliatella** crispy pastry filled with sweet ricotta

**sformato / sformatino** casserole

**sfornato** baked

**sfusato** juicy lemon (Amalfi Coast)

**sgombro** scad (like mackerel)

**sgroppino** after-dinner drink of vodka and lemon gelato

**sgusciato** peeled (shellfish)

**siciliana** with capers, olives, and often anchovies (pizza)

**sogliola** sole (fish)

**sopressata** in the south, a coarsely ground, spicy salami; in Tuscany (*sopressata toscana*), headcheese

**sorbetto** sherbet

**sorrentina** “Sorrento-style,” pasta sauce with tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella

**sott'aceto** pickled

**sott'oli** pickled

**sovracoscia** thigh (poultry)

**spaghetti alla chitarra** spaghetti cut with a stringed (“guitar”) device

**spaghettoni** skinny spaghetti

**spaghettoni** thicker spaghetti

**spagnolo** Spanish-style (spicy) salami

**spalla** shoulder (of beef, pork, lamb)

**spalla di manzo** beef chuck

**specialità** specialty

**speck** smoked, thinly sliced pork shoulder

**sperlano** smelt

**spezia** spice

**speziato** spicy (flavorful)

**spezzatino** stew

**spiedini alla griglia** grilled on a skewer

**spiedino** skewer

**spigola** bass

**spigoloso** sharp (wine)

**(alla) spina** from the tap (beer)

**spinaci** spinach

**spirali / spiralin** “spiral”-shaped tube of pasta

**spremuta** freshly squeezed juice

**spritz** white wine and liquor spritzer

**spuntino** snack

**stagionato** aged, sharp, and hard (cheese)

**(di) stagione** seasonal

**stinco** shank (leg meat)

**straccetti** sautéed slices of meat with arugula and tomatoes or mushrooms

**stracchino** spreadable, soft cow cheese

**stracciatella** vanilla gelato with shreds of chocolate

**stracciatella alla romana** egg-drop meat broth topped with *parmigiano-reggiano* cheese

**strangolapreti** twisted pasta

**strapazzate** scrambled

**strascicate** sautéed (with meat sauce); scrambled

**stravecchio** well-aged (cheese)

**stringozzi** “shoestring”-shaped pasta noodles

**stricchetti** bow-tie pasta

**strozzapreti** pasta shaped like a priest’s collar (“priest-strangler”)

**stufato (di agnello)** (lamb) stew

**stuzzicante** toothpick

**su letto** on a bed of

**succo** juice

**succoso** juicy

**sughetto** gravy; sauce

**(al) sugo** with sauce (usually tomato)

**suppli** deep-fried balls of rice, tomato sauce, and mozzarella

**suprema (di pollo)** (chicken) breast with cream sauce

**susina** plum

## T

**tacchino** turkey

**tagliata** thin slices of grilled tenderloin, typically on bed of arugula

**tagliatelle** wide, flat noodles

**tagliere** wooden platter with meats and cheeses

**taglierini** thinner tagliatelle noodles

**(al) taglio** by the slice

**taleggio** rich, creamy, cow cheese

**tannico** tannic (wine)

**tartina** canapé

**tartine farcite** finger sandwiches

**tartufata** with truffles

**tartufo** truffle

**tartufo (con panna)** dark-chocolate gelato ball with a cherry inside  
(and whipped cream on top)

**tavola calda** buffet-style eatery

**tazza** cup

**tazzina** small coffee cup

**tè** tea

**tè agli agrumi** citrus tea

**tè al limone** lemon tea

**tè alla frutta** fruit tea

**tè alla menta** mint tea

**tè freddo** iced tea

**tè nero** black tea

**tè verde** green tea

**tegame alla Vernazza** anchovies served with potatoes, tomatoes, white wine, oil, and herbs

**temperatura ambiente** room temperature

**terroso** earthy

**testa** head

**testa in cassetta / coppa di testa / formaggio di testa** headcheese  
(organs in aspic)

**testicolo** testicle

**tiepido** lukewarm

**timo** thyme

**tiramisù** espresso-soaked cake with chocolate, cream, and Marsala

**tisana** herbal tea

**tomino** goat cheese



**tonno** tuna

**torchietti** “torch”-shaped pasta

**torello** bullock (young bull)

**torrefazione** roasted

**torrone** nougat and almond sweet

**torta** cake; pie

**torta de ceci** savory chickpea crêpe

**torta della nonna** custard tart with pine nuts

**torta di mele** apple cake

**torta di ricotta** ricotta cake with chocolate chips

**torta salata** quiche

**tortelli / tordelli** small, C-shaped pasta filled with meat or cheese

**tortellini** smaller tortelli

**tortelloni** larger tortelli

**tortiglioni** narrow rigatoni pasta

**toscana** “Tuscan style”; also chicken-liver paste

**totani** squid

**tovagliolo** napkin

**tramezzini** small, crustless sandwiches

**trancia** slice

**trenette** long, flat, thin noodle similar to linguine

**triglia** red mullet (fish)

**tripoline** long, flat, thick noodle ruffled on one side

**trippa** tripe

**trippa alla fiorentina** tripe and vegetables sautéed in a tomato sauce, sometimes baked with *parmigiano-reggiano* cheese

**trippa alla romana** tripe braised with onions, carrots, and mint

**tritato / trito** chopped

**trofie / trofiette** twisted noodle

**trota** trout

**tuorlo** egg yolk

## U

**umbria** pasta sauce of anchovies, garlic, tomatoes, and truffles

**umbricelli** thick, chewy, rolled pasta

**(in) umido** stewed

**ungherese** Hungarian-style (smoky) salami

**uova di galline allevate a terra** free-range eggs

**uova di pesce** fish roe

**uova di riccio di mare** sea urchin roe

**uova fritte** fried eggs

**uova strapazzate** scrambled eggs

**uovo** egg

**uovo alla coque (molle / sodo)** boiled egg (soft / hard)

**uovo in camicia** poached egg

**uva** grape

**uvetta** raisin

## V

**Valtellina, bresaola della** best-quality air-cured beef

**vaniglia** vanilla

**(al) vapore** steamed

**vegetariano** vegetarian

**veloce** fast

**vendemmia** harvest (wine)

**ventriglio** gizzard

**verace** authentic; fresh

**verde** green

**verdura** vegetable

**vermicelli** long noodles slightly thicker than spaghetti

**vermicelloni** thicker vermicelli

**verza** cabbage

**viennese** with tomato, mozzarella, and German-style sausage  
(pizza)

**vigneto** vineyard

**Vin Santo** sweet dessert wine

**vino** wine

**vino da tavola** table wine

**vino della casa** house wine

**vino riserva** high-quality, aged wine

**vino selezionato** select wine (good year)

**vino sfuso** house wine in a jug

**visciola** sour cherry

**vitello** veal

**vitello di mare** porbeagle shark (“sea veal”), similar to swordfish

**vitello milanese** breaded and pan-fried veal cutlet

**vitello tonnato** thin-sliced roasted veal with tuna-caper  
mayonnaise

**vongola** clam

## W

**wurstel** hot dog; German-style sausage

## Z

**zabaglione** custard dessert of egg yolks, sugar, and sweet wine

**zafferano** saffron

**zampone** sausage-stuffed pig’s leg

**zenzero** ginger

**zeppola** deep-fried doughnut filled with oozing custard

**ziti** long, hollow pasta tubes

**zucca** summer squash

**zucca gialla** yellow pumpkin

**zucca invernale** winter squash

**zucchero** sugar

**zucchero di canna** brown sugar

**zucchina** zucchini

**zuppa** soup

**zuppa alla volterrana** stew of white beans, veggies, bread, and olive oil

**zuppa di pesce** fish soup or stew

**zuppa inglese** trifle (rum-soaked cake layered with whipped cream and fruit)

**zuppa lombarda** Tuscan bean soup

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## **A**

**aged (cheese)** stagionato; stravecchio

**alcohol** alcool

**alcohol-free** analcolico; senza alcool

**almond** mandorla

**anchovy** acciuga

**anise** anice

**appetizer** antipasto

**apple** mela

**apple cake** torta di mele  
**apple strudel** rocciata; strudel di mele  
**apricot** albicocca  
**artichoke** carciofo  
**artificial sweetener** dolcificante  
**arugula (rocket)** rucola  
**asparagus** asparagi  
**assorted** assortiti  
**au gratin (with melted cheese)** gratinate  
**avocado** avocado

## **B**

**bacon (salt-cured)** pancetta  
**baked** al forno  
**baloney** mortadella  
**banana** banana  
**basil** basilico  
**basmati rice** riso basmati  
**bass** spigola  
**bean and pasta soup** pasta e fagioli  
**bean / green bean** fagiolo / fagiolino  
**beef** manzo  
**beef steak** bistecca

**beef, air-cured** bresaola  
**beer (on tap)** birra (alla spina)  
**beet** barbabietola  
**bell pepper** peperone  
**belly (pork)** pancetta di maiale  
**berries** frutti di bosco  
**beverages** bevande; bibite  
**bitter** amaro  
**black currant** ribes nero  
**black olives** olive nero  
**blackberry** mora  
**blanched** scottato  
**blood orange** arancia rossa  
**blood sausage** sanguinaccio  
**blue cheese** gorgonzola  
**blueberry** mirtillo  
**boar** cinghiale  
**boiled** bollito  
**boneless** disossato  
**bottle** bottiglia  
**brains** cervella  
**braised** brasato



**bread** pane...

**brown** ...scuro; ...integrale

**herb or vegetable** ...aromatico

**olive** ...alle olive

**rye** ...di segale

**white** ...bianco

**whole grain** ...integrale

**breaded** impanato

**breadsticks** grissini

**breakfast** colazione; prima colazione

**bream (fish)** orata

**breast (of chicken)** petto (di pollo)

**broiled** alla brace

**broth** brodo

**browned** rosolato

**Brussels sprouts** cavolini di bruxelles

**burned** bruciato

**butter** burro

## C

**cabbage** cavolo; verza

**cake** torta

**candy** caramelle

**cantaloupe** melone

**caper** cappero

**carafe** caraffa

**carbonated** gassata; con gas; effervescente; frizzante

**cardamom** cardamomo

**carrot** carota

**cashew** anacardo

**casserole** sformato

**catfish** pesce lupo

**cauliflower** cavolfiore

**cayenne pepper** pepe di caienna

**cereal** cereali

**chamomile** camomilla

**charcoal** carbonella

**chard** bietola

**cheese** formaggio

**cheese plate** piatto di formaggi misti

**cherry** ciliegia

**cherry, sour** visciola; amarena

**chestnut** castagna

**chicken** pollo

**chicken liver paste** patè di fegato

**chickpea** cece  
**chilled** ghiacciato  
**chive** cipollina  
**chocolate** cioccolata  
**choice of** a scelta  
**chop (meat)** cotoletta; braciola  
**chopped** tritato; trito  
**chuck (beef)** spalla di manzo  
**cilantro / coriander** coriandolo  
**cinnamon** cannella  
**citrus** agrumi  
**clam** vongola  
**clove** chiodo di garofano  
**coated** ricoperto  
**coconut** noce di cocco  
**cod / salt cod** merluzzo / baccalà  
**coffee (espresso)** caffè...  
    **iced and sweetened** ...freddo  
    **instant** ...solubile  
    **with a shot of liqueur** ...corretto  
    **with a splash of milk** ...macchiato  
    **with foamed milk** ...cappuccino

**with lots of milk** ...latte

**with very little / more / lots of hot water** ...corto / lungo / americano

**with whipped cream** ...con panna

**cold** freddo

**cold cuts** affettati; salumi

**cone** cono

**cooked** cotto

**cookie** biscotto

**corkscrew** cavatappi

**corn** mais; granoturco

**crab** granchio

**crayfish** gambero di fiume

**cream** panna

**cream cheese** formaggio fresco

**cream puff** bignè (alla crema)

**cream, whipped** panna montata

**crêpe** crespella

**crisp / crispy** croccante

**croissant** cornetto

**croquette** crocchetta

**cucumber** cetriolo

**cumin** cumino

**cup** tazza

**cured meats** affettati

**custard** crema

**cutlet** cotoletta

**cuttlefish (in its own ink)** seppia (al nero)

## **D**

**date** dattero

**decaffeinated** decaffeinato; Hag

**deep-fried** fritto

**deer / roe deer** cervo / capriolo

**degazed** deglassato

**dessert** dolce

**dill** aneto

**dinner** cena

**dogfish** palombo

**doughnut** ciambella

**dozen** dozzina

**drumstick** coscia

**dry (wine)** secco

**duck** anatra

**dumpling (potato)** gnocchi

## E

**eel** anguilla

**egg** uovo...

**boiled (soft / hard)** ...alla coque (molle / sodo)

**fried** ...fritte

**poached** ...in camicia

**scrambled** ...strapazzate

**egg white** albume

**egg yolk** tuorlo

**eggplant** melanzana

**endive** indivia

**escarole** scarola

**espresso** caffè

## F

**fava bean** fava

**fennel** finocchio

**fig** fico

**filled / filling** ripieno

**fillet** filetto

**first course** primo piatto

**fish** pesce

**fish soup** zuppa di pesce  
**fixed-price meal** menù fisso  
**flank steak** bavette  
**flatbread** schiacciata  
**flesh** carne (meat); polpa (fruit)  
**free-range eggs** uova di galline allevate a terra  
**French fries** patate fritte  
**fresh** fresco  
**fresh-squeezed juice** spremuta  
**fricasee** fricassea  
**fried** fritto  
**fritter** frittella  
**frozen** congelato  
**fruit** frutta  
**fruit salad** macedonia  
**fruit smoothie** frullato di frutta  
**fruitcake** panforte  
**fruity** fruttato  
**full-bodied (wine)** corposo; pieno

## **G**

**game (wild)** selvaggina  
**game hen** pollastrella

**garbanzo bean (chickpea)** cece  
**garlic** aglio  
**garlic shoot** aglio fresco  
**garnish** guarnizione  
**Genoa salami** salame di Sant'Olcese  
**ginger** zenzero  
**gizzard** ventriglio  
**glass** bicchiere  
**glazed** glassato  
**gluten(-free)** (senza) glutine  
**goat** capra  
**goat cheese** formaggio di capra / caprino  
**goose** oca  
**grape** uva  
**grape leaf** foglia di vite  
**grapefruit** pompelmo  
**grated** grattugiato  
**gravy** sughetto; salsa bruna  
**green** verde  
**green bean** fagiolino  
**grilled** griglia  
**guinea fowl** faraona



# H

**hake (whitefish)** nasello

**half** mezzo

**halibut** ippoglosso

**ham (air-cured / cooked)** prosciutto (crudo / cotto)

**hare** lepre

**harvest (wine)** vendemmia

**hash** pasticcio di carne

**hazelnut** nocciola

**head** testa

**headcheese** testa in cassetta

**heavy (wine)** gustoso

**herb** erbe

**herring** aringa

**homemade** fatto in casa

**honey** miele

**honeydew melon** melone d'inverno

**horse meat** carne equina

**horseradish** rafano

**hot** caldo

**hot dog** hot dog; würstel

**(of the) house** (della) casa

**house wine** vino della casa; vino sfuso

## I

**ice** ghiaccio

**ice cream** gelato

**imported** importato

**instant coffee** caffè solubile

## J

**jam** marmellata

**jelly** gelatina

**juice** succo

**juice, freshly squeezed** spremuta

**juicy** succoso

## K

**kale** cavolo riccio; cavolo nero

**kid (goat)** capretto

**kidney** rognone

**knuckle** nodino

**kosher** kasher

## L

**lamb** agnello; abbacchio  
**lamb stew** stufato di agnello  
**lamb, leg of** cosciotto di agnello  
**large** grande  
**leaf / leafy** foglia  
**leek** porro  
**lemon** limone  
**lemon soda** limonata  
**lentil** lenticchia  
**lettuce** lattuga  
**licorice** liquirizia  
**light (not hearty)** leggero  
**lima bean** fagiolo lima  
**liver (pâté)** fegato (patè)  
**liver and onions** fegato alla veneziana  
**liver meatballs** fegatelli  
**loaf (of bread)** filone  
**lobster** aragosta; astice  
**local** locale  
**loin (beef)** lombo  
**loin (pork)** arista  
**low calorie** poche calorie; ipocalorico

**lukewarm** tiepido

**lunch** pranzo

## **M**

**mackerel** sgombro

**mango** mango

**maple** acero

**margarine** margarina

**marinated** marinato

**marjoram** maggiorana

**market price** prezzo di mercato

**marrow / marrowbone** midollo

**mature (wine)** maturo

**mayonnaise** maionese

**meat** carne

**meat, dark (poultry)** carne scura

**meat, white (poultry)** carne bianca

**medium (meat)** cotto

**melon / honeydew** melone / melone d'inverno

**melted** fuso

**mild** delicato

**milk** latte...

**fresh** ...fresco

**skim** ...magro

**whole** ...intero

**milkshake** frappè

**minced** macinato

**mineral water** acqua minerale

**mint** menta

**mixed** misto

**monkfish** rana pescatrice

**mozzarella (from water buffalo)** mozzarella (di bufala)

**mullet (fish)** triglia

**multigrain** cereali misti

**mushroom** fungo

**mussel** cozza

**mustard** senape

**mutton** montone

## **N**

**neck** collo

**noodles** pasta

**nutmeg** noce moscata

## **O**

**octopus** polpo; moscardino

**offal (butchering by-products)** frattaglie

**oil** olio

**olive** oliva

**olive oil** olio di oliva

**olives, black** olive nere

**olives, green** olive verdi

**omelet** frittata; omelette

**onion** cipolla

**orange soda** aranciata

**orange / blood orange** arancia / arancia rossa

**oregano** origano

**organic** biologico

**oven-baked** al forno

**oxtail** coda di bue

**oyster** ostrica

## **P**

**papaya** papaia

**paprika** paprika

**parsley** prezzemolo

**partridge** pernice

**passionfruit** passion fruit

**pasta (noodle)** pasta

**pasta sauce** sugo

**bacon, egg, cheese, and pepper** carbonara

**butter, cream, and parmigiano cheese** alfredo

**clams and spices** vongole

**meat and tomato sauce** bolognese; ragù

**seafood** frutti di mare; sometimes marinara

**tomato sauce with anchovies, olives, and capers** puttanesca

**tomato sauce with chili peppers** arrabbiata

**pastries** pasticcini

**pea** pisello

**peach** pesca

**peanut** arachide; nocciolina

**peanut butter** burro d'arachidi

**pear** pera

**peeled (seafood)** sgusciato

**pepper (bell)** peperone

**pepper (spice)** pepe

**pepperoni (pizza)** salame piccante; alla diavola

**persimmon** caco

**pheasant** fagiano

**pickle** cetriolino

**pickled** sott'aceto; sott'oli

**pie** torta

**piece** pezzo

**pig** maiale

**pig, roast suckling** porchetta; maialino

**pike** luccio

**pine nut** pinolo

**pineapple** ananas

**pistachio** pistacchio

**pizza** pizza...

**by the slice** ...al taglio

**“rustic” pizza sold by weight** ...rustica

**vegetarian** ...all’ortolana

**with capers, olives, and often anchovies** ...alla siciliana

**with cheese, basil, and tomato sauce** ...margherita

**with cheese, anchovies, and tomato sauce** ...alla napoletana

**with four different cheeses / toppings** ...quattro formaggi / stagioni

**with spicy salami similar to pepperoni** ...alla diavola; salame piccante

**with tomato sauce, oregano, and garlic, but no cheese** ... marinara

**plaice (whitefish)** platessa

**plate** piatto



**platter** tagliere  
**plum** susina  
**poached** affogato  
**pomegranate** melograno  
**porcini (mushroom)** porcini  
**pork** maiale  
**pork belly, salt-cured** pancetta  
**pork cheek, air-cured** guanciaie  
**pork sausage (cured)** salame  
**pork shoulder** scamerita (di maiale)  
**pork shoulder, smoked and thinly sliced** speck  
**porridge** farinata  
**potato** patata  
**potatoes, mashed** purè di patate  
**potatoes, roasted** patate arrosto  
**poultry** pollame  
**pound cake** ciambellone  
**prawns** scampi  
**preserves** conserva  
**prune** prugna  
**pudding** budino  
**puff pastry** pasta sfoglia

**pure** puro

## Q

**quail** quaglia

**quiche** quiche; torta salata

**quince** mela cotogna

## R

**rabbit** coniglio

**rack of** carré di

**radicchio** radicchio

**radish** ravanello

**raisin** uvetta

**rare / very rare (meat)** al sangue / molto al sangue

**raspberry** lampone

**raw** crudo

**red** rosso

**red currant** ribes rosso

**red mullet (fish)** triglia

**rib (meat)** costoletta

**rib-eye steak** costata

**rice** riso...

**basmati** ...basmati

**brown** ...integrale

**jasmine** ...jasmine

**roast beef** roast beef

**roasted** arrosto; torrefazione

**roe (fish eggs)** uova di pesce

**roll** pane; panino

**Romaine lettuce** lattuga romana

**room temperature** temperatura ambiente

**root** radice

**rosé (wine)** rosato

**rosemary** rosmarino

**rump (steak)** bistecca di fesa di manzo

## S

**saffron** zafferano

**sage** salvia

**salad** insalata...

**bread and tomato** ...panzanella

**green** ...verde

**mixed** ...mista

**mozzarella, tomato, and basil** ...caprese

**seafood** ...di mare

**with veggies and mayo** ...russa

**salami** salame  
**salmon** salmone  
**salt** sale  
**salt pork** maiale sotto sale  
**salty** salato  
**sandwich** panino  
**sardine** sarda; sardina  
**sauce** sugo; see “pasta sauce”  
**sausage** salsiccia  
**sausage (German-style)** wurstel  
**sautéed** saltato (in padella)  
**scad** sgombro  
**scallops** capesante  
**scoop (ice cream)** pallina  
**scrambled (eggs)** (uova) strapazzate  
**sea bass** branzino  
**sea urchin** polpa di riccio; riccio di mare  
**seafood** frutti di mare  
**seafood salad** insalata di mare  
**seafood sauce** pescatore  
**seafood stew** zuppa di pesce  
**seasonal** di stagione

**second course** secondo piatto

**seed** seme

**semolina (grain)** semola

**shallot** scalogno

**shank (leg meat)** stinco

**sharp (cheese)** saporito

**sheep** pecora

**sheep cheese** pecorino

**shell** guscio

**shellfish** mollusco

**sherbet** sorbetto

**shoulder (meat)** spalla

**shrimp (big / small)** gambero (gamberone / gamberetto)

**sirloin steak** entrecote

**skewer(ed)** spiedino

**skimmed** scremato

**small** piccolo

**smelt** sperlano

**smoked** affumicato

**smooth (wine)** morbido

**snack** spuntino

**snail** lumaca

**soft (cheese)** morbido

**sole (fish)** sogliola

**sorbet** sorbetto

**soup** zuppa...

**bean** ...lombarda

**fish** ...di pesce

**soup, bean and pasta** pasta e fagioli

**soup, vegetable** minestrone

**sour** agro

**sparkling (wine)** frizzante

**specialty** specialità

**spice** spezia

**spicy (flavorful)** speziato

**spicy (hot)** piccante; alla diavola

**spinach** spinaci

**sponge cake** pan di spagna

**squab** piccione

**squash blossoms** fiori di zucca

**squash, summer** zucca

**squash, winter** zucca invernale

**squid** calamari; totani

**steak** bistecca

**steak, sirloin** entrecote

**steak, T-bone (Florence-style)** bistecca (alla fiorentina)

**steamed** al vapore

**stew** stufato; in umido; spezzatino

**still (water)** naturale

**strawberry** fragola

**stuffed** ripieno; farcito

**sugar** zucchero

**sugar, brown** zucchero di canna

**sunflower** girasole

**sweet** dolce

**sweet (wine)** abbocato

**sweet roll** brioche

**sweetbreads (veal)** animelle (di vitello)

**sweetener, artificial** dolcificante

**sweets** dolci

**Swiss chard** bietola

**Swiss cheese** emmenthal; groviera

**swordfish** pesce spada

## T

**table** tavola

**tangerine** mandarino

**tannic (wine)** tannico

**tarragon** dragoncello

**tart** crostata

**tea** tè...

**black** ...nero

**citrus** ...agli agrumi

**fruit** ...alla frutta

**green** ...verde

**iced** ...freddo

**lemon** ...al limone

**mint** ...alla menta

**tea bag** bustina di tè

**tea, herbal** tisana

**tenderloin** filetto

**testicle** testicolo

**thigh (poultry)** sovracoscia

**thyme** timo

**to go** da portar via

**toasted** scaldato

**tomato** pomodoro

**tongue** lingua

**toothpick** stuzzicadente



**trifle** zuppa inglese

**tripe** trippa

**trout** trota

**truffles** tartufi

**tuna** tonno

**turbot** rombo

**turkey** tacchino

**turnip** rapa

## V

**vanilla** vaniglia

**veal** vitello

**veal shank** ossobuco

**vegetable** verdura

**vegetable soup** minestrone

**vegetarian** vegetariano

**venison** carne di cervo

**vinaigrette** vinaigrette

**vinegar** aceto

**vineyard** vigneto

**vintage (wine)** annata

## W

**walnut** noce

**water** acqua...

**carbonated / uncarbonated** ...con gas / ...senza gas

**mineral** ...minerale

**tap** ...rubinetto

**watercress** crescione

**watermelon** anguria; cocomero

**well-done / very well-done (meat)** ben cotto / molto ben cotto

**wheat** frumento

**whipped cream** panna montata

**white** bianco

**whole-grain** integrale

**wild game** selvaggine

**wild-grown** selvatico

**wine** vino...

**house** ...della casa

**red** ...rosso

**rosé** ...rosato

**sparkling** ...frizzante

**table** ...da tavola

**white** ...bianco

**Y**

**yeast** lievito

**yogurt** yogurt

**yolk (egg)** tuorlo

**young (wine)** giovane

## **Z**

**zucchini** zucchini



# Sightseeing

## Where?

Key Phrases: Sightseeing

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## English / Italian Dictionary

Whether you're touring a museum, going on a city walking tour, visiting a church, or conquering a castle, these phrases will help

you make the most of your sightseeing time.

## Where?

### Key Phrases: Sightseeing

<b>Where is the...?</b>	Dov'è...? <b>doh-veh</b>
<b>Where are the...?</b>	Dove sono...? <b>doh-vay soh-noh</b>
<b>tourist information office</b>	l'ufficio informazioni <b>loo-fee-choh een-for-maht-see-oh-nee</b>
<b>toilet</b>	la toilette <b>lah twah-leh-tay</b>
<b>main square</b>	la piazza principale <b>lah pee-aht-sah preen-chee-pah-lay</b>
<b>old town center</b>	il centro storico <b>eel chehn-troh stoh-ree-koh</b>
<b>entrance</b>	l'entrata <b>lehn-trah-tah</b>
<b>exit</b>	l'uscita <b>loo-shee-tah</b>
<b>town hall</b>	il municipio <b>eel moo-nee-chee-pee-oh</b>
<b>museum</b>	il museo <b>eel moo-zeh-oh</b>
<b>cathedral</b>	il duomo / la cattedrale <b>eel dwoh-moh / lah kah-teh-drah-lay</b>
<b>church</b>	la chiesa <b>lah kee-eh-zah</b>
<b>castle</b>	il castello <b>eel kah-steh-loh</b>
<b>palace</b>	il palazzo <b>eel pah-lahd-zoh</b>
<b>ruins</b>	le rovine <b>lay roh-vee-nay</b>
<b>amusement park</b>	un parco dei divertimenti <b>oon par-koh deh-ee dee-vehr-tee-mehn-tee</b>
<b>aquarium</b>	l'acquario <b>lah-kwah-ree-oh</b>
<b>zoo</b>	lo zoo <b>loh zoh</b>

<b>best view</b>	la vista più bella lah <b>vee-stah</b> pew <b>beh-lah</b>
<b>viewpoint</b>	il punto panoramico eel <b>poon-toh</b> pah-noh- <b>rah-mee-koh</b>
<b>Is there a fair / local festival nearby?</b>	Qui vicino c'è un fiera / sagra? kwee vee- <b>chee-noh</b> cheh oon fee- <b>eh-rah</b> / <b>sah-grah</b>

## Key Phrases: Sightseeing

<b>ticket</b>	biglietto <b>beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>How much is it?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>Is there a guided tour in English?</b>	Avete una visita guidata in inglese? ah- <b>veh-tay oo-nah</b> vee- <b>zee-tah</b> gwee- <b>dah-tah</b> een een- <b>gleh-zay</b>
<b>When?</b>	Quando? <b>kwahn-doh</b>
<b>What time does this open / close?</b>	A che ora apre / chiude? ah kay <b>oh-rah</b> <b>ah-pray</b> / kee- <b>oo-day</b>

A major town square can be called a *piazza* or *campo*, while a smaller square might be a *piazzetta* or *campiello*.

## At Sights

Tickets and Discounts

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# Tickets and Discounts

<b>ticket office</b>	biglietteria <b>beel-yeh-teh-ree-yah</b>
<b>ticket</b>	biglietto <b>beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>combo-ticket</b>	biglietto cumulativo <b>beel-yeh-toh koo-moo-lah-tee-voh</b>
<b>reduced ticket</b>	biglietto ridotto <b>beel-yeh-toh ree-doh-toh</b>
<b>reservation</b>	prenotazione <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>museum pass</b>	pass per più musei <b>pahs pehr pew moo-zeh-ee</b>
<b>price</b>	prezzo <b>prehd-zoh</b>
<b>discount</b>	sconti <b>skohn-tee</b>
<b>Is there a discount for...?</b>	Fate sconti per...? <b>fah-tay skohn-tee pehr</b>
...children	...bambini <b>bahm-bee-nee</b>
...youths	...giovani <b>joh-vah-nee</b>
...students	...studenti <b>stoo-dehn-tee</b>
...families	...famiglie <b>fah-meel-yay</b>
...seniors	...anziani <b>ahnt-see-ah-nee</b>
...groups	...comitive <b>koh-mee-tee-vay</b>
<b>I am...</b>	Io ho... <b>ee-oh oh</b>
<b>He / She is...</b>	Lui / Lei ha... <b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah</b>
... ____ years old.	... ____ anni. ____ <b>ahn-nee</b>
...extremely old.	...vecchissimo[a]. <b>veh-kee-see-moh</b>
<b>reservation</b>	prenotazione <b>preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>Is it possible to make a reservation?</b>	Si può prenotare? <b>see pwoh preh-noh-tah-ray</b>
<b>How do I make a reservation?</b>	Come si prenota? <b>koh-may see preh-noh-tah</b>
<b>What time?</b>	A che ora? <b>ah kay oh-rah</b>

Where?	Dove? <b>doh-vay</b>
Is the ticket good all day?	È valido per tutto il giorno? <b>eh vah-lee-doh pehr too-toh eel jor-noh</b>
Can I get back in?	Posso rientrare? <b>poh-soh ree-ehn-trah-ray</b>

For some very crowded museums (such as Florence’s Uffizi Gallery or Rome’s Vatican Museums), it’s wise to book tickets in advance. Ask locals or check your guidebook for details—it could save you hours in line.

Some cities sell admission passes that let you skip ticket-buying lines at multiple museums. At some popular places (such as Venice’s Doge’s Palace), you can get in more quickly by buying your ticket or pass at a less-crowded sight.

## Information and Tours

information	informazioni <b>een-for-maht-see-oh-nee</b>
tour	tour <b>toor</b>
tour guide	guida turistica <b>gwee-dah too-ree-stee-kah</b>
in English	in inglese <b>een een-gleh-zay</b>
Is there a...?	C’è una...? <b>ch eh oo-nah</b>
...city walking tour	...visita guidata della città <b>vee-zee-tah gwee-dah-tah deh-lah chee-tah</b>
...guided tour	...visita guidata <b>vee-zee-tah gwee-dah-tah</b>
...audioguide	...audioguida <b>ow-dee-oh-gwee-dah</b>
...city guidebook	...guida della città <b>gwee-dah deh-lah chee-tah</b>
...museum guidebook	...guida del museo <b>gwee-dah dehl moo-zeh-oh</b>
Is it free?	È gratis? <b>eh grah-tees</b>



<b>How much is it?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>How long does it last?</b>	Quanto dura? <b>kwahn-toh doo-rah</b>
<b>When is the next tour in English?</b>	Quando è il prossimo tour in inglese? <b>kwahn-doh eh eel proh-see-moh toor een een-gleh-zay</b>

Some sights are tourable only by groups with a guide (*guida turistica*). At other sights, booking a guided tour can help you avoid lines. Individuals usually end up on the next Italian tour. To get an English tour, call in advance or check online to see if one's scheduled. You may be able to tag along with a large tour group.

## Visiting Sights

<b>opening times</b>	orario d'apertura <b>oh-rah-ree-oh dah-pehr-too-rah</b>
<b>last entry</b>	ultimo ingresso <b>ool-tee-moh een-greh-soh</b>
<b>What time does this open / close?</b>	A che ora apre / chiude? <b>ah kay oh-rah ah-pray / kee-oo-day</b>
<b>When is the last entry?</b>	Quando è l'ultimo ingresso? <b>kwahn-doh eh lool-tee-moh een-greh-soh</b>
<b>Do I have to check this / this bag?</b>	Devo lasciare questo / questa borsa? <b>deh-voh lah-shah-ray kweh-stoh / kweh-stah bor-sah</b>
<b>bag check</b>	deposito per le borse <b>deh-poh-zee-toh pehr lay bor-say</b>
<b>floor plan</b>	pianta <b>pee-ahn-tah</b>
<b>floor</b>	piano <b>pee-ah-noh</b>
<b>room / large room</b>	sala / salone <b>sah-lah / sah-loh-nay</b>
<b>collection</b>	collezione <b>koh-leht-see-oh-nay</b>

<b>exhibit / exhibition...</b>	esposizione / mostra... <b>eh-spoh-zeet-see-oh-nay / moh-strah</b>
<b>...temporary / special</b>	...temporanea / speciale <b>tehm-poh-rah-neh-ah / speh-chah-lay</b>
<b>...permanent</b>	...permanente <b>pehr-mah-neh-tay</b>
<b>café</b>	bar <b>bar</b>
<b>elevator</b>	ascensore <b>ah-shehn-soh-ray</b>
<b>toilet</b>	toilette <b>twah-leh-tay</b>
<b>Where is ____?</b>	Dov'è ____? <b>doh-veh ____</b>
<b>I'd like to see ____.</b>	Mi piacerebbe vedere ____. <b>mee pee-ah-cheh-reh-bay veh-deh-ray ____</b>
<b>Photo / Video OK?</b>	Foto / Video è OK? <b>foh-toh / vee-deh-oh eh "OK"</b>
<b>flash / tripod</b>	flash / treppiede <b>"flash" / treh-pee-eh-day</b>
<b>Will you take my / our photo?</b>	Mi / Ci fa una foto? <b>mee / chee fah oo-nah foh-toh</b>
<b>Please let me / us in. (if room or sight is closing)</b>	Per favore, mi / ci faccia entrare. <b>pehr fah-voh-ray mee / chee fah-chah ehn-trah-ray</b>
<b>I promise I'll be fast.</b>	Prometto che sarò veloce. <b>proh-meh-toh kay sah-roh veh-loh-chay</b>
<b>It was my mother's dying wish that I see this.</b>	Ho promesso a mia madre sul letto di morte che avrei visto questo. <b>oh proh-meh-soh ah mee-ah mah-dray sool leh-toh dee mor-tay kay ah-vreh-ee vee-stoh kweh-stoh</b>

Once at the sight, get your bearings by viewing the *pianta* (floor plan). *Voi siete qui* means “You are here.” Many museums have an official, one-way route that all visitors take—just follow signs for *percorso della visita* (direction of visit).

## Signs at Sights

First figure out which line is for buying tickets (*biglietteria* / *biglietti*) and which is for the entrance (*entrata*). Larger museums might have separate entrances for individuals (*singoli*), for groups (*gruppi*), and for people who already have tickets reserved (*prenotati*).

<b>Adulti</b>	Adults
<b>Alle sale</b>	To the exhibit
<b>Anziani</b>	Seniors
<b>Armadietti</b>	Lockers
<b>Ascensori</b>	Elevators
<b>Audioguida</b>	Audioguide
<b>Bambini</b>	Children
<b>Biglietteria</b>	Ticket office
<b>Biglietti</b>	Tickets
<b>Biglietto cumulativo</b>	Combo-ticket
<b>Chiuso per restauro</b>	Closed for restoration
<b>Classe</b>	Classroom
<b>Collezione</b>	Collection
<b>Deposito per le borse</b>	Bag check
<b>Entrata</b>	Entrance
<b>Esposizione</b>	Exhibition
<b>Giornaliero</b>	Daily
<b>Giovani</b>	Youths
<b>Giro guidato</b>	Guided tour
<b>Guardaroba</b>	Cloakroom
<b>Ingresso</b>	Entrance

<b>Ingresso per disabili</b>	Disabled entrance
<b>Non è permesso</b>	Not allowed
<b>Non è permesso fotografare</b>	No photography
<b>Non è permesso il consumo di bevande</b>	No drinking
<b>Non è permesso l'uso del flash</b>	No flash
<b>Non è permesso l'uso del treppiede</b>	No tripod
<b>Non è permesso mangiare</b>	No eating
<b>Non toccare</b>	Do not touch
<b>Obbligatorio</b>	Required
<b>Opera in prestito</b>	Work on loan
<b>Opera in restauro</b>	Work undergoing restoration
<b>Orario d'ingresso</b>	Opening times
<b>Pass</b>	Museum pass
<b>(Per) gruppi</b>	(For) groups
<b>(Per) singoli</b>	(For) individuals
<b>Percorso della visita</b>	Direction of visit ("this way")
<b>Piano</b>	Floor
<b>Piano Terra / Primo / Secondo</b>	Ground / First / Second Floor
<b>Prenotazioni</b>	Reservations
<b>Punto vendita</b>	Museum shop
<b>Riservato al personale</b>	Staff only
<b>Sconti</b>	Discount
<b>Voi siete qui / Siete qui</b>	You are here (on map)
<b>Silenzio</b>	Silence

<b>Studenti</b>	Students
<b>Uscita</b>	Exit
<b>Uscita di emergenza</b>	Emergency exit
<b>(È) vietato</b>	(It is) forbidden
<b>Vietato uscire</b>	Not an exit
<b>Visita guidata</b>	Guided tour

Toilets can be marked *toilette* or *bagni*.

## Museums

Types of Museums

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## Types of Museums

<b>museum</b>	museo <b>moo-zeh-oh</b>
<b>gallery</b>	galleria <b>gah-leh-ree-ah</b>
<b>art gallery</b>	galleria d'arte <b>gah-leh-ree-ah dar-tay</b>
<b>painting gallery</b>	pinacoteca <b>pee-nah-koh-teh-kah</b>
<b>modern art</b>	arte moderna <b>ar-tay moh-dehr-nah</b>
<b>contemporary art</b>	arte contemporanea <b>ar-tay kohn-tehm-poh-rah-neh-ah</b>

<b>folk</b>	folclore <b>fohl-kloh-ray</b>
<b>history</b>	storia <b>stoh-ree-ah</b>
<b>town / city</b>	paese / città <b>pah-eh-zay / chee-tah</b>
<b>children's</b>	per bambini <b>pehr bahm-bee-nee</b>
<b>Jewish</b>	ebreo <b>eh-breh-oh</b>
<b>memorial</b>	monumento alla memoria <b>moh-noo-mehn-toh ah-lah meh-moh-ree-ah</b>

## Art Appreciation

<b>I like it.</b>	Mi piace. <b>mee pee-ah-chay</b>
<b>It's so...</b>	È così... <b>eh koh-zee</b>
<b>...beautiful.</b>	...bello. <b>beh-loh</b>
<b>...ugly.</b>	...brutto. <b>broo-toh</b>
<b>...strange.</b>	...strano. <b>strah-noh</b>
<b>...boring.</b>	...noioso. <b>noh-yoh-zoh</b>
<b>...interesting.</b>	...interessante. <b>een-teh-reh-sahn-tay</b>
<b>It's thought-provoking.</b>	Fa pensare. <b>fah pehn-sah-ray</b>
<b>It's B.S.</b>	È una stronzata. <b>eh oo-nah strohnt-sah-tah</b>
<b>I don't get it.</b>	Non capisco. <b>nohn kah-pees-koh</b>
<b>Is it upside down?</b>	È rovesciato? <b>eh roh-veh-shah-toh</b>
<b>Who did this?</b>	Chi l'ha fatto? <b>kee lah fah-toh</b>
<b>How old is this?</b>	Quando è stato fatto? <b>kwahn-doh eh stah-toh fah-toh</b>
<b>Wow!</b>	Wow! <b>wow</b>
<b>My feet hurt!</b>	Mi fanno male i piedi! <b>mee fah-noh mah-lay ee pee-eh-dee</b>

# Art and Architecture

<b>art</b>	arte <b>ar-tay</b>
<b>artist</b>	artista <b>ar-tee-stah</b>
<b>painting</b>	quadro <b>kwah-droh</b>
<b>sculptor</b>	scultore <b>skool-toh-ray</b>
<b>sculpture</b>	scultura <b>skool-too-rah</b>
<b>architect</b>	architetto <b>ar-kee-teh-toh</b>
<b>architecture</b>	architettura <b>ar-kee-teht-too-rah</b>
<b>original</b>	originale <b>oh-ree-jee-nah-lay</b>
<b>restored</b>	restaurato <b>reh-stow-rah-toh</b>
<b>B.C. / A.D.</b>	A.C. / D.C. <b>ah chee / dee chee</b>
<b>century</b>	secolo <b>seh-koh-loh</b>
<b>style</b>	stile <b>stee-lay</b>
<b>prehistoric</b>	preistorico <b>preh-ee-stoh-ree-koh</b>
<b>ancient</b>	antico <b>ahn-tee-koh</b>
<b>Etruscan</b>	etrusco <b>eh-troo-skoh</b>
<b>classical</b>	classico <b>klah-see-koh</b>
<b>Greek</b>	greco <b>greh-koh</b>
<b>Roman</b>	romano <b>roh-mah-noh</b>
<b>Byzantine</b>	bizantino <b>bee-zahn-tee-noh</b>
<b>Islamic</b>	islamico <b>ees-lah-mee-koh</b>
<b>medieval</b>	Medievale <b>meh-dee-eh-vah-lay</b>
<b>Romanesque</b>	Romanico <b>roh-mah-nee-koh</b>
<b>Gothic</b>	gotico <b>goh-tee-koh</b>
<b>1300s</b>	Trecento <b>treh-chehn-toh</b>
<b>1400s</b>	Quattrocento <b>kwah-troh-chehn-toh</b>
<b>1500s</b>	Cinquecento <b>cheen-kweh-chehn-toh</b>

<b>Renaissance</b>	Rinascimento <b>ree-nah-shee-mehn-toh</b>
<b>Baroque</b>	barocco <b>bah-roh-koh</b>
<b>Rococo</b>	rococò <b>roh-koh-koh</b>
<b>Neoclassical</b>	Neoclassico <b>nee-oh-klah-see-koh</b>
<b>Romantic</b>	Romantico <b>roh-mahn-tee-koh</b>
<b>Impressionist</b>	Impressionista <b>eem-preh-see-oh-nee-stah</b>
<b>Art Nouveau</b>	Art Nouveau <b>ar-tay noo-voh</b>
<b>Modern</b>	Moderno <b>moh-dehr-noh</b>
<b>abstract</b>	astratta <b>ah-strah-tah</b>
<b>contemporary</b>	contemporaneo <b>kohn-tehm-poh-rah-neh-oh</b>

The Italians refer to their three greatest centuries of art in an unusual way. They call the 1300s the **Trecento** (literally “300”). The 1400s (early Renaissance) are the **Quattrocento** (400), and the 1500s (High Renaissance) are the **Cinquecento** (500).

## Italian Art

Some of these terms, which originated in Italy, have become widely used in English as well.

**chiaroscuro** **kee-ah-roh-skoo-roh** strong visual contrast between light (*chiaro*) and dark (*scuro*)

**contrapposto** **kohn-trah-poh-stoh** a classical pose in sculpture, with the figure’s weight on one leg

**pietà** **pee-eh-tah** the dead Christ and sorrowful Virgin Mary

**putti** **poo-tee** chubby cherubs that populate many religious scenes

**sacra conversazione** **sah-krah kohn-vehr-saht-see-oh-nay** the Virgin Mary and Baby Jesus surrounded by saints

**sprezzatura** **sprehd-zah-too-rah** the appearance of artistic effortlessness



**terribilità** **teh-ree-bee-lee-tah** ability to command respect and inspire awe

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**tondo** **tohn-doh** circular painting

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**uomo universale** **woh-moh oo-nee-vehr-sah-lay** Renaissance Man—a person with a wide array of interests

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## Historical Terms

<b>Ancient Greece</b>	greco antico <b>greh-koh ahn-tee-koh</b>
<b>Roman</b>	romano <b>roh-mah-noh</b>
<b>republic / empire</b>	repubblica / impero <b>reh-poo-blee-kah / eem-peh-roh</b>
<b>Caesar</b>	cesare <b>chah-zah-ray</b>
<b>“Roman Peace”</b>	“pax romana” <b>pahks roh-mah-nah</b>
<b>barbarians</b>	barbari <b>bar-bah-ree</b>
<b>fall of Rome</b>	caduta dell’impero romano <b>kah-doo-tah deh-leem-peh-roh roh-mah-noh</b>
<b>Charlemagne</b>	Carlomagno <b>kar-loh-mahn-yoh</b>
<b>Holy Roman Emperor</b>	Sacro Romano Impero <b>sah-kroh roh-mah-noh eem-peh-roh</b>
<b>Golden Age</b>	età d’oro <b>eh-tah doh-roh</b>
<b>Middle Ages</b>	medioevo <b>meh-dee-oh-eh-voh</b>
<b>Crusades</b>	crociate <b>kroh-chah-tay</b>
<b>Renaissance</b>	Rinascimento <b>ree-nah-shee-mehn-toh</b>
<b>Reformation</b>	Riforma <b>ree-for-mah</b>
<b>Counter-Reformation</b>	Controriforma <b>kohn-troh-ree-for-mah</b>
<b>Enlightenment</b>	Illuminismo <b>ee-loo-mee-nees-moh</b>
<b>Industrial Revolution</b>	Rivoluzione Industriale <b>ree-voh-loot-see-oh-nay een-doo-stree-ah-lay</b>
<b>Italian Unification</b>	Risorgimento <b>ree-sor-jee-mehn-toh</b>

<b>Romanticism</b>	Romanticismo roh-mahn-tee- <b>cheez</b> -moh
<b>World War I</b>	prima guerra mondiale <b>pree</b> -mah <b>gweh</b> -rah mohn-dee- <b>ah</b> -lay
<b>fascism</b>	fascismo fah- <b>sheez</b> -moh
<b>“The Leader” (Mussolini’s title)</b>	Il Duce eel <b>doo</b> -chay
<b>World War II</b>	seconda guerra mondiale seh- <b>kohn</b> -dah <b>gweh</b> -rah mohn-dee- <b>ah</b> -lay
<b>postwar</b>	dopoguerra doh-poh- <b>gweh</b> -rah
<b>“Bribe City” (postwar corruption)</b>	Tangentopoli tahn-jehn- <b>toh</b> -poh-lee
<b>European Union (EU)</b>	Unione Europea (UE) oo-nee- <b>oh</b> -nay eh- oo-roh- <b>peh</b> -ah (oo ay)

All around Rome, you’ll see the letters **SPQR** (for instance, stamped on manhole covers in the street). Representing both ancient Rome and today’s municipality, they stand for the Latin phrase *Senatus Populusque Romanus*—the Senate and People of Rome.

## Churches

Church Words

Signs at Churches

### Church Words

<b>cathedral</b>	il duomo / la cattedrale eel <b>dwoh</b> -moh / lah kah-teh- <b>drah</b> -lay
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<b>church</b>	chiesa <b>kee-eh-zah</b>
<b>chapel</b>	cappella <b>kah-peh-lah</b>
<b>prayer hall</b>	oratorio <b>oh-rah-toh-ree-oh</b>
<b>baptistery</b>	battistero <b>bah-tee-steh-roh</b>
<b>altar</b>	altare <b>ahl-tah-ray</b>
<b>bells</b>	campane <b>kahm-pah-nay</b>
<b>choir</b>	coro <b>koh-roh</b>
<b>cloister</b>	chostro <b>kee-oh-stroh</b>
<b>cross</b>	croce <b>kroh-chay</b>
<b>crypt</b>	cripta <b>kreep-tah</b>
<b>dome</b>	cupola <b>koo-poh-lah</b>
<b>organ</b>	organo <b>or-gah-noh</b>
<b>pulpit</b>	pulpito <b>pool-pee-toh</b>
<b>relic</b>	reliquie <b>reh-lee-kwee-ay</b>
<b>sacristy</b>	sacrestia <b>sah-kreh-stee-ah</b>
<b>stained glass</b>	vetrata <b>veh-trah-tah</b>
<b>steeple / bell tower</b>	campanile <b>kahm-pah-nee-lay</b>
<b>treasury</b>	tesoro <b>teh-zoh-roh</b>
<b>pope</b>	papa <b>pah-pah</b>
<b>priest</b>	prete <b>preh-teh</b>
<b>nun / monk</b>	suora / frate <b>soo-oh-rah / frah-tay</b>
<b>(holy) Mass</b>	(santa) messa <b>(sahn-tah) meh-sah</b>
<b>When is the Mass?</b>	A che ora è la messa? <b>ah kay oh-rah eh lah meh-sah</b>
<b>Are there church concerts?</b>	Ci sono concerti in chiesa? <b>chee soh-noh kohn-chehr-tee een kee-eh-zah</b>
<b>Can I climb the tower?</b>	Posso salire nel campanile? <b>poh-soh sah-lee-ray nehl kahm-pah-nee-lay</b>

A fancy canopy over the altar (like the famous Bernini-designed one at St. Peter's Basilica) is called a *baldacchino*.

Confusingly, *opera* is Italian for “work”—so a *museo dell'opera del duomo* is a “museum of the cathedral's workshop.”

## Signs at Churches

You might see some of these signs around the church (also check “Signs at Sights,” on [here](#)).

<b>Confessione</b>	Confession
<b>Confessione prima e dopo le sante messe</b>	Confession before and after Mass
<b>È vietato l'ingresso in pantaloni corti</b>	No entry if wearing shorts
<b>Non sono ammesse visite turistiche durante la messa</b>	No sightseeing during Mass
<b>Offerte</b>	Offerings
<b>Orario feriale</b>	Schedule of services on weekdays (Mon-Sat)
<b>Orario festivo</b>	Schedule of services on Sundays and holidays
<b>Orario sante messe</b>	Mass schedule
<b>Orario visite turistiche</b>	Opening times for tourist visits
<b>Questo è un luogo sacro</b>	This is a place of worship
<b>Si prega di entrare in chiesa con un abbigliamento adeguato</b>	Please dress respectfully to enter the church
<b>Si prega di spegnere i cellulari</b>	Please turn off cell phones
<b>Silenzio</b>	Silence

At many churches, including Venice's St. Mark's and the Vatican's St. Peter's, you will not be allowed to enter with shorts or bare shoulders.

Look for little votive plaques posted inside churches, often marked *per grazia ricevuta* (for answered prayers).

## More Sights

Castles and Palaces

Ancient Sites

## Castles and Palaces

castle	castello <b>kah-steh-loh</b>
palace	palazzo <b>pah-lahd-zoh</b>
royal residence	palazzo reale <b>pah-lahd-zoh reh-ah-lay</b>
fortress	fortezza <b>for-tehd-zah</b>
hall	sala <b>sah-lah</b>
kitchen	cucina <b>koo-chee-nah</b>
dungeon	segrete <b>seh-greh-tay</b>
moat	fossato <b>foh-sah-toh</b>
fortified walls	mura fortificate <b>moo-rah for-tee-fee-kah-tay</b>
tower	torre <b>toh-ray</b>
fountain	fontana <b>fohn-tah-nah</b>
garden	giardino <b>jar-dee-noh</b>

<b>king</b>	re <b>ray</b>
<b>queen</b>	regina <b>ray-jee-nah</b>
<b>knight</b>	cavaliere <b>kah-vah-lee-eh-ray</b>
<b>fair maiden</b>	damigella <b>dah-mee-jeh-lah</b>
<b>dragon</b>	drago <b>drah-goh</b>

Most Venetian palaces are called simply **Ca'** (house), as in **Ca' d'Oro** (House of Gold). The ground floor of a palace is often referred to as the **piano nobile**—the “noble floor” where aristocrats lived and hosted friends.

## Ancient Sites

<b>ancient sites</b>	siti archeologici <b>see-tee ar-keh-oh-loh-jee-chee</b>
<b>Roman</b>	romano <b>roh-mah-noh</b>
<b>walls</b>	mura <b>moo-rah</b>
<b>forum (main square)</b>	foro <b>foh-roh</b>
<b>temple</b>	tempio <b>tehm-pee-oh</b>
<b>column</b>	colonna <b>koh-loh-nah</b>
<b>mosaic</b>	mosaico <b>moh-zah-ee-koh</b>
<b>theater</b>	teatro <b>tee-ah-troh</b>
<b>arena</b>	arena <b>ah-reh-nah</b>
<b>aqueduct</b>	acquedotto <b>ah-kweh-doh-toh</b>
<b>mill</b>	mulino <b>moo-lee-noh</b>
<b>lighthouse</b>	faro <b>fah-roh</b>
<b>catacombs</b>	catacombe <b>kah-tah-kohm-bay</b>



# Recreation and Entertainment

## Recreation

## Entertainment

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

This chapter offers phrases for your recreational pleasure, whether you're going to the park or beach, swimming, biking, hiking, or enjoying other sports. It also covers your options for nightlife and entertainment.

## Recreation

### Outdoor Fun

## Swimming and Water Sports

Renting

Bicycling

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Hiking

Sports Talk

## Outdoor Fun

**Where is the best place for...?**

Dov'è il posto migliore per...? **doh-veh eel poh-stoh meel-yoh-ray pehr**

...biking

...andare in bicicletta **ahn-dah-ray een bee-chee-kleh-tah**

...walking

...passeggiare **pah-seh-jah-ray**

...hiking

...fare trekking / fare escursioni **fah-ray treh-keeng / fah-ray eh-skoor-see-oh-nee**

...running

...correre **koh-reh-ray**

...picnicking

...fare un picnic **fah-ray oon peek-neek**

...sunbathing

...prendere il sole **prehn-deh-ray eel soh-lay**

**Where is...?**

Dov'è...? **doh-veh**

...a park

...un parco **oon par-koh**

...playground equipment

...parco giochi **par-koh joh-kee**

...a snack shop

...un bar **oon bar**

...the toilet

...la toilette **lah twah-leh-tay**



Where can I rent...?	Dove posso noleggiare...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh noh-leh-jah-ray</b>
...a bike	...una bici / bicicletta <b>oo-nah bee-chee / bee-chee-kleh-tah</b>
...that	...quello <b>kweh-loh</b>
What's a fun activity...?	Qual'è un'attività divertente...? <b>kwah-leh oon-ah-tee-vee-tah dee-vehr-tehn-tay</b>
...for a boy / a girl...	...per un bambino / una bambina... <b>pehr oon bahm-bee-noh / oo-nah bahm-bee-nah</b>
... ____ years old	...di ____ anni <b>dee ____ ahn-nee</b>

At most parks, people—usually men—play **bocce (boh-chay)**: Players take turns tossing croquet-size balls into a dirt playing area, with the object of getting them close to the target, a small wooden ball (**pallino**).

## Swimming and Water Sports

swimming	fare un bagno <b>fah-ray oon bahn-yoh</b>
Where is a...?	Dov'è un / una...? <b>doh-veh oon / oo-nah</b>
...swimming pool	...piscina <b>pee-shee-nah</b>
...water park	...parco acquatico <b>par-koh ah-kwah-tee-koh</b>
...(good) beach	...(bella) spiaggia <b>(beh-lah) spee-ah-jah</b>
...nude beach	...spiaggia nudista <b>spee-ah-jah noo-dee-stah</b>
Is it safe for swimming?	È sicuro fare un bagno? <b>eh see-koo-roh fah-ray oon bahn-yoh</b>
Where can I rent a...?	Dove posso noleggiare un / una...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh noh-leh-jah-ray oon / oo-nah</b>

<b>Where can I buy a...?</b>	Dove posso comprare un / una...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>swimsuit</b>	costume da bagno <b>koh-stoo-may dah bahn-yoh</b>
<b>towel</b>	asciugamano <b>ah-shoo-gah-mah-noh</b>
<b>sunscreen</b>	protezione solare <b>proh-teht-see-oh-nay soh-lah-ray</b>
<b>sunglasses</b>	occhiali da sole <b>oh-kee-ah-lee dah soh-lay</b>
<b>flip-flops</b>	ciabatte da piscina <b>chah-bah-tay dah pee-shee-nah</b>
<b>water shoes</b>	dei calzari da surf <b>deh-ee kahlt-sah-ree dah soorf</b>
<b>umbrella</b>	ombrellone <b>ohm-breh-loh-nay</b>
<b>lounge chair</b>	lettino <b>leh-tee-noh</b>
<b>inner tube</b>	ciambella <b>chahm-beh-lah</b>
<b>goggles</b>	occhialini <b>oh-kee-ah-lee-nee</b>
<b>snorkel and mask</b>	boccaglio e maschera <b>boh-kahl-yoh ay mah-skeh-rah</b>
<b>surfing</b>	surfing <b>soor-feeng</b>
<b>surfboard</b>	tavola da surf <b>tah-voh-lah dah soorf</b>
<b>windsurfing</b>	windsurf <b>weend-soorf</b>
<b>waterskiing</b>	sci acquatico <b>shee ah-kwah-tee-koh</b>
<b>jet ski</b>	jet ski “jet ski”
<b>paddleboard</b>	stand-up paddle “stand-up paddle”
<b>boat</b>	barca <b>bar-kah</b>
<b>rowboat</b>	barca a remi <b>bar-kah ah reh-mee</b>
<b>paddleboat</b>	pedalò <b>peh-dah-loh</b>
<b>canoe / kayak</b>	canoa / kayak <b>kah-noh-ah / “kayak”</b>
<b>sailboat</b>	barca a vela <b>bar-kah ah veh-lah</b>

A beach can also be called a **lido**. Sometimes you'll have to pay for a seat; look for **libere** signs to find a free area. A pier or breakwater (another fine place to catch some rays) is called a **molo**.

In Italy, nearly any beach is topless, but if you want to go to (or avoid) a nude beach, keep your eyes peeled for a **spiaggia nudista**.

## Renting

Whether you're renting a bike or a boat, here's what to ask.

<b>Where can I rent a...?</b>	Dove posso noleggiare una...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh noh-leh-jah-ray oo-nah</b>
<b>Can I rent a...?</b>	Posso noleggiare una...? <b>poh-soh noh-leh-jah-ray oo-nah</b>
<b>...bike</b>	...bicicletta <b>bee-chee-kleh-tah</b>
<b>...boat</b>	...barca <b>bar-kah</b>
<b>How much per...?</b>	Quanto costa...? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>...hour</b>	...all'ora <b>ah-loh-rah</b>
<b>...half-day</b>	...per mezza giornata <b>pehr mehd-zah jor-nah-tah</b>
<b>...day</b>	...al giorno <b>ahl jor-noh</b>
<b>Is a deposit required?</b>	Ci vuole un deposito? <b>chee vwoh-lay oon deh-poh-zee-toh</b>

## Bicycling

bicycle / bike

bicicletta / bici **bee-chee-kleh-tah / bee-chee**

I'd like to rent a bicycle.

Vorrei noleggiare una bicicletta. **voh-reh-ee**

	noh-leh- <b>jah</b> -ray oo-nah bee-chee- <b>kleh</b> -tah
<b>two bicycles</b>	due biciclette <b>doo</b> -ay bee-chee- <b>kleh</b> -tay
<b>kid's bike</b>	bicicletta da bambino[a] bee-chee- <b>kleh</b> -tah dah bahm- <b>bee</b> -noh
<b>mountain bike</b>	mountain bike “ <b>mountain bike</b> ”
<b>helmet</b>	casco <b>kah</b> -skoh
<b>map</b>	cartina <b>kar</b> -tee-nah
<b>lock</b>	lucchetto <b>loo</b> - <b>keh</b> -toh
<b>chain</b>	catena <b>kah</b> - <b>teh</b> -nah
<b>pedal</b>	pedale <b>peh</b> - <b>dah</b> -lay
<b>wheel</b>	ruota <b>roo</b> - <b>oh</b> -tah
<b>tire</b>	gomma <b>goh</b> -mah
<b>air / no air</b>	aria / senza aria <b>ah</b> -ree-ah / <b>sehnt</b> -sah <b>ah</b> -ree-ah
<b>pump</b>	pompa <b>pohm</b> -pah
<b>brakes</b>	freni <b>freh</b> -nee
<b>How does this work?</b>	Come funziona? <b>koh</b> -may foont-see- <b>oh</b> -nah
<b>How many gears?</b>	Quante marce? <b>kwahn</b> -tay <b>mar</b> -chay
<b>Is there a bike path?</b>	C'è una pista ciclabile? cheh oo-nah <b>pee</b> -stah chee- <b>klah</b> -bee-lay
<b>I don't like hills or traffic.</b>	Non mi piacciono le salite nè il traffico. nohn mee pee-ah- <b>choh</b> -noh lay sah- <b>lee</b> -tay neh eel <b>trah</b> -fee-koh
<b>I brake for bakeries.</b>	Mi fermo ad ogni pasticceria. mee <b>fehr</b> -moh ahd <b>ohn</b> -yee pah-stee-cheh- <b>ree</b> -ah

## Way to Go!

Whether you're biking or hiking, you'll want to know the best way to go.

Can you recommend a route / hike that is...?	Può raccomandare un'itinerario / un'escursione...? <b>pwoh rah-koh-mahn-dah-ray oon-ee-tee-neh-rah-ree-oh / oon-eh-skoor-see-oh-nay</b>
...easy	...facile <b>fah-chee-lay</b>
...moderate	...moderato <b>moh-deh-rah-toh</b>
...strenuous	...faticoso <b>fah-tee-koh-zoh</b>
...safe	...sicuro <b>see-koo-roh</b>
...scenic	...panoramico <b>pah-noh-rah-mee-koh</b>
...about ____ kilometers	...circa ____ chilometri <b>cheer-kah ____ kee-loh-meh-tree</b>
How many minutes / hours?	Quante minuti / ore? <b>kwahn-tay mee-noo-tee / oh-ray</b>
uphill / level / downhill	salita / in pianura / discesa <b>sah-lee-tah / een pee-ah-noo-rah / dee-sheh-zah</b>

## Hiking

hiking	escursione / trekking <b>eh-skoor-see-oh-nay / treh-keeng</b>
a hike	un'escursione <b>oon-eh-skoor-see-oh-nay</b>
trail	sentiero <b>sehn-tee-eh-roh</b>
Where can I buy a...?	Dove posso comprare una...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oo-nah</b>
...hiking map	...cartina dei sentieri <b>kar-tee-nah deh-ee sehn-tee-eh-ree</b>
...compass	...bussola <b>boo-soh-lah</b>
Where's the trailhead?	Dov'è il punto di partenza del sentiero?

doh-veh eel **poon**-toh dee par-**tehnt**-sah  
dehl sehn-tee-**eh**-roh

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<b>How do I get there?</b>	Come ci arrivo? <b>koh</b> -may chee ah- <b>ree</b> -voh
<b>Show me?</b>	Me lo mostra? may loh <b>moh</b> -strah
<b>How is the trail marked?</b>	Com'è segnato il sentiero? koh- <b>meh</b> sehn- <b>yah</b> -toh eel sehn-tee- <b>eh</b> -roh

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Most hiking trails are well-marked with signs listing the destination and duration (*ore di cammino*, literally “hours of walking”) or length of the trail (*lunghezza del percorso*). Some signs have abbreviations for the degree of difficulty:

**T** = tourist trail, easy

**E** = longer, more varied, marked along the way

**EE** = for experts

**EEA** = for experts with equipment

To reach the best views, consider taking advantage of the network of *ferrovie di montagna* (mountain railways). There are various types: *ferrovia a cremagliera* (cogwheel train), *funicolare* (funicular), *funivia* (cable car), and *telecabine* (gondola).

## Sports Talk

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<b>sports</b>	gli sport lee sport
<b>game</b>	partita par- <b>tee</b> -tah
<b>team</b>	squadra <b>skwah</b> -drah
<b>championship</b>	campionato kahm-pee-oh- <b>nah</b> -toh
<b>field / court</b>	campo <b>kahm</b> -poh
<b>fitness club</b>	palestra pah- <b>leh</b> -strah
<b>I like to play...</b>	Mi piace giocare... mee pee- <b>ah</b> -chay joh- <b>kah</b> -ray

<b>I like to watch...</b>	Mi piace guardare... <b>mee pee-ah-chay gwar-dah-ray</b>
<b>American football</b>	football Americano <b>foot-bahl ah-meh-ree-kah-noh</b>
<b>baseball</b>	baseball <b>bays-bahl</b>
<b>basketball</b>	basket <b>bah-skeht</b>
<b>golf</b>	golf <b>gohlf</b>
<b>miniature golf</b>	minigolf <b>mee-nee-gohlf</b>
<b>soccer</b>	calcio / football <b>kahl-choh / foot-bahl</b>
<b>tennis</b>	tennis <b>teh-nees</b>
<b>volleyball</b>	pallavolo <b>pah-lah-voh-loh</b>
<b>skiing</b>	sci <b>shee</b>
<b>snowboarding</b>	snowboarding “snowboarding”
<b>ice skating</b>	pattinaggio su ghiaccio <b>pah-tee-nah-joh soo gee-ah-choh (hard “g”)</b>
<b>Where can I play ____?</b>	Dove posso giocare a ____? <b>doh-vay poh-soh joh-kah-ray ah ____</b>
<b>Where can I rent / buy sports equipment?</b>	Dove posso noleggiare / comprare l’attrezzatura sportiva? <b>doh-vay poh-soh noh-leh-jah-ray / kohm-prah-ray lah-trehd-zah-too-rah spor-tee-vah</b>
<b>Where can I see a game?</b>	Dove posso vedere una partita? <b>doh-vay poh-soh veh-deh-ray oo-nah par-tee-tah</b>

Like most Europeans, Italians take *il calcio* (soccer) very seriously. Rome has two teams: **Roma** (representing the city) and **Lazio** (the region). When Romans are introduced, they ask each other **Laziale o romanista?** The answer can compromise a relationship.

## Entertainment

What's Happening

Music and Dance

Movies

## What's Happening

event guide	guida agli eventi <b>gwee-dah ahl-yeeh eh-vehn-tee</b>
What's happening tonight?	Che cosa succede stasera? <b>kay koh-zah soo-cheh-day stah-seh-rah</b>
What do you recommend?	Che cosa raccomanda? <b>kay koh-zah rah-koh-mahn-dah</b>
Where is it?	Dov'è? <b>doh-veh</b>
How do I get there?	Come ci arriva? <b>koh-may chee ah-ree-vah</b>
Is it free?	È gratis? <b>eh grah-tees</b>
Are there seats available?	Ci sono ancora dei posti? <b>chee soh-noh ahn-koh-rah deh-ee poh-stee</b>
Where can I buy a ticket?	Dove si comprano i biglietti? <b>doh-vay see kohm-prah-noh ee beel-yeh-tee</b>
Do you have tickets for today / tonight?	Avete dei biglietti per oggi / stasera? <b>ah-veh-tay deh-ee beel-yeh-tee pehr oh-jee / stah-seh-rah</b>
When does it start?	A che ora comincia? <b>ah kay oh-rah koh-meen-chah</b>
When does it end?	A che ora finisce? <b>ah kay oh-rah fee-nee-shay</b>
Where is the best place to stroll?	Dov'è il posto migliore per una passeggiata? <b>doh-veh eel poh-stoh meel-yoh-ray pehr oo-nah pah-seh-jah-tah</b>



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For cheap entertainment, join the locals and *fare una passeggiata* (take a stroll) through town. People gather at the town's *piazza d'incontro* (meeting place). As you do laps (*vasche*) and bump shoulders in the crowd, you'll know why it's also called *struscio* (rubbing). On workdays, Italians stroll between work and dinner. On Sundays and holidays, they hit the streets after lunch. People are strutting. This is Italy on parade.

## Music and Dance

Where's a good place for...?	Dov'è un buon posto per...? <b>doh-veh oon bwohn poh-stoh pehr</b>
...dancing	...ballare <b>bah-lah-ray</b>
...(live) music	...musica (dal vivo) <b>moo-zee-kah (dahl vee-voh)</b>
rock	rock <b>rohk</b>
jazz	jazz <b>jahz</b>
blues	blues "blues"
classical	classica <b>klah-see-kah</b>
choir	corale <b>koh-rah-lay</b>
folk	folk <b>fohlk</b>
folk dancing	danze popolari <b>dahnt-say poh-poh-lah-ree</b>
disco	discoteca <b>dee-skoh-teh-kah</b>
karaoke	karaoke <b>kah-rah-oh-kay</b>
singer	cantante <b>kahn-tahn-tay</b>
band	gruppo musicale <b>grou-poh moo-zee-kah-lay</b>
bar with live music	locale con musica dal vivo <b>loh-kah-lay</b>

	kohn <b>moo-zee-kah</b> dahl <b>vee-voh</b>
<b>nightclub</b>	locale notturno loh- <b>kah</b> -lay noh- <b>toor-noh</b>
<b>cover charge</b>	coperto koh- <b>pehr-toh</b>
<b>free entry</b>	ingresso libero een- <b>greh-soh</b> lee-beh-roh
<b>concert</b>	concerto kohn- <b>chehr-toh</b>
<b>opera</b>	lirica lee-ree-kah
<b>symphony</b>	sinfonica seen- <b>foh-nee-kah</b>
<b>show</b>	spettacolo speh- <b>tah-koh-loh</b>
<b>theater</b>	teatro tee- <b>ah-troh</b>
<b>best / cheap seats</b>	posti migliori / economici poh-stee meel- <b>yoh-ree</b> / eh-koh- <b>noh-mee-chee</b>
<b>sold out</b>	tutto esaurito <b>too-toh</b> eh-zow- <b>ree-toh</b>

The piano was invented in Italy. Unlike a harpsichord, it could be played soft and loud, so it was called just that: *piano-forte* (soft-loud). Here are other Italian musical words: *subito* (suddenly), *crescendo* (growing louder), *come sopra* (as above—meaning like the previous tempo), *sotto voce* (very softly), *ritardando* (slowing down), and *fine* (end).

## Movies

<b>movie</b>	film <b>feelm</b>
<b>Is there a movie theater nearby?</b>	C'è un cinema qui vicino? cheh oon <b>cheh-neh-mah</b> kwee vee- <b>chee-noh</b>
<b>Is this movie in English?</b>	Questo film è in inglese? <b>kweh-stoh</b> feelm eh een een- <b>gleh-zay</b>
<b>original version</b>	versione originale vehr-see- <b>oh-nay</b> oh-ree- <b>jee-nah-lay</b>

<b>with subtitles</b>	con sottotitoli <b>kohn soh-toh-tee-toh-lee</b>
<b>dubbed</b>	doppiato <b>doh-pee-ah-toh</b>
<b>3D</b>	3D <b>tray-dee</b>
<b>show times</b>	orario degli spettacoli <b>oh-rah-ree-oh dehl-yee speh-tah-koh-lee</b>
<b>matinee</b>	spettacolo pomeridiano <b>speh-tah-koh-loh poh-meh-ree-dee-ah-noh</b>
<b>ticket</b>	biglietto <b>beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>discount</b>	sconto <b>skohn-toh</b>
<b>popcorn</b>	popcorn “ <b>popcorn</b> ”
<b>I liked it.</b>	Mi è piaciuto. <b>mee eh pee-ah-choo-toh</b>
<b>The book is better.</b>	Il libro è meglio. <b>eel lee-broh eh mehl-yoh</b>

In Italy, most American movies are dubbed in Italian, but you can sometimes find them screened in the original version (English with Italian subtitles)—look for **V.O.**



# Shopping

## Shop Till you Drop

Key Phrases: Shopping

## Where to Shop

## What to Buy

## Shipping and Mail

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

These phrases will give you the basics on browsing and bargaining; help you shop for various items, including souvenirs, clothes, and jewelry; and assist you in shipping items home.

# Shop Till you Drop

## Shop Talk

### Key Phrases: Shopping

## Pay Up

## Shop Talk

opening hours	orario d'apertura <b>oh-rah-ree-oh dah-pehr-too-rah</b>
sale	saldi <b>sahl-dee</b>
special offer	offerta speciale <b>oh-fehr-tah speh-chah-lay</b>
cheap	economico <b>eh-koh-noh-mee-koh</b>
affordable	accessibile <b>ah-cheh-see-bee-lay</b>
(too) expensive	(troppo) costoso <b>(troh-poh) koh-stoh-zoh</b>
a good value	un buon prezzo <b>oon bwohn prehd-zoh</b>
Excuse me.	Scusi. <b>skoo-zee</b>
Where can I buy ____?	Dove posso comprare ____? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray ____</b>
How much is it?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
Can I take a look?	Posso guardare? <b>poh-soh gwar-dah-ray</b>
I'm just browsing.	Sto solo guardando. <b>stoh soh-loh gwar-dahn-doh</b>
I'd like...	Vorrei... <b>voh-reh-ee</b>
Do you have...?	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
...more (m / f)	...altri / altre <b>ahl-tree / ahl-tray</b>
...something cheaper	...qualcosa di meno caro <b>kwahl-koh-zah</b>

	dee <b>meh-noh kah-roh</b>
...something nicer	...qualcosa di più elegante <b>kwahl-koh-zah</b> dee pew eh-leh- <b>gahn-tay</b>
Can I see more?	Posso vederne di più? <b>poh-soh veh-dehr-</b> nay dee pew
This one.	Questo qui. <b>kweh-stoh kwee</b>
I'll think about it.	Ci penserò. <b>chee pehn-seh-roh</b>
I'll take it.	Lo prendo. <b>loh prehn-doh</b>
What time do you close?	A che ora chiudete? <b>ah kay oh-rah kee-oo-</b> <b>deh-tay</b>
What time do you open tomorrow?	A che ora aprite domani? <b>ah kay oh-rah ah-</b> <b>pree-tay doh-mah-nee</b>

## Key Phrases: Shopping

How much is it?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
I'm just browsing.	Sto solo guardando. <b>stoh soh-loh gwar-</b> <b>dahn-doh</b>
Can I see more?	Posso vederne di più? <b>poh-soh veh-dehr-</b> nay dee pew
I'll think about it.	Ci penserò. <b>chee pehn-seh-roh</b>
I'll take it.	Lo prendo. <b>loh prehn-doh</b>
Do you accept credit cards?	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-</b> tay <b>kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
Can I try it on?	Lo posso provare? <b>loh poh-soh proh-</b> <b>vah-ray</b>
It's too expensive / big / small.	È troppo costoso / grande / piccolo. <b>eh</b> <b>troh-poh koh-stoh-zoh / grahn-day /</b> <b>pee-koh-loh</b>

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Bargain hunters keep an eye out for *saldi* (sales) and *sconti* (discounts).

## Pay Up

Where do I pay?	Dove si paga? <b>doh-vay see pah-gah</b>
cashier	cassa <b>kah-sah</b>
Do you accept credit cards?	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
VAT (Value-Added Tax)	IVA (imposta sul valore aggiunto) <b>ee vee ah (eem-poh-stah sool vah-loh-ray ah-joon-toh)</b>
Can I get...?	Posso avere...? <b>poh-soh ah-veh-ray</b>
I need the paperwork for...	Mi serve il modulo per... <b>mee sehr-vay eel moh-doo-loh pehr</b>
...a VAT refund	...un rimborso IVA <b>oon reem-bor-soh ee vee ah</b>
Can you ship this?	Può spedirmelo? <b>pwoh speh-deer-meh-loh</b>

When you're ready to pay, look for a *cassa* (cashier). The cashier might ask you something like *Ha quindici centesimi?* (Do you have 15 cents?), *Ce l'ha spicci?* (Do you have exact change?), or *Vuole una busta?* (Do you want a bag?).

If you make a major purchase from a single store, you may be eligible for a VAT refund; for details, see [www.ricksteves.com/vat](http://www.ricksteves.com/vat).

## Where to Shop

### Types of Shops

Department Stores

Street Markets

## Types of Shops

Where is a...?	Dov'è un / una...? <b>doh-veh</b> oon / <b>oo-nah</b>
antique shop	negozio di antiquariato <b>neh-goht-see-oh</b> dee ahn-tee-kwah-ree- <b>ah</b> -toh
art gallery	galleria d'arte <b>gah-leh-ree-ah</b> <b>dar-tay</b>
bakery	panificio <b>pah-nee-fee-choh</b>
barber shop	barbiere <b>bar-bee-eh-ray</b>
beauty salon	parrucchiere <b>pah-roo-kee-eh-ray</b>
bookstore...	libreria... <b>lee-breh-ree-ah</b>
used bookstore...	negozio di libri usati... <b>neh-goht-see-oh</b> dee <b>lee-bree oo-zah-tee</b>
...with books in English	...che vende libri in inglese <b>kay vehn-day</b> <b>lee-bree een een-gleh-zay</b>
clothing boutique	boutique di abbigliamento <b>boo-teek</b> dee ah- beel-yah- <b>mehn</b> -toh
coffee shop	bar <b>bar</b>
crafts shop	negozio di artigianato locale <b>neh-goht-see-oh</b> dee ar-tee-jah- <b>nah</b> -toh loh- <b>kah</b> -lay
delicatessen	salumeria <b>sah-loo-meh-ree-ah</b>
department store	grande magazzino <b>grahn-day</b> mah-gahd- <b>zee-noh</b>
electronics store	negozio di elettronica <b>neh-goht-see-oh</b> dee eh-leh- <b>troh</b> -nee-kah
fabric store	negozio di tessuti <b>neh-goht-see-oh</b> dee teh-



**soo-tee**

<b>flea market</b>	mercato delle pulci <b>mehr-kah-toh deh-lay pool-chee</b>
<b>flower market</b>	mercato dei fiori <b>mehr-kah-toh deh-ee fee-oh-ree</b>
<b>grocery store</b>	alimentari <b>ah-lee-mehn-tah-ree</b>
<b>hardware store</b>	ferramenta <b>feh-rah-mehn-tah</b>
<b>jewelry store</b>	gioielleria <b>joh-yeh-leh-ree-ah</b>
<b>laundrette</b>	lavanderia <b>lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah</b>
<b>leather shop</b>	pelletteria <b>peh-leh-teh-ree-ah</b>
<b>liquor store</b>	enoteca <b>eh-noh-teh-kah</b>
<b>mobile-phone shop</b>	negozio di cellulari <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee cheh-loo-lah-ree</b>
<b>newsstand</b>	edicola / giornalaio <b>eh-dee-koh-lah / jor-nah-lah-yoh</b>
<b>office supply shop</b>	cartoleria <b>kar-toh-leh-ree-ah</b>
<b>open-air market</b>	mercato <b>mehr-kah-toh</b>
<b>optician</b>	ottico <b>oh-tee-koh</b>
<b>pastry shop</b>	pasticceria <b>pah-stee-cheh-ree-ah</b>
<b>pharmacy</b>	farmacia <b>far-mah-chee-ah</b>
<b>photocopy shop</b>	copisteria <b>koh-pee-steh-ree-ah</b>
<b>pottery shop</b>	negozio di ceramica <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee cheh-rah-mee-kah</b>
<b>shoe store</b>	negozio di calzature <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee kahlt-sah-too-ray</b>
<b>shopping mall</b>	centro commerciale <b>chehn-troh koh-mehr-chah-lay</b>
<b>souvenir shop</b>	negozio di souvenir <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee soo-veh-neer</b>

<b>supermarket</b>	supermercato <b>soo-pehr-mehr-kah-toh</b>
<b>sweets shop</b>	negozio di dolci / pasticceria <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee dohl-choo-mee / pah-stee-cheh-ree-ah</b>
<b>tobacco stand</b>	tabacchi <b>tah-bah-kee</b>
<b>toy store</b>	negozio di giocattoli <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee joh-kah-toh-lee</b>
<b>travel agency</b>	agenzia di viaggi <b>ah-jehnt-see-ah dee vee-ah-jee</b>
<b>wine shop</b>	negozio di vini <b>neh-goht-see-oh dee vee-nee</b>

In Italy, shops are often closed for a long lunch (generally daily between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.). While most people are familiar with the Spanish term *siesta* to describe this relaxed lifestyle, Italians call it *pausa pranzo* (lunch break). Many stores in the larger cities close for all or part of August—not a good time to plan a shopping spree.

At tobacco shops (known as *tabacchi*, often indicated with a big **T** sign), you can pay for street parking, buy stamps, and get tickets for buses and subways.

For tips and phrases on shopping for a picnic—at grocery stores or open-air markets—see [here](#) in the Eating chapter.

## Department Stores

<b>department store</b>	grande magazzino <b>grahn-day mah-gahd-zee-noh</b>
<b>floor</b>	piano <b>pee-ah-noh</b>
<b>Excuse me.</b>	Scusi. <b>skoo-zee</b>

<b>Where is / Where are...?</b>	Dov'è / Dove sono...? <b>doh-veh / doh-vay soh-noh</b>
<b>men's / women's department</b>	reparto uomo / donna <b>reh-par-toh woh-moh / doh-nah</b>
<b>children's department</b>	reparto bambino <b>reh-par-toh bahm-bee-noh</b>
<b>accessories</b>	accessori <b>ah-cheh-soh-ree</b>
<b>books</b>	libri <b>lee-bree</b>
<b>electronics</b>	elettronica <b>eh-leh-troh-nee-kah</b>
<b>fashion</b>	moda <b>moh-dah</b>
<b>footwear</b>	calzature <b>kahlt-sah-too-ray</b>
<b>groceries</b>	alimentari <b>ah-lee-mehn-tah-ree</b>
<b>housewares / kitchenware</b>	casalinghi / articoli per la cucina <b>kah-zah-leen-gee</b> (hard "g") / <b>ar-tee-koh-lee pehr lah koo-chee-nah</b>
<b>intimates</b>	intimo <b>een-tee-moh</b>
<b>jewelry</b>	gioielli <b>joh-yeh-lee</b>
<b>maternity wear</b>	abiti premaman <b>ah-bee-tee preh-mah-mahn</b>
<b>mobile phones</b>	telefoni cellulari <b>teh-leh-foh-nee cheh-loo-lah-ree</b>
<b>stationery (office supplies / cards)</b>	cartoleria <b>car-toh-leh-ree-ah</b>

Department stores—like the popular Oviessse, Coin, and La Rinascente—sell nearly everything and are a good place to get cheap souvenirs and postcards. Most have a directory (often with English) by the escalator or elevator.

## Street Markets

**Did you make this?** L'avete fatto voi questo? **lah-veh-tay fah-**

	toh <b>voh-ee kweh-stoh</b>
Is this made in Italy?	Questo è made in Italy? <b>kweh-stoh eh</b> “made in Italy”
How much is it?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
Cheaper?	Me lo dà a meno? <b>may loh dah ah meh-noh</b>
And if I give you ____? (name price)	E se le do ____? <b>ay say lay doh ____</b>
Cheaper if I buy two or three?	Costa meno se ne compro due o tre? <b>koh- stah meh-noh say nay kohm-proh doo-ay oh tray</b>
Good price.	Buon prezzo. <b>bwohn prehd-zoh</b>
My last offer.	La mia ultima offerta. <b>lah mee-ah ool-tee- mah oh-fehr-tah</b>
I’ll take it.	Lo prendo. <b>loh prehn-doh</b>
We’ll take it.	Lo prendiamo. <b>loh prehn-dee-ah-moh</b>
I’m / We’re nearly broke.	Sono / Siamo quasi al verde. <b>soh-noh / see- ah-moh kwah-zee ahl vehr-day</b>
My male friend / My female friend...	Il mio amico / La mia amica... <b>eel mee-oh ah-mee-koh / lah mee-ah ah-mee-kah</b>
My husband / My wife...	Mio marito / Mia moglie... <b>mee-oh mah- ree-toh / mee-ah mohl-yay</b>
...has the money.	...ha i soldi. <b>ah ee sohl-dee</b>

It’s OK to bargain at street markets, though not every vendor will drop prices. Expect to pay cash and be wary of pickpockets. For help with numbers and prices, see [here](#).

## What to Buy

### Souvenirs

## Specifically Italian Souvenirs

### Clothing

#### Types of Clothes and Accessories

#### Clothing Sizes

#### US-to-European Comparisons

#### Sew What?

#### Colors

#### Fabrics

#### Jewelry

Here are some of the items you might buy, ranging from souvenirs to clothing to jewelry. For personal care items, see [here](#). For electronics, see [here](#).

## Souvenirs

<b>Do you have a...?</b>	Avete un / una...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>I'm looking for a...</b>	Sto cercando un / una... <b>stoh chehr-kahn-doh oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>book</b>	libro <b>lee-broh</b>
<b>guidebook</b>	guida turistica <b>gwee-dah too-ree-stee-kah</b>
<b>children's book</b>	libro per bambini <b>lee-broh pehr bahm-bee-nee</b>
<b>bookmark</b>	segnalibro <b>sehn-yah-lee-broh</b>

<b>calendar</b>	calendario <b>kah-lehn-dah</b> -ree-oh
<b>candle</b>	candela <b>kahn-deh</b> -lah
<b>doll</b>	bambola <b>bahm</b> -boh-lah
<b>journal</b>	diario <b>dee-ah</b> -ree-oh
<b>magnet</b>	magnete <b>mahn-yeh</b> -tay
<b>notecards</b>	biglietti d'auguri <b>beel-yeh</b> -tee dow- <b>goo</b> -ree
<b>ornament</b>	decorazione <b>deh-koh-raht-see-oh</b> -nay
<b>pen / pencil</b>	penna / matita <b>peh</b> -nah / mah- <b>tee</b> -tah
<b>postcard</b>	cartolina <b>kar-toh-lee</b> -nah
<b>poster</b>	poster <b>poh</b> -stehr
<b>print</b>	stampa <b>stahm</b> -pah
<b>toy</b>	giocattolo <b>joh-kah-toh</b> -loh
<b>umbrella</b>	ombrello <b>ohm-bre</b> -loh

## Specifically Italian Souvenirs

<b>cameo (Amalfi Coast)</b>	cammeo <b>kah-meh</b> -oh
<b>carnival mask (Venice)</b>	maschera di carnevale <b>mah-skeh-rah</b> dee <b>kar-neh-vah</b> -lay
<b>Christmas crèche (Naples)</b>	presepe <b>preh-seh</b> -pay
<b>hand-painted ceramics</b>	ceramiche dipinte a mano <b>chah-rah</b> -mee- <b>kay</b> dee- <b>peen</b> -tay ah <b>mah</b> -noh
<b>gold jewelry (Florence)</b>	gioielli in oro <b>joh-yeh</b> -lee een <b>oh</b> -roh
<b>leather gloves / handbag (Florence)</b>	guanti / borsa in pelle <b>gwahn</b> -tee / <b>bor</b> -sah een <b>peh</b> -lay
<b>marbled paper (Florence)</b>	carta marmorizzata <b>kar</b> -tah mar-mor- <b>eed</b> - <b>zah</b> -tah
<b>soccer-team jersey</b>	maglia da calcio <b>mahl</b> -yah dah <b>kahl</b> -choh

Venetian glass

vetro veneziano **veh-troh veh-neht-see-ah-noh**

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## Clothing

clothing

vestiti **veh-stee-tee**

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This one.

Questo qui. **kweh-stoh kwee**

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Can I try it on?

Lo posso provare? **loh poh-soh proh-vah-ray**

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Do you have a...?

Avete...? **ah-veh-tay**

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...mirror

...uno specchio **oo-noh speh-kee-oh**

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...fitting room

...un camerino **oon kah-meh-ree-noh**

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(It's) too...

(È) troppo... (eh) **troh-poh**

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...expensive.

...costoso. **koh-stoh-zoh**

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...big / small.

...grande / piccolo. **grahn-day / pee-koh-loh**

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...short / long.

...corto / lungo. **kor-toh / loon-goh**

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...tight / loose.

...stretto / largo. **streh-toh / lar-goh**

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...dark / light.

...scuro / chiaro. **skoo-roh / kee-ah-roh**

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Do you have a different color / a different pattern?

Avete un colore diverso / una fantasia diversa? **ah-veh-tay oon koh-loh-ray dee-veh-soh / oo-nah fahn-tah-zee-ah dee-veh-sah**

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What's it made of?

Di che cosa è fatto? **dee kay koh-zah eh fah-toh**

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Is it machine washable?

Si può lavare in lavatrice? **see pwoh lah-vah-ray een lah-vah-tree-chay**

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Will it shrink?

Si ritira? **see ree-tee-rah**

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Will it fade in the wash?

Scolora quando si lava? **skoh-loh-rah**

**kwahn-doh** see **lah-vah**

**Dry clean only?**

Solo lavasecco? **soh-loh lah-vah-seh-koh**

For a list of colors, see [here](#), and for fabrics, see [here](#).

## Types of Clothes and Accessories

<b>For a...</b>	Per un / una... <b>pehr oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>...man.</b>	...uomo. <b>woh-moh</b>
<b>...woman.</b>	...donna. <b>doh-nah</b>
<b>...teenager. (m / f)</b>	...ragazzo / ragazza. <b>rah-gahd-zoh / rah-gahd-zah</b>
<b>...child. (m / f)</b>	...bambino / bambina. <b>bahm-bee-noh / bahm-bee-nah</b>
<b>...baby. (m / f)</b>	...neonato / neonata. <b>neh-oh-nah-toh / neh-oh-nah-tah</b>
<b>I'm looking for a...</b>	Sto cercando un / una... <b>stoh chehr-kahn-doh oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>I want to buy a...</b>	Vorrei comprare un / una... <b>voh-reh-ee kohm-prah-ray oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>bathrobe</b>	accappatoio <b>ah-kah-pah-toh-yoh</b>
<b>bib</b>	bavaglino <b>bah-vahl-yee-noh</b>
<b>belt</b>	cintura <b>cheen-too-rah</b>
<b>bra</b>	reggiseno <b>reh-jee-zeh-noh</b>
<b>dress</b>	vestito da donna <b>veh-stee-toh dah doh-nah</b>
<b>flip-flops</b>	ciabatte da piscina <b>chah-bah-tay dah pee-shee-nah</b>
<b>gloves</b>	guanti <b>gwahn-tee</b>
<b>handbag</b>	borsa <b>bor-sah</b>



<b>hat</b>	cappello <b>kah-peh-loh</b>
<b>jacket</b>	giacca <b>jah-kah</b>
<b>jeans</b>	jeans “jeans”
<b>leggings</b>	dei leggings <b>deh-ee</b> “leggings”
<b>nightgown</b>	camicia da notte <b>kah-mee-chah</b> dah <b>noh-tay</b>
<b>nylons</b>	collant <b>koh-lahnt</b>
<b>pajamas</b>	pigiama <b>pee-jah-mah</b>
<b>pants</b>	pantaloni <b>pahn-tah-loh-nee</b>
<b>raincoat</b>	impermeabile <b>eem-pehr-meh-ah-bee-lay</b>
<b>sandals</b>	sandali <b>sahn-dah-lee</b>
<b>scarf</b>	sciarpa / foulard <b>shar-pah / foo-lard</b>
<b>shirt...</b>	camicia... <b>kah-mee-chah</b>
<b>...long-sleeved</b>	...a maniche lunghe <b>ah mah-nee-kay loon-gay</b>
<b>...short-sleeved</b>	...a maniche corte <b>ah mah-nee-kay kor-tay</b>
<b>...sleeveless</b>	...senza maniche <b>sehnt-sah mah-nee-kay</b>
<b>shoes</b>	scarpe <b>skar-pay</b>
<b>shoelaces</b>	lacci da scarpe <b>lah-chee</b> dah <b>skar-pay</b>
<b>shorts</b>	pantaloni corti <b>pahn-tah-loh-nee kor-tee</b>
<b>skirt</b>	gonna <b>goh-nah</b>
<b>sleeper (for baby)</b>	tutina (da neonato) <b>too-tee-nah</b> (dah <b>neh-oh-nah-toh</b> )
<b>slip</b>	sottoveste <b>soh-toh-veh-stay</b>
<b>slippers</b>	ciabatte / pantofole <b>chah-bah-tay / pahn-toh-foh-lay</b>
<b>socks</b>	calzini <b>kahlt-see-nee</b>
<b>sweater</b>	maglione <b>mahl-yoh-nay</b>

swimsuit	costume da bagno koh- <b>stoo</b> -may dah <b>bahn-yoh</b>
tank top	canottiera kah-noh-tee- <b>eh</b> -rah
tennis shoes	scarpe da ginnastica <b>skar</b> -pay dah jee- <b>nah</b> -stee-kah
tie	cravatta krah- <b>vah</b> -tah
tights	dei collant <b>deh</b> -ee <b>koh</b> -lahnt
T-shirt	maglietta mahl- <b>yeh</b> -tah
underwear	intimo <b>een</b> -tee-moh
vest	gilè jee- <b>lay</b>
wallet	portafoglio por-tah- <b>fohl</b> -yoh

## Clothing Sizes

extra-small	extra-small “extra-small”
small	small “small”
medium	media <b>meh</b> -dee-ah
large	large “large”
extra-large	extra-large “extra-large”
I need a bigger / smaller size.	Mi serve una misura più grande / più piccola. mee <b>sehr</b> -vay oo-nah mee- <b>zoo</b> -rah pew <b>grahn</b> -day / pew <b>pee</b> -koh-lah
What’s my size?	Qual'è la mia misura? kwah-leh lah mee-ah mee- <b>zoo</b> -rah

## US-to-European Comparisons

When shopping for clothing, use these US-to-European comparisons as a guideline (but note that no conversion is perfect).

**Women's pants and dresses:** Add 36 (US 10 = European 46)

**Women's blouses and sweaters:** Add 8 (US 32 = European 40)

**Men's suits and jackets:** Add 10 (US 40 regular = European 50)

**Men's shirts:** Multiply by 2 and add about 8 (US 15 collar = European 38)

**Women's shoes:** Add 30-31 (US 7 = European 37/38)

**Men's shoes:** Add 32-34 (US 9 = European 41; US 11 = European 45)

**Children's clothing:** Clothing is sized by height—in centimeters (2.5 cm = 1 inch). A US size 8 roughly equates to 132-140. Juniors, subtract 4 (US 14 = European 10)

**Children's shoes:** For shoes up to size 13, add 16-18. For sizes 1 and up, add 30-32

## Sew What?

Traveling is hard on clothes.

I need...	Mi serve... <i>mee sehr-vay</i>
...a button.	...un bottone. <i>oon boh-toh-nay</i>
...a needle.	...un ago per cucire. <i>oon ah-goh pehr koo-chee-ray</i>
...thread.	...del filo. <i>dehl fee-loh</i>
...scissors.	...delle forbici. <i>deh-lay for-bee-chee</i>
...stain remover.	...uno smacchiatore. <i>oo-noh zmah-kee-ah-toh-ray</i>
...a new zipper.	...una zip nuova. <i>oo-nah tseep noo-oh-vah</i>

Can you fix it?

Lo può riparare? loh pwoh ree-pah-**rah**-ray

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## Colors

black	nero <b>neh-roh</b>
blue	azzurro <b>ahd-zoo-roh</b>
brown	marrone <b>mah-roh-nay</b>
gray	grigio <b>gree-joh</b>
green	verde <b>vehr-day</b>
orange	arancio <b>ah-rah-n-choh</b>
pink	rosa <b>roh-zah</b>
purple	viola <b>vee-oh-lah</b>
red	rosso <b>roh-soh</b>
white	bianco <b>bee-ahn-koh</b>
yellow	giallo <b>jah-loh</b>
dark(er)	(più) scuro (pew) <b>skoo-roh</b>
light(er)	(più) chiaro (pew) <b>kee-ah-roh</b>
bright(er)	(più) brillante (pew) <b>bree-lahn-tay</b>

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## Fabrics

What's this made of?	Di che cosa è fatto? dee kay <b>koh-zah eh fah-toh</b>
A mix of...	Un misto di... oon <b>mee-stoh dee</b>
cashmere	cashmere <b>kahs-meh-ray</b>
cotton	cotone <b>koh-toh-nay</b>
denim	jeans “jeans”

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<b>flannel</b>	flanella <b>flah-neh-lah</b>
<b>fleece</b>	pile <b>pee-lay</b>
<b>lace</b>	pizzo <b>peed-zoh</b>
<b>leather</b>	cuoio / pelle <b>kwoh-yoh / peh-lay</b>
<b>linen</b>	lino <b>lee-noh</b>
<b>nylon</b>	nylon <b>nee-lohn</b>
<b>polyester</b>	poliestere <b>poh-lee-eh-steh-ray</b>
<b>silk</b>	seta <b>seh-tah</b>
<b>velvet</b>	velluto <b>veh-loo-toh</b>
<b>wool</b>	lana <b>lah-nah</b>

## Jewelry

<b>jewelry</b>	gioielli <b>joh-yeh-lee</b>
<b>jewelry store</b>	gioielleria <b>joh-yeh-leh-ree-ah</b>
<b>bracelet</b>	bracciale <b>brah-chah-lay</b>
<b>brooch</b>	spilla <b>spee-lah</b>
<b>cuff links</b>	gemelli <b>jeh-meh-lee</b>
<b>earrings</b>	orecchini <b>oh-reh-kee-nee</b>
<b>necklace</b>	collana <b>koh-lah-nah</b>
<b>ring</b>	anello <b>ah-neh-loh</b>
<b>watch</b>	orologio <b>oh-roh-loh-joh</b>
<b>watch battery</b>	batteria per orologio <b>bah-teh-ree-ah pehr oh-roh-loh-joh</b>
<b>silver / gold</b>	argento / oro <b>ar-jehn-toh / oh-roh</b>
<b>Is this...?</b>	Questo è...? <b>kweh-stoh eh</b>
<b>...sterling silver</b>	...argento sterling <b>ar-jehn-toh stehr-leeng</b>
<b>...real gold</b>	...oro zecchino <b>oh-roh tseh-kee-noh</b>

...made in Italy	...made in Italy “made in Italy”
...handmade	...fatto a mano <b>fah-toh ah mah-noh</b>
...stolen	...rubato <b>roo-bah-toh</b>

## Shipping and Mail

### At the Post Office

#### Licking the Postal Code

Though you can ship home goods from *la posta* (the post office), it may be more reliable to send packages (especially expensive or fragile objects) using DHL, UPS, or FedEx, which can provide tracking numbers. If you just need stamps, you can often get them at the corner *tabacchi* (tobacco shop).

### At the Post Office

post office	posta <b>poh-stah</b>
Where is the post office?	Dov'è l'ufficio postale? <b>doh-veh loo-fee-choh poh-stah-lay</b>
stamps	francobolli <b>frahn-koh-boh-lee</b>
postcard	cartolina <b>kar-toh-lee-nah</b>
letter	lettera <b>leh-teh-rah</b>
package	pacco <b>pah-koh</b>
window	sportello <b>spor-teh-loh</b>
line	fila <b>fee-lah</b>
Which window?	Qual'è lo sportello? <b>kwah-leh loh spor-teh-loh</b>
Is this the line?	È questa la fila? <b>eh kweh-stah lah fee-lah</b>

<b>I need some stamps.</b>	Mi servono dei francobolli. <b>mee sehr-voh-noh deh-ee frahn-koh-boh-lee</b>
<b>I need to mail a package...</b>	Ho bisogno di spedire un pacco... <b>oh bee-zohn-yoh dee speh-dee-ray oon pah-koh</b>
<b>...to the United States.</b>	...per Stati Uniti. <b>pehr stah-tee oo-nee-tee</b>
<b>by air mail</b>	per via aerea <b>pehr vee-ah ah-eh-reh-ah</b>
<b>by express mail</b>	posta espressa <b>poh-stah eh-spreh-sah</b>
<b>by surface mail</b>	via terra <b>vee-ah teh-rah</b>
<b>slow and cheap</b>	lento e economico <b>lehn-toh ay eh-koh-noh-mee-koh</b>
<b>How much is it?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>How much to send a letter / postcard to ____?</b>	Quanto costa mandare una lettera / una cartolina a ____? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah mahn-dah-ray oo-nah leh-teh-rah / oo-nah kar-toh-lee-nah ah ____</b>
<b>Pretty stamps, please.</b>	Dei bei francobolli, per favore. <b>deh-ee beh-ee frahn-koh-boh-lee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Can I buy a box?</b>	Posso comprare una scatola? <b>poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oo-nah skah-toh-lah</b>
<b>This big.</b>	Grande così. <b>grahn-day koh-zee</b>
<b>Do you have tape?</b>	Avete dello scotch? <b>ah-veh-tay deh-loh "scotch"</b>
<b>How many days will it take?</b>	Quanti giorni ci vogliono? <b>kwahn-tee jor-nee chee vohl-yoh-noh</b>
<b>I always choose the slowest line.</b>	Scelgo sempre la fila più lenta. <b>shehl-goh shehm-pray lah fee-lah pew lehn-tah</b>

You might have to take a number (*prenotazione*), then wait to report to the window (*sportello*). Since the post office also operates a bank, and locals come here to take care of other business, you'll want to choose the correct window. The window for stamps is

usually labeled *filatelia* (or *lo sportello filatelico*), and *spedizione lettere e pacchi* means sending letters and packages.

When putting a stamped letter into a mailbox (*impostazione*), be sure to use the right slot: *per la città* is for letters being mailed within the city, while *per tutte le altre destinazioni* is for all other destinations.

## Licking the Postal Code

<b>to / from</b>	da / a <b>dah / ah</b>
<b>address</b>	indirizzo <b>een-dee-reed-zoh</b>
<b>zip code</b>	codice postale <b>koh-dee-chay poh-stah-lay</b>
<b>envelope</b>	busta <b>boo-stah</b>
<b>package</b>	pacco <b>pah-koh</b>
<b>box</b>	scatola <b>skah-toh-lah</b>
<b>packing material</b>	materiale per pacchi <b>mah-teh-ree-ah-lay</b> <b>pehr pah-kee</b>
<b>tape</b>	scotch “scotch”
<b>string</b>	filo <b>fee-loh</b>
<b>mailbox</b>	cassetta postale <b>kah-seh-tah poh-stah-lay</b>
<b>book rate</b>	prezzo di listino <b>prehd-zoh dee lee-stee-noh</b>
<b>weight limit</b>	limite di peso <b>lee-mee-tay dee peh-zoh</b>
<b>registered</b>	raccomandata <b>rah-koh-mahn-dah-tah</b>
<b>insured</b>	assicurato <b>ah-see-koo-rah-toh</b>
<b>fragile</b>	fragile <b>frah-jee-lay</b>
<b>contents</b>	contenuto <b>kohn-teh-noo-toh</b>
<b>customs</b>	dogana <b>doh-gah-nah</b>

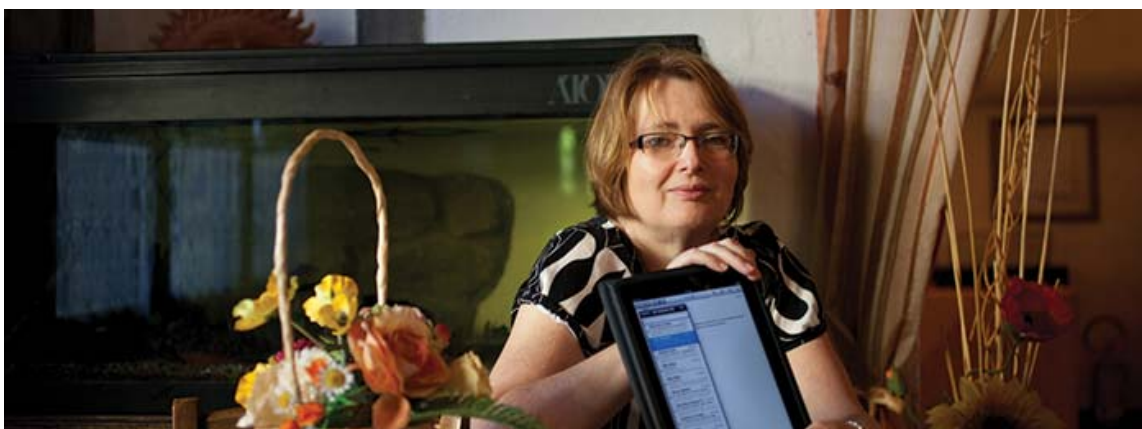


**tracking number**

codice per il tracking **koh-dee-chay** pehr eel  
“tracking”

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Post offices sell sturdy boxes, which you can assemble, fill with souvenirs, and mail home...so you can keep packing light.



# Technology

## Tech Terms

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This chapter covers phrases for your tech needs—from buying headphones to taking photos, from making phone calls to getting online.

# Tech Terms

## Portable Devices and Accessories

### Cameras

## Portable Devices and Accessories

I need a...	Mi serve un / una... <b>mee sehr-vay oon / oo-nah</b>
Do you have a...?	Avete un / una...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon / oo-nah</b>
Where can I buy a...?	Dove posso comprare un / una...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray oon / oo-nah</b>
battery (for my ____)	batteria (per il mio ____) <b>bah-teh-ree-ah (pehr eel mee-oh ____)</b>
battery charger	carica batterie <b>kah-ree-kah bah-teh-ree-ay</b>
computer	computer <b>kohm-poo-tehr</b>
converter	convertitore elettrico <b>kohn-vehr-tee-toh-ray eh-leh-tree-koh</b>
ebook reader	libro elettronico <b>lee-broh eh-leh-troh-nee-koh</b>
electrical adapter	adattatore elettrico <b>ah-dah-tah-toh-ray eh-leh-tree-koh</b>
flash drive	flash drive “flash drive”
headphones / earbuds	cuffie / auricolari <b>koo-fee-ay / ow-ree-koh-lah-ree</b>
laptop	portatile <b>por-tah-tee-lay</b>
memory card	memory card “memory card”
mobile phone	cellulare <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>

<b>SIM card</b>	carta SIM <b>kar-tah seem</b>
<b>speakers (for my ____)</b>	casse (per il mio ____) <b>kah-say</b> (pehr eel <b>mee-oh ____</b> )
<b>tablet</b>	tablet “ <b>tablet</b> ”
<b>USB cable / mini-cable</b>	cavo / cavetto USB <b>kah-voh / kah-veh-toh oo-ehs-ay-bee</b>
<b>video game</b>	videogioco <b>vee-deh-oh-joh-koh</b>
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Wi-Fi <b>wee-fee</b>

Familiar brands (like iPad, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, or whatever the latest craze) are just as popular in Europe as they are back home. Invariably, these go by their English names, sometimes with an Italian accent.

## Cameras

<b>camera</b>	macchina fotografica <b>mah-kee-nah foh-toh-grah-fee-kah</b>
<b>digital camera</b>	macchina fotografica digitale <b>mah-kee-nah foh-toh-grah-fee-kah dee-jee-tah-lay</b>
<b>video camera</b>	videocamera <b>vee-deh-oh-kah-meh-rah</b>
<b>lens cap</b>	tappo obiettivo <b>tah-poh oh-bee-eh-tee-voh</b>
<b>Will you take my / our photo?</b>	Mi / Ci fa una foto? <b>mee / chee fah oo-nah foh-toh</b>
<b>Can I take a photo of you?</b>	Posso farle una foto? <b>poh-soh far-lay oo-nah foh-toh</b>
<b>Smile! (sing / pl)</b>	Sorrída! / Sorridete! <b>soh-ree-dah / soh-ree-deh-tay</b>

You'll find words for batteries, chargers, and more in the previous list.

## Telephones

### Telephone Terms

#### Key Phrases: Telephones

### Making Calls

### On the Phone

### Mobile Phones

### Buying a Mobile Phone SIM Card

### Hotel-Room Phones

Travelers have several phoning options. The simplest solution is to bring your own mobile phone and use it just as you would at home (such as getting an international plan or connecting to free Wi-Fi whenever possible). Another option is to buy a European SIM card for your US mobile phone. As this is a fast-changing scene, check my latest tips at [www.ricksteves.com/phoning](http://www.ricksteves.com/phoning). Public pay phones are rare (and often require buying an insertable phone card).

## Telephone Terms

**telephone**

telefono **teh-leh-foh-noh**

**phone call...**

chiamata... **kee-ah-mah-tah**

**...local (within the city)**

...urbana **oor-bah-nah**

...domestic (elsewhere in Italy)	...nazionale <b>naht-see-oh-nah-lay</b>
...international	...internazionale <b>een-tehr-naht-see-oh-nah-lay</b>
...toll-free	...numero verde / freephone <b>noo-meh-roh vehr-day / "freephone"</b>
...with credit card	...con la carta di credito <b>kohn lah kar-tah dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
...collect	...a carico del destinatario <b>ah kah-ree-koh dehl deh-stee-nah-tah-ree-oh</b>
mobile phone	cellulare <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>
mobile number	numero di cellulare <b>noo-meh-roh dee ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>
landline	numero fisso <b>noo-meh-roh fee-soh</b>
country code	prefisso per il paese <b>preh-fee-soh pehr eel pah-eh-zay</b>
area code	prefisso <b>preh-fee-soh</b>
phone number	numero di telefono <b>noo-meh-roh dee teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
extension	numero interno <b>noo-meh-roh een-tehr-noh</b>

## Key Phrases: Telephones

telephone	telefono <b>teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
phone call	chiamata <b>kee-ah-mah-tah</b>
mobile phone	cellulare <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>
What is the phone number?	Qual è il numero di telefono? <b>kwahl eh eel noo-meh-roh dee teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
May I use your phone?	Posso usare il telefono? <b>poh-soh oo-zah-ray eel teh-leh-foh-noh</b>

<b>Where is a mobile-phone shop?</b>	Dov'è un negozio di cellulari? <b>doh-veh oon neh-goht-see-oh dee cheh-loo-lah-ree</b>
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For tips on calling in Italy, see [here](#).

## Making Calls

<b>Where is the nearest phone?</b>	Dov'è il telefono più vicino? <b>doh-veh eel teh-leh-foh-noh pew vee-chee-noh</b>
<b>What is the phone number?</b>	Qual è il numero di telefono? <b>kwahl eh eel noo-meh-roh dee teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>May I use your phone?</b>	Posso usare il telefono? <b>poh-soh oo-zah-ray eel teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>Can you talk for me?</b>	Può parlare per me? <b>pwoh par-lah-ray pehr may</b>
<b>It's busy.</b>	È occupato. <b>eh oh-koo-pah-toh</b>
<b>It doesn't work.</b>	Non funziona. <b>nohn foont-see-oh-nah</b>
<b>out of service</b>	guasto <b>gwah-stoh</b>
<b>Try again?</b>	Può riprovare? <b>pwoh ree-proh-vah-ray</b>

## On the Phone

<b>Hello, this is ____.</b>	Pronto, sono _____. <b>prohn-toh soh-noh</b> _____
<b>My name is ____.</b>	Mi chiamo _____. <b>mee kee-ah-moh</b> _____
<b>My phone number is ____.</b>	Il mio numero di telefono è _____. <b>eel mee-oh noo-meh-roh dee teh-leh-foh-noh</b>

eh \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Do you speak English?</b>	Parla inglese? <b>par-lah een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>Sorry, I speak only a little Italian.</b>	Mi dispiace, parlo solo un po' d'italiano. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay par-loh soh-loh oon poh dee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>Speak slowly, please.</b>	Parli lentamente, per favore. <b>par-lee lehn-tah-mehn-tay pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Wait a moment.</b>	Un momento. <b>oon moh-mehn-toh</b>

Italians answer a call by saying **Pronto** (Hello). They may ask **Chi parla?** (Who is speaking?)

In this book, you'll find the phrases you need to reserve a hotel room ([here](#)) or a table at a restaurant ([here](#)). To spell your name over the phone, refer to the code alphabet on [here](#). To provide your phone number, see the numbers on [here](#).

## Mobile Phones

It's easy and convenient to use your US mobile phone in Europe. Alternatively, you can buy a phone when you get there.

<b>mobile phone</b>	cellulare <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>
<b>roaming</b>	roaming <b>roh-meen</b>
<b>text message</b>	SMS <b>ehs-ay-ehm-ay-ehs-ay</b>
<b>Where is a mobile-phone shop?</b>	Dov'è un negozio di cellulari? <b>doh-veh oon neh-goht-see-oh dee ch eh-loo-lah-ree</b>
<b>I'd like to buy...</b>	Vorrei comprare... <b>voh-reh-ee kohm-prah-ray</b>
<b>...a (cheap) mobile phone.</b>	...un cellulare (economico). <b>oon ch eh-loo-lah-ray (eh-koh-noh-mee-koh)</b>
<b>...a SIM card.</b>	...una carta SIM. <b>oo-nah kar-tah seem</b>



<b>(prepaid) credit</b>	credito (prepagato) <b>kreh-dee-toh</b> (preh-pah-gah-toh)
<b>calling time</b>	durata della chiamata <b>doo-rah-tah deh-lah kee-ah-mah-tah</b>
<b>contract</b>	contratto <b>kohn-trah-toh</b>
<b>locked / unlocked</b>	bloccato / sbloccato <b>bloh-kah-toh / zbloh-kah-toh</b>
<b>Is this phone unlocked?</b>	Questo telefono è sbloccato? <b>kweh-stoh teh-leh-foh-noh eh zbloh-kah-toh</b>
<b>Can you unlock this phone?</b>	Può sbloccare questo telefono? <b>pwoh zbloh-kah-ray kweh-stoh teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>How do I...?</b>	Come faccio a...? <b>koh-may fah-choh ah</b>
<b>...make calls</b>	...fare una chiamata <b>fah-ray oo-nah kee-ah-mah-tah</b>
<b>...receive calls</b>	...ricevere una chiamata <b>ree-cheh-veh-ray oo-nah kee-ah-mah-tah</b>
<b>...send a text message</b>	...mandare un SMS <b>mahn-dah-ray oon ehs-ay-ehm-ay-ehs-ay</b>
<b>...check voicemail</b>	...controllare i messaggi vocali <b>kohn-troh-lah-ray ee meh-sah-jee voh-kah-lee</b>
<b>...set the language to English</b>	...impostare in lingua inglese <b>eem-poh-stah-ray een leen-gwah een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>...mute the ringer</b>	...silenziare la suoneria <b>see-lehnt-see-ah-ray lah swoh-neh-ree-ah</b>
<b>...change the ringer</b>	...cambiare la suoneria <b>kahm-bee-ah-ray lah swoh-neh-ree-ah</b>
<b>...turn it on</b>	...accenderlo <b>ah-chehn-dehr-loh</b>
<b>...turn it off</b>	...spegnerlo <b>spehn-yehr-loh</b>

# Buying a Mobile Phone SIM Card

The simplest solution is to roam with your US phone in Europe. If your phone is unlocked (*sbloccato*), you can save money by buying a cheap European SIM card at a mobile-phone shop or a newsstand.

Where can I buy...?	Dove posso comprare...? <b>doh-vay poh-soh kohm-prah-ray</b>
I'd like to buy...	Vorrei comprare... <b>voh-reh-ee kohm-prah-ray</b>
...a SIM card	...una carta SIM <b>oo-nah kar-tah seem</b>
...more calling time	...una ricarica <b>oo-nah ree-kah-ree-kah</b>
Will this SIM card work in my phone?	Questa carta SIM funziona per il mio telefono? <b>kweh-stah kar-tah seem foont-see-oh-nah pehr eel mee-oh teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
Which SIM card is best for my phone?	Qual'è la carta SIM migliore per il mio telefono? <b>kwah-leh lah kar-tah seem meel-yoh-ray pehr eel mee-oh teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
How much per minute for...?	Quanto costa al minuto per...? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah ahl mee-noo-toh pehr</b>
...making...	...chiamare... <b>kee-ah-mah-ray</b>
...receiving...	...ricevere... <b>ree-cheh-veh-ray</b>
...domestic calls	...chiamate nazionali <b>kee-ah-mah-tay naht-see-oh-nah-lee</b>
...international calls	...chiamate internazionali <b>kee-ah-mah-tay een-tehr-naht-see-oh-nah-lee</b>
...calls to the US	...chiamare a gli Stati Uniti <b>kee-ah-mah-ray ah lee stah-tee oo-nee-tee</b>
How much to send a text message?	Quanto costa mandare un SMS? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah mahn-dah-ray oon ehs-ay-ehm-</b>

ay-ehs-ay

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<b>How much credit is included?</b>	Quanto credito è incluso? <b>kwahn-toh kreh-dee-toh eh een-kloo-zoh</b>
<b>Can I roam with this card in another country?</b>	Con questa carta posso fare roaming in un altro paese? <b>kohn kweh-stah kar-tah poh-soh fah-ray roh-meen een oon ahl-troh pah-eh-zay</b>
<b>Do you have a list of rates?</b>	Avete una lista delle tariffe? <b>ah-veh-tay oo-nah lee-stah deh-lay tah-ree-fay</b>
<b>How do I...?</b>	Come si fa a...? <b>koh-may see fah ah</b>
<b>...insert this into the phone</b>	...inserire questo nel telefono <b>een-seh-ree-ray kweh-stoh nehl teh-leh-foh-noh</b>
<b>...check my credit balance</b>	...controllare il credito residuo <b>kohn-troh-lah-ray eel kreh-dee-toh reh-zee-doo-oh</b>
<b>...buy more time</b>	...comprare una ricarica <b>kohm-prah-ray oo-nah ree-kah-ree-kah</b>
<b>...change the language to English</b>	...impostare in lingua inglese <b>eem-poh-stah-ray een leen-gwah een-gleh-zay</b>

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Ask the clerk to change the prompts and messages to English. When you run out of credit, you can top it up at newsstands, tobacco shops, mobile-phone stores, or many other businesses (look for your SIM card's logo in the window).

## Hotel-Room Phones

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<b>prepaid international phone card</b>	carta telefonica prepagata internazionale <b>kar-tah teh-leh-foh-nee-kah preh-pah-gah-tah een-tehr-naht-see-oh-nah-lay</b>
<b>Can I call from my room?</b>	Posso chiamare dalla mia camera? <b>poh-soh kee-ah-mah-ray dah-lah mee-ah kah-meh-</b>

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<b>How do I dial out?</b>	Che numero faccio per chiamare fuori? <b>kay noo-meh-roh fah-choh pehr kee-ah-mah-ray foo-oh-ree</b>
<b>How much per minute for...?</b>	Quanto costa al minuto per...? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah ahl mee-noo-toh pehr</b>
<b>...local calls (in the city)</b>	...chiamate urbane <b>kee-ah-mah-tay oor-bah-nay</b>
<b>...domestic calls (elsewhere in Italy)</b>	...chiamate interurbane <b>kee-ah-mah-tay een-tehr-oor-bah-nay</b>
<b>...international calls</b>	...chiamate internazionali <b>kee-ah-mah-tay een-tehr-naht-see-oh-nah-lee</b>
<b>Can I dial this number for free?</b>	Posso fare questo numero gratis? <b>poh-soh fah-ray kweh-stoh noo-meh-roh grah-tees</b>

Most hotels charge a fee for placing calls—ask for rates before you dial. You can use a prepaid international phone card—usually available at newsstands, tobacco shops, and train stations—to call out from your hotel. Dial the toll-free access number, enter the card’s PIN code, then dial the number.

## Getting Online

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To get online in Europe, you can bring your own mobile device or use public computers (such as at a library or your hotel).

## Internet Terms

<b>Internet access</b>	accesso all'Internet <b>ah-cheh-soh ahl-een-tehr-neht</b>
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Wi-Fi <b>wee-fee</b>
<b>email</b>	email / posta elettronica "email" / <b>poh-stah eh-leh-troh-nee-kah</b>
<b>computer</b>	computer <b>kohm-poo-tehr</b>
<b>username</b>	username <b>oo-zehr-nah-may</b>
<b>password</b>	password "password"
<b>network key</b>	chiave di sicurezza <b>kee-ah-vay dee see-koo-rehd-zah</b>
<b>secure network</b>	rete sicura <b>reh-tay see-koo-rah</b>
<b>website</b>	sito Internet <b>see-toh een-tehr-neht</b>
<b>download</b>	scaricare <b>skah-ree-kah-ray</b>
<b>print</b>	stampare <b>stahm-pah-ray</b>
<b>My email address is ____.</b>	Il mio indirizzo email è _____. <b>eel mee-oh een-dee-reed-zoh "email" eh ____</b>
<b>What's your email address?</b>	Qual'è il suo indirizzo email? <b>kwah-leh eel soo-oh een-dee-reed-zoh "email"</b>

The **www** found at the beginning of most URLs is pronounced **voo-voo**, and the dot is **punto**.

## Key Phrases: Getting Online

Where is a Wi-Fi hotspot?	Dov'è un hot spot Wi-Fi? <b>doh-veh</b> oon "hot spot" <b>wee-fee</b>
Where can I get online?	Dove posso connettermi all'Internet? <b>doh-vay poh-soh koh-neh-tehr-mee ahl-een-tehr-neht</b>
Can I check my email?	Posso controllare la mia email? <b>poh-soh kohn-troh-lah-ray lah mee-ah</b> "email"

## Tech Support

Help me, please.	Mi aiuti, per favore. <b>mee ah-yoo-tee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
How do I...?	Come faccio a...? <b>koh-may fah-choh ah</b>
...start this	...accendere questo <b>ah-chehn-deh-ray kweh-stoh</b>
...get online	...connettermi all'Internet <b>koh-neh-tehr-mee ahl-een-tehr-neht</b>
...get this to work	...farlo funzionare <b>far-loh foont-see-oh-nah-ray</b>
...stop this	...fermarlo <b>fehr-mar-loh</b>
...send this	...inviare questo <b>een-vee-ah-ray kweh-stoh</b>
...print this	...stampare questo <b>stahm-pah-ray kweh-stoh</b>
...make this symbol	...fare questo simbolo <b>fah-ray kweh-stoh seem-boh-loh</b>

...copy and paste	...fare copia e incolla <b>fah-ray koh-pee-ah ay een-koh-lah</b>
...type @	...fare la chiocciola <b>fah-ray lah kee-oh-choh-lah</b>
<b>This isn't working.</b>	Non funziona. <b>nohn foont-see-oh-nah</b>

For do-it-yourself tips, see “Italian Keyboards” on [here](#).

## Using Your Own Mobile Device

You can get online at hotels, cafés, train stations, TIs, and many other places. While Wi-Fi is often free, sometimes you'll have to pay.

<b>laptop</b>	portatile <b>por-tah-tee-lay</b>
<b>tablet</b>	tablet “ <b>tablet</b> ”
<b>mobile phone</b>	cellulare “ <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b> ”
<b>Where is a Wi-Fi hotspot?</b>	Dov'è un hot spot Wi-Fi? <b>doh-veh oon “hot spot” wee-fee</b>
<b>Do you have Wi-Fi?</b>	Avete la rete Wi-Fi? <b>ah-veh-tay lah reh-tay wee-fee</b>
<b>What is the...?</b>	Qual'è...? <b>kwah-leh</b>
... <b>network name</b>	...il network name <b>eel “network” nah-may</b>
... <b>username</b>	...lo username <b>loh oo-zehr-nah-may</b>
... <b>password</b>	...la password <b>lah “password”</b>
<b>Do you have a...?</b>	Avete un...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon</b>
<b>Can I borrow a...?</b>	Posso prendere in prestito un...? <b>poh-soh prehn-deh-ray een preh-stee-toh oon</b>
... <b>charging cable</b>	...cavo per la carica <b>kah-voh pehr lah kah-ree-kah</b>

...USB cable	...cavo USB <b>kah-voh oo-ehs-ay-bee</b>
Free?	Gratis? <b>grah-tees</b>
How much?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
Do I have to buy something to use the Internet?	Devo comprare qualcosa per usare l'Internet? <b>deh-voh kohm-prah-ray kwahl-koh-zah pehr oo-zah-ray leen-tehr-neht</b>

## Using a Public Computer

Some hotels have a computer in the lobby for guests to get online. Otherwise you may find a public computer at a library or TI.

Where can I get online?	Dove posso connettermi all'Internet? <b>doh-vay poh-soh koh-neh-tehr-mee ahl-een-tehr-neht</b>
May I use this computer to...?	Posso usare questo computer per...? <b>poh-soh oo-zah-ray kweh-stoh kohm-poo-tehr pehr</b>
...get online	...connettermi all'Internet <b>koh-neh-tehr-mee ahl-een-tehr-neht</b>
...check my email	...controllare la mia email <b>kohn-troh-lah-ray lah mee-ah "email"</b>
...download my photos	...scaricare le mie foto <b>skah-ree-kah-ray lay mee-ay foh-toh</b>
...print (something)	...stampare (qualcosa) <b>stahm-pah-ray (kwahl-koh-zah)</b>
boarding passes	carte d'imbarco <b>kar-tay deem-bar-koh</b>
tickets	biglietti <b>beel-yeh-tee</b>
reservation confirmation	conferma della prenotazione <b>kohn-fehr-mah deh-lah preh-noh-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
Free?	Gratis? <b>grah-tees</b>



<b>How much (for... minutes)?</b>	Quanto costa (per... minuti)? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b> (pehr... mee- <b>noo-tee</b> )
...10	...dieci <b>dee-eh-chee</b>
...15	...quindici <b>kween-dee-chee</b>
...30	...trenta <b>trehn-tah</b>
...60	...sessanta <b>seh-sahn-tah</b>
<b>I have a...</b>	Ho un / una... <b>oh oon / oo-nah</b>
<b>Do you have a...?</b>	Avete un / una...? <b>ah-veh-tay oon / oo-nah</b>
...webcam	...webcam <b>web-kahm</b>
...headset	...cuffie <b>koo-fee-ay</b>
...USB cable	...cavo USB <b>kah-voh oo-ehs-ay-bee</b>
...memory card	...memory card “ <b>memory card</b> ”
...flash drive	...flash drive “ <b>flash drive</b> ”
<b>Can you switch the keyboard to English?</b>	Può impostare la tastiera in inglese? <b>pwoh eem-poh-stah-ray lah tah-stee-eh-rah een een-<b>gleh-zay</b></b>

If you’re using a public computer, the keyboard, menus, and on-screen commands will likely be designed for Italian speakers. Some computers allow you to make the Italian keyboard work as if it were an American one (look for the box in the lower right-hand corner of the screen to switch to English, or ask if it’s possible).

## Italian Keyboards

Italian keyboards differ from American ones. Here’s a rundown of how major commands are labeled on an Italian keyboard:

<b>YOU’LL SEE... IT MEANS...</b>	<b>YOU’LL SEE... IT MEANS...</b>

<b>Invio</b>	Enter	<b>Fine</b>	End
↑	Shift	<b>Pag ↑</b>	Page Up
<b>Canc.</b>	Delete	<b>Pag ↓</b>	Page Down
←	Backspace	<b>Alt Gr</b>	Alternate Graphics
<b>Ins</b>	Insert		

The **Alt** key to the right of the space bar is actually a different key, called **Alt Gr** (for Alternate Graphics). Press this key to insert the extra symbol that appears on some keys (such as the # in the lower-right corner of the à key).

A few often-used keys look the same, but have different names in Italian:

@ symbol (“snail”)	chiocciola	kee-oh-choh-lah
dot (.)	punto	poon-toh
hyphen (-)	trattino	trah-tee-noh
underscore (_)	linea bassa	lee-neh-ah bah-sah
slash (/)	barra	bah-rah

Italian speakers call the @ symbol *chiocciola* (snail). When saying an email address, you say *chiocciola* in the middle. You’ll find the @ symbol next to the letter L, sharing space with ç and ò.

To type @, press **Alt Gr** and ò at the same time. If that doesn’t work, try copy-and-pasting the @ sign from elsewhere on the page.

## On Screen

YOU’LL SEE...	IT MEANS...	YOU’LL SEE...	IT MEANS...
Rete	Network	Inserisci	Insert

<b>Tasto</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>Formato</b>	<b>Format</b>
<b>Cartella</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Strumenti</b>	<b>Tools</b>
<b>Documento</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Aiuto</b>	<b>Help</b>
<b>Nuovo</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Opzioni</b>	<b>Options</b>
<b>Aprire</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Posta</b>	<b>Mail</b>
<b>Chiudi</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Messaggio</b>	<b>Message</b>
<b>Salvare</b>	<b>Save</b>	<b>Rispondere a tutti</b>	<b>Reply to All</b>
<b>Stampare</b>	<b>Print</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>CC</b>
<b>Cancellare</b>	<b>Delete</b>	<b>Inoltra</b>	<b>Forward</b>
<b>Cerca</b>	<b>Search</b>	<b>Inviare</b>	<b>Send</b>
<b>Modifica</b>	<b>Edit</b>	<b>Ricevi</b>	<b>Receive</b>
<b>Taglia</b>	<b>Cut</b>	<b>Posta in arrivo</b>	<b>Inbox</b>
<b>Copia</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>Allega</b>	<b>Attach</b>
<b>Incolla</b>	<b>Paste</b>	<b>Caricare</b>	<b>Upload</b>
<b>Visualizza</b>	<b>View</b>	<b>Scaricare</b>	<b>Download</b>



# HELP!

## Emergencies

Key Phrases: Help!

## Help for Women

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

These phrases will help you in case of medical emergency, theft, loss, fire, or—if you're a woman—harassment. For any emergency service—ambulance, police, or fire—call 112 from a mobile phone or landline. Operators, who in most countries speak English, will deal with your request or route you to the right emergency service. If you're lost, see the phrases on [here](#).

# Emergencies

## Medical Help

### Key Phrases: Help!

## Theft and Loss

## Fire!

## Medical Help

<b>Help!</b>	Aiuto! <b>ah-yoo-toh</b>
<b>Help me, please.</b>	Mi aiuti, per favore. <b>mee ah-yoo-tee pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>emergency</b>	emergenza <b>eh-mehr-jehnt-sah</b>
<b>accident</b>	incidente <b>een-chee-dehn-tay</b>
<b>clinic / hospital</b>	clinica / ospedale <b>klee-nee-kah / oh-speh-dah-lay</b>
<b>Call...</b>	Chiamate... <b>kee-ah-mah-tay</b>
<b>...a doctor.</b>	...un dottore. <b>oon doh-toh-ray</b>
<b>...the police.</b>	...la polizia. <b>lah poh-leet-see-ah</b>
<b>...an ambulance.</b>	...un'ambulanza. <b>oon-ahm-boo-lahnt-sah</b>
<b>I / We need...</b>	Ho / Abbiamo bisogno di... <b>oh / ah-bee-ah-moh bee-zohn-yoh dee</b>
<b>...a doctor.</b>	...un dottore. <b>oon doh-toh-ray</b>
<b>...to go to the hospital.</b>	...andare in ospedale. <b>ahn-dah-ray een oh-speh-dah-lay</b>
<b>It's urgent.</b>	È urgente. <b>eh oor-jehn-tay</b>
<b>injured</b>	ferito <b>feh-ree-toh</b>

<b>bleeding</b>	sanguinare <b>sahn-gwee-nah-ray</b>
<b>choking</b>	soffocare <b>soh-foh-kah-ray</b>
<b>unconscious</b>	svenuto <b>zfeh-noo-toh</b>
<b>not breathing</b>	non respira <b>nohn reh-spee-rah</b>
<b>Thank you for your help.</b>	Grazie dell'aiuto. <b>graht-see-ay dehl-ah-yoo-toh</b>
<b>You are very kind.</b>	Lei è molto gentile. <b>leh-ee eh mohl-toh jehn-tee-lay</b>

## Key Phrases: Help!

<b>Help!</b>	Aiuto! <b>ah-yoo-toh</b>
<b>emergency</b>	emergenza <b>eh-mehr-jehnt-sah</b>
<b>clinic / hospital</b>	clinica / ospedale <b>klee-nee-kah / oh-speh-dah-lay</b>
<b>Call a doctor.</b>	Chiamate un dottore. <b>kee-ah-mah-tay oon doh-toh-ray</b>
<b>police</b>	polizia <b>poh-leet-see-ah</b>
<b>ambulance</b>	ambulanza <b>ahm-boo-lahnt-sah</b>
<b>thief</b>	ladro <b>lah-droh</b>
<b>Stop, thief!</b>	Fermatelo! Ladro! <b>fehr-mah-teh-loh lah-droh</b>

For other health-related words, see the Personal Care and Health chapter on [here](#).

## Theft and Loss

<b>thief</b>	ladro <b>lah-droh</b>
<b>pickpocket</b>	borseggiatore <b>bor-seh-jah-toh-ray</b>
<b>police</b>	polizia <b>poh-leet-see-ah</b>
<b>embassy</b>	ambasciata <b>ahm-bah-shah-tah</b>
<b>Stop, thief!</b>	Fermatelo! Ladro! <b>fehr-mah-teh-loh lah-droh</b>
<b>Call the police!</b>	Chiamate la polizia! <b>kee-ah-mah-tay lah poh-leet-see-ah</b>
<b>I've been robbed.</b>	Sono stato[a] derubato[a]. <b>soh-noh stah-toh deh-roo-bah-toh</b>
<b>We've been robbed.</b>	Siamo stati derubati. <b>see-ah-moh stah-tee deh-roo-bah-tee</b>
<b>We've been robbed. (said by females)</b>	Siamo state derubate. <b>see-ah-moh stah-tay deh-roo-bah-tay</b>
<b>A thief took...</b>	Un ladro ha preso... <b>oon lah-droh ah preh-zoh</b>
<b>Thieves took...</b>	I ladri hanno preso... <b>ee lah-dree ahn-noh preh-zoh</b>
<b>I've lost my...</b>	Ho perso il mio / la mia... <b>oh pehr-soh eel mee-oh / lah mee-ah</b>
<b>We've lost our...</b>	Abbiamo perso i nostri... <b>ah-bee-ah-moh pehr-soh ee noh-stree</b>
<b>money</b>	soldi <b>sohl-dee</b>
<b>credit / debit card</b>	carta di credito / debito <b>kar-tah dee kreh-dee-toh / deh-bee-toh</b>
<b>passport</b>	passaporto <b>pah-sah-por-toh</b>
<b>ticket</b>	biglietto <b>beel-yeh-toh</b>
<b>railpass</b>	tessera ferroviaria <b>teh-seh-rah feh-roh-vee-ah-ree-ah</b>
<b>baggage</b>	bagaglio <b>bah-gahl-yoh</b>

<b>purse</b>	borsa <b>bor-sah</b>
<b>wallet</b>	portafoglio <b>por-tah-fohl-yoh</b>
<b>watch</b>	orologio <b>oh-roh-loh-joh</b>
<b>jewelry</b>	gioielli <b>joh-yeh-lee</b>
<b>camera</b>	macchina fotografica <b>mah-kee-nah foh-toh-grah-fee-kah</b>
<b>mobile phone</b>	cellulare <b>ch eh-loo-lah-ray</b>
<b>iPod / iPad</b>	iPod / iPad “iPod” / “iPad”
<b>tablet</b>	tablet “tablet”
<b>computer</b>	computer <b>kohm-poo-tehr</b>
<b>laptop</b>	portatile <b>por-tah-tee-lay</b>
<b>faith in humankind</b>	fiducia nel prossimo <b>fee-doo-chah nehl proh-see-moh</b>
<b>I want to contact my embassy.</b>	Vorrei contattare la mia ambasciata. <b>voh-reh-ee kohn-tah-tah-ray lah mee-ah ahm-bah-shah-tah</b>
<b>I need to file a police report (for my insurance).</b>	Devo fare una denuncia (per la mia assicurazione). <b>deh-voh fah-ray oo-nah deh-noon-chah</b> (pehr lah <b>mee-ah ah-see-koo-raht-see-oh-nay</b> )
<b>Where is the police station?</b>	Dov'è la questura? <b>doh-veh lah kweh-stoo-rah</b>

In addition to civilian cops, you may also see police clad in dark blue. They are members of Italy’s military police, the **Carabinieri**.

To replace a passport, you’ll need to go in person to your embassy (see [here](#)). Cancel and replace your credit and debit cards by calling your credit-card company (as of this printing, these are the 24-hour US numbers that you can call collect: Visa—tel. 303/967-1096, MasterCard—tel. 636/722-7111, American Express—tel. 336/393-1111). If you’ll want to submit an insurance claim



for lost or stolen gear, be sure to file a police report, either on the spot or within a day or two. For more info, see [www.ricksteves.com/help](http://www.ricksteves.com/help). Precautionary measures can minimize the effects of loss—back up your digital photos and other files frequently.

## Fire!

<b>fire</b>	fuoco <b>fwoh-koh</b>
<b>smoke</b>	fumo <b>foo-moh</b>
<b>exit</b>	uscita <b>oo-shee-tah</b>
<b>emergency exit</b>	uscita d'emergenza <b>oo-shee-tah deh-mehr-jehnt-sah</b>
<b>fire extinguisher</b>	estintore <b>eh-steen-toh-ray</b>
<b>Call the fire department.</b>	Chiamate i vigili del fuoco. <b>kee-ah-mah-tay ee vee-jee-lee dehl fwoh-koh</b>

## Help for Women

### Safety in Numbers

### You Want to Be Alone

Whenever macho males threaten to make leering a contact sport, local women stroll arm-in-arm or holding hands. Wearing conservative clothes and avoiding smiley eye contact can help convey an “I’m not interested” message.

Generally the best way to react to unwanted attention is loudly and quickly.

<b>No!</b>	No! <b>noh</b>
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<b>Stop it!</b>	La smetta! lah <b>zmeh</b> -tah
<b>Enough!</b>	Basta! <b>bah</b> -stah
<b>Don't touch me.</b>	Non mi tocchi. nohn mee <b>toh</b> -kee
<b>Leave me alone.</b>	Mi lasci in pace. mee lah-shee een <b>pah</b> -chay
<b>Go away.</b>	Se ne vada. say nay <b>vah</b> -dah
<b>Get lost!</b>	Sparisca! spah- <b>ree</b> -skah
<b>Drop dead!</b>	Crepi! <b>kreh</b> -pee
<b>Police!</b>	Polizia! poh-leet- <b>see</b> -ah

## Safety in Numbers

If a guy is bugging you, approach a friendly-looking couple, family, or business for a place to stay safe.

<b>A man is bothering me.</b>	Un uomo mi sta importunando. oon <b>woh</b> -moh mee stah eem-por-too- <b>nahn</b> -doh
<b>May I...?</b>	Posso...? <b>poh</b> -soh
<b>...join you</b>	...unirmi a voi <b>oo</b> -neer-mee ah voy
<b>...sit here</b>	...sedermi qui seh- <b>dehr</b> -mee kwee
<b>...wait here until he's gone</b>	...aspettare qui finchè va via ah-speh- <b>tah</b> -ray kwee feen- <b>keh</b> vah <b>vee</b> -ah

## You Want to Be Alone

<b>I want to be alone.</b>	Voglio stare sola. <b>vohl</b> -yoh <b>stah</b> -ray <b>soh</b> -lah
<b>I'm not interested.</b>	Non sono interessata. nohn <b>soh</b> -noh een-teh-reh- <b>sah</b> -tah

<b>I'm married.</b>	Sono sposata. <b>soh-noh spoh-zah-tah</b>
<b>I'm waiting for my husband.</b>	Sto aspettando mio marito. <b>stoh ah-speh-tahn-doh mee-oh mah-ree-toh</b>
<b>I'm a lesbian.</b>	Sono lesbica. <b>soh-noh lehz-bee-kah</b>
<b>I have a contagious disease.</b>	Ho una malattia contagiosa. <b>oh oo-nah mah-lah-tee-ah kohn-tah-joh-zah</b>



## Services

**Hair and Body**

**Repairs**

**Laundry**

**Italian / English Dictionary**

**English / Italian Dictionary**

Whether you're getting a haircut, going to a spa, getting something fixed, or doing laundry, you'll find the phrases you need in this chapter.

## Hair and Body

At the Hair Salon

At the Spa

Massage

## At the Hair Salon

haircut	taglio di capelli <b>tahl-yoh</b> dee kah- <b>peh-lee</b>
Where is...?	Dov'è...? <b>doh-veh</b>
...a hair salon	...un parrucchiere <b>oon pah-roo-kee-eh-ray</b>
...a barber	...un barbiere <b>oon bar-bee-eh-ray</b>
...the price list	...il listino prezzi <b>eel lee-stee-noh prehd-zee</b>
I'd like...	Vorrei... <b>voh-reh-ee</b>
...a haircut.	...un taglio. <b>oon tahl-yoh</b>
...a shampoo.	...uno shampoo. <b>oo-noh shahm-poo</b>
...highlights.	...colpi di sole. <b>kohl-pee dee soh-lay</b>
...my hair colored.	...tingermi i capelli. <b>teen-jehr-mee ee kah-peh-lee</b>
...a permanent.	...una permanente. <b>oo-nah pehr-mah-nehn-tay</b>
...just a trim.	...solo una spuntatina. <b>soh-loh oo-nah spoon-tah-tee-nah</b>
How much?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
Cut about this much off.	Tagli tanto cosi. <b>tahl-yee tahn-toh koh-zee</b>
Here. (gesturing)	Qui. <b>kwee</b>
Short.	Corti. <b>kor-tee</b>
Shorter.	Più corti. <b>pew kor-tee</b>
Shave it all off.	Rasati. <b>rah-zah-tee</b>
As long as possible.	Più lunghi possibile. <b>pew loon-gee (hard</b>

“g”) poh-see-bee-lay

<b>Longer.</b>	Più lunghi. pew loon-gee (hard “g”)
<b>long layers</b>	lunghi e scalati loon-gee ay skah-lah-tee
<b>bangs</b>	frangia frahn-jah
<b>Cut my bangs here.</b>	Mi tagli la frangia qui. mee tahl-yee lah frahn-jah kwee
<b>front</b>	davanti dah-vahn-tee
<b>top</b>	sopra soh-prah
<b>back</b>	dietro dee-eh-troh
<b>sides</b>	lati lah-tee
<b>sideburns</b>	basette bah-zeh-tay
<b>beard / moustache</b>	barba / baffi bar-bah / bah-fee
<b>hair color</b>	colore koh-loh-ray
<b>blonde / brown / black / red</b>	biondo / bruno / nero / rosso bee-ohn-doh / broo-noh / neh-roh / roh-soh
<b>Please touch up my roots.</b>	Mi può ritoccare le radici. mee pwoh ree-toh-kah-ray lay rah-dee-chee
<b>I’d like my hair...</b>	Vorrei... voh-reh-ee
<b>...blow-dried.</b>	...una piega con il phon. oo-nah pee-eh-gah kohn eel fohn
<b>...styled.</b>	...piega. pee-eh-gah
<b>...straightened (with a flat iron).</b>	...lisci (con la piastra). lee-shee (kohn lah pee-ah-strah)
<b>...wavy.</b>	...ondulati. ohn-doo-lah-tee
<b>I want to look like I just got out of bed.</b>	Voglio un look da appena sveglia[o]. vohl-yoh oon look dah ah-peh-nah svehl-yah
<b>hair gel</b>	gel (per capelli) jehl (pehr kah-peh-lee)
<b>hairspray</b>	lacca (per capelli) lah-kah (pehr kah-peh-lee)

It looks good.

Sta bene. **stah beh-nay**

A tip for you.

Questo è per lei. **kweh-stoh eh pehr leh-ee**

## At the Spa

spa

centro estetico **chehn-troh eh-steh-tee-koh**

spa treatment

trattamento estetico **trah-tah-mehn-toh eh-steh-tee-koh**

Where can I get a...?

Dove posso andare per un / una...? **doh-vay poh-soh ahn-dah-ray pehr oon / oo-nah**

I'd like a...

Vorrei un / una... **voh-reh-ee oon / oo-nah**

...massage

...massaggio **mah-sah-joh**

...manicure

...manicure **mah-nee-koo-ray**

...pedicure

...pedicure **peh-dee-koo-ray**

...facial

...trattamento viso **trah-tah-mehn-toh vee-zoh**

...wax

...ceretta **cheh-reh-tah**

eyebrows

delle sopracciglia **deh-lay soh-prah-cheel-yah**

upper lip

del labbro superiore **dehl lah-broh soo-peh-ree-oh-ray**

legs

delle gambe **deh-lay gahm-bay**

bikini

dell'inguine **deh-leen-gwee-nay**

Brazilian

brasiliana **brah-zee-lee-ah-nah**

## Massage

massage

massaggio **mah-sah-joh**

Where can I get a massage?	Dove posso andare per un massaggio? <b>doh-vay poh-soh ahn-dah-ray pehr oon mah-sah-joh</b>
30 minutes / 1 hour / 90 minutes	trenti minuti / un'ora / novanti minuti <b>trehn-tee mee-noo-tee / oon-oh-rah / noh-vahn-tee mee-noo-tee</b>
How much?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
More / less time on my...	Più / meno tempo... <b>pew / meh-noh tehmpoh</b>
...back.	...sulla schiena. <b>soo-lah skee-eh-nah</b>
...neck.	...sul collo. <b>sool koh-loh</b>
...shoulders.	...sulle spalle. <b>soo-lay spah-lay</b>
...head.	...sulla testa. <b>soo-lah teh-stah</b>
...arms.	...sulle braccia. <b>soo-lay brah-chah</b>
...hands.	...sulle mani. <b>soo-lay mah-nee</b>
...legs.	...sulle gambe. <b>soo-lay gahm-bay</b>
...feet.	...sui piedi. <b>swee pee-eh-dee</b>
It hurts.	Fa male. <b>fah mah-lay</b>
Ouch!	Ahi! <b>ah-ee</b>
Light / Medium / Firm pressure.	Pressione leggera / media / intensa. <b>preh-see-oh-nay leh-jeh-rah / meh-dee-ah / een-tehn-sah</b>
Less / More pressure.	Meno / Più pressione. <b>meh-noh / pew preh-see-oh-nay</b>
(Don't) stop.	(Non) si fermi. <b>(nohn) see fehr-mee</b>
That feels good.	È piacevole. <b>eh pee-ah-cheh-voh-lay</b>

## Repairs



These handy lines can apply to various repairs, whether you tackle them yourself or go to a shop.

<b>This is broken.</b>	Questo è rotto. <b>kweh-stoh eh roh-toh</b>
<b>Can I borrow...?</b>	Posso prendere in prestito...? <b>poh-soh prehn-deh-ray een preh-stee-toh</b>
<b>Do you have...?</b>	Avete...? <b>ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>screwdriver (Phillips / straight edge)</b>	cacciavite (a stella / a taglio) <b>kah-chah-vee-tay (ah steh-lah / ah tahl-yoh)</b>
<b>pliers</b>	tenaglie <b>tehn-ahl-yay</b>
<b>wrench</b>	chiave inglese <b>kee-ah-vay een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>hammer</b>	martello <b>mar-teh-loh</b>
<b>scissors</b>	forbici <b>for-bee-chee</b>
<b>needle</b>	ago per cucire <b>ah-goh pehr koo-chee-ray</b>
<b>thread</b>	filo per cucire <b>fee-loh pehr koo-chee-ray</b>
<b>string</b>	spago <b>spah-goh</b>
<b>duct tape</b>	nastro adesivo <b>nah-stroh ah-deh-zee-voh</b>
<b>Can you fix it?</b>	Lo può riparare? <b>loh pwoh ree-pah-rah-ray</b>
<b>Just do the essentials.</b>	Faccia solamente le cose essenziali. <b>fah-chah soh-lah-mehn-tay lay koh-zay eh-sehnt-see-ah-lee</b>
<b>How much?</b>	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
<b>When will it be ready?</b>	Quando sarà pronta? <b>kwahn-doh sah-rah prohn-tah</b>
<b>I need it by ____.</b>	Ne ho bisogno entro _____. <b>nay oh bee-zohn-yoh ehn-troh _____</b>
<b>Without it, I'm lost.</b>	Senza sono perso. <b>sehnt-sah soh-noh pehr-soh</b>

## Laundry

Laundry Locator

Full-Service Laundry

Self-Service Laundry

Laundry Instructions Decoder

Wash Temperatures

## Laundry Locator

Where is a...?	Dov'è una...? <b>doh-veh oo-nah</b>
...full-service laundry	...lavanderia <b>lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah</b>
...self-service laundry	...lavanderia self-service <b>lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah sehlf-sehr-vees</b>
Do you offer laundry service? (ask hotelier)	Avete un servizio lavanderia? <b>ah-veh-tay oon sehr-veet-see-oh lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah</b>
How much?	Quanto costa? <b>kwahn-toh koh-stah</b>
When does this open / close?	A che ora apre / chiude? <b>ah kay oh-rah ah-pray / kee-oo-day</b>

## Full-Service Laundry

At some laundrettes, you can pay extra to have the attendant wash, dry, and fold your clothes. Be sure to clearly communicate the time you will pick it up.

full-service laundry	lavanderia <b>lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah</b>
Same-day service?	Servizio in giornata? <b>sehr-veet-see-oh een jor-nah-tah</b>

<b>By when do I need to drop off my clothes?</b>	Quando devo portare qui i miei vestiti? <b>kwahn-doh deh-voh por-tah-ray kwee ee mee-eh-ee veh-stee-tee</b>
<b>When will my clothes be ready?</b>	Quando saranno pronti i miei vestiti? <b>kwahn-doh sah-rah-noh prohn-tee ee mee-eh-ee veh-stee-tee</b>
<b>Could I get them sooner?</b>	Li posso ritirare prima? <b>lee poh-soh ree-tee-rah-ray pree-mah</b>
<b>Do you...?</b>	Li...? <b>lee</b>
<b>...dry them</b>	...asciugate <b>ah-shoo-gah-tay</b>
<b>...fold them</b>	...piegate <b>pee-eh-gah-tay</b>
<b>...iron them</b>	...stirate <b>stee-rah-tay</b>
<b>Please don't dry this.</b>	Questo non va asciugato per favore. <b>kweh-stoh nohn vah ah-shoo-gah-toh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>I'll come back...</b>	Torno... <b>tor-noh</b>
<b>...later today.</b>	...oggi più tardi. <b>oh-jee pew tar-dee</b>
<b>...tomorrow.</b>	...domani. <b>doh-mah-nee</b>
<b>...at ____ o'clock.</b>	...alle _____. <b>ah-lay _____</b>
<b>This isn't mine.</b>	Questo non è mio. <b>kweh-stoh nohn eh mee-oh</b>
<b>I'm missing a _____.</b>	Manca un / una _____. <b>mahn-kah oon / oo-nah _____</b>

For a list of clothes and colors, see [here](#) and [here](#).

## Self-Service Laundry

<b>self-service laundry</b>	lavanderia self-service <b>lah-vahn-deh-ree-ah sehlf-sehr-vees</b>
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washer / dryer	lavatrice / asciugatrice lah-vah- <b>tree</b> -chay / ah-shoo-gah- <b>tree</b> -chay
soap	sapone sah- <b>poh</b> -nay
detergent	detersivo da bucato deh-tehr- <b>see</b> -voh dah boo- <b>kah</b> -toh
softener	ammorbidente ah-mor-bee- <b>dehn</b> -tay
stain remover	smacchiatore zmah-kee-ah- <b>toh</b> -ray
money	soldi / denaro sohl-dee / deh- <b>nah</b> -roh
token	gettone jeh- <b>toh</b> -nay
Help me, please.	Mi aiuti, per favore. mee ah- <b>yoo</b> -tee pehr fah- <b>voh</b> -ray
Where do I pay?	Dove pago? doh-vay pah-goh
I need change.	Ho bisogno di moneta. oh bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee moh- <b>neh</b> -tah
How does this work?	Come funziona? koh-may foont-see- <b>oh</b> -nah
Where is the soap?	Dov'è il sapone? doh- <b>veh</b> eel sah- <b>poh</b> -nay
Where do I put the soap?	Dove va il sapone? doh-vay vah eel sah- <b>poh</b> -nay
This isn't working.	Questo non funziona. <b>kweh</b> -stoh nohn foont-see- <b>oh</b> -nah
How do I start this?	Come si avvia? koh-may see ah- <b>vee</b> -ah
How long will it take?	Quanto ci vuole? kwahn-toh chee <b>vwoh</b> -lay
Are these yours?	Sono suoi questi? soh-noh swoh-ee <b>kweh</b> -stee
This stinks.	Questo puzza. <b>kweh</b> -stoh <b>pood</b> -zah
Smells...	C'è odore... cheh oh- <b>doh</b> -ray
...like springtime.	...del profumo di primavera. dehl proh- <b>foo</b> -moh dee pree-mah- <b>veh</b> -rah
...like a locker room.	...di uno spogliatoio. dee oo-noh spohl-

yah-toh-yoh

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...like cheese.

...di formaggio. dee for-mah-joh

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Hey there, what's spinning?

Salve, come gira? sahl-vay koh-may jee-rah

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Don't begin a load too soon before closing time—or you might get evicted with a damp pile of partly washed laundry. Look for a sign telling you the last time you're allowed to start a load, such as *ultimo lavaggio alle 20:00* (last load at 8 p.m.).

## Laundry Instructions Decoder

Many laundrettes are unstaffed. Every laundrette has clearly posted instructions, but they're not always in English. Use this decoder to figure things out.

<b>istruzioni</b>	instructions
<b>lavatrice</b>	washer
<b>vestiti</b>	clothes
<b>caricare</b>	load
<b>lavare / asciugare</b>	wash / dry
<b>sapone / detersivo</b>	soap / detergent
<b>ammorbidente</b>	softener
<b>candeggina</b>	bleach
<b>liquido / in polvere</b>	liquid / powder
<b>vaschetta (per il detersivo)</b>	reservoir (for adding soap)
<b>a vostro rischio</b>	at your own risk
<b>caricare / inserire</b>	insert (clothes) / insert (money)
<b>moneta / gettone</b>	coin / token
<b>importo esatto</b>	exact change required

<b>no dà resto</b>	no change given
<b>aprire / chiudere oblò</b>	open / close door
<b>pulsante premere</b>	press button
<b>selezionare / conferma</b>	choose / enter
<b>inizio / programma</b>	start / program
<b>bianchi / colorati</b>	whites / colors
<b>delicati</b>	delicates
<b>caldo / tiepido / freddo</b>	hot / warm / cold
<b>in funzione</b>	in use
<b>prelavaggio / lavaggio</b>	pre-wash / main wash cycle
<b>centrifuga / risciacquo</b>	spin / rinse cycle
<b>asciugatrice</b>	dryer
<b>per ____ minuti di asciugatura</b>	per ____ minutes of drying
<b>scaricare</b>	empty / remove
<b>terminato</b>	finished

## Wash Temperatures

When choosing your wash cycle, you might see a series of numbers, such as:

<b>45° / 90° / 55 m</b>	whites
<b>45° / 60° / 50 m</b>	colors
<b>45° / 45° / 40 m</b>	permanent press / mixed
<b>— / 30° / 30 m</b>	warm
<b>— / 17° / 25 m</b>	cold / delicates

The first two numbers are the temperatures in Celsius for the pre-wash cycle and the main-wash cycle; the third number shows how many minutes the load takes. (For a rough conversion from Celsius to Fahrenheit, double the number and add 30.)

You'll likely buy drying time in small units (5- or 10-minute increments) rather than a full cycle. The choice of temperatures are *basso* (low and slow), *medio* (medium), and *alto* (high).



# Personal Care and Health

## Personal Care

Key Phrases: Health

## Specific Needs

## Medical Conditions

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

This chapter will help keep you supplied with toiletries and guide you in getting treatment if you're not feeling well. Along with words for ailments, body parts, and medications, you'll find sections on eye and ear care, dental needs, reproductive health, women, babies, allergies, mental health, disabilities, and various



medical conditions. For medical emergencies, see [here](#) in the Help! chapter.

## Personal Care

Health

Getting Help

Key Phrases: Health

Ailments

It Hurts

Body Parts

First-Aid Kit and Medications

<b>aftershave lotion</b>	lozione dopobarba <b>loht-see-oh-nay doh-poh-bar-bah</b>
<b>antiperspirant</b>	antitraspirante <b>ahn-tee-trah-spee-rah-n-tay</b>
<b>breath mints</b>	mentine per l'alito <b>mehn-tee-nay pehr lah-lee-toh</b>
<b>cologne</b>	colonia <b>koh-loh-nee-ah</b>
<b>comb</b>	pettine <b>peh-tee-nay</b>
<b>conditioner</b>	balsamo <b>bahl-sah-moh</b>
<b>dental floss</b>	filo interdendale <b>fee-loh een-tehr-dehn-tah-lay</b>
<b>deodorant</b>	deodorante <b>deh-oh-doh-rah-n-tay</b>
<b>face cleanser</b>	latte detergente <b>lah-tay deh-tehr-jehn-tay</b>
<b>facial tissue</b>	fazzoletto di carta <b>fahd-zoh-leh-toh dee</b>

	<b>kar-tah</b>
<b>fluoride rinse</b>	collutorio al fluoro <b>koh-loo-toh-ree-oh ahl floo-oh-roh</b>
<b>hair dryer</b>	phon <b>fohn</b>
<b>hairbrush</b>	spazzola per capelli <b>spahd-zoh-lah pehr kah-peh-lee</b>
<b>hand lotion</b>	crema per le mani <b>kreh-mah pehr lay mah-nee</b>
<b>hand sanitizer</b>	igienizzante per le mani <b>ee-jehn-eed-zahn-tay pehr lay mah-nee</b>
<b>lip balm</b>	burro di cacao <b>boo-roh dee kah-kah-oh</b>
<b>lip gloss</b>	lucidalabbra <b>loo-chee-dah-lah-brah</b>
<b>lipstick</b>	rossetto <b>roh-seh-toh</b>
<b>makeup</b>	trucco <b>troo-koh</b>
<b>mirror</b>	specchio <b>speh-kee-oh</b>
<b>moisturizer (with sunblock)</b>	crema idratante (con protezione solare) <b>kreh-mah ee-drah-tahn-tay (kohn prohteht-see-oh-nay soh-lah-ray)</b>
<b>mouthwash</b>	collutorio <b>koh-loo-toh-ree-oh</b>
<b>nail clippers</b>	tagliaunghie <b>tahl-yah-oon-gee-ay (hard "g")</b>
<b>nail file</b>	limetta per unghie <b>lee-meh-tah pehr oon-gee-ay (hard "g")</b>
<b>nail polish</b>	smalto per le unghie <b>zmahl-toh pehr lay oon-gee-ay (hard "g")</b>
<b>nail polish remover</b>	solvente per le unghie <b>sohl-vehn-tay pehr lay oon-gee-ay (hard "g")</b>
<b>perfume</b>	profumo <b>proh-foo-moh</b>
<b>Q-tips (cotton swabs)</b>	cotton fioc <b>koh-tohn fee-ohk</b>
<b>razor</b>	rasoio <b>rah-zoh-yoh</b>
<b>sanitary pads</b>	assorbenti igienici <b>ah-sor-behn-tee ee-jehn-</b>

	ee-chee
scissors	forbici <b>for-bee-chee</b>
shampoo	shampoo <b>shahm-poo</b>
shaving cream	crema da barba <b>kreh-mah dah bar-bah</b>
soap	sapone <b>sah-poh-nay</b>
sunscreen	protezione solare <b>proh-teht-see-oh-nay soh-lah-ray</b>
suntan lotion	crema solare <b>kreh-mah soh-lah-ray</b>
tampons	assorbenti interni <b>ah-sor-behn-tee een-tehr-nee</b>
tissues	fazzoletti di carta <b>fahd-zoh-leh-tee dee kar-tah</b>
toilet paper	carta igienica <b>kar-tah ee-jehn-ee-kah</b>
toothbrush	spazzolino da denti <b>spahd-zoh-lee-noh dah dehn-tee</b>
toothpaste	dentifricio <b>dehn-tee-free-choh</b>
tweezers	pinzette <b>peent-seh-tay</b>

## Health

Throughout Europe, people with simple ailments go first to the pharmacist, who can diagnose and prescribe remedies. Pharmacists are usually friendly and speak English. If necessary, the pharmacist will send you to a doctor or a clinic.

## Getting Help

Where is a...?

Dov'è...? **doh-veh**

...pharmacy (open 24

...una farmacia (aperta ventiquattro ore)

hours)	<b>oo-nah far-mah-chee-ah (ah-pehr-tah vehn-tee-kwah-troh oh-ray)</b>
...clinic	...una clinica <b>oo-nah klee-nee-kah</b>
...hospital	...un ospedale <b>oon oh-speh-dah-lay</b>
I am sick.	Sto male. <b>stoh mah-lay</b>
He / She is sick.	Lui / Lei sta male. <b>loo-ee / leh-ee stah mah-lay</b>
I / We need a doctor...	Ho / Abbiamo bisogno di un dottore... <b>oh / ah-bee-ah-moh bee-zohn-yoh dee oon doh-toh-ray</b>
...who speaks English.	...che parli inglese. <b>kay par-lee een-gleh-zay</b>
Please call a doctor.	Per favore, chiami un dottore. <b>pehr fah-voh-ray kee-ah-mee oon doh-toh-ray</b>
Could a doctor come here?	Puo venire qua un dottore? <b>pwoh veh-nee-ray kwah oon doh-toh-ray</b>
It's urgent.	È urgente. <b>eh oor-jehn-tay</b>
ambulance	ambulanza <b>ahm-boo-lahnt-sah</b>
health insurance	assicurazione medica <b>ah-see-koo-raht-see-oh-nay meh-dee-kah</b>
Receipt, please.	La ricevuta, per favore. <b>lah ree-cheh-vootah pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

## Key Phrases: Health

I am sick.	Sto male. <b>stoh mah-lay</b>
I need a doctor (who speaks English).	Ho bisogno di un dottore (che parli inglese). <b>oh bee-zohn-yoh dee oon doh-toh-ray (kay par-lee een-gleh-zay)</b>
pain	dolore <b>doh-loh-ray</b>

<b>It hurts here.</b>	Fa male qui. <b>fah mah-lay kwee</b>
<b>medicine</b>	farmaco <b>far-mah-koh</b>
<b>Where is a pharmacy?</b>	Dov'è una farmacia? <b>doh-veh oo-nah far-mah-chee-ah</b>

## Ailments

<b>I have...</b>	Ho... <b>oh</b>
<b>He / She has...</b>	Lui / Lei ha... <b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah</b>
<b>I need medicine for...</b>	Mi serve un farmaco per... <b>mee sehr-vay oon far-mah-koh pehr</b>
<b>bee sting</b>	una puntura d'ape <b>oo-nah poon-too-rah dah-pay</b>
<b>bites from...</b>	puncture di... <b>poonk-too-ray dee</b>
...bedbugs	...cimici <b>chee-mee-chee</b>
...a dog	...un cane <b>oon kah-nay</b>
...mosquitoes	...zanzare <b>zahnt-sah-ray</b>
...a spider	...un ragno <b>oon rahn-yoh</b>
...a tick	...una zecca <b>oo-nah zeh-kah</b>
<b>blisters</b>	le vesciche <b>lay veh-shee-kay</b>
<b>body odor</b>	puzzo <b>pood-zoh</b>
<b>burn</b>	una bruciatura <b>oo-nah broo-chah-too-rah</b>
<b>chapped lips</b>	le labbra secche <b>lay lah-brah seh-kay</b>
<b>chest pains</b>	un dolore al petto <b>oon doh-loh-ray ahl peh-toh</b>
<b>chills</b>	i brividi <b>ee bree-vee-dee</b>
<b>cold</b>	un raffreddore <b>oon rah-freh-doh-ray</b>

<b>congestion</b>	una congestione <b>oo-nah kohn-jeh-stee-oh-nay</b>
<b>constipation</b>	la stitichezza <b>lah stee-tee-keh-d-zah</b>
<b>cough</b>	la tosse <b>lah toh-say</b>
<b>cramps...</b>	i crampi... <b>ee krahm-pee</b>
<b>...menstrual</b>	...mestruali <b>meh-stroo-ah-lee</b>
<b>...muscle</b>	...muscolari <b>moo-skoh-lah-ree</b>
<b>...stomach</b>	...allo stomaco <b>ah-loh stoh-mah-koh</b>
<b>diarrhea</b>	la diarrea <b>lah dee-ah-reh-ah</b>
<b>dizziness</b>	i capogiri <b>ee kah-poh-jee-ree</b>
<b>earache</b>	il mal d'orecchi <b>eel mahl doh-reh-kee</b>
<b>eczema</b>	un eczema <b>oon ehk-zeh-mah</b>
<b>fever</b>	la febbre <b>lah feh-bray</b>
<b>flu</b>	l'influenza <b>leen-floo-ehnt-sah</b>
<b>food poisoning</b>	l'avvelenamento da cibo <b>lah-veh-leh-nah-mehn-toh dah chee-boh</b>
<b>gas</b>	l'aria nello stomaco <b>lah-ree-ah neh-loh stoh-mah-koh</b>
<b>hay fever</b>	il raffreddore da fieno <b>eel rah-freh-doh-ray dah fee-eh-noh</b>
<b>headache</b>	il mal di testa <b>eel mahl dee teh-stah</b>
<b>heartburn</b>	il bruciore di stomaco <b>eel broo-choh-ray dee stoh-mah-koh</b>
<b>hemorrhoids</b>	le emorroidi <b>lay eh-moh-roh-ee-dee</b>
<b>hot flashes</b>	le vampate di calore <b>lay vahm-pah-tay dee kah-loh-ray</b>
<b>indigestion</b>	un'indigestione <b>oon-een-dee-jeh-stee-oh-nay</b>
<b>infection</b>	un'infezione <b>oon-een-feht-see-oh-nay</b>

<b>inflammation</b>	un'infezione oon-eeen-fee-ah-maht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
<b>insomnia</b>	l'insonnia leen- <b>soh</b> -nee-ah
<b>lice</b>	i pidocchi ee pee- <b>doh</b> -kee
<b>lightheadedness</b>	i capogiri ee kah-poh- <b>jee</b> -ree
<b>migraine</b>	l'emicrania leh-mee- <b>krah</b> -nee-ah
<b>motion sickness (car)</b>	il mal di macchina eel mahl dee <b>mah</b> -kee-nah
<b>motion sickness (sea)</b>	il mal di mare eel mahl dee <b>mah</b> -ray
<b>nausea</b>	la nausea lah <b>now</b> -zee-ah
<b>numbness</b>	l'intorpidimento leen-tor-pee-dee- <b>mehn</b> -toh
<b>pain</b>	il dolore eel doh- <b>loh</b> -ray
<b>pimples</b>	i foruncoli ee for-oon- <b>koh</b> -lee
<b>pneumonia</b>	la broncopolmonite lah brohn-koh-pohl-moh- <b>nee</b> -tay
<b>pus</b>	il pus eel poos
<b>rash</b>	l'irritazione della pelle lee-ree-taht-see- <b>oh</b> -nay <b>deh</b> -lah <b>peh</b> -lay
<b>sinus problems</b>	la sinusite lah see-noo- <b>zee</b> -tay
<b>sneezing</b>	gli starnuti lee star- <b>noo</b> -tee
<b>sore throat</b>	il mal di gola eel mahl dee <b>goh</b> -lah
<b>splinter</b>	una scheggia oo-nah <b>skeh</b> -jah
<b>stomachache</b>	il mal di stomaco eel mahl dee <b>stoh</b> -mah-koh
<b>(bad) sunburn</b>	una (brutta) scottatura solare oo-nah ( <b>broo</b> -tah) skoh-tah- <b>too</b> -rah soh- <b>lah</b> -ray
<b>swelling</b>	un gonfiore oon gohn-fee- <b>oh</b> -ray
<b>tendonitis</b>	la tendinite lah tehn-dee- <b>nee</b> -tay
<b>toothache</b>	il mal di denti eel mahl dee <b>dehn</b> -tee

<b>urinary tract infection</b>	un'infezione urinaria <b>oon-een-feht-see-oh-nay oo-ree-nah-ree-ah</b>
<b>urination (frequent / painful)</b>	un'urinazione (frequente / dolorosa) <b>oon-oo-ree-naht-see-oh-nay (freh-kwehn-tay / doh-loh-roh-zah)</b>
<b>vomiting</b>	il vomito <b>eel voh-mee-toh</b>
<b>wart</b>	una verruca <b>oo-nah veh-roo-kah</b>
<b>I'm going bald.</b>	Perdo i capelli. <b>pehr-doh ee kah-peh-lee</b>

For major illnesses, see “Medical Conditions” on [here](#).

## It Hurts

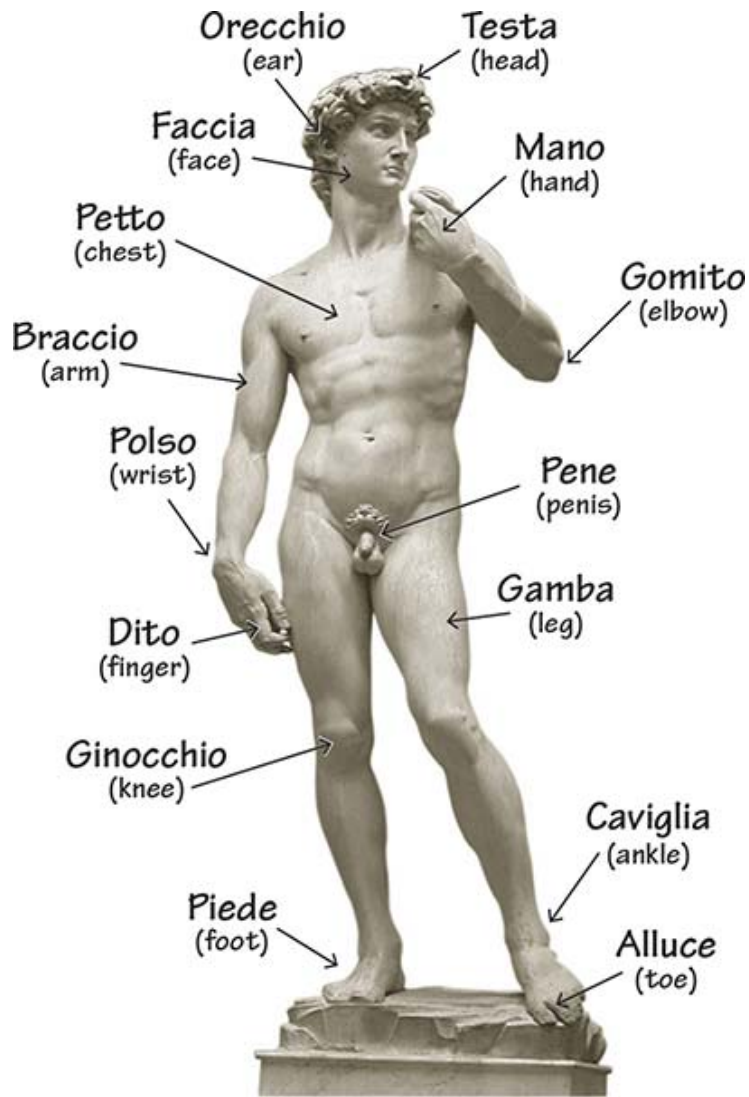
<b>pain</b>	dolore <b>doh-loh-ray</b>
<b>painful</b>	doloroso <b>doh-loh-roh-zoh</b>
<b>hurts</b>	fa male <b>fah mah-lay</b>
<b>It hurts here.</b>	Fa male qui. <b>fah mah-lay kwee</b>
<b>My ____ hurts. (body parts listed next)</b>	Mi fa male il / la _____. <b>mee fah mah-lay eel / lah ____</b>
<b>aching</b>	dolorante <b>doh-loh-rah-n-tay</b>
<b>bleeding</b>	sanguinare <b>sahn-gwee-nah-ray</b>
<b>blocked</b>	bloccato <b>bloh-kah-toh</b>
<b>broken</b>	rotto <b>roh-toh</b>
<b>bruised</b>	contuso <b>kohn-too-zoh</b>
<b>chafing</b>	irritazione <b>ee-ree-taht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>cracked</b>	incrinato <b>een-kree-nah-toh</b>
<b>fractured</b>	fratturato <b>frah-too-rah-toh</b>
<b>infected</b>	infetto <b>een-feh-toh</b>
<b>inflamed</b>	infiammato <b>een-fee-ah-mah-toh</b>



punctured (rusty nail)	punto (chiodo arrugginito) <b>poon-toh</b> (kee- <b>oh-doh</b> ah-roo-jee- <b>nee-toh</b> )
scraped	sbucciato <b>zboo-chah-toh</b>
sore	dolorante <b>doh-loh-rah-n-tay</b>
sprained	distorsione <b>dee-stor-see-oh-nay</b>
swollen	gonfio <b>gohn-fee-oh</b>
weak	debole <b>deh-boh-lay</b>
diagnosis	diagnosi <b>dee-ahn-yoh-zee</b>
What can I do?	Cosa posso fare? <b>koh-zah poh-soh fah-ray</b>
Is it serious?	È grave? <b>eh grah-vay</b>
Is it contagious?	È contagioso? <b>eh kohn-tah-joh-zoh</b>

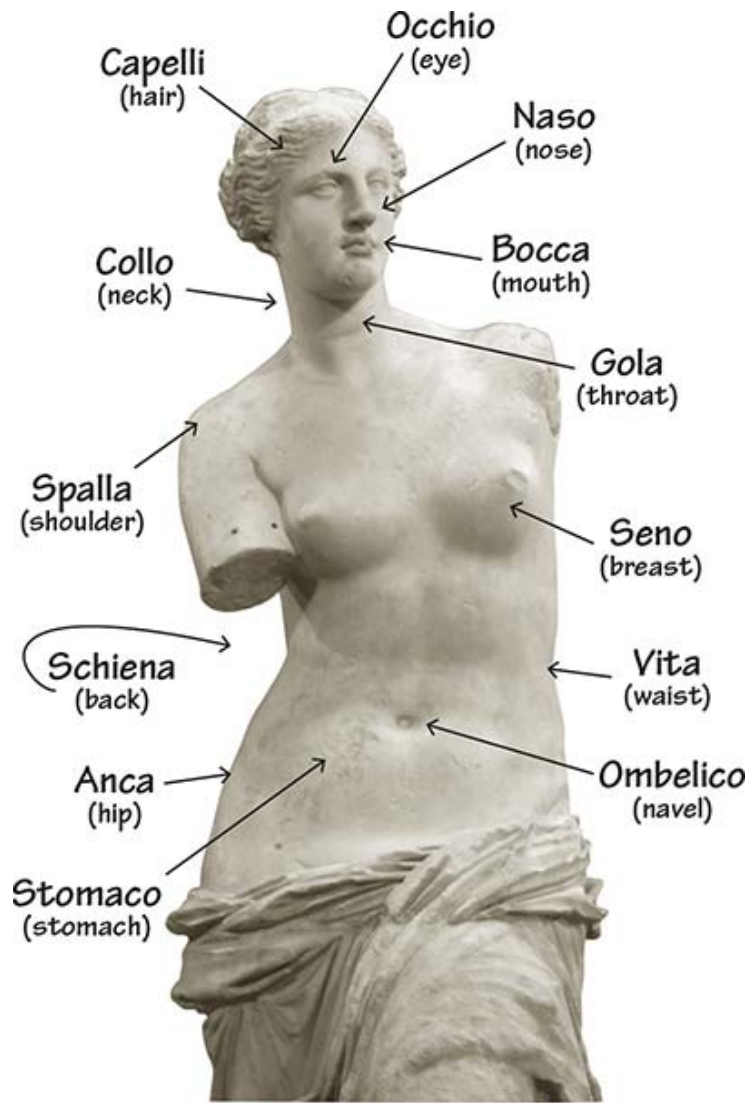
## Body Parts

ankle	caviglia <b>kah-veel-yah</b>
appendix	appendice <b>ah-pehn-dee-chay</b>
arm	braccio <b>brah-choh</b>
back	schiena <b>skee-eh-nah</b>
bladder	vescica <b>veh-shee-kah</b>
blood	sangue <b>sahn-gway</b>
body	corpo <b>kor-poh</b>
bone	osso <b>oh-soh</b>
bowel movement	movimento intestinale <b>moh-vee-mehn-toh</b> <b>een-teh-stee-nah-lay</b>
brain	cervello <b>chehr-veh-loh</b>
breast	seno <b>seh-noh</b>
chest	petto <b>peh-toh</b>
ear	orecchio <b>oh-reh-kee-oh</b>



elbow	gomito <b>goh-mee-toh</b>
eye	occhio <b>oh-kee-oh</b>
face	faccia / viso <b>fah-chah / vee-zoh</b>
finger	dito <b>dee-toh</b>
fingernail	unghia <b>oon-gee-ah</b> (hard “g”)
foot	piede <b>pee-eh-day</b>
hand	mano <b>mah-noh</b>
head	testa <b>teh-stah</b>
heart	cuore <b>kwoh-ray</b>

<b>hip</b>	anca <b>ahn-kah</b>
<b>kidney</b>	rene <b>reh-nay</b>
<b>knee</b>	ginocchio <b>jee-noh-kee-oh</b>
<b>leg</b>	gamba <b>gahm-bah</b>
<b>lips</b>	labbra <b>lah-brah</b>
<b>liver</b>	fegato <b>feh-gah-toh</b>
<b>lung</b>	polmone <b>pohl-moh-nay</b>
<b>mouth</b>	bocca <b>boh-kah</b>
<b>muscles</b>	muscoli <b>moo-skoh-lee</b>
<b>neck</b>	collo <b>koh-loh</b>
<b>nose</b>	naso <b>nah-zoh</b>
<b>ovary</b>	ovaia <b>oh-vah-yah</b>
<b>penis</b>	pene <b>peh-nay</b>
<b>poop</b>	pupu <b>poo-poo</b>
<b>shoulder</b>	spalla <b>spah-lah</b>
<b>skin</b>	pelle <b>peh-lay</b>
<b>stomach</b>	stomaco <b>stoh-mah-koh</b>
<b>teeth</b>	denti <b>dehn-tee</b>
<b>testicles</b>	testicoli <b>teh-stee-koh-lee</b>
<b>throat</b>	gola <b>goh-lah</b>
<b>toe</b>	alluce <b>ah-loo-chay</b>
<b>toenail</b>	unghia del piede <b>oon-gee-ah</b> (hard “g”) <b>dehl pee-eh-day</b>



tongue

lingua **leen-gwah**

urine

urina **oo-ree-nah**

uterus

utero **oo-teh-roh**

vagina

vagina **vah-jee-nah**

waist

vita **vee-tah**

wrist

polso **pohl-soh**

right / left

destro[a] / sinistro[a] **deh-stroh / see-nee-stroh**

## First-Aid Kit and Medications

American name-brand medications are rare in Europe, but you'll find equally good local equivalents. Rather than looking for Sudafed, ask for a *decongestionante* (decongestant). Instead of Nyquil, request a *farmaco per il raffreddore* (cold medicine). For prescription drugs, ask your doctor for the generic name (for example, atorvastatin instead of Lipitor), which is more likely to be understood internationally. If using a European thermometer, see [here](#) for help with temperature conversions.

<b>medicine</b>	farmaco <b>far-mah-koh</b>
<b>pill</b>	pillola <b>pee-loh-lah</b>
<b>prescription</b>	ricetta <b>ree-cheh-tah</b>
<b>pharmacy</b>	farmacia <b>far-mah-chee-ah</b>
<b>24-hour pharmacy</b>	farmacia aperta ventiquattro ore <b>far-mah-chee-ah ah-pehr-tah vehn-tee-kwah-troh oh-ray</b>
<b>adult diapers (like Depends)</b>	pannoloni <b>pah-noh-loh-nee</b>
<b>antacid</b>	antiacido <b>ahn-tee-ah-chee-doh</b>
<b>anti-anxiety medicine</b>	farmaco ansiolitico <b>far-mah-koh ahn-see-oh-lee-tee-koh</b>
<b>antibiotic</b>	antibiotici <b>ahn-tee-bee-oh-tee-chee</b>
<b>antihistamine (like Benadryl)</b>	antistaminico <b>ahn-tee-stah-mee-nee-koh</b>
<b>aspirin</b>	aspirina <b>ah-spee-ree-nah</b>
<b>non-aspirin substitute (like Tylenol)</b>	Saridon <b>sah-ree-dohn</b>
<b>bandage</b>	benda <b>behn-dah</b>
<b>Band-Aids</b>	cerotti <b>cheh-roh-tee</b>

<b>cold medicine</b>	farmaco per il raffreddore <b>far-mah-koh</b> pehr eel rah-freh- <b>doh</b> -ray
<b>cough drops</b>	caramelle per la tosse <b>kah-rah-meh-lay</b> pehr lah <b>toh</b> -say
<b>decongestant (like Sudafed)</b>	decongestionante <b>deh-kohn-jeh-stee-oh-</b> <b>nahn</b> -tay
<b>diarrhea medicine</b>	farmaco per la diarrea <b>far-mah-koh</b> pehr lah dee-ah- <b>reh</b> -ah
<b>disinfectant</b>	disinfettante <b>dee-zeen-feh-tahn</b> -tay
<b>first-aid cream</b>	pomata antistaminica <b>poh-mah-tah</b> ahn-tee- stah- <b>mee</b> -nee-kah
<b>gauze / tape</b>	garza / nastro <b>gart</b> -sah / <b>nah</b> -stroh
<b>hemorrhoid medicine</b>	farmaco per le emorroidi <b>far-mah-koh</b> pehr lay eh-moh-roh- <b>ee</b> -dee
<b>hydrogen peroxide</b>	acqua ossigenata <b>ah</b> -kwah oh-see-jeh- <b>nah</b> - tah
<b>ibuprofen (like Advil)</b>	ibuprofene <b>ee-boo-proh-feh</b> -nay
<b>inhaler</b>	inalatore <b>een-ah-lah-toh</b> -ray
<b>insulin</b>	insulina <b>een-soo-lee</b> -nah
<b>itch reliever</b>	pomata antiprurito <b>poh-mah-tah</b> ahn-tee- <b>proo</b> -ree-toh
<b>laxative</b>	lassativo <b>lah-sah-tee</b> -voh
<b>moleskin (for blisters)</b>	feltro / moleskin <b>fehl</b> -troh / “moleskin”
<b>mosquito repellant</b>	repellente per zanzare <b>reh-peh-lehn</b> -tay pehr zahnt- <b>sah</b> -ray
<b>painkiller</b>	analgesico <b>ah-nahl-jeh</b> -zee-koh
<b>stomachache medicine</b>	farmaco per il mal di stomaco <b>far-mah-koh</b> pehr eel mahl dee <b>stoh</b> -mah-koh
<b>support bandage</b>	fascia di sostegno <b>fah</b> -shah dee soh- <b>stehn</b> - yoh

<b>syringe</b>	siringa <b>see-reen-gah</b>
<b>tetanus shot</b>	antitetanica <b>ahn-tee-teh-tah-nee-kah</b>
<b>thermometer</b>	termometro <b>tehr-moh-meh-troh</b>
<b>Vaseline</b>	vaselina <b>vah-zeh-lee-nah</b>
<b>vitamins</b>	vitamine <b>vee-tah-mee-nay</b>
<b>Does it sting?</b>	Fa punture? <b>fah poon-too-ray</b>
<b>Take one pill every ____ hours for ____ days.</b>	Prenda una pillola ogni ____ ore per ____ giorni. <b>prehn-dah oo-nah pee-loh-lah ohn-ye</b> ____ <b>oh-ray</b> pehr ____ <b>jor-nee</b>

## Specific Needs

The Eyes Have It

All Ears

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# The Eyes Have It

<b>optician</b>	ottico <b>oh-tee-koh</b>
<b>eye / eyes</b>	occhio / occhi <b>oh-kee-oh / oh-kee</b>
<b>eye drops (for inflammation)</b>	collirio <b>koh-lee-ree-oh</b>
<b>artificial tears</b>	lacrime artificiali <b>lah-kree-may ar-tee-fee-chee-ah-lee</b>
<b>glasses</b>	occhiali <b>oh-kee-ah-lee</b>
<b>sunglasses</b>	occhiali da sole <b>oh-kee-ah-lee dah soh-lay</b>
<b>reading glasses</b>	occhiali da lettura <b>oh-kee-ah-lee dah leh-too-rah</b>
<b>glasses case</b>	custodia per occhiali <b>koo-stoh-dee-ah pehr oh-kee-ah-lee</b>
<b>(broken) lens</b>	lenti (rotte) <b>lehn-tee (roh-tay)</b>
<b>to repair</b>	riparare <b>ree-pah-rah-ray</b>
<b>replacement</b>	sostituire <b>soh-stee-twee-ray</b>
<b>prescription</b>	ricetta <b>ree-cheh-tah</b>
<b>contact lenses...</b>	lenti a contatto... <b>lehn-tee ah kohn-tah-toh</b>
...soft	...morbide <b>mor-bee-day</b>
...hard	...dure <b>doo-ray</b>
<b>all-purpose solution</b>	liquido unico per lenti a contatto <b>lee-kwee-doh oo-nee-koh pehr lehn-tee ah kohn-tah-toh</b>
<b>contact lens case</b>	porta lenti a contatto <b>por-tah lehn-tee ah kohn-tah-toh</b>
<b>I don't see well.</b>	Non vedo bene. <b>nohn veh-doh beh-nay</b>
<b>nearsighted</b>	miope <b>mee-oh-pay</b>
<b>farsighted</b>	presbite <b>prehs-bee-tay</b>
<b>20 / 20 vision</b>	visione perfetto <b>vee-zee-oh-nay pehr-feh-</b>



## All Ears

ear / ears	orecchio / orecchie <b>oh-reh-kee-oh / oh-reh-kee-ay</b>
right / left	destro / sinistro <b>deh-stroh / see-nee-stroh</b>
earache	mal d'orecchi <b>mahl doh-reh-kee</b>
ear infection	otite <b>oh-tee-tay</b>
ear wax (removal)	cerume (eliminare) <b>ch eh-roo-may (eh-lee-mee-nah-ray)</b>
I don't hear well.	Non sento bene. <b>non sehn-toh beh-nay</b>
hearing aid	apparecchio acustico <b>ah-pah-reh-kee-oh ah-koo-stee-koh</b>
batteries	batterie <b>bah-teh-ree-ay</b>

## Tooth Trouble

dentist	dentista <b>dehn-tee-stah</b>
tooth / teeth	dente / denti <b>dehn-tay / dehn-tee</b>
toothache	mal di denti <b>mahl dee dehn-tee</b>
braces	apparecchio <b>ah-pah-reh-kee-oh</b>
crown	capsula <b>kahp-soo-lah</b>
dentures	dentiera <b>dehn-tee-eh-rah</b>
filling	otturazione <b>oh-too-raht-see-oh-nay</b>
gums	gengive <b>jehn-jee-vay</b>
broken / cracked	rotto <b>roh-toh</b>
The filling / The tooth fell	È caduta l'otturazione / il dente. <b>eh kah-</b>

**out.** **doo-tah loh-too-raht-see-oh-nay / eel dehn-tay**

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**Ouch! It hurts!** Ahi! Fa male! **ah-ee / fah mah-lay**

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Dental products (such as dental floss) appear in the “Personal Care” list on [here](#).

## On Intimate Terms

**personal lubricant (like KY Jelly)** lubrificante intimo **loo-bree-fee-kahn-tay een-tee-moh**

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**contraceptives** contraccettivi **kohn-traht-cheh-tee-vee**

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**condoms** preservativi **preh-zehr-vah-tee-vee**

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**birth-control pills** pillole anticoncezionali **pee-loh-lay ahn-tee-kohn-cheht-see-oh-nah-lee**

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**morning-after pill** pillola del giorno dopo **pee-loh-lah dehl jor-noh doh-poh**

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**herpes (inactive)** herpes (non attivo) **ehr-pays (nohn ah-tee-voh)**

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**HIV / AIDS** HIV / AIDS **ah-kah-ee-vee / ah-eeds**

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**STD (sexually transmitted disease)** MST (malattia sessualmente trasmissibile) **ehm-ay-ehs-ay-tee (mah-lah-tee-ah seh-soo-ahl-mehn-tay trahs-mee-see-bee-lay)**

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## For Women

**menstruation / period** le mestruazioni **lay meh-stroo-aht-see-oh-nee**

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**tampons** assorbenti interni **ah-sor-behn-tee een-tehr-nee**

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sanitary pads	assorbenti igienici <b>ah-sor-behn-tee ee-jehn-ee-chee</b>
I need medicine for...	Mi serve un farmaco per... <b>mee sehr-vay oon far-mah-koh pehr</b>
...menstrual cramps.	...i crampi mestruali. <b>ee krahm-pee meh-stroo-ah-lee</b>
...a yeast infection.	...un'infezione da candida. <b>oon-een-feht-see-oh-nay dah kahn-dee-dah</b>
...a urinary tract infection.	...un'infezione urinaria. <b>oon-een-feht-see-oh-nay oo-ree-nah-ree-ah</b>
I'd like to see...	Vorrei vedere... <b>voh-reh-ee veh-deh-ray</b>
...a female doctor.	...una dottoressa. <b>oo-nah doh-toh-reh-sah</b>
...a female gynecologist.	...una ginecologa. <b>oo-nah jee-neh-koh-loh-gah</b>
I've missed a period.	Ho saltato il ciclo mestruale. <b>oh sahl-tah-toh eel chee-kloh meh-stroo-ah-lay</b>
pregnancy test	test di gravidanza <b>tehst dee grah-vee-dahnt-sah</b>
ultrasound	ecografia <b>eh-koh-grah-fee-ah</b>
I am / She is... pregnant.	Sono / È incinta... <b>soh-noh / eh een-cheen-tah</b>
... ____ weeks / months	...di ____ settimane / mesi. <b>dee ____ seh-tee-mah-nay / meh-zee</b>
miscarriage	aborto spontaneo <b>ah-bor-toh spohn-tah-neh-oh</b>
abortion	aborto <b>ah-bor-toh</b>
menopause	menopausa <b>meh-noh-pow-zah</b>

## For Babies

<b>baby</b>	neonato <b>neh-oh-nah-toh</b>
<b>baby food</b>	omogeneizzati <b>oh-moh-jeh-nayd-zah-tee</b>
<b>backpack to carry baby</b>	zaino per portare i neonati <b>zī-noh pehr por-tah-ray ee neh-oh-nah-tee</b>
<b>bib</b>	bavaglino <b>bah-vahl-yee-noh</b>
<b>booster seat</b>	seggiolino per neonati <b>seh-joh-lee-noh pehr neh-oh-nah-tee</b>
<b>bottle</b>	biberon <b>bee-beh-rohn</b>
<b>breastfeeding</b>	allattamento al seno <b>ah-lah-tah-mehn-toh ahl seh-noh</b>
<b>Where can I breastfeed?</b>	Dove posso allattare? <b>doh-vay poh-soh ah-lah-tah-ray</b>
<b>car seat</b>	seggiolino per la macchina <b>seh-joh-lee-noh pehr lah mah-kee-nah</b>
<b>crib</b>	culla <b>koo-lah</b>
<b>diapers</b>	pannolini <b>pah-noh-lee-nee</b>
<b>diaper ointment</b>	olio per neonati <b>oh-lee-oh pehr neh-oh-nah-tee</b>
<b>diaper wipes</b>	salviettine per neonati <b>sahl-vee-eh-tee-nay pehr neh-oh-nah-tee</b>
<b>formula</b>	latte in polvere per neonati <b>lah-tay een pohl-veh-ray pehr neh-oh-nah-tee</b>
<b>high chair</b>	seggiolone <b>seh-joh-loh-nay</b>
<b>medication for...</b>	farmaco per... <b>far-mah-koh pehr</b>
<b>...diaper rash</b>	...le dermatite da pannolino <b>lay dehr-mah-tee-tay dah pah-noh-lee-noh</b>
<b>...ear infection</b>	...l'otite <b>loh-tee-tay</b>
<b>...teething</b>	...la dentizione <b>lah dehn-teet-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>nipple</b>	capezzolo <b>kah-pehd-zoh-loh</b>
<b>pacifier</b>	ciuccio <b>choo-choh</b>

<b>playpen</b>	box <b>bohks</b>
<b>stroller</b>	passettino <b>pah-seh-jee-noh</b>
<b>Is it safe for children?</b>	È sicuro per i bambini? <b>eh see-koo-roh pehr ee bahm-bee-nee</b>
<b>He / She is ____ months / years old.</b>	Lui / Lei ha ____ mesi / anni. <b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah ____ meh-zee / ahn-nee</b>
<b>Will you refrigerate this?</b>	Può metterlo in frigo? <b>pwoh meh-tehr-loh een free-goh</b>
<b>Will you warm... for a baby?</b>	Può riscaldare... per un neonato? <b>pwoh ree-skahl-dah-ray... pehr oon neh-oh-nah-toh</b>
<b>...this</b>	...questo <b>kweh-stoh</b>
<b>...some water</b>	...un po' d'acqua <b>oon poh dah-kwah</b>
<b>...some milk</b>	...un po' di latte <b>oon poh dee lah-tay</b>
<b>Not too hot, please.</b>	Non troppo caldo, per favore. <b>nohn troh-poh kahl-doh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>

## Allergies

If you need to explain which specific food you're allergic to, look it up in this book's Menu Decoder, starting on [here](#).

<b>I am...</b>	Sono... <b>soh-noh</b>
<b>He / She is...</b>	Lui / Lei è... <b>loo-ee / leh-ee eh</b>
<b>...allergic to...</b>	...allergico[a] a... <b>ah-lehr-jee-koh ah</b>
<b>...gluten / wheat.</b>	...glutine / frumento. <b>gloo-tee-nay / froo-mehn-toh</b>
<b>...dairy products.</b>	...latticini. <b>lah-tee-chee-nee</b>
<b>...nuts.</b>	...noci. <b>noh-chee</b>
<b>...penicillin.</b>	...pennicillina. <b>peh-nee-chee-lee-nah</b>
<b>...pet fur.</b>	...pelo di animali domestici. <b>peh-loh dee</b>

	ah-nee- <b>mah</b> -lee doh- <b>meh</b> -stee-chee
...pollen.	...polline. poh- <b>lee</b> -nay
...shellfish.	...crostacei. kroh- <b>stah</b> -cheh-ee
...sulfa.	...ai sulfamidici. ī sool-fah- <b>mee</b> -dee-chee
epipen	epipen (epinefrina) <b>eh</b> -pee-pehn (eh-pee-neh- <b>free</b> -nah)

## Mental Health

anxiety	ansia <b>ahn</b> -see-ah
bipolar disorder	disturbo bipolare dee- <b>stoor</b> -boh bee-poh- <b>lah</b> -ray
confusion	confusione kohn-foo-zee- <b>oh</b> -nay
depression	depressione deh-preh-see- <b>oh</b> -nay
panic attacks	attacchi di panico ah- <b>tah</b> -kee dee <b>pah</b> -nee-koh
I feel suicidal.	Penso al suicidio. <b>pehn</b> -soh ahl swee- <b>chee</b> -dee-oh
I need...	Ho bisogno di... oh bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
...medicine to calm down.	...un farmaco per calmarmi. oon <b>far</b> -mah-koh pehr kahl- <b>mar</b> -mee
...to call home.	...chiamare casa. kee-ah- <b>mah</b> -ray kah-zah
...a psychologist.	...uno psicologo. oo-noh see- <b>koh</b> -loh-goh
...a psychiatrist.	...uno psichiatra. oo-noh see-kee- <b>ah</b> -trah

## Disabilities

cane bastone **bah-stoh**-nay

<b>disabled</b>	disabile <b>dee-zah-bee-lay</b>
<b>elevator</b>	ascensore <b>ah-shehn-soh-ray</b>
<b>ramp</b>	rampa <b>rahm-pah</b>
<b>stairs</b>	scale <b>skah-lay</b>
<b>walker</b>	deambulatore <b>deh-ahm-boo-lah-toh-ray</b>
<b>wheelchair</b>	sedia a rotelle <b>seh-dee-ah ah roh-teh-lay</b>
<b>I am disabled.</b>	Sono disabile. <b>soh-noh dee-zah-bee-lay</b>
<b>He / She is disabled.</b>	Lui / Lei è disabile. <b>loo-ee / leh-ee eh dee-zah-bee-lay</b>
<b>Stairs are difficult / impossible.</b>	Le scale sono difficili / impossibili. <b>lay skah-lay soh-noh dee-fee-chee-lee / eem-poh-see-bee-lee</b>
<b>Do you have a fully adapted entrance / room?</b>	Avete un ingresso per disabili / stanza attrezzata per disabili? <b>ah-veh-tay oon een-greh-soh pehr dee-zah-bee-lee / stahnt-sah ah-trehd-zah-tah pehr dee-zah-bee-lee</b>
<b>Do you have an elevator?</b>	Avete un ascensore? <b>ah-veh-tay oon ah-shehn-soh-ray</b>

## Medical Conditions

If you have a condition that's not listed here, find out the Italian word and keep it handy.

<b>I have...</b>	Ho... <b>oh</b>
<b>He / She has...</b>	Lui / Lei ha... <b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah</b>
<b>Alzheimer's disease</b>	Alzheimers "Alzheimers"
<b>arthritis</b>	l'artrite <b>lar-tree-tay</b>
<b>asthma</b>	l'asma <b>lahs-mah</b>
<b>cancer</b>	il cancro <b>eel kahn-kroh</b>
<b>cancer of the ____ (body</b>	cancro al / alla ____ <b>kahn-kroh ahl / ah-lah</b>

parts listed earlier)	_____
leukemia	leucemia leh-oo-cheh- <b>mee-ah</b>
lymphoma	linfoma leen- <b>foh-mah</b>
I have been in remission for ____ months / years.	Sono in remissione da ____ mesi / anni. <b>soh-noh een reh-mee-see-oh-nay dah ____ meh-zee / ahn-nee</b>
chronic pain	dolore cronico doh- <b>loh-ray kroh-nee-koh</b>
diabetes	il diabete eel dee-ah- <b>beh-tay</b>
epilepsy	l'epilessia leh-pee- <b>leh-see-ah</b>
heart attack	infarto een- <b>far-toh</b>
heart condition	disturbi cardiaci dee- <b>stoor-bee kar-dee-ah-chee</b>
heart disease	malato di cuore mah- <b>lah-toh dee kwoh-ray</b>
I have a pacemaker.	Ho un pacemaker. oh oon "pacemaker"
high blood pressure	la pressione alta lah preh-see- <b>oh-nay ahl-tah</b>
high cholesterol	colesterolo alto koh-leh-steh- <b>roh-loh ahl-toh</b>
incontinence	incontinenza een-kohn-tee- <b>nehnt-sah</b>
multiple sclerosis	sclerosi multipla skleh- <b>roh-zee mool-tee-plah</b>
stroke	ictus <b>eek-toos</b>
Aging sucks.	Che schifo invecchiare. kay <b>skee-foh een-veh-kee-ah-ray</b>





# Chatting

## Small Talk

Key Phrases: Chatting

## Grunts and Curses, Smokes and Tokes

## An Italian Romance

## Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

When it comes time to connect with locals, these phrases can help you strike up a conversation, talk to children, chat about the weather, or ignite an Italian romance.

## Small Talk

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## Introductions

**My name is \_\_\_\_.**

Mi chiamo \_\_\_\_ . **mee kee-ah-moh** \_\_\_\_

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**What's your name?**

Come si chiama? **koh-may see kee-ah-mah**

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**Pleased to meet you.**

Piacere. **pee-ah-cheh-ray**

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**This is \_\_\_\_.**

Le presento \_\_\_\_ . **lay preh-zehn-toh** \_\_\_\_

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How are you?	Come sta? <b>koh-may stah</b>
Very well, thanks.	Molto bene, grazie. <b>mohl-toh beh-nay graht-see-ay</b>
May I sit here?	Posso sedermi qui? <b>poh-soh seh-dehr-mee kwee</b>
May we sit here?	Possiamo sederci qui? <b>poh-see-ah-moh seh-dehr-chee kwee</b>
Where are you from?	Di dove È? <b>dee doh-vay eh</b>
What...?	Da che...? <b>dah kay</b>
...city	...città <b>chee-tah</b>
...country	...paese <b>pah-eh-zay</b>
...planet	...pianeta <b>pee-ah-neh-tah</b>
I'm from...	Vengo... <b>vehn-goh</b>
...America.	...dall'America. <b>dahl-ah-meh-ree-kah</b>
...Canada.	...dal Canada. <b>dahl kah-nah-dah</b>
I'm from _____. (city)	Sono di _____. <b>soh-noh dee _____</b>
Where are you going? (sing / pl)	Dove va? / Dove andate? <b>doh-vay vah / doh-vay ahn-dah-tay</b>
I'm going to _____.	Vado a _____. <b>vah-doh ah _____</b>
We're going to _____.	Andiamo a _____. <b>ahn-dee-ah-moh ah _____</b>

## Key Phrases: Chatting

My name is _____.	Mi chiamo _____. <b>mee kee-ah-moh _____</b>
What's your name?	Come si chiama? <b>koh-may see kee-ah-mah</b>
Where are you from?	Di dove È? <b>dee doh-vay eh</b>
I'm from _____.	Sono di _____. (city) / Vengo da _____. (country) <b>soh-noh dee _____ / vehn-goh dah _____</b>

I like ____.	Mi piace ____.	<b>mee pee-ah-chay</b> ____
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Do you like ____?	Le piace ____?	<b>lay pee-ah-chay</b> ____
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I'm going to ____.	Vado a ____.	<b>vah-doh ah</b> ____
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Where are you going? (sing / pl)	Dove va? / Dove andate?	<b>doh-vay vah / doh-vay ahn-dah-tay</b>
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Happy travels!	Buon viaggio!	<b>bwohn vee-ah-joh</b>
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## Nothing More than Feelings

I am / You are...	Sono / È...	<b>soh-noh / eh</b>
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He / She is...	Lui / Lei è...	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee eh</b>
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...happy.	...felice.	<b>feh-lee-chay</b>
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...sad.	...triste.	<b>tree-stay</b>
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...tired.	...stanco[a].	<b>stahn-koh</b>
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...angry.	...arrabbiato[a].	<b>ah-rah-bee-ah-toh</b>
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...jealous.	...geloso[a].	<b>jeh-loh-soh</b>
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...lucky.	...fortunato[a].	<b>for-too-nah-toh</b>
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I am...	Ho...	<b>oh</b>
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He / She is...	Lui / Lei ha...	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah</b>
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...hungry.	...fame.	<b>fah-may</b>
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...thirsty.	...sete.	<b>seh-tay</b>
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...too warm.	...troppo caldo.	<b>troh-poh kahl-doh</b>
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...cold.	...freddo.	<b>freh-doh</b>
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...homesick.	...nostalgia di casa.	<b>noh-stahl-jee-ah dee kah-zah</b>
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He / She is frustrated.	Lui / Lei si sente frustrato[a].	<b>loo-ee / leh-</b>
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ee see **sehn**-tay froo-**strah**-toh

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I can't wait.

Non vedo l'ora. **nohn veh**-doh **loh**-rah

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## Who's Who

He is my / She is my...

Lui è mio / Lei è mia... **loo**-ee eh **mee**-oh /  
**leh**-ee eh **mee**-ah

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friend (m / f)

amico / amica **ah-mee**-koh / **ah-mee**-kah

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boyfriend / girlfriend

ragazzo / ragazza **rah-gahd**-zoh / **rah-gahd**-  
zah

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husband / wife

marito / moglie **mah-ree**-toh / **mohl**-yay

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son / daughter

figlio / figlia **feel**-yoh / **feel**-yah

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brother / sister

fratello / sorella **frah-teh**-loh / **soh-reh**-lah

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father / mother

padre / madre **pah**-dray / **mah**-dray

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uncle / aunt

zio / zia **tsee**-oh / **tsee**-ah

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nephew / niece

nipote **nee-poh**-tay

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cousin (m / f)

cugino / cugina **koo-jee**-noh / **koo-jee**-nah

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grandfather /  
grandmother

nonno / nonna **noh**-noh / **noh**-nah

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grandchild

nipote **nee-poh**-tay

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great-\_\_\_\_

bis-\_\_\_\_ **bees**-\_\_\_\_

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Italians use the same word—**nipote**—to mean a nephew, niece, or grandchild (boy or girl).

## Family Matters

Are you...?

È...? **eh**

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I am / We are...

Sono / Siamo... **soh**-noh / **see-ah**-moh

...married (sing / pl)	...sposato[a] / sposati <b>spoh-zah-toh / spoh-zah-tee</b>
...engaged (sing / pl)	...fidanzato[a] / fidanzati <b>fee-dahnt-sah-toh / fee-dahnt-sah-tee</b>
...friends	...amici <b>ah-mee-chee</b>
...a couple	...una coppia <b>oo-nah koh-pee-ah</b>
Do you have...?	Ha...? <b>ah</b>
I have / We have...	Ho / Abbiamo... <b>oh / ah-bee-ah-moh</b>
...children	...figli <b>feel-yee</b>
...grandchildren	...nipoti <b>nee-poh-tee</b>
...photos	...foto <b>foh-toh</b>
boy / girl	ragazzo / ragazza <b>rah-gahd-zoh / rah-gahd-zah</b>
How many boys and girls?	Quanti maschi e femmine? <b>kwahn-tee mah-skee ay feh-mee-nay</b>
Beautiful boy!	Che bel bambino! <b>kay behl bahm-bee-noh</b>
Beautiful girl!	Che bella bambina! <b>kay beh-lah bahm-bee-nah</b>
Beautiful children!	Che bei bambini! <b>kay beh-ee bahm-bee-nee</b>
How old is your child?	Quanti anni ha il suo bambino? <b>kwahn-tee ahn-nee ah eel soo-oh bahm-bee-noh</b>
age / ages	età <b>eh-tah</b>
grown-up children	figli grandi <b>feel-yee grahn-dee</b>

## Chatting with Children

What's your name?	Come ti chiami? <b>koh-may tee kee-ah-mee</b>
My name is ____.	Mi chiamo _____. <b>mee kee-ah-moh _____</b>
How old are you?	Quanti anni hai? <b>kwahn-tee ahn-nee ī</b>

<b>How old am I?</b>	Quanti anni ho? <b>kwahn-tee ahn-nee oh</b>
<b>I'm ____ years old.</b>	Ho ____ anni. <b>oh ____ ahn-nee</b>
<b>Do you have brothers and sisters?</b>	Hai fratelli e sorelle? <b>ī frah-teh-lee ay soh-reh-lay</b>
<b>Do you like school?</b>	Ti piace la scuola? <b>tee pee-ah-chay lah skwoh-lah</b>
<b>What are you studying?</b>	Che cosa stai studiando? <b>kay koh-zah stī stoo-dee-ahn-doh</b>
<b>What's your favorite subject?</b>	Qual'è la tua materia preferita? <b>kwah-leh lah too-ah mah-teh-ree-ah preh-feh-ree-tah</b>
<b>Will you teach me / us some Italian words?</b>	Mi / Ci insegni delle parole in italiano? <b>mee / chee een-sehn-yee deh-lay pah-roh-lay een ee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>Do you have pets?</b>	Hai animali domestici? <b>ī ah-nee-mah-lee doh-meh-stee-chee</b>
<b>I have / We have a...</b>	Ho / Abbiamo un... <b>oh / ah-bee-ah-moh oon</b>
<b>...cat / dog / fish / bird.</b>	...gatto / cane / pesce / uccello. <b>gah-toh / kah-nay / peh-shay / oo-cheh-loh</b>
<b>Gimme five.</b>	Dammi il cinque. <b>dah-mee eel cheen-kway</b>

Linguistically speaking, a **bambino** becomes a **ragazzo** at about age 10.

## Work

<b>What is your job?</b>	Che lavoro fa? <b>kay lah-voh-roh fah</b>
<b>Do you like your work?</b>	Le piace il suo lavoro? <b>lay pee-ah-chay eel soo-oh lah-voh-roh</b>
<b>I am...</b>	Sono... <b>soh-noh</b>

...retired.	...in pensione. <b>een pehn-see-oh-nay</b>
...unemployed.	...disoccupato[a]. <b>dee-zoh-koo-pah-toh</b>
...a student. (m / f)	...uno studente / una studentessa. <b>oo-noh stoo-dehn-tay / oo-nah stoo-dehn-teh-sah</b>
...a professional traveler.	...turista di professione. <b>too-ree-stah dee proh-feh-see-oh-nay</b>
I'm studying to work in...	Studio per lavorare... <b>stoo-dee-oh pehr lah-voh-rah-ray</b>
I work in...	Lavoro... <b>lah-voh-roh</b>
I used to work in...	Lavoravo... <b>lah-voh-rah-voh</b>
I want a job in...	Vorrei un lavoro... <b>voh-reh-ee oon lah-voh-roh</b>
accounting	nella contabilità <b>neh-lah kohn-tah-bee-lee-tah</b>
the arts	nel campo artistico <b>nehl kahm-poh ar-tee-stee-koh</b>
banking	nel settore bancario <b>nehl seh-toh-ray bahn-kah-ree-oh</b>
business	in un'azienda <b>een oon-aht-see-ehn-dah</b>
construction	nell'edilizia <b>neh-leh-dee-leet-see-ah</b>
engineering	nell'ingegneria <b>neh-leen-jehn-yeh-ree-ah</b>
a factory	in una fabbrica <b>een oo-nah fah-bree-kah</b>
government	nel governo <b>nehl goh-vehr-noh</b>
information technology	nel campo informatico <b>nehl kahm-poh een-for-mah-tee-koh</b>
journalism	nel giornalismo <b>nehl jor-nah-leez-moh</b>
the legal profession	nel campo legale <b>nehl kahm-poh leh-gah-lay</b>
the medical field	nel campo medico <b>nehl kahm-poh meh-dee-koh</b>



<b>the military</b>	sono nell'esercito <b>soh-noh neh-leh-zehr-chee-toh</b>
<b>public relations</b>	nelle relazioni pubbliche <b>neh-lay reh-laht-see-oh-nee poo-blee-kay</b>
<b>a restaurant</b>	in un ristorante <b>een oon ree-stoh-rahnt-tay</b>
<b>science</b>	nel campo scientifico <b>nehl kahm-poh shehn-tee-fee-koh</b>
<b>social services</b>	nell'assistenza sociale <b>neh-lah-see-stehnt-sah soh-chah-lay</b>
<b>a store</b>	in un negozio <b>een oon neh-goht-see-oh</b>
<b>teaching</b>	come insegnante <b>koh-may een-sehn-yahn-tay</b>
<b>the travel industry</b>	nel settore turistico <b>nehl seht-toh-ray too-ree-stee-koh</b>

If you've been chatting with someone who's working, you can bid farewell by saying **Buon lavoro!** (Be happy in your work!).

## Travel Talk

<b>I am / Are you...?</b>	Sono / È...? <b>soh-noh / eh</b>
<b>...on vacation</b>	...in vacanza <b>een vah-kahnt-sah</b>
<b>...on business</b>	...qui per lavoro <b>kwee pehr lah-voh-roh</b>
<b>How long have you been traveling?</b>	Da quanto tempo è in viaggio? <b>dah kwahn-toh teh-m-poh eh een vee-ah-joh</b>
<b>days / weeks</b>	giorni / settimane <b>jor-nee / seh-tee-mah-nay</b>
<b>months / years</b>	mesi / anni <b>meh-zee / ahn-nee</b>
<b>When are you going home?</b>	Quando ritorna a casa? <b>kwahn-doh ree-tor-nah ah kah-zah</b>

<b>This is my / our first time in ____.</b>	Questa è la mia / nostra prima volta in _____. <b>kweh-stah eh lah mee-ah / noh-strah pree-mah vohl-tah een</b> _____
<b>It's (not) a tourist trap.</b>	(Non) è una trappola per turisti. (nohn) eh <b>oo-nah trah-poh-lah pehr too-ree-stee</b>
<b>This is paradise.</b>	Questo è il paradiso. <b>kweh-stoh eh eel pah-rah-dee-zoh</b>
<b>This is a wonderful country.</b>	Questo è un paese meraviglioso. <b>kweh-stoh eh oon pah-eh-zay meh-rah-veel-yoh-zoh</b>
<b>The Italians are friendly / rude.</b>	Gli italiani sono amichevoli / maleducati. <b>lee ee-tah-lee-ah-nee soh-noh ah-mee-keh-voh-lee / mah-leh-doo-kah-tee</b>
<b>What is your favorite...?</b>	Qual'è il tuo... preferito? <b>kwah-leh eel too-oh... preh-feh-ree-toh</b>
<b>...country</b>	...paese <b>pah-eh-zay</b>
<b>...place</b>	...posto <b>poh-stoh</b>
<b>What's your favorite city?</b>	Qual'è la tua città preferita? <b>kwah-leh lah too-ah chee-tah preh-feh-ree-tah</b>
<b>My favorite is _____. (m / f)</b>	Il mio / La mia preferito[a] è _____. <b>eel mee-oh / lah mee-ah preh-feh-ree-toh eh</b> _____
<b>I've traveled / We've traveled to _____.</b>	Sono stato[a] / Siamo stati[e] a _____. <b>soh-noh stah-toh / see-ah-moh stah-tee ah</b> _____
<b>Next I'll go / we'll go to _____.</b>	Poi andrò / andremo a _____. <b>poh-ee ahn-droh / ahn-dreh-moh ah</b> _____
<b>I'd like / We'd like...</b>	Vorrei / Vorremmo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
<b>...to go to _____.</b>	...andare a _____. <b>ahn-dah-ray ah</b> _____
<b>...to return to _____.</b>	...tornare a _____. <b>tor-nah-ray ah</b> _____
<b>My / Our vacation is _____ days long.</b>	La mia / La nostra vacanza dura _____ giorni. <b>lah mee-ah / lah noh-strah vah-</b>

**kahnt-sah doo-rah \_\_\_\_ jor-nee**

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**Travel is enlightening.**

Viaggiare apre la mente. **vee-ah-jah-ray ah-pray lah mehn-tay**

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**I wish all (American) politicians traveled.**

Vorrei che tutti i politici (americani) viaggiassero. **voh-reh-ee kay too-tee ee poh-lee-tee-chee (ah-meh-ree-kah-nee) vee-ah-jah-seh-roh**

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**Happy travels!**

Buon viaggio! **bwohn vee-ah-joh**

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**Keep on travelin'! (sing / pl)**

Continua / Continuate a viaggiare! **kohn-tee-noo-ah / kohn-tee-noo-ah-tay ah vee-ah-jah-ray**

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# Italy













# Europe











## Staying in Touch

What is your...?

Qual'è il tuo...? **kwah-leh eel too-oh**

Here is my...

Ecco il mio... **eh-koh eel mee-oh**

...email address

...indirizzo email **een-dee-**reed**-zoh**  
"email"

...street address

...indirizzo **een-dee-**reed**-zoh**

...phone number

...numero di telefono **noo-meh-roh dee**  
**teh-**leh**-foh-noh**

I am / Are you on  
Facebook?

Sono / Sei su Facebook? **soh-noh / seh-ee**  
**soo "Facebook"**

# Weather

Is it going to rain...?	Pioverà...? pee-oh-veh-rah
What will the weather be like...?	Come sarà il tempo...? koh-may sah-rah eel teh-m-poh
...today	...oggi oh-jee
...tomorrow	...domani doh-mah-nee
cloudy	nuvoloso noo-voh-loh-zoh
cold	freddo freh-doh
cool	fresco freh-skoh
foggy	nebbioso neh-bee-oh-zoh
hot / warm	caldo kahl-doh
icy	ghiacciato gee-ah-chah-toh (hard “g”)
muggy	umido oo-mee-doh
rainy	piovoso pee-oh-voh-zoh
snow	neve neh-vay
stormy	perturbato pehr-toor-bah-toh
sunny	bello beh-loh
windy	ventoso vehn-toh-zoh
Like today?	Come oggi? koh-may oh-jee
Should I bring a jacket / an umbrella?	Devo portare una giacca / un ombrello? deh-voh por-tah-ray oo-nah jah-kah / oon ohm-breh-loh
A rainbow!	Un arcobaleno! oon ar-koh-bah-leh-noh

To figure out temperature conversions, see [here](#).

## Thanks a Million

<b>Thank you very much.</b>	Molte grazie. <b>mohl-tay graht-see-ay</b>
<b>A thousand thanks.</b>	Grazie mille. <b>graht-see-ay mee-lay</b>
<b>This is great fun.</b>	È un vero divertimento. <b>eh oon veh-roh dee-vehr-tee-mehn-toh</b>
<b>You are...</b>	Lei è... <b>leh-ee eh</b>
<b>...kind.</b>	...gentile. <b>jehn-tee-lay</b>
<b>...helpful.</b>	...di aiuto. <b>dee ah-yoo-toh</b>
<b>...wonderful.</b>	...meraviglioso[a]. <b>meh-rah-veel-yoh-zoh</b>
<b>...generous.</b>	...generoso[a]. <b>jeh-neh-roh-zoh</b>
<b>You've been a great help.</b>	Lei è di grande aiuto. <b>leh-ee eh dee grahn-day ah-yoo-toh</b>
<b>I'll remember you...</b>	Mi ricorderò di lei... <b>mee ree-kor-deh-roh dee leh-ee</b>
<b>...always.</b>	...sempre. <b>sehm-pray</b>
<b>...till Tuesday.</b>	...fino a martedì. <b>fee-noh ah mar-teh-dee</b>

## Responses for All Occasions

<b>I / We like that.</b>	Mi / Ci piace. <b>mee / chee pee-ah-chay</b>
<b>I / We like you.</b>	Lei mi / ci piace. <b>leh-ee mee / chee pee-ah-chay</b>
<b>I trust you.</b>	Mi fido di lei. <b>mee fee-doh dee leh-ee</b>
<b>I will miss you.</b>	Mi mancherà. <b>mee mahn-keh-rah</b>
<b>Great!</b>	Ottimo! <b>oh-tee-moh</b>
<b>Fantastic!</b>	Fantastico! <b>fahn-tah-stee-koh</b>
<b>What a nice place.</b>	Che bel posto. <b>kay behl poh-stoh</b>
<b>Perfect.</b>	Perfetto. <b>pehr-feh-toh</b>
<b>Funny.</b>	Divertente. <b>dee-vehr-tehn-tay</b>

Interesting.	Interessante. een-teh-reh-sahn-tay
I understand.	Capisco. kah-pees-koh
Why not?	Perché no? pehr-keh noh
Really?	Davvero? dah-veh-roh
Wow!	Wow! wow
Congratulations!	Congratulazioni! kohn-grah-too-laht-see-oh-nee
Well done!	Bravo[a]! brah-voh
You're welcome.	Prego. preh-goh
Bless you! (after sneeze)	Salute! sah-loo-tay
What a pity.	Che peccato. kay peh-kah-toh
That's life.	È la vita! eh lah vee-tah
No problem.	Non c'è problema. nohn cheh proh-bleh-mah
OK.	Va bene. vah beh-nay
I'll be right back.	Torno subito. tor-noh soo-bee-toh
I hope so.	Spero di sì. speh-roh dee see
I hope not.	Spero di no. speh-roh dee noh
This is the good life!	Questa sì che è vita! kweh-stah see kay eh vee-tah
I feel like a pope! (happy)	Sto come un papa! stoh koh-may oon pah-pah
Have a good day!	Buona giornata! bwoh-nah jor-nah-tah
Good luck!	Buona fortuna! bwoh-nah for-too-nah
Let's go!	Andiamo! ahn-dee-ah-moh

## Favorite Things



<b>What is your favorite...?</b>	Qual'è il tuo... preferito? kwah- <b>leh</b> eel <b>too-</b> oh... preh-feh- <b>ree</b> -toh
<b>My favorite... is ____.</b>	Il mio... preferito è ____ . eel <b>mee</b> -oh... preh-feh- <b>ree</b> -toh eh ____
<b>art</b>	genere d'arte <b>jeh</b> -neh-ray <b>dar</b> -tay
<b>book</b>	libro <b>lee</b> -broh
<b>food</b>	cibo <b>chee</b> -boh
<b>hobby</b>	passatempo pah-sah- <b>tehm</b> -poh
<b>ice cream</b>	gelato <b>jeh</b> -lah-toh
<b>movie</b>	film <b>feelm</b>
<b>music</b>	genere di musica <b>jeh</b> -neh-ray dee <b>moo</b> -zee-kah
<b>TV show</b>	programma televisivo proh- <b>grah</b> -mah teh-leh-vee- <b>zee</b> -voh
<b>vice</b>	vizio <b>veet</b> -see-oh
<b>video game</b>	videogioco vee-deh-oh- <b>joh</b> -koh
<b>sport</b>	sport <b>sport</b>
<b>What's your favorite team?</b>	Qual'è il tua squadra preferita? kwah- <b>leh</b> eel <b>too</b> -ah <b>skwah</b> -drah preh-feh- <b>ree</b> -tah
<b>Who is your favorite...?</b>	Chi è il tuo... preferito? kee eh eel <b>too</b> -oh... preh-feh- <b>ree</b> -toh
<b>...actor</b>	...attore ah- <b>toh</b> -ray
<b>...singer</b>	...cantante kahn- <b>tahn</b> -tay
<b>...artist</b>	...artista ar- <b>tee</b> -stah
<b>...author</b>	...autore ow- <b>toh</b> -ray
<b>...director</b>	...regista reh- <b>jee</b> -stah
<b>...athlete</b>	...atleta aht- <b>leh</b> -tah

For sports words, see [here](#).

# Grunts and Curses, Smokes and Tokes

Conversing With Animals

Profanity

Sweet Curses

Smokes and Tokes

## Conversing With Animals

<b>rooster / cock-a-doodle-doo</b>	gallo / chicchirichì <b>gah-loh / kee-kee-ree-kee</b>
<b>bird / tweet tweet</b>	uccello / cip cip <b>oo-cheh-loh / cheep cheep</b>
<b>cat / meow</b>	gatto / miao <b>gah-toh / mee-ow</b>
<b>dog / bark bark</b>	cane / bau bau <b>kah-nay / bow bow</b>
<b>duck / quack quack</b>	anatra / quac quac <b>ah-nah-trah / kwahk kwahk</b>
<b>cow / moo</b>	mucca / muu <b>moo-kah / moo</b>
<b>pig / oink oink</b>	maiale / oinc oinc <b>mī-yah-lay / oynk oynk</b>

## Profanity

People make animal noises, too. These words will help you understand what the more colorful locals are saying.

<b>Go to hell!</b>	Vai al diavolo! <b>vī ahl dee-ah-voh-loh</b>
<b>Damn it.</b>	Dannazione. <b>dah-naht-see-oh-nay</b>
<b>This sucks.</b>	Che schifo. <b>kay skee-foh</b>

<b>Fuck.</b>	Cazzo. <b>kahd-zoh</b>
<b>Fuck off.</b>	Vaffanculo. <b>vah-fahn-koo-loh</b>
<b>Shit.</b>	Merda. <b>mehr-dah</b>
<b>Bullshit.</b>	Balle. <b>bah-lay</b>
<b>Go take a shit.</b>	Va'a cagare. <b>vah-ah kah-gah-ray</b>
<b>You are a...</b>	Sei un... <b>seh-ee oon</b>
<b>Don't be a...</b>	Non essere un... <b>nohn eh-seh-ray oon</b>
<b>...asshole.</b>	...stronzo. <b>strohnt-soh</b>
<b>...bastard.</b>	...bastardo. <b>bah-star-doh</b>
<b>...imbecile.</b>	...imbecille. <b>eem-beh-chee-lay</b>
<b>...stupid.</b>	...stupido. <b>stoo-pee-doh</b>

## Sweet Curses

<b>My goodness.</b>	Mamma mia. <b>mah-mah mee-ah</b>
<b>Good heavens.</b>	Santo cielo. <b>sahn-toh chay-loh</b>
<b>Oh, my gosh.</b>	Oddio. <b>oh-dee-oh</b>
<b>Shoot.</b>	Cavolo. <b>kah-voh-loh</b>
<b>Darn it!</b>	Accidenti! <b>ah-chee-dehn-tee</b>
<b>Too bad.</b>	Peccato. <b>peh-kah-toh</b>

## Smokes and Tokes

<b>Do you smoke?</b>	Fuma? <b>foo-mah</b>
<b>Do you smoke pot?</b>	Fuma marijuana? <b>foo-mah mah-ree-wah-nah</b>
<b>I (don't) smoke.</b>	(Non) fumo. <b>(nohn) foo-moh</b>

<b>We (don't) smoke.</b>	(Non) fumiamo. (nohn) foo-mee- <b>ah</b> -moh
<b>I don't have any.</b>	Non ne ho. nohn nay oh
<b>lighter</b>	accendino ah-chehn- <b>dee</b> -noh
<b>cigarettes</b>	sigarette see-gah- <b>reh</b> -tay
<b>cigar</b>	sigaro see- <b>gah</b> -roh
<b>marijuana</b>	marijuana mah-ree- <b>wah</b> -nah
<b>hash</b>	hashish hah- <b>sheesh</b>
<b>joint</b>	canna <b>kah</b> -nah
<b>stoned</b>	fumato / fatto foo- <b>mah</b> -toh / <b>fah</b> -toh
<b>Wow!</b>	Wow! <b>wow</b>

## An Italian Romance

Words of Love

Ah, Amore

### Words of Love

<b>I / me / you / we</b>	io / mi / ti / noi <b>ee</b> -oh / mee / tee / <b>noh</b> -ee
<b>love</b>	amore ah- <b>moh</b> -ray
<b>kiss</b>	bacio <b>bah</b> -choh
<b>hug</b>	abbraccio ah- <b>brah</b> -choh
<b>to flirt</b>	flirtare <b>flee</b> - <b>tah</b> -ray
<b>to cuddle</b>	coccolare koh-koh- <b>lah</b> -ray
<b>to go out</b>	uscire oo- <b>shee</b> -ray
<b>to make love</b>	fare l'amore <b>fah</b> -ray lah- <b>moh</b> -ray
<b>single</b>	single <b>seen</b> -glay

<b>married</b>	sposato[a] <b>spoh-zah-toh</b>
<b>engaged</b>	fidanzato[a] <b>fee-dahnt-sah-toh</b>
<b>anniversary</b>	anniversario <b>ah-nee-vehr-sah-ree-oh</b>
<b>faithful</b>	fedele <b>feh-deh-lay</b>
<b>sexy</b>	sensuale <b>sehn-soo-ah-lay</b>
<b>cozy</b>	accogliente <b>ah-kohl-yehn-tay</b>
<b>romantic</b>	romantico <b>roh-mahn-tee-koh</b>
<b>darling / baby</b>	tesoro <b>teh-zoh-roh</b>
<b>honey bunch</b>	dolce come il miele <b>dohl-chay koh-may eel mee-eh-lay</b>
<b>cupcake</b>	pasticcino <b>pah-stee-chee-noh</b>
<b>sugar pie</b>	zuccherino <b>tsoo-keh-ree-noh</b>
<b>pussy cat</b>	gattino[a] <b>gah-tee-noh</b>

## Ah, Amore

For words related to birth control and safe sex, see [here](#).

<b>What's the matter?</b>	Qual'è il problema? <b>kwah-leh eel proh-bleh-mah</b>
<b>Nothing.</b>	Niente. <b>nee-ehn-tay</b>
<b>I am / Are you...?</b>	Sono / È...? <b>soh-noh / eh</b>
<b>...single</b>	...single <b>seen-glai</b>
<b>...straight</b>	...etero <b>eh-teh-roh</b>
<b>...gay</b>	...gay <b>gay</b>
<b>...bisexual</b>	...bisessuale <b>bee-seh-swah-lay</b>
<b>...undecided</b>	...indeciso[a] <b>een-deh-chee-zoh</b>
<b>...prudish</b>	...pudico[a] <b>poo-dee-koh</b>
<b>I have...</b>	Ho... <b>oh</b>

<b>Do you have...?</b>	Ha...? <b>ah</b>
<b>...a boyfriend</b>	...un ragazzo <b>oon rah-gahd-zoh</b>
<b>...a girlfriend</b>	...una ragazza <b>oo-nah rah-gahd-zah</b>
<b>We are on our honeymoon.</b>	Siamo in luna di miele. <b>see-ah-moh een loo-nah dee mee-eh-lay</b>
<b>I'm married (but...).</b>	Sono sposato[a] (ma...). <b>soh-noh spoh-zah-toh (mah)</b>
<b>I'm not married.</b>	Non sono sposato[a]. <b>nohn soh-noh spoh-zah-toh</b>
<b>I'm adventurous.</b>	Sono avventuroso. <b>soh-noh ah-vehn-too-roh-zoh</b>
<b>I'm lonely (tonight).</b>	Sono solo[a] (stasera). <b>soh-noh soh-loh (stah-seh-rah)</b>
<b>I'm rich and single.</b>	Sono ricco[a] e single. <b>soh-noh ree-koh ay seen-glai</b>
<b>Do you mind if I sit here?</b>	Le dispiace se mi siedo qui? <b>lay dee-spee-ah-chay say mee see-eh-doh kwee</b>
<b>Would you like a drink?</b>	Vuole qualcosa da bere? <b>vwoh-lay kwahl-koh-zah dah beh-ray</b>
<b>Will you go out with me?</b>	Vuole uscire con me? <b>vwoh-lay oo-shee-ray kohn may</b>
<b>Would you like to go out tonight for...?</b>	Vuole uscire stasera per...? <b>vwoh-lay oo-shee-ray stah-seh-rah pehr</b>
<b>...a walk</b>	...una passeggiata <b>oo-nah pah-seh-jah-tah</b>
<b>...dinner</b>	...cena <b>chah-nah</b>
<b>...a drink</b>	...qualcosa da bere <b>kwahl-koh-zah dah beh-ray</b>
<b>Where can we go dancing?</b>	Dove andiamo a ballare? <b>doh-vay ahn-dee-ah-moh ah bah-lah-ray</b>
<b>Do you want to dance?</b>	Vuole ballare? <b>vwoh-lay bah-lah-ray</b>

<b>Again?</b>	Di nuovo? <b>dee nwoh-voh</b>
<b>Let's party!</b>	Divertiamoci! <b>dee-vehr-tee-ah-moh-chee</b>
<b>Let's just be friends.</b>	Solo amici. <b>soh-loh ah-mee-chee</b>
<b>I have only safe sex.</b>	Faccio solo sesso sicuro. <b>fah-choh soh-loh seh-soh see-koo-roh</b>
<b>Can I take you home?</b>	Posso accompagnarti a casa? <b>poh-soh ah-kohm-pahn-yar-tee ah kah-zah</b>
<b>Kiss me.</b>	Baciami. <b>bah-chee-ah-mee</b>
<b>May I kiss you?</b>	Posso baciarti? <b>poh-soh bah-char-tee</b>
<b>Can I see you again?</b>	Ti posso rivedere? <b>tee poh-soh ree-veh-deh-ray</b>
<b>Your place or mine?</b>	A casa tua o a casa mia? <b>ah kah-zah too-ah oh ah kah-zah mee-ah</b>
<b>You are my most beautiful souvenir.</b>	Sei il mio più bello ricordo. <b>seh-ee eel mee-oh pew beh-loh ree-kor-doh</b>
<b>Oh my God!</b>	Oh mio Dio! <b>oh mee-oh dee-oh</b>
<b>I love you.</b>	Ti amo. <b>tee ah-moh</b>
<b>Darling, will you marry me?</b>	Cara, mi vuoi sposare? <b>kah-rah mee vwoh-ee spoh-zah-ray</b>

# Italian / English Dictionary

## English / Italian Dictionary

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V
Z			

### Italian Dictionary Rules

Here are a few tips for using this dictionary:

- Remember that all Italian nouns have a grammatical **gender** (masculine or feminine). Even inanimate objects are assigned a gender. In general, words ending in **o** relate to males or masculine words, while those ending in **a** relate to females or feminine words—though there are many exceptions. Because casual visitors aren't expected to get this perfect—and because it's often possible to guess correctly—I haven't listed the gender for each noun.



- To make nouns ending in **o** plural, change the last letter to **i** (one **treno**, two **treni**). To make nouns ending in **a** plural, change the last letter to **e** (one **piazza**, two **piazze**).
- **Adjectives** match their nouns. For simplicity, I've listed all adjectives with the masculine ending, often **o**. To change a word to feminine, just swap the **o** for an **a**. (A handsome man is **bello**, while an attractive woman is **bella**.) Adjectives ending in **e** don't change with the gender (either a man or a woman can be **felice**, happy). Adjectives should also match whether the noun is singular or plural: Happy men are **signori felici**.
- Verbs are listed in their infinitive form (usually ending in **are**, **ere**, or **ire**). This loosely translates to the English form "to \_\_\_\_" (for example, **parlare** is "to talk"). To use a verb correctly in a sentence, you'll have to conjugate it (for example, if **parlare** is "to talk," then **parlo** means "I talk"). For examples of conjugated verbs, see [here](#).
- Most food terms are not included in the Dictionary but rather in my Menu Decoder, starting on [here](#).

## A

**a** to; at

**a bordo** aboard

**abbastanza** enough

**abbigliamento, boutique di** clothing boutique

**abbraccio** hug

**abbronzarsi** to sunbathe; to tan

**abbronzatura** suntan

**abitudine** habit

**aborto** abortion

**aborto spontaneo** miscarriage

**abusare** to abuse

**accanto a** next to

**accappatoio** bathrobe

**accendere** to light; to turn on (device)

**accendino** lighter (n)

**accessibile con la sedia a rotelle** wheelchair-accessible

**accesso** access; entrance

**accesso all' Internet** Internet access

**accettare** to accept

**accontentare** to please; to make happy

**accorgersi** to realize

**acerbo** unripe; sour

**acqua** water

**acqua del rubinetto** tap water

**acqua minerale** mineral water

**acqua non potabile** undrinkable water

**acqua potabile** drinkable water

**acquario** aquarium

**adattatore elettrico** electrical adapter

**addormentato** asleep

**adesso** now

**adolescente** adolescent; teenager

**adulto** adult

**aeroplano** airplane

**aeroporto** airport

**affamato** hungry

**affare** deal (good value); bargain; business

**affascinante** charming

**affettare** to slice

**affittare** to rent

**agenzia di viaggi** travel agency

**aggiustare** to fix

**aggressivo** aggressive

**agnello** lamb

**agnostico** agnostic

**ago** needle

**agosto** August

**agriturismo** farm with sleeping accommodations

**aiutare** to help

**aiuto** help

**aiuto, di** helpful

**ala** wing

**alba** sunrise

**albergo** hotel

**albergo a conduzione familiare** family-run hotel

**albergo storico** historic hotel

**albero** tree

**alcool** alcohol

**alimentari** grocery store

**aliscafo** hydrofoil

**alito** breath

**all'aria aperta** outdoors

**allattamento al seno** breastfeeding

**allattare** to nurse; to breastfeed

**allergia** allergy

**allergico** allergic

**alt** stop (command)

**altare** altar

**alterare** to alter; to modify

**alto** tall; high

**altro** other

**altro, un** another

**amante** lover

**amare** to love

**amaro** bitter

**ambasciata** embassy

**ambiente** environment; space; setting

**ambulanza** ambulance

**amicizia** friendship

**amico** friend

**amore** love

**analgesico** painkiller

**anatra** duck

**anca** hip (n)

**ancora** more; again

**andare** to go

**andata** one-way (ticket)

**andata e ritorno** round-trip

**anello** ring

**angolo** corner

**angolo cottura** kitchenette (“corner for cooking”)

**animale** animal

**animale domestico** pet

**anniversario** anniversary

**anno** year

**annullare** to cancel

**annuncio** announcement

**ansia** anxiety

**antenato** ancestor

**antiacido** antacid

**antibiotico** antibiotic

**antichità** antiques (furniture)

**antico** ancient

**antipasto** appetizer

**antiquariato** antiques

**anziano** senior; old; elderly

**aperto** open (adj)

**appartamento** apartment

**appendere** to hang

**appendiabiti** coat hanger

**appropriato** appropriate

**appuntamento** appointment

**aprile** April

**aprire** to open; to unlock

**apriscatola** can opener

**arancia** orange (fruit)

**arancione** orange (color)  
**architetto** architect  
**architettura** architecture  
**arcobaleno** rainbow  
**area per campeggio** campsite  
**area Wi-Fi** Wi-Fi hotspot  
**argento** silver  
**aria** air; gas (stomach)  
**aria condizionata** air-conditioned  
**armadietto** locker  
**armadio** closet  
**aroma** aroma; scent  
**arrabbiato** angry; mad  
**arrivare** to arrive  
**arrivederci** goodbye  
**arrivo** arrival  
**arrivo orario** arrival time  
**arte** art; craft  
**artificiale** artificial  
**artigianato** handicraft  
**artista** artist  
**artrite** arthritis

**ascensore** elevator

**asciugacapelli** hair dryer

**asciugamano** towel

**asciugare** to dry

**asciugatrice** dryer

**asciutto** dry

**ascoltare** to listen

**asino** donkey

**asma** asthma

**aspettare** to wait

**aspirina** aspirin

**aspro** sour

**assaggiare** to taste

**assegno** check (money)

**assetato** thirsty

**assicurato** insured

**assicurazione** insurance

**assicurazione medica** health insurance

**assolato** sunny

**assonnato** sleepy

**assorbente igienico** sanitary pad

**assorbente interno** tampon



**astratto** abstract

**ateo** atheist

**atleta** athlete

**attenzione** caution

**attraente** handsome

**attraversare** to go through; to cross (a street)

**attraverso** through

**audioguida** audioguide

**autista** driver

**autobus** bus (city)

**automatico** automatic

**autore** author

**autoritratto** self-portrait

**autorizzare** to authorize

**autostop** hitchhiking

**autostrada** highway

**autotraghetto** car ferry

**autunno** fall; autumn

**avere** to have

**avere bisogno di** to need

**avere fretta** to hurry

**avere mal di** to have an ache

**avvelenamento da cibo** food poisoning

**avventuroso** adventurous

**avvocato** lawyer

## **B**

**Babbo Natale** Santa Claus

**bacio** kiss

**baffi** moustache

**bagaglio** luggage

**bagaglio a mano** carry-on luggage

**bagnato** wet

**bagno** bathroom; restroom; bath

**balcone** balcony

**ballare** to dance

**balsamo** conditioner (hair)

**bambino** child

**bambola** doll

**banca** bank

**bancomat** cash machine; ATM

**banconota** bill (money)

**bandiera** flag

**bar** bar; coffee shop

**barba** beard

**barbiere** barber; barber shop

**barca** boat

**barca a remi** rowboat

**basket** basketball

**Bassi, Paesi** Netherlands

**basso** low

**batteria** battery

**batteria per orologio** watch battery

**battito cardiaco** pulse

**bavaglino** bib

**Belgio** Belgium

**bello** beautiful; nice

**belvedere** viewpoint

**benda** bandage

**bene** fine; good; well

**benvenuto** welcome

**benzina** gasoline

**benzinaio** gas station

**bere** to drink

**berretto** cap

**bevanda** drink

**bianchetto** whitener; white-out

**bianco** white

**Bibbia** Bible

**biblioteca** library

**bicchiere** glass (cup)

**bicicletta** bicycle

**bidone per i rifiuti** trashcan (outdoors)

**biglietto** ticket; note (message)

**biglietto da visita** business card

**binario** platform; track (train)

**biondo** blond

**birra** beer

**bisogno** need (n)

**bisogno di, avere** to need

**blando** bland

**bloccato** locked (mobile phone)

**block notes** notepad

**blu** blue

**bocca** mouth

**boccaglio** snorkel

**bollire** to boil

**bollito** boiled

**bollitore** kettle

**bomba** bomb

**borotalco** talcum powder

**borsa** purse

**borseggiatore** pickpocket

**bottiglia** bottle

**bottone** button

**boutique di abbigliamento** clothing boutique

**box** playpen; one-car garage

**barca a vela** sailboat

**braccialetto** bracelet

**braccio** arm

**brillante** bright

**brivido** shiver (from cold); shudder (from fear) (n)

**broncopolmonite** pneumonia

**bronzo** bronze

**bruciatura** burn (from fire)

**bruciore di stomaco** heartburn

**brutto** ugly

**buco** hole

**bugia** lie (n)

**bulbo** bulb

**buongiorno** good day

**buono** good

**burro** butter

**burro di cacao** lip salve; lip balm

**bus navetta** shuttle bus

**busta** envelope; bag (plastic, paper)

**busta di plastica** plastic bag

**busta di plastica sigillabile** Ziploc bag

## C

**cabina telefonica** phone booth

**cacciavite** screwdriver

**cadere** to fall

**caffè** coffee; coffee shop

**cagnaccio** mean dog

**calcio** soccer

**calcolo renale** kidney stone

**caldo** hot (temperature)

**calendario** calendar

**calmo** calm

**calorie** calorie

**calzini** socks

**cambiare** to change; to transfer; to exchange

**cambio** change; exchange

**camera** room

**camera da letto** bedroom

**camerata** dormitory

**camere disponibili / camere libere** vacancy (hotel)

**cameriera** waitress

**cameriere** waiter

**camicetta** blouse

**camicia** shirt

**camminare** to walk

**campagna** countryside

**campana** bell

**campeggio** camping

**camper** RV

**campionato** championship

**campo** field

**canadese** Canadian

**canale** canal

**cancellare** to delete; to erase

**candela** candle; spark plug

**cane** dog

**canna** joint (marijuana)

**cannuccia** straw (drinking)

**canoa** canoe

**cantante** singer

**cantare** to sing

**cantina** cellar

**canzone** song

**capelli** hair

**capire** to understand

**capitano** captain

**capo** boss

**capogiro** dizziness

**capolavoro** masterpiece

**capotreno** train conductor

**cappella** chapel

**cappello** hat

**cappotto** coat

**caraffa** carafe

**caramella** candy

**caramelle per la tosse** cough drops

**carica batterie** battery charger

**carino** pretty; cute

**carne** meat

**caro** expensive



**carrello bagagli** luggage cart  
**carro attrezzi** tow truck  
**carta** paper  
**carta di credito** credit card  
**carta di debito** debit card  
**carta igienica** toilet paper  
**carta ricaricabile** debit card  
**carta SIM** SIM card  
**carta telefonica** telephone card  
**carte** cards (deck)  
**cartina** card; map  
**cartoleria** office supplies store  
**cartolina** postcard  
**casa** house  
**casalingo** homemade  
**cascata** waterfall  
**casco** helmet  
**caseificio** cheese shop  
**cassa** speaker (audio); cash register  
**cassetta postale** mailbox  
**cassiere** cashier  
**castello** castle

**catena** chain  
**cattedrale** cathedral  
**cattivo** bad  
**cattolico** Catholic  
**cavaliere** knight  
**cavallo** horse  
**cavatappi** corkscrew  
**caviglia** ankle  
**cavo** cable (cord)  
**cena** dinner  
**cento** hundred  
**centralinista** operator; receptionist  
**centro** center; downtown  
**centro commerciale** shopping mall  
**centro benessere** spa  
**ceramica** ceramic  
**cercare** to look for; to search  
**cerchio** circle (shape)  
**ceretta** wax (hair removal)  
**cerotto** Band-Aid  
**cestino** basket  
**cestino per i rifiuti** trashcan (indoors)

**che cosa** what

**che peccato** it's a pity

**check-in bagagli** baggage check

**chi** who

**chiamare** to call

**chiaro** clear; light; pale

**chiave** key

**chiedere** to ask for

**chiesa** church

**chilometraggio** mileage (in kilometers)

**chilometro** kilometer

**chiocciola** “at” symbol (@)

**chiostro** cloister

**chitarra** guitar

**chiudere** to close

**chiudere a chiave** to lock

**chiuso** closed

**chiusura lampo** zipper

**ciabatte** slippers

**ciabatte da piscina** flip-flops

**ciao** hello; goodbye (informal)

**cibo** food

**cielo** sky; heaven  
**cimice** bedbug  
**cinema** movie theater  
**cinghia del ventilatore** fan belt  
**cinque** five  
**cintura** belt  
**cioccolato** chocolate  
**cipria** face powder  
**città** city; town  
**ciuccio** pacifier  
**classe** class  
**classe, prima** first class  
**classe, seconda** second class  
**classico** classical  
**clinica** medical clinic  
**coda** tail; line (queue)  
**codice postale** zip code  
**codice segreto** PIN code  
**cognome** last name  
**coincidenza** connection (train)  
**colazione** breakfast  
**collana** necklace

**collant** nylons (panty hose)

**collina** hill

**collirio** eye drops

**collo** neck

**collocare** to place; to set (put something down)

**collutorio** mouthwash

**colore** color

**colpevole** guilty

**coltello** knife

**combattere** to fight

**combattimento di galli** cockfight

**come** how

**cominciare** to begin

**commercialista** accountant

**commissione** errand

**compagno** companion; partner (relationship)

**compleanno** birthday

**completo** no vacancy

**complicato** complicated

**comprare** to buy

**comune** common

**con** with

**concerto** concert

**conchiglia** shell

**condurre** to lead

**conducente** conductor; driver

**conferma** confirmation

**confermare** to confirm

**confortevole** comfortable

**congestione** congestion (sinus)

**congratulazioni** congratulations

**coniglio** rabbit

**connettere** to connect

**conoscenza** knowledge

**conservatore** conservative (n)

**consorte** spouse

**contadino** farmer

**contagioso** contagious

**contante** cash

**contare** to count

**contento** happy

**continuare** to continue

**conto** bill (payment)

**contraccettivo** contraceptive

**contraccezione** birth control  
**contrazione** contraction (pregnancy)  
**controllare** to control  
**conveniente** affordable; appropriate  
**coperta** blanket  
**coperto** cover charge  
**copia** copy (n)  
**copiare** to copy; to mimic; to duplicate  
**copisteria** photocopy shop  
**coprifuoco** curfew  
**coprire** to cover  
**corda** rope  
**corda stendipanni** clothesline  
**coro** choir  
**corpo** body  
**corrente** current (water)  
**correre** to run  
**corridoio** aisle; hallway  
**corriera** long-distance bus  
**corruzione** corruption  
**corto** short  
**cosa** thing

**cosa, che** what

**coscia** thigh

**costa** coast

**costare** to cost

**costo** cost

**costruire** to build

**costruzione** construction

**costume da bagno** swimsuit

**cotone** cotton

**cotto** cooked

**cotton fioc** Q-tip (cotton swab)

**crampi** cramps

**cravatta** tie (clothing)

**credere (in)** to believe (in)

**crema da barba** shaving cream

**crema idratante** moisturizer

**crema solare** suntan lotion

**crema per le mani** hand lotion

**cripta** crypt

**cristiano** Christian

**croce** cross

**crostacei** shellfish



**crudo** raw

**cucetta** berth (train)

**cucchiaio** spoon

**cucina** kitchen

**cucinare** to cook

**cucire** to sew

**cuffie** headphones

**cugino** cousin

**culla** crib (for baby)

**cuoco** chef; cook

**cuore** heart

**cupola** dome

**cura** treatment (medical)

**curare** to treat (medical)

**cuscino** pillow

## **D**

**d'accordo** agree; OK

**da** from; since

**da qualche parte** somewhere

**dal vivo** live (music)

**dare** to give

**dare prurito** to be itchy

**data** date; day

**data di scadenza** expiration date

**davanti** front

**decaffeinato** decaffeinated; decaf

**decongestionante** decongestant

**delicato** delicate

**delizioso** delicious

**democrazia** democracy

**dente** tooth

**denti** teeth

**denti, mal di** toothache

**dentifricio** toothpaste

**dentista** dentist

**dentizione** teething (baby)

**dentro** inside

**deodorante** deodorant

**deposito** deposit

**depressione** depression

**dermatite da pannolino** diaper rash

**derubato** robbed

**desiderare** to wish; to require

**destinazione** destination

**destra** right (direction)

**detersivo da bucato** laundry detergent

**deviazione** detour (n)

**di** of

**di aiuto** helpful

**di sopra** upstairs

**diabete** diabetes

**diabetico** diabetic

**diamante** diamond

**diarrea** diarrhea

**dicembre** December

**dichiarare** to declare (customs)

**dieci** ten

**dietro** behind

**difficile** difficult

**digitare** to type

**dimenticare** to forget

**Dio** God

**dipingere** to paint

**dire** to say; to tell

**diritto** direct

**direttore** manager

**direzione** direction

**dirupo** cliff

**disabile** disabled; handicapped

**disastro** disaster

**discesa, in** downhill

**discoteca** nightclub

**discriminazione** discrimination

**discutere** to discuss

**disinfettante** disinfectant

**disoccupato** unemployed

**disperato** desperate

**dispiace, mi** sorry

**disponibile** available

**distanza** distance

**disturbare** to disturb

**disturbi cardiaci** heart condition

**dito** finger

**dito del piede** toe

**divertire** to amuse; to entertain

**divertente** funny

**divertimento** fun; entertainment

**divertirsi** to enjoy; to have fun

**dividere** to share; to split

**divorziato** divorced

**dizionario** dictionary

**doccia** shower

**documento** file (computer)

**dogana** customs

**dolce** sweet; dessert; pastry

**dolorante** sore

**dolore** pain; ache

**dolore al petto** chest pains

**dolori mestruali** menstrual cramps

**domanda** question

**domandare** to ask

**domani** tomorrow

**domenica** Sunday

**donna** woman

**donne** women

**dopo** after

**dopobarba** aftershave

**dopodomani** day after tomorrow

**doppio** double

**dormire** to sleep

**dottore** doctor

**dove** where

**dozzina** dozen

**dritto** straight

**dubitare** to doubt

**due** two

**due volte** twice

**duro** hard

## **E**

**e** and

**è** is

**ebreo** Jewish

**eccellente** excellent

**eccetto** except

**economico** cheap; economical

**edicola** newsstand

**edificio** building

**efficace** effective

**elenco telefonico** telephone book

**emergenza** emergency

**emicrania** migraine

**emorroidi** hemorrhoids

**enoteca** wine shop; wine bar

**entrambi** both

**entrare** to enter

**entrata** entry

**epatite** hepatitis

**epilessia** epilepsy

**equitazione** horse riding

**erba** grass

**erbe medicinali** herb (medicine)

**errore** mistake

**esaminare** to examine

**esattamente** exactly

**esatto** exact

**esaurito** sold out

**esausto** exhausted

**escursione** hike (n)

**escursionismo** hiking

**esempio** example

**esperienza** experience (n)

**espressione** expression

**espresso** express (fast)

**est** east

**estate** summer

**età** age

**Europa** Europe

## **F**

**fa male** it hurts

**fabbrica** factory

**faccia** face

**facciata** facade

**facile** easy

**falso** false

**famiglia** family

**familiare** familiar

**famoso** famous

**fantastico** fantastic

**fard** blush (makeup)

**fare** to make

**fare fumo** smoking (engine, stove, etc.)

**fare la spesa** to shop (for groceries)

**fare le valigie** to pack

**fare pratica** to practice

**fare shopping** to go shopping

**fare sport** to exercise



**fare una gita** to go on a day trip

**fare un'escursione** to hike

**farmacia** pharmacy; drug store

**farmaco per la diarrea** diarrhea medicine

**faro** headlight

**fascia di sostegno** support bandage

**fatto** made; done; stoned

**fatto a mano** handmade

**fattoria** farm

**favore** favor (n)

**fazzoletto di carta** facial tissue

**febbraio** February

**febbre** fever

**feci** stool (fecal matter)

**felicità** happiness

**feltro** moleskin; felt (fabric)

**femmina** female

**ferire** to hurt; to injure

**ferirsi** to hurt oneself

**ferito** hurt (adj)

**fermare** to stop

**fermata** stop (train, bus)

**ferramenta** hardware store

**ferrovia** railway

**festa** party; festival

**festeggiare** to celebrate

**fetta** slice (thick; e.g., cake, bread)

**fettina** slice (thin; e.g., cold cuts)

**fiammifero** match; matchstick

**fidanzata** girlfriend

**fidanzato** boyfriend

**figlia** daughter

**figlio** son

**fila** line; row; queue

**film** movie

**filo** string

**filo interdentale** dental floss

**finale** final

**finalmente** finally

**fine** end

**fine settimana** weekend

**finestra** window

**finire** to finish

**finito** over; finished

**fiore** flower

**firma** signature

**fiume** river

**flirtare** to flirt

**fodera per occhiali** glasses case

**folla** crowd

**fondo** bottom

**fondotinta** foundation (makeup)

**fontana** fountain

**football** soccer

**football americano** American football

**footing** jogging

**forbici** scissors

**forchetta** fork

**foresta** forest

**formaggio** cheese

**formica** ant

**forno** oven

**forse** maybe

**forte** strong; loud

**fortuna** luck

**fortunato** lucky

**fossato** moat

**foto** photo

**fotocopia** photocopy

**foto-ottica** camera shop

**Francia** France

**francobolli** stamps

**frangia** bangs (hair)

**fratello** brother

**freccia** turn signal

**freddo** cold (adj); chill (temperature) (n)

**freno** brake

**frequenza** frequency

**fresco** fresh; cool

**fretta, avere** to hurry

**frizzante** fizzy

**frontiera** border

**frumento** wheat

**frutta** fruit

**frutti di mare** seafood

**fumare** to smoke; smoking (cigarettes)

**fumato** stoned

**fumatore** smoker (person)

**fumo** smoke

**funerale** funeral

**fuochi d'artificio** fireworks

**fuoco** fire

**fuori** outside

**fusibile** fuse

**futuro** future

## **G**

**galleria** gallery; tunnel

**galleria d'arte** art gallery

**gamba** leg

**garantito** guaranteed

**garanzia** guarantee (n)

**garza** gauze

**gas** gas (vapor)

**gatto** cat

**gelato** ice cream

**geloso** jealous

**gemello** twin

**generoso** generous

**gengiva** gum (mouth)

**genitore** parent

**gennaio** January

**gentile** kind (courteous)

**genuino** genuine

**Germania** Germany

**gestire** to manage (oversee)

**gettone** token (n)

**ghiaccio** ice

**già** already

**giacca** jacket

**giallo** yellow

**giardinaggio** gardening

**giardino** garden

**gilè** vest

**ginecologo** gynecologist

**ginnastica** gymnastics

**ginocchio** knee

**giocare** to play (sports, games)

**giocatore** player (sports); athlete

**giocattolo** toy

**giochi, parco** playground

**gioco** game

**gioielli** jewelry

**gioielleria** jewelry shop  
**giornalaio** newsstand  
**giornale** newspaper  
**giornaliero** daily  
**giorno** day  
**giorno festivo** holiday  
**giorno, buon** good day (hello)  
**giovane** young; youth  
**giovedì** Thursday  
**gioventù, ostello della** youth hostel  
**giro** tour (n)  
**gita, fare una** to go on a day trip  
**giù** down  
**giubbotto** jacket  
**giudicare** to judge  
**giugno** June  
**giusto** fair; just; right; correct  
**globalizzazione** globalization  
**glutei** buttocks  
**glutine** gluten  
**gola** throat; gorge  
**gola, mal di** sore throat

**gomito** elbow

**gomma** tire

**gomma da cancellare** eraser

**gomma da masticare** chewing gum

**gomma a terra** flat tire

**gommone** raft

**gonfiore** swelling

**gonna** skirt

**Gotico** Gothic

**governante** ruler

**governo** government

**graffetta** paper clip

**grammatica** grammar

**Gran Bretagna** Great Britain

**grande** big

**grande magazzino** department store

**grassi** fat (n)

**grasso** fat (adj); greasy

**gratis** free (no cost)

**gravidanza** pregnancy

**grazie** thanks

**Grecia** Greece



**grigio** gray

**grotta** cave

**gruppo** group

**gruppo musicale** band (musical)

**guaio** trouble

**guanti** gloves

**guardando** browsing

**guardare** to look at; to watch

**guerra** war

**guida** guide; guidebook

**guidare** to drive; to guide

**guidato, visita** guided tour

**gusto** flavor; taste (n)

## H

**handicappato** handicapped

## I

**i loro** their

**ibuprofene** ibuprofen

**idea** idea

**ideale** ideal

**idiota** idiot

**ieri** yesterday

**igienico** hygienic

**ignorare** to ignore

**il loro** their

**il migliore** best

**il tuo** your

**il vostro** your

**illegale** illegal

**illuminare** to light up; to illuminate

**imbarazzante** embarrassing

**imbarcare** to board (transportation)

**imbarco** boarding (transportation)

**immangiabile** inedible

**immediatamente** immediately

**immigrazione** immigration

**immondizia** trash; garbage

**imparare** to learn

**impermeabile** raincoat

**importante** important

**importato** imported

**importo** amount

**Impressionista** Impressionist

**improvvisamente** suddenly  
**in** in; into; by (car, train, etc.)  
**in coda** back (of train)  
**in discesa** downhill  
**in nessun posto** nowhere  
**in orario** on time  
**in pensione** retired  
**in ritardo** late (train, bus)  
**in salita** uphill  
**incartare** to wrap  
**incastrato** stuck  
**incidente** accident  
**incinta** pregnant  
**includere** to include  
**incluso** included  
**incomprensione** misunderstanding  
**incontrare** to meet  
**incredibile** incredible  
**incrocio** intersection  
**indicare** to point  
**indigestione** indigestion  
**indipendente** independent

**indirizzo** address

**indirizzo di posta elettronica / indirizzo email** email address

**indossare** to wear

**industria** industry

**infastidire** to bother

**infermiera** nurse

**infezione** infection

**infezione urinaria** urinary tract infection

**infiammazione** inflammation

**influenza** flu

**informare** to inform

**informazioni** information

**infortunato** injured

**ingegnere** engineer

**Inghilterra** England

**inglese** English

**ingoiare** to swallow

**ingresso** entrance

**iniziare** to start

**inizio** beginning; start

**innocente** innocent

**inquinamento** pollution

**insalata** salad

**insegnante** teacher

**insegnare** to teach

**insetto** insect

**insieme** together

**insolazione** sunstroke

**insulto** insult (n)

**intelligente** intelligent

**intendere** to intend

**interessante** interesting

**internazionale** international

**intestino** intestine

**intimo** underwear

**intollerante ai latticini** lactose intolerant

**intorno** around (go around)

**intrattenimento** entertainment

**invece** instead

**inverno** winter

**investigazione** investigation

**invitare** to invite

**invito** invitation

**iodio** iodine

**Irlanda** Ireland

**irritazione della pelle** rash

**islamico** Islamic

**isola** island

**isolato** block (city)

**ispezionare** to inspect

**istante** instant

**istruzione** education; instruction

**Italia** Italy

**itinerario** route

## **L**

**là** there

**la loro** their

**la tua** your

**labbro** lip

**laccio delle scarpe** shoelace

**ladro** thief

**lago** lake

**lampada** lamp

**lampadina** lightbulb

**lana** wool

**larghezza** width

**largo** loose; wide

**lasciare** to let; to allow

**lasciare la stanza** to check out (hotel)

**lassativo** laxative

**lato** side

**latte** milk

**latte detergente** face cleanser

**latte in polvere per neonati** baby formula

**latticino** dairy product

**lattina** can (n)

**lavanderia** laundrette

**lavandino** sink

**lavare** to wash

**lavare a mano** to hand wash

**lavatrice** washer

**lavorare** to work

**lavoro** work; occupation

**le loro** their

**le vostre** your

**legale** legal

**legare** to tie

**leggere** to read

**legno** wood

**lei** she; you (formal)

**lente a contatto** contact lens

**lento** slow

**lenzuolo** sheet

**lesbica** lesbian

**lesione** injury

**lettera** letter

**lettino** cot

**letto** bed

**letto a castello** bunk bed

**letto, camera da** bedroom

**letto, matrimoniale** double bed

**letto, singolo** single bed

**letto, vagone** sleeper car (train)

**liberale** liberal (n)

**liberare** to release; to free; to liberate

**libere, camere** vacancy (hotel)

**libero** vacant

**libreria** book shop

**libro** book

**limetta per unghie** nail file



**limite di peso** weight limit

**limite di velocità** speed limit

**linea** line (transportation; e.g., bus line)

**linea aerea** airline

**linea bassa** underscore (\_)

**lingua** language; tongue (mouth)

**lino** linen

**liquidazione** sale

**liquido** liquid

**liquido della trasmissione** transmission fluid

**lista** list

**litro** liter

**locale** local; bar; club; pub

**locale notturno** nightclub

**locanda di campagna** country inn

**lontano** far

**loro** they

**lotta** fight (n)

**lozione anti-zanzare** insect repellent

**luce** light (n)

**luce posteriore** taillight

**luglio** July

**lui** he

**luna** moon

**luna di miele** honeymoon

**lunedì** Monday

**lunghezza** length

**lungo** long

**lungomare** waterfront

**luogo** place; site

**lussuoso** luxurious

## M

**macchina** car; machine

**macchina fotografica** camera

**madre** mother

**maggio** May

**maglietta** T-shirt

**maglione** sweater

**magro** skinny

**mai** never

**maiale** pig; pork

**mal d'orecchi** earache

**mal di, avere** to have an ache

**mal di denti** toothache

**mal di gola** sore throat

**mal di macchina** motion sickness (car, etc.)

**mal di mare** seasickness

**mal di stomaco** stomachache

**mal di testa** headache

**malato** sick

**malattia** disease; illness

**maleducato** rude

**mancia** tip (gratuity)

**mangiare** to eat

**maniche** sleeves

**manico** handle (n)

**manifestazione** demonstration (public)

**mano** hand

**mano, bagaglio a** carry-on luggage

**manzo** beef

**mappa per escursioni** hiking map

**marca** brand

**marcia** gear; march (n)

**marcio** rotten

**mare** sea

**marito** husband

**marmo** marble (material)  
**marrone** brown  
**martedì** Tuesday  
**martello** hammer  
**marzo** March  
**mascella** jaw  
**maschio** male  
**massaggio** massage  
**massimo** maximum  
**materiale** material  
**matita** pencil; eyeliner  
**matrimonio** wedding; marriage  
**mattina** morning  
**matto** crazy  
**maturo** ripe  
**meccanico** mechanic  
**medicina** medicine  
**medicina per il raffreddore** cold medicine  
**medicinale** drug (medicine)  
**medio** medium  
**meglio** better  
**mela** apple

**meno** minus

**meno, più o** approximately

**mente** mind (brain)

**menù** menu

**mercato** market

**mercato dei fiori** flower market

**mercato delle pulci** flea market

**mercoledì** Wednesday

**mese** month

**messa** church service; Mass

**messaggio** message

**mestruazioni** menstruation; period (woman's)

**metà** half

**metallo** metal

**metodo** method

**metropolitana** subway

**mettere giù** to place; to set (put something down)

**mettersi in fila** to line up

**mezza porzione** half portion (food)

**mezzanotte** midnight

**mezzo** middle

**mezzogiorno** noon

**mi dispiace** sorry

**mi gira la testa** dizzy; lightheaded (“my head is spinning”)

**mi scusi** excuse me

**mia** my; mine

**mie / miei** mine

**migliore, il** best

**militare** military

**mille** thousand

**minerale, acqua** mineral water

**minestra** soup

**minimo** minimum

**minuto** minute

**mio** my; mine

**miope** nearsighted

**mischiare** to mix

**mischiato** mixed

**misto** mix (n)

**mobili** furniture

**moda** fashion

**moderno** modern

**modulo** form (document)

**moglie** wife

**molletta per bucato** clothespin

**molti** many

**molto** much; very

**momento** moment

**monastero** monastery

**mondo** world

**moneta** coin

**monovolume** van

**montagna** mountain

**monumento** monument

**morbido** soft

**morire** to die

**morso** bite (n)

**morto** dead

**moschea** mosque

**mostra** exhibit; exhibition

**mostrare** to show

**motocicletta** motorcycle

**motorino** motor scooter

**mucca** cow

**mulino a vento** windmill

**multa** fine; penalty

**mura** wall (barrier; e.g., city wall)

**mura fortificate** fortified wall

**murales** mural

**muro** wall (room)

**muscolo** muscle

**museo** museum

**musica** music

**musicista** musician

**musulmano** Muslim

**mutande** men's underwear

**mutandine** women's underwear

## **N**

**nascosto** hidden

**naso** nose

**nastro adesivo** tape (adhesive)

**Natale** Christmas

**natura** nature

**naturale** natural

**nave** ship

**nave da crociera** cruise ship

**nazionale** national

**nazionali** domestic



**nazionalità** nationality

**ne... ne...** neither... nor...

**nebbia** fog

**necessario** necessary

**negozio** shop; store

**negozio di antiquariato** antique shop

**negozio di abbigliamento** clothing shop

**negozio di cellulari** mobile-phone shop

**negozio di dolci** sweets shop

**negozio di giocattoli** toy store

**negozio di souvenir** souvenir shop

**negozio di vini** wine shop

**neonato** baby; infant

**nero** black

**nervoso** nervous

**nessuno** no one

**nessuno dei due** neither

**neve** snow

**niente** nothing

**nipote** grandchild; nephew; niece

**no** no

**noce** nut (food)

**noi** we; us

**noioso** boring

**nome** name

**non** not

**non è corretto** incorrect

**nonna** grandmother

**nonno** grandfather

**nord** north

**normale** normal; regular

**nostalgico** homesick

**notizie** news

**notte** night

**nove** nine

**novembre** November

**nubile** single (female)

**nudo** naked

**numero** number

**numero telefonico** telephone number

**numero verde** toll-free number

**nuotare** to swim

**nuovo** new

**nutrire** to feed

**nuvoloso** cloudy

**nylon** nylon (material)

## O

**o** or

**obliterare** to obliterate

**occhi** eyes

**occhiali** eyeglasses

**occhiali da lettura** reading glasses

**occhiali da sole** sunglasses

**occhio** eye

**occupato** occupied; busy

**oceano** ocean

**odiare** to hate

**odore** smell (odor); herb (cooking)

**offerta** offer (n)

**offrire** to offer

**oggi** today

**ogni** each; every

**Olimpiadi** Olympics

**olio** oil

**olio per neonati** diaper ointment

**ombra** shade (n)

**ombrello** umbrella

**ombretto** eye shadow

**omogeneizzati** baby food

**omosessuale** gay

**onda** wave (water)

**onesto** honest

**operazione** operation (medical)

**opinione** opinion

**opportunità** opportunity

**ora** hour; time (clock time)

**orario** timetable; schedule

**orario, arrivo** arrival time

**orario, check-in** check-in time

**orario d'apertura** opening hours

**orario, in** on time

**orario, partenza** departure time

**ordinare** to order

**ordine** order (layout; restaurant)

**orecchi, mal d'** earache

**orecchini** earrings

**orecchio** ear

**organo** organ

**originale** original

**oro** gold

**orologio** clock; watch

**orribile** horrible

**ospedale** hospital

**ospite** guest

**ostello** hostel

**ostello della gioventù** youth hostel

**ottenere** to get

**ottico** optician

**ottimista** optimistic

**ottimo** great

**otto** eight

**ottobre** October

**ottone** brass

**ovest** west

**ovunque** anywhere

## **P**

**pacco** package

**pace** peace

**padre** father

**padrone** owner

**paese** country town; village

**paese antico** old town

**paese in collina** hill town

**Paesi Bassi** Netherlands

**Paesi Scandinavi** Scandinavia

**pagare** to pay

**pagina** page

**paio** pair

**palazzo** palace

**palla** ball

**pane** bread

**panificio** bakery

**panino** sandwich

**panna** cream; whipped cream

**pannolino** diaper

**panoramico** scenic

**pantaloncini** shorts

**pantaloni** pants

**pantofole** slippers

**papà** dad

**paradiso** heaven; paradise

**parcheggiare** to park

**parcheggio** parking lot  
**parco** park (garden)  
**parco giochi** playground  
**parete** wall (room)  
**parlare** to talk  
**parola** word  
**parrucchiere** beauty salon; hair salon  
**partecipare** to attend (an event)  
**partenza** departure  
**partenza orario** departure time  
**partire** to leave  
**partita** game (sports)  
**Pasqua** Easter  
**passaporto** passport  
**passato** past  
**passaggero** passenger  
**passettino** stroller (for baby)  
**passo di montagna** mountain pass  
**pasticceria** pastry shop  
**pasticcino** pastry  
**pastiglia per la gola** lozenge  
**pastiglia per la tosse** cough drops

**pasto** meal

**pattinaggio** skating

**pattini a rotelle** roller skates

**pausa** break (rest)

**pavimento** floor (ground)

**peccato, che** it's a pity

**pedaggio** toll

**pedalò** paddleboat

**pedone** pedestrian

**peggio** worse

**peggiore** worst

**pelle** skin; leather

**pelletteria** leather shop

**peltro** pewter

**pene** penis

**penna** pen

**pensare** to think

**pensione, in** retired

**pepe** pepper (spice)

**per** for

**per favore** please

**percentuale** percent



**perché** why (question); because (answer)

**percorso** route

**perdere** to lose; to miss (bus, train, etc.)

**perfetto** perfect

**pericolo** danger

**pericoloso** dangerous

**periodo** period (of time)

**permanente** permanent

**permesso** allowed

**permettere** to allow

**perso** lost; missing

**persona** person

**pesante** heavy

**pescare** to fish

**pesce** fish

**peso** weight

**peso, limite di** weight limit

**pessimista** pessimistic

**pettine** comb

**petto** chest

**pezzo** piece

**phon** hair dryer

**piacere** to like

**piangere** to cry

**piano** floor; story (building)

**pianta** plant

**pianura** plain (n)

**piatto** plate; dish

**piatto, primo** course, first

**piatto, secondo** course, second

**piazza** square (town)

**piccante** hot (spicy)

**picchetto della tenda** tent peg

**piccolo** small

**pidocchi** lice

**piede** foot

**piede d'atleta** athlete's foot

**pietra** rock

**pigiama** pajamas

**pigro** lazy

**pillola** pill

**pillola anticoncezionale** birth control pill

**pinacoteca** painting gallery

**pinzatrice** stapler

**pinzette** pliers; tweezers

**pioggia** rain

**piovere** to rain

**piscina** swimming pool

**pisolino** nap

**pistola** gun

**più** more

**più o meno** approximately

**più tardi** later; afterward

**pizzo** lace

**plastica** plastic

**po', un** some

**poco** few; a bit

**poco cotto** undercooked

**politica** policy

**politico** political; politician

**polizia** police

**pollame** poultry

**pollice** thumb

**pollo** chicken

**polmoni** lungs

**polso** wrist

**polvere** dust; powder  
**poliestere** polyester  
**pomata antiprurito** itch reliever  
**pomata antistaminica** first-aid cream  
**pomeriggio** afternoon  
**pompa** pump (n)  
**ponte** bridge  
**popolare** popular  
**porcellana** porcelain  
**porta** door  
**portacenere** ashtray  
**portafoglio** wallet  
**portar via** take out (food)  
**portare** to carry; to bring  
**portatile** laptop  
**porto** harbor  
**Portogallo** Portugal  
**porzione** portion  
**possedere** to own  
**possibile** possible  
**possibilità** chance; possibility  
**posta** mail

**posta elettronica** email

**posto** seat; place; space (room)

**posto a conduzione familiare** family-run place

**potabile, acqua** drinkable water

**potente** powerful

**potere** can (v)

**povero** poor

**pranzo** lunch

**pratico** practical

**preferire** to prefer

**preferito** favorite

**prefisso** area code

**prendere** to take; to catch

**prendere in prestito** to borrow

**prenotare** to book (reserve, purchase)

**prenotazione** reservation

**preoccupare** to worry

**presa (di corrente)** electrical outlet

**presbite** farsighted

**prescrizione** prescription

**preservativo** condom

**presidente** president

**pressione alta** high blood pressure

**prestare** to lend

**presto** early

**prete** priest

**previsioni del tempo** weather forecast

**prezioso** precious

**prezzo** price

**prima** before

**prima classe** first class

**primavera** spring (season)

**primo** first

**primo soccorso** first aid

**principale** main

**principe** prince

**principessa** princess

**principio** principle

**privato** private

**privo di sensi** unconscious; passed out

**problema** problem

**prodotto** product

**produrre** to produce

**professione** profession

**profugo** refugee  
**profumo** perfume  
**proibito** prohibited  
**prolungare** to prolong; to extend (time)  
**promessa** promise  
**promettere** to promise  
**pronto** ready  
**pronto soccorso** emergency room  
**pronuncia** pronunciation  
**prosciutto cotto** boiled ham  
**prosperare** to prosper  
**prossimo** next  
**prostituta** prostitute  
**proteggere** to protect  
**protestante** Protestant (adj)  
**protestare** to complain  
**protezione solare** sunscreen  
**provare** to try (attempt)  
**prudente** careful  
**prurito** itch  
**pubblico** public  
**pudico** prudish

**pulce** flea

**pulire** to clean; to wipe

**pulito** clean (adj)

**pullman** long-distance bus

**pulpito** pulpit

**punto** point (reason; dot)

**punto panoramico** viewpoint

**puntuale** punctual

**puntura di insetto** bug bite

**pupu** poop

**puttana** bitch (n)

**puzza** stink; stench

**puzzare** to stink

## Q

**quaderno** notebook

**quadro** painting

**qualcosa** something

**qualcuno** anyone

**qualsiasi cosa** whatever (anything)

**qualità** quality

**quando** when

**quanti** how many



**quantità** quantity

**quanto costa** how much (\$)

**quarto** quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ )

**quattro** four

**quello** that (thing)

**qui** here

## R

**raccomandare** to recommend

**raccordo anulare** ring road

**raccomandazione** recommendation

**radere** to shave

**radiatore** radiator

**radicale** radical (adj, n)

**radiografia** X-ray

**raffreddore** cold (n)

**raffreddore da fieno** hay fever

**ragazza** girl; girlfriend

**ragazzo** boy; boyfriend

**ragionevole** sensible

**ragno** spider

**rame** copper

**rasoio** razor

**razzismo** racism

**re** king

**recente** recent

**reclamo** complaint

**regalo** gift

**reggiseno** bra

**regina** queen

**regola** rule (n)

**religione** religion

**reliquia** relic

**Repubblica Ceca** Czech Republic

**resistente** sturdy

**respirare** to breathe

**restauro** restoration

**restituire** to return (something)

**rete** network (technology)

**retto** rectum

**ricaricare** to recharge

**ricco** rich

**ricetta** prescription; recipe

**ricevere** to receive

**ricevuta** receipt

**ricordare** to remember; to remind

**ridere** to laugh

**riempire** to fill; to refill

**rifiuti** trash; garbage

**rifiuti, bidone per i** trashcan (outdoors)

**rifiuti, cestino per i** trashcan (indoors)

**rilassamento** relaxation

**rimborso** refund

**Rinascimento** Renaissance

**riparare** to repair

**riposare** to relax; to rest

**risolvere** to resolve

**rispetto** respect

**rispondere** to answer

**risposta** answer

**ristorante** restaurant

**ristorante, vagone** dining car (train)

**ritardo** delay

**ritirare** to pull back; to withdraw

**ritirarsi** to shrink

**ritiro bagagli** baggage claim

**ritornare** to return (go back)

**ritorno** return (n)

**ritratto** portrait

**rivista** magazine

**Romanico** Romanesque

**Romantico** Romantic

**romantico** romantic

**rosa** pink

**rossetto** lipstick

**rosso** red

**rotaie** railway track

**rotonda** roundabout

**rotto** broken

**rovine** ruins

**rubato** stolen

**rubinetto** faucet

**rubinetto, acqua del** tap water

**rumoroso** noisy

**ruota** wheel

**ruscello** stream

**russare** to snore

## **S**

**sabato** Saturday

**sacchetto** bag

**sacchetto di plastica** plastic bag

**sacco a pelo** sleeping bag

**sacro** holy

**saggio** wise

**sala** room (hall; e.g., sitting room)

**sala colazione** breakfast room (hotel)

**sala d'aspetto / sala di attesa** waiting room

**saldi** sale

**sale** salt

**salita, in** uphill

**salone** hall (big room)

**salsiccia** sausage

**saltare** to jump

**salumeria** delicatessen

**salute** health

**Salute!** Cheers!

**salvare** to save

**salvietta** napkin

**salviettine per neonati** diaper wipes

**sandali** sandals

**sandali infradito** thongs

**sangue** blood

**sanguinare** to bleed

**sano** healthy

**santo** saint

**sapere** to know

**sapone** soap

**saporito** tasty

**Saridon** non-aspirin substitute

**scadenza** expiration (validity)

**scala** ladder

**scaldare** to heat

**scaldato** toasted; heated

**scale** stairs

**scalo** transfer; layover

**scandaloso** scandalous

**Scandinavi, Paesi** Scandinavia

**scapolo** single (male)

**scarafaggio** cockroach

**scaricare** to download

**scarpe** shoes

**scarpe da ginnastica** sneakers

**scarpe da tennis** tennis shoes

**scarpe, laccio delle** shoelace

**scatola** box

**scheggia** splinter

**schermo** screen

**scherzo** joke

**schiena** back

**sci** skiing

**sci acquatico** waterskiing

**sciare** to ski

**sciarpa** scarf

**scienza** science

**scienziato** scientist

**sciopero** strike (stop work)

**sciroppo per la tosse** cough syrup

**scivoloso** slippery

**scodella** bowl

**sconto** discount

**scorretto** incorrect; unfair

**scorso** last (previous; e.g., last week)

**scotch** tape (adhesive)

**scottatura da sole** sunburn

**scrivania** desk

**scrivere** to write

**scultore** sculptor

**scultura** sculpture

**scuola** school

**scuro** dark

**scuse** apology

**scusi, mi** excuse me

**se** if

**secchio** bucket

**secco** dry (adj)

**secolo** century

**seconda classe** second class

**secondo piatto** main course (food)

**sedere** butt

**sedersi** to sit

**sedia** chair

**sedia a rotelle** wheelchair

**sedia a rotelle, accessibile con la** wheelchair-accessible

**seggiolino per la macchina** car seat (baby)

**seggiolino per neonati** booster seat

**seggiolone** highchair

**segno** sign



**segrete** dungeon

**segreto** secret

**seguire** to follow

**sei** six

**selvaggio** wild

**semaforo** stoplight

**sembrare** to seem

**seminterrato** basement

**semplice** simple; plain

**sempre** always; anytime

**seno** breast

**senso unico** one-way (street)

**sentiero** trail

**sentire** to feel (touch); to hear

**sentire la mancanza** to miss (long for)

**sentire un odore** to smell (detect by smell)

**senza** without

**senza piombo** unleaded

**separato** separate (adj)

**sera** evening

**serbatoio** gas tank

**serio** serious

**serratura** lock (n)

**servire** to serve

**servizio** service; restroom; toilet

**nesso** sex (intercourse; gender)

**seta** silk

**sette** seven

**settembre** September

**settimana** week

**settimana, fine** weekend

**sfortunatamente** unfortunately

**sfortunato** unfortunate

**si** yes

**sicuro** safe

**sigaretta** cigarette

**Signora** Mrs.

**signore** gentleman (sing); ladies (pl)

**Signore** Mr.

**Signorina** Miss

**silenzio** silence

**simile** similar

**sinagoga** synagogue

**sinistra** left (direction)

**sintetico** synthetic

**sinusite** sinus problem

**sito Internet** website

**slip** panties; women's underwear

**smalto per unghie** nail polish

**snowboard** snowboarding

**soccorso, primo** first aid

**soccorso, pronto** emergency room

**socio** member; business partner

**soffrire** to suffer

**sognare** to dream

**sogno** dream

**soldato** soldier

**soldi** money

**sole** sun; sunshine

**sole, occhiali da** sunglasses

**sole, scottatura da** sunburn

**sollevare** to lift

**solo** only; alone

**soluzione** solution (answer)

**soluzione salina** solution (contacts)

**solvente per le unghie** nail polish remover

**sopra** above; over

**sopra, di** upstairs

**sopracciglio** eyebrow

**soprannome** nickname

**sorella** sister

**sorpresa** surprise

**sorriso** smile

**sostanzioso** filling; nourishing; substantial

**sottile** thin

**sotto** under; below

**sottosopra** upside-down

**sottotitolo** subtitle

**sottoveste** slip (undergarment)

**sovrappeso** overweight

**Spagna** Spain

**spalla** shoulder

**spaventato** afraid

**spazzola** brush

**spazzolino da denti** toothbrush

**specchio** mirror

**speciale** special

**specialità** specialty

**specialmente** especially  
**spedire** to send; to mail; to ship  
**spegnere** to turn off (device)  
**spendere** to spend  
**speranza** hope  
**sperare** to hope  
**spesa, fare la** to shop (for groceries)  
**spesso** thick  
**spettacolo** show (performance)  
**spezia** spice (seasoning)  
**spiaggia** beach  
**spiegare** to explain  
**spiegazione** explanation  
**spilla** pin; brooch  
**spilla da balia** safety pin  
**spingere** to push  
**sporco** dirty  
**sportello** service desk  
**sposato** married  
**spostare** to move (change position)  
**sprecare** to waste  
**spuntare** to trim

**spuntatina** trim (hair)

**spuntino** snack

**squadra** team

**stabilire** to set (schedule)

**stagione** season

**stampare** to print

**stanco** tired

**stanotte** tonight

**stanza** room

**stare bene** to fit (clothes); to look nice; to be well (health)

**starnuto** sneeze

**Stati Uniti** United States

**stato** state

**stazione** station

**stazione degli autobus** bus station

**stazione della metropolitana** subway station

**stazione ferroviaria** train station

**stella** star (in sky)

**stesso** same

**stile** style

**stitichezza** constipation

**stivali** boots

**stoffa** cloth

**stomaco** stomach

**stomaco, mal di** stomachache

**storia** history; story (tale)

**strada** street; road

**straniero** foreign

**strano** strange; odd

**stretto** tight; narrow

**studente** student

**stupido** stupid

**stupro** rape (n)

**stuzzicadenti** toothpick

**su** on; up

**sua** hers; his

**subito** soon

**succhiotto** pacifier

**succo** juice

**sud** south

**sudare** to sweat

**sue** hers; his

**suo** hers; his

**suocera** mother-in-law

**suoi** hers; his

**suonare** to play (music)

**superalcolico** hard liquor

**supermercato** supermarket

**supplemento** supplement

**sveglia** alarm clock

**svegliare** to wake up

**svenuto** unconscious

**Svizzera** Switzerland

## T

**tablet** tablet computer

**tacchino** turkey (meat)

**taglia** size

**tagliare** to cut

**tagliaunghie** nail clippers

**taglio** cut

**taglio di capelli** haircut

**tappeto** carpet; rug

**tappi per le orecchie** earplugs

**tappo** cork; sink stopper

**tardi** late

**tardi, più** later; afterward



**tariffa** fee

**tasca** pocket

**tassametro** taxi meter

**tastiera** keyboard

**tatuaggio** tattoo

**tavola** table

**tavola calda** fast food

**tavola da surf** surfboard

**tavolo** desk

**tazza** cup

**tè** tea

**teatro** theater; play (performance)

**telefono** telephone

**telefono cellulare** mobile phone

**televisione** television

**temere** to fear

**temperatura** temperature

**tempo** weather; time (general term; period of time)

**tempo, previsioni del** weather forecast

**temporale** storm

**temporaneo** temporary

**tenda** tent; curtain

**tendinite** tendinitis

**tenere** to keep; to hold

**tenero** tender

**tergicristallo** windshield wiper

**terminal** terminal (n)

**terminare** to run out of

**termini per la cancellazione della prenotazione** cancellation policy

**termometro** thermometer

**terra** ground; land; earth; soil

**terrazzo** terrace

**terremoto** earthquake

**terrorista** terrorist

**tesoro** treasury

**tessera** membership card (hostel)

**test di gravidanza** pregnancy test

**testa** head

**testa, mal di** headache

**testare** to test

**testicolo** testicle

**tetto** roof

**tiepido** lukewarm

**timbrare** to validate

**timido** shy

**tirare** to pull; to throw

**toccare** to touch

**togliere** to remove

**toilette** toilet

**tonno** tuna

**torcia** flashlight

**torre** tower

**tosse** cough (n)

**tossire** to cough

**totale** total

**tra** between

**tradizionale** traditional

**tradizione** tradition

**tradurre** to translate

**traffico** traffic

**traghetto** ferry

**tramonto** sunset

**tranquillo** quiet; tranquil

**trattamento viso** facial (n)

**trattino** hyphen (-)

**tre** three

**treno** train

**treno notturno** overnight train

**treppiede** tripod

**triangolo** triangle

**triste** sad

**troppo** too

**troppo cotto** overcooked

**trovare** to find

**trucco** makeup

**tu** you (informal)

**Turchia** Turkey

**turista** tourist

**tutto** everything

**tutto esaurito** sold out

## U

**ubriaco** drunk

**uccello** bird

**uccidere** to kill

**udire** to hear

**ufficiale** official

**ufficio** office

**ufficio oggetti smarriti** lost and found

**uguale** equal

**ultima offerta** last offer

**ultimo** last (final)

**umano** human (n)

**umido** muggy; humid

**un altro** another

**un po'** some

**una volta** once

**unghia** fingernail

**unico, senso** one-way (street)

**Unione Europea** European Union (EU)

**università** university

**uno** one

**uomini** men

**uomo** man

**uovo** egg

**uretra** urethra

**urgente** urgent

**urina** urine

**usare** to use

**uscita** exit

**uscita d'emergenza** emergency exit

**utero** uterus

## V

**vacanza** vacation

**vagone** train car

**vagone letto** sleeper car (train)

**vagone ristorante** dining car (train)

**valido** valid

**valigia** suitcase

**valle** valley

**valore** value (worth)

**vampate di calore** hot flashes

**vasca da bagno** bathtub

**vaselina** Vaseline

**vaso** vase

**vecchio** old

**vedere** to see

**vedova** widow

**vedovo** widower

**vegetariano** vegetarian

**vela** sailing

**velluto** velvet

**veloce** fast; quick

**velocità** speed  
**vendere** to sell  
**vendita** sale  
**venerdì** Friday  
**venire** to come  
**ventilatore** fan (machine)  
**vento** wind  
**ventoso** windy  
**verde** green  
**verdura** vegetable  
**verità** truth  
**verme** worm  
**verruca** wart  
**vescica** bladder; blister  
**vestaglia** robe  
**vestiti** clothes  
**vestito** dress (n)  
**vetro** glass (material)  
**via aerea** air mail  
**viaggi, agenzia di** travel agency  
**viaggiare** to travel  
**viaggiatore** traveler

**viaggio** trip (n)

**vicino** near

**videogioco** video game

**video registratore** video recorder

**vietato** forbidden

**vietato fumare** non-smoking

**vigili del fuoco** fire department

**vigneto** vineyard

**villaggio** village

**vino** wine

**vino bianco** white wine

**vino rosso** red wine

**viola** purple

**violenza** violence

**violenza carnale** rape (n)

**viscido** creep; slimy

**visita** visit (n)

**visita, biglietto da** business card

**visita guidata** guided tour

**visitare** to visit

**viso** face

**viso, trattamento** facial (n)



**vista** view

**vita** life; waist

**vitamina** vitamin

**vivere** to live

**vivo** live; alive

**voce** voice

**volare** to fly

**volere** to want

**volo** flight

**volta, una** once

**volte, due** twice

**vomitare** to vomit

**vostri / vostro** yours

**vuoto** empty

## Z

**zainetto** backpack

**zaino** rucksack

**zanzara** mosquito

**zecca** tick (insect)

**zia** aunt

**zio** uncle

**zucchero** sugar

**zuppa** soup

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## A

**aboard** a bordo

**abortion** aborto

**above** sopra

**abstract** astratto

**abuse (v)** abusare

**accept** accettare

**access (n)** accesso; ingresso (entrance)

**accident** incidente

**accountant** commercialista

**ache (n)** dolore

**(to have an) ache** avere mal di

**adapter, electrical** adattatore elettrico

**adolescent** adolescente

**address** indirizzo

**address, email** indirizzo email; indirizzo di posta elettronica

**adult** adulto

**adventurous** avventuroso

**affordable** conveniente

**afraid** spaventato

**Africa** Africa

**after** dopo

**afternoon** pomeriggio

**aftershave** dopobarba

**afterward** più tardi

**again** ancora

**age** età

**aggressive** aggressivo

**agnostic** agnostico

**agree** d'accordo

**AIDS** AIDS

**air** aria

**air mail** via aerea

**air-conditioned** aria condizionata

**airline** linea aerea

**airplane** aeroplano

**airport** aeroporto

**aisle** corridoio

**alarm clock** sveglia

**alcohol** alcool

**alive** vivo

**allergic** allergico

**allergy** allergia

**allow** lasciare; permettere

**allowed** permesso

**alone** solo

**already** già

**altar** altare

**alter** alterare

**always** sempre

**ambulance** ambulanza

**America** America

**amount** importo

**amuse** divertire

**ancestor** antenato

**ancient** antico

**and** e

**angry** arrabbiato

**animal** animale

**ankle** caviglia

**anniversary** anniversario

**announcement** annuncio

**another** un altro

**answer (n)** risposta

**answer (v)** rispondere

**ant** formica

**antacid** antiacido

**antibiotic** antibiotico

**antiques** antiquariato; antichità (furniture)

**antique shop** negozio di antiquariato

**anxiety** ansia

**anyone** qualcuno

**anything** qualcosa

**anytime** sempre; in qualunque momento

**anywhere** ovunque

**apartment** appartamento

**apology** scuse

**appetizer** antipasto

**apple** mela

**appointment** appuntamento

**appropriate** appropriato

**approximately** più o meno

**April** aprile

**aquarium** acquario

**architect** architetto

**architecture** architettura

**area code** prefisso

**arm** braccio

**aroma** aroma

**around (go around)** intorno

**arrival** arrivo

**arrive** arrivare

**art** arte

**art gallery** galleria d'arte

**Art Nouveau** Art Nouveau

**arthritis** artrite  
**artificial** artificiale  
**artist** artista  
**ashtray** portacenere  
**ask** domandare  
**ask for** chiedere  
**asleep** addormentato  
**aspirin** aspirina  
**asthma** asma  
**at** a  
**“at” symbol (@)** chiocciola  
**atheist** ateo  
**athlete** atleta; giocatore  
**athlete’s foot** piede d’atleta  
**ATM** bancomat  
**attempt** provare  
**attend (an event)** partecipare  
**attractive** bello  
**audioguide** audioguida  
**August** agosto  
**aunt** zia  
**Austria** Austria



**author** autore

**authorize** autorizzare

**automatic** automatico

**autumn** autunno

**available** disponibile

## **B**

**baby** neonato

**baby booster seat** seggiolino per neonati

**baby car seat** seggiolino per la macchina

**baby food** omogeneizzati

**baby formula** latte in polvere per neonati

**babysitter** babysitter

**babysitting service** servizio di babysitter

**back** schiena

**back (of train)** in coda

**backpack** zainetto

**bad** cattivo

**bag** sacchetto; busta

**bag (handbag)** borsa

**bag, plastic** sacchetto di plastica; busta di plastica

**bag, Ziploc** busta di plastica sigillabile

**baggage** bagaglio

**baggage check** check-in bagagli

**baggage claim** ritiro bagagli

**bakery** panificio

**balcony** balcone

**ball** palla

**banana** banana

**band (musical)** gruppo musicale

**bandage** benda

**bandage, support** fascia di sostegno

**Band-Aid** cerotto

**bangs (hair)** frangia

**bank** banca

**bar** bar; locale

**barber / barber shop** barbiere

**bargain (n)** affare

**baseball** baseball

**basement** seminterrato

**basket** cestino

**basketball** basket

**bastard** bastardo

**bath** bagno

**bathrobe** accappatoio

**bathroom** bagno  
**bathtub** vasca da bagno  
**battery** batteria  
**battery charger** carica batterie  
**battery, watch** batteria per orologio  
**beach** spiaggia  
**beach, nude** spiaggia nudista  
**beard** barba  
**beautiful** bello  
**beauty salon** parrucchiere  
**because** perché  
**bed** letto  
**bed, bunk** letto a castello  
**bed, double** matrimoniale letto  
**bed, single** singolo letto  
**bedbug** cimice  
**bedroom** camera da letto  
**bedsheet** lenzuolo  
**beef** manzo  
**beer** birra  
**before** prima  
**begin** cominciare

**beginning** inizio

**behind** dietro

**Belgium** Belgio

**believe (in)** credere (in)

**bell** campana

**below** sotto

**belt** cintura

**berth (train)** cuccetta

**best** il migliore

**better** meglio

**between** tra

**bib** bavaglino

**Bible** Bibbia

**bicycle** bicicletta

**big** grande

**bill (payment)** conto

**bill (money)** banconota

**bird** uccello

**birth control** contraccezione

**birth control pill** pillola anticoncezionale

**birthday** compleanno

**bitch (n)** puttana

**bite (n)** morso

**bitter** amaro

**black** nero

**bladder** vescica

**bland** blando

**blanket** coperta

**bleed** sanguinare

**blister (n)** vescica

**block (city)** isolato

**blond** biondo

**blood** sangue

**blood pressure, high** pressione alta

**blouse** camicetta

**blue** blu

**blush (makeup)** fard

**board (transportation)** imbarcare

**boarding (transportation)** imbarco

**boat** barca

**body** corpo

**boil** bollire

**boiled** bollito

**bomb** bomba

**book (n)** libro

**book (reserve, purchase)** prenotare

**book shop** libreria

**book, telephone** elenco telefonico

**booster seat (for child)** seggiolino per neonati

**boots** stivali

**border** frontiera

**boring** noioso

**borrow** prendere in prestito

**boss** capo

**both** entrambi

**bother** infastidire

**bottle** bottiglia

**bottom** fondo

**boutique, clothing** boutique di abbigliamento

**bowl** scodella

**box** scatola

**boy** ragazzo

**boyfriend** ragazzo; fidanzato

**bra** reggiseno

**bracelet** braccialetto

**brake** freno

**brass** ottone

**bread** pane

**break (rest)** pausa

**breakdown** guasto

**breakfast** colazione

**breakfast room (hotel)** sala colazione

**breast** seno

**breastfeed** allattare

**breastfeeding** allattamento al seno

**breath** alito

**breathe** respirare

**bridge** ponte

**briefs (men's underwear)** mutande

**bright** brillante

**bring** portare

**Britain** Gran Bretagna

**broken** rotto

**bronze** bronzo

**brooch** spilla

**brother** fratello

**brown** marrone

**browsing** guardando

**brush (n)** spazzola

**bucket** secchio

**bug** insetto

**bug bite** puntura di insetto

**bug repellent** lozione anti-zanzare

**build** costruire

**building** edificio

**bulb, light** lampadina

**bunk bed** letto a castello

**burn (from fire) (n)** bruciatura

**burn (from sun) (n)** scottatura

**bus** autobus

**bus station** stazione degli autobus

**bus stop** fermata

**bus, city** autobus

**bus, long-distance** pullman; corriera

**business** affare

**business card** biglietto da visita

**business partner** socio

**busy** occupato

**butt** sedere

**butter** burro



**buttocks** glutei

**button** bottone

**buy** comprare

**by (train, car, etc.)** in

## C

**cable (cord)** cavo

**calendar** calendario

**calm** calmo

**calorie** calorie

**camera** macchina fotografica

**camera shop** foto-ottica

**camper** camper

**camping** campeggio

**campsite** area per campeggio

**can (n)** lattina

**can (v)** potere

**can opener** apriscatola

**Canada** Canada

**Canadian** canadese

**canal** canale

**cancel** annullare

**cancellation policy** termini per la cancellazione della prenotazione

**candle** candela  
**candy** caramella  
**canoe** canoa  
**cap** berretto  
**captain** capitano  
**car** macchina  
**car (train)** vagone  
**car ferry** autotraghetto  
**car seat (for baby)** seggiolino per la macchina  
**car, dining (train)** vagone ristorante  
**car, sleeper (train)** vagone letto  
**carafe** caraffa  
**card** cartina  
**card, telephone** carta telefonica  
**cards (deck)** carte  
**careful** prudente  
**carpet** tappeto  
**carry** portare  
**carry-on luggage** bagaglio a mano  
**cash** contante  
**cash machine** bancomat  
**cash register** cassa

**cashier** cassiere

**castle** castello

**cat** gatto

**catch (v)** prendere

**cathedral** cattedrale

**Catholic** cattolico

**caution** attenzione

**cave** grotta

**celebrate** festeggiare

**cell phone** telefono cellulare

**cell-phone shop** negozio di cellulari

**cellar** cantina

**center** centro

**century** secolo

**ceramic** ceramica

**chain (n)** catena

**chair** sedia

**championship** campionato

**chance** possibilità

**change (n)** cambio

**change (v)** cambiare

**chapel** cappella

**charge (cost) (v)** costare  
**charger, battery** carica batterie  
**charming** affascinante  
**cheap** economico  
**check (money) (n)** assegno  
**check-in (hotel) (n)** check-in  
**check-in time** orario check-in  
**check out (hotel) (v)** lasciare la stanza  
**Cheers!** Salute!  
**cheese** formaggio  
**cheese shop** caseificio  
**chef** chef; cuoco  
**chest** petto  
**chest pains** dolore al petto  
**chewing gum** gomma da masticare  
**chicken** pollo  
**child** bambino  
**children** bambini  
**chill (temperature)** freddo  
**Chinese** cinese  
**chocolate** cioccolato  
**choir** coro

**Christian** cristiano

**Christmas** Natale

**church** chiesa

**church service** messa

**cigarette** sigaretta

**cinema** cinema

**circle (shape)** cerchio

**city** città

**class** classe

**class, first** prima classe

**class, second** seconda classe

**classical** classico

**clean (adj)** pulito

**clean (v)** pulire

**clear (adj)** chiaro

**cliff** dirupo

**clinic, medical** clinica

**clock** orologio

**clock, alarm** sveglia

**cloister** chiostro

**close (v)** chiudere

**closed** chiuso

**closet** armadio

**cloth** stoffa

**clothes** vestiti

**clothespin** molletta per bucato

**clothesline** corda stendipanni

**clothing boutique** boutique di abbigliamento

**cloudy** nuvoloso

**club (for entertainment)** locale

**coast (n)** costa

**coat** cappotto

**coat hanger** appendiabiti

**cockfight** combattimento di galli

**cockroach** scarafaggio

**coffee** caffè

**coffee shop** bar; caffè

**coin** moneta

**cold (adj)** freddo

**cold (n)** raffreddore

**cold medicine** medicina per il raffreddore

**color** colore

**comb** pettine

**come** venire

**comfortable** confortevole  
**common** comune  
**compact disc** compact disc  
**companion** compagno  
**complain** protestare  
**complaint** reclamo  
**complete (adj)** completo  
**complicated** complicato  
**computer** computer  
**concert** concerto  
**conditioner (hair)** balsamo  
**condom** preservativo  
**conductor** capotreno; conducente  
**confirm** confermare  
**confirmation** conferma  
**congestion (sinus)** congestione  
**congratulations** congratulazioni  
**connect** connettere  
**connection (train)** coincidenza  
**conservative (n)** conservatore  
**constipation** stitichezza  
**construction** costruzione

**contact lens** lente a contatto  
**contagious** contagioso  
**continue** continuare  
**contraceptive** contraccettivo  
**contraction (pregnancy)** contrazione  
**control (v)** controllare  
**cook (n)** cuoco  
**cook (v)** cucinare  
**cooked** cotto  
**cool** fresco  
**copper** rame  
**copy (n)** copia  
**copy (v)** copiare  
**copy shop** copisteria  
**cork** tappo  
**corkscrew** cavatappi  
**corner** angolo  
**correct** giusto  
**corridor** corridoio  
**corruption** corruzione  
**cost (n)** costo  
**cost (v)** costare



**cot** lettino

**cotton** cotone

**cotton swab (Q-tip)** cotton fioc

**cough (n)** tosse

**cough (v)** tossire

**cough drops** caramelle per la tosse; pastiglia per la tosse

**cough syrup** sciroppo per la tosse

**count (v)** contare

**country** paese

**country inn** locanda di campagna

**countryside** campagna

**course, first** primo piatto

**course, second** secondo piatto

**cousin** cugino

**cover (v)** coprire

**cover charge** coperto

**cow** mucca

**cozy** confortevole

**craft** arte

**cramps** crampi

**cramps, menstrual** dolori mestruali

**crazy** matto

**cream** panna

**cream, first-aid** pomata antistaminica

**credit card** carta di credito

**creep (slimy)** viscido

**crib (for baby)** culla

**cross (n)** croce

**cross (e.g., the street) (v)** attraversare

**crowd (n)** folla

**cruise ship** nave da crociera

**cry** piangere

**crypt** cripta

**cup** tazza

**curfew** coprifuoco

**curtain** tenda

**customs** dogana

**cut (n)** taglio

**cut (v)** tagliare; affettare

**cute** carino

**Czech Republic** Repubblica Ceca

## **D**

**dad** papà

**daily** giornaliero

**dairy product** latticino

**dance (v)** ballare

**danger** pericolo

**dangerous** pericoloso

**dark** scuro

**dash (-)** trattino

**date (day)** data

**date (v)** uscire

**daughter** figlia

**day** giorno

**day after tomorrow** dopodomani

**(to go on a) day trip** fare una gita

**dead** morto

**deal (good value)** affare

**debit card** carta di debito; carta ricaricabile

**decaffeinated / decaf** decaffeinato

**December** dicembre

**declare (customs)** dichiarare

**decongestant** decongestionante

**delay (n)** ritardo

**delete** cancellare

**delicate** delicato

**delicatessen** salumeria  
**delicious** delizioso  
**democracy** democrazia  
**demonstration (public)** manifestazione  
**dental floss** filo interdentale  
**dentist** dentista  
**deodorant** deodorante  
**depart** partire  
**department store** grande magazzino  
**departure** partenza  
**departure time** partenza orario  
**deposit (n)** deposito  
**depression** depressione  
**desk (furniture)** scrivania  
**desk (service)** sportello  
**desperate** disperato  
**dessert** dolce  
**destination** destinazione  
**detergent** detersivo da bucato  
**detour (n)** deviazione  
**diabetes** diabete  
**diabetic** diabetico

**diamond** diamante

**diaper** pannolino

**diaper ointment** olio per neonati

**diaper rash** dermatite da pannolino

**diaper wipes** salviettine per neonati

**diarrhea** diarrea

**diarrhea medicine** farmaco per la diarrea

**dictionary** dizionario

**die** morire

**difficult** difficile

**dining car (train)** vagone ristorante

**dinner** cena

**direct** diretto

**direction** direzione

**dirty** sporco

**disabled** disabile

**disaster** disastro

**discount (n)** sconto

**discrimination** discriminazione

**discuss** discutere

**disease** malattia

**dish** piatto

**disinfectant** disinfettante

**distance** distanza

**disturb** disturbare

**divorced** divorziato

**dizziness** capogiro

**dizzy** mi gira la testa (“my head is spinning”)

**do** fare

**doctor** dottore

**dog** cane

**dog, mean** cagnaccio

**doll** bambola

**dome** cupola

**domestic** nazionali

**done** fatto

**donkey** asino

**door** porta

**dormitory** camerata

**dot (computer)** punto

**double** doppio

**doubt (v)** dubitare

**down** giù

**downhill** in discesa

**download** scaricare  
**downtown** centro  
**dozen** dozzina  
**dream (n)** sogno  
**dream (v)** sognare  
**dress** vestito  
**drink (n)** bevanda  
**drink (v)** bere  
**drive (v)** guidare  
**driver** autista  
**drug (medicine)** medicinale  
**drug store** farmacia  
**drunk** ubriaco  
**dry (adj)** secco; asciutto  
**dry (v)** asciugare  
**dryer** asciugatrice  
**duck (n)** anatra  
**duct tape** nastro adesivo  
**dungeon** segrete  
**duplicate (v)** copiare  
**dust (n)** polvere  
**duty free** duty free

# E

**each** ogni

**ear** orecchio

**earache** mal d'orecchi

**earbuds** auricolari

**early** presto

**earplugs** tappi per le orecchie

**earrings** orecchini

**earth** terra

**earthquake** terremoto

**east** est

**Easter** Pasqua

**easy** facile

**eat** mangiare

**economical** economico

**eczema** eczema

**education** istruzione

**effective** efficace

**egg** uovo

**eight** otto

**elbow** gomito

**elderly** anziano



**electrical adapter** adattatore elettrico

**electrical outlet** presa; presa di corrente

**elevator** ascensore

**email** posta elettronica

**email address** indirizzo email; indirizzo di posta elettronica

**embarrassing** imbarazzante

**embassy** ambasciata

**emergency** emergenza

**emergency exit** uscita d'emergenza

**emergency room** pronto soccorso

**empty** vuoto

**end** fine

**engine** motore

**engineer** ingegnere

**England** Inghilterra

**English** inglese

**enjoy** divertirsi

**enough** abbastanza

**enter** entrare

**entertain** divertire

**entertainment** intrattenimento

**entrance** ingresso; accesso

**entrance (road)** entrata

**entry** entrata

**envelope** busta

**environment (nature)** ambiente

**epilepsy** epilessia

**equal** uguale

**erase** cancellare

**eraser** gomma da cancellare

**errand** commissione

**especially** specialmente

**Europe** Europa

**European Union (EU)** Unione Europea

**evening** sera

**every** ogni

**everything** tutto

**everywhere** ovunque

**exact** esatto

**exactly** esattamente

**examine** esaminare

**example** esempio

**excellent** eccellente

**except** eccetto

**exchange (n)** cambio  
**exchange (v)** cambiare  
**excuse me** mi scusi  
**exercise (v)** fare sport  
**exhausted** esausto  
**exhibit / exhibition** mostra  
**exit** uscita  
**exit, emergency** uscita d'emergenza  
**expensive** caro  
**experience (n)** esperienza  
**expiration (validity)** scadenza  
**expiration date** data di scadenza  
**explain** spiegare  
**explanation** spiegazione  
**express (fast)** espresso  
**expression** espressione  
**extend (time)** prolungare  
**extension** numero interno  
**extra** extra  
**eye** occhio  
**eye drops** collirio; gocce per gli occhi  
**eye shadow** ombretto

**eyebrow** sopracciglio

**eyeglasses** occhiali

**eyeliner** matita; eyeliner

**eyes** occhi

## **F**

**facade** facciata

**face** faccia; viso

**face cleanser** latte detergente

**face powder** cipria

**facial (n)** trattamento viso

**facial tissue** fazzoletto di carta

**factory** fabbrica

**fair (just)** giusto

**fall (autumn)** autunno

**fall (v)** cadere

**false** falso

**familiar** familiare

**family** famiglia

**family-run place** posto a conduzione familiare

**famous** famoso

**fan (machine)** ventilatore

**fan belt** cinghia del ventilatore

**fantastic** fantastico

**far** lontano

**farm** fattoria

**farm (with sleeping accommodations)** agriturismo

**farmer** contadino

**farsighted** presbite

**fashion** moda

**fast** veloce

**fast food** tavola calda

**fat (adj)** grasso

**fat (n)** grassi

**father** padre

**faucet** rubinetto

**favor (n)** favore

**favorite** preferito

**fax** fax

**fear (v)** temere

**February** febbraio

**fee** tariffa

**feed** nutrire

**feel (touch)** sentire

**felt (fabric)** feltro

**female** femmina

**ferry** traghetto

**ferry, car** autotraghetto

**festival** festival; festa

**fever** febbre

**few** poco

**field** campo

**fight (n)** lotta

**fight (v)** combattere

**file (computer)** documento; file

**fill (v)** riempire

**filling (adj)** sostanzioso

**final** finale

**finally** finalmente

**find** trovare

**fine (good)** bene

**fine (penalty)** multa

**finger** dito

**fingernail** unghia

**finish (v)** finire

**fire** fuoco

**fire department** vigili del fuoco

**fireworks** fuochi d'artificio

**first** primo

**first aid** primo soccorso

**first class** prima classe

**first-aid cream** pomata antistaminica

**fish (n)** pesce

**fish (v)** pescare

**fit (clothes) (v)** stare bene

**five** cinque

**fix (v)** aggiustare

**fizzy** frizzante

**flag** bandiera

**flash (camera)** flash

**flash drive** flash drive

**flashlight** torcia

**flavor (n)** gusto

**flea** pulce

**flea market** mercato delle pulci

**flight** volo

**flip-flops** ciabatte da piscina

**flirt (v)** flirtare

**floor (building)** piano

**floor (ground)** pavimento

**floss, dental** filo interdentale

**flower** fiore

**flower market** mercato dei fiori

**flu** influenza

**fly (v)** volare

**fog** nebbia

**follow** seguire

**food** cibo

**food poisoning** avvelenamento da cibo

**foot** piede

**football (soccer)** football; calcio

**football, American** football americano

**for** per

**forbidden** vietato

**foreign** straniero

**forest** foresta

**forget** dimenticare

**fork** forchetta

**form (document)** modulo

**formula (for baby)** latte in polvere per neonati

**foundation (makeup)** fondotinta



**fountain** fontana

**four** quattro

**fragile** fragile

**France** Francia

**free (no cost)** gratis

**free (liberate)** liberare

**frequency** frequenza

**fresh** fresco

**Friday** venerdì

**friend** amico

**friendship** amicizia

**Frisbee** frisbee

**from** da

**front** davanti

**fruit** frutta

**fun (n)** divertimento

**(to have) fun** divertirsi

**funeral** funerale

**funny** divertente

**furniture** mobili

**fuse** fusibile

**future** futuro

## G

**gallery** galleria

**game** gioco

**game (sports)** partita

**garage** garage

**garbage** rifiuti; immondizia

**garbage can (indoors / outdoors)** cestino / bidone per i rifiuti

**garden** giardino

**gardening** giardinaggio

**gas (fuel)** benzina

**gas (stomach)** aria

**gas (vapor)** gas

**gas station** benzinaio

**gas tank** serbatoio

**gasoline** benzina

**gauze** garza

**gay** omosessuale; gay

**gear** marcia

**gender** sesso

**generous** generoso

**gentleman** signore

**genuine** genuino

**Germany** Germania

**get** ottenere

**gift** regalo

**girl** ragazza

**girlfriend** ragazza; fidanzata

**give** dare

**glass (cup)** bicchiere

**glass (material)** vetro

**glasses (eye)** occhiali

**glasses case** fodera per occhiali

**globalization** globalizzazione

**gloves** guanti

**gluten** glutine

**go** andare

**go back (return)** ritornare

**go through** attraversare

**God** Dio

**gold** oro

**golf** golf

**good** buono

**good day** buongiorno

**goodbye** arrivederci; ciao (informal)

**gorge (n)** gola

**Gothic** Gotico

**government** governo

**grammar** grammatica

**grandchild** nipote

**grandchildren** nipoti

**grandfather** nonno

**grandmother** nonna

**grass** erba

**gray** grigio

**greasy** grasso

**great** ottimo

**Great Britain** Gran Bretagna

**Greece** Grecia

**green** verde

**grocery store** alimentari

**ground (earth)** terra

**group (n)** gruppo

**guarantee (n)** garanzia

**guaranteed** garantito

**guest** ospite

**guide (n)** guida

**guide (v)** guidare

**guidebook** guida

**guided tour** visita guidata

**guilty** colpevole

**guitar** chitarra

**gum (chewing)** gomma da masticare

**gum (mouth)** gengiva

**gun** pistola

**gymnastics** ginnastica

**gynecologist** ginecologo

## H

**habit** abitudine

**hair** capelli

**hair dryer** asciugacapelli; phon

**hair salon** parrucchiere

**haircut** taglio di capelli

**half** metà

**half portion (food)** mezza porzione

**hall (big room)** salone

**hall (hallway)** corridoio

**ham, boiled** prosciutto cotto

**hammer (n)** martello

**hand** mano

**hand lotion** crema per le mani

**hand sanitizer** igienizzante per le mani

**handbag** borsa

**handicapped** disabile; handicappato

**handicrafts** artigianato

**handle (n)** manico

**handmade** fatto a mano

**handsome** attraente

**hand wash** lavare a mano

**hang** appendere

**happiness** felicità

**happy** contento

**harbor** porto

**hard** duro

**hardware store** ferramenta

**hash (drug)** hashish

**hat** cappello

**hate (v)** odiare

**have** avere

**hay fever** raffreddore da fieno

**he** lui

**head** testa

**headache** mal di testa

**headlight** faro

**headphones** cuffie

**health** salute

**health insurance** assicurazione medica

**healthy** sano

**hear** udire; sentire

**heart** cuore

**heart condition** disturbi cardiaci

**heartburn** bruciore di stomaco

**heat (n)** calore

**heat (v)** scaldare

**heated** scaldato

**heaven** paradiso

**heavy** pesante

**hello** ciao

**helmet** casco

**help (n)** aiuto

**help (v)** aiutare

**helpful** di aiuto

**hemorrhoids** emorroidi

**hepatitis** epatite

**herb (cooking)** odore

**herb (medicine)** erbe medicinali

**here** qui

**hers** suo; sua; suoi; sue

**hi** ciao

**hidden** nascosto

**high** alto

**high blood pressure** pressione alta

**highchair** seggiolone

**high-speed train** treno ad alta velocità

**highway** autostrada

**hike (n)** escursione

**hike (v)** fare un'escursione

**hiking** escursionismo

**hiking map** mappa per escursioni

**hill** collina

**hill town** paese in collina

**hip (body part)** anca

**his** suo; sua; suoi; sue

**history** storia

**hitchhiking** autostop



**hobby** hobby

**hockey** hockey

**hold** tenere

**hole** buco

**holiday** giorno festivo

**holy** sacro

**home page** home page

**homemade** casalingo

**homesick** nostalgico

**honest** onesto

**honeymoon** luna di miele

**hope (n)** speranza

**hope (v)** sperare

**horrible** orribile

**horse** cavallo

**horse riding** equitazione

**hospital** ospedale

**hostel** ostello

**hot (temperature)** caldo

**hot (spicy)** piccante

**hot flashes** vampate di calore

**hotel** hotel; albergo

**hotel, family-run** albergo a conduzione familiare; hotel a conduzione familiare

**hotel, historic** albergo storico

**hour** ora

**house** casa

**how** come

**how many** quanti

**how much (\$)** quanto costa

**hug (n)** abbraccio

**human** umano

**humid** umido

**hundred** cento

**hungry** affamato

**hurry (v)** avere fretta

**hurt (adj)** ferito

**hurt (v)** ferire

**hurt oneself (v)** ferirsi

**(it) hurts** fa male

**husband** marito

**hydrofoil** aliscafo

**hyphen (-)** trattino

I

**I** io

**ibuprofen** ibuprofene

**ice** ghiaccio

**ice cream** gelato

**idea** idea

**ideal** ideale

**idiot** idiota

**if** se

**ignore** ignorare

**ill** malato

**illegal** illegale

**illness** malattia

**immediately** immediatamente

**immigration** immigrazione

**important** importante

**imported** importato

**impossible** impossibile

**Impressionist** Impressionista

**in** in

**include** includere

**included** incluso

**incorrect** non è corretto; scorretto

**incredible** incredibile

**independent** indipendente

**indigestion** indigestione

**industry** industria

**inedible** immangiabile

**infant** neonato

**infection** infezione

**infection, urinary tract** infezione urinaria

**inflammation** infiammazione

**inform** informare

**information** informazioni

**injure** ferire

**injured** infortunato

**injury** lesione

**inn, country** locanda di campagna

**innocent** innocente

**insect** insetto

**insect repellent** lozione anti-zanzare

**inside** dentro

**inspect** ispezionare

**instant** istante

**instead** invece

**instruction** istruzione

**insult (n)** insulto

**insurance** assicurazione

**insurance, health** assicurazione medica

**insured** assicurato

**intelligent** intelligente

**intend** intendere

**interesting** interessante

**international** internazionale

**Internet** Internet

**Internet access** accesso all' Internet

**intersection** incrocio

**intestines** intestino

**into** in

**investigation** investigazione

**invitation** invito

**invite** invitare

**iodine** iodio

**Ireland** Irlanda

**is** è

**Islamic** islamico

**island** isola

**Italy** Italia

**itch (n)** prurito

**itch reliever** pomata antiprurito

**(to be) itchy** dare prurito

## **J**

**jacket** giubbotto; giacca

**January** gennaio

**jaw** mascella

**jealous** geloso

**jeans** jeans

**jewelry** gioielli

**jewelry shop** gioielleria

**Jewish** ebreo

**job** lavoro

**jogging** footing

**joint (marijuana)** canna

**joke (n)** scherzo

**journey** viaggio

**judge (v)** giudicare

**juice** succo

**July** luglio

**jump** saltare

**June** giugno

## **K**

**kayak** kayak

**keep** tenere

**kettle** bollitore

**key** chiave

**keyboard** tastiera

**kidney stone** calcolo renale

**kill** uccidere

**kilogram** kilogrammo

**kilometer** chilometro

**kind (courteous)** gentile

**king** re

**kiss** bacio

**kitchen** cucina

**kitchenette** cucina; angolo cottura (“corner for cooking”)

**knee** ginocchio

**knife** coltello

**knight** cavaliere

**know** sapere

**knowledge** conoscenza

## L

**lace** pizzo

**lactose intolerant** intollerante ai latticini

**ladder** scala

**ladies** signore

**lady** signora

**lake** lago

**lamb** agnello

**lamp** lampada

**land (earth, soil)** terra

**language** lingua

**laptop** portatile

**large** grande

**last (final)** ultimo

**last (previous; e.g., last week)** scorso

**last name** cognome

**late** tardi

**late (train, bus)** in ritardo

**later** più tardi

**laugh (v)** ridere

**laundrette** lavanderia

**laundry soap** detersivo da bucato



**lawyer** avvocato  
**laxative** lassativo  
**layover** scalo  
**lazy** pigro  
**lead (v)** condurre  
**learn** imparare  
**leather** pelle  
**leather shop** pelletteria  
**leave** partire  
**left (direction)** sinistra  
**leg** gamba  
**legal** legale  
**lend** prestare  
**length** lunghezza  
**lenses, contact** lenti a contatto  
**lesbian** lesbica  
**let (allow)** lasciare; permettere  
**letter** lettera  
**liberal (n)** liberale  
**liberate** liberare  
**library** biblioteca  
**lice** pidocchi

**lie (n)** bugia

**life** vita

**lift (v)** sollevare

**light (adj)** chiaro

**light (n)** luce

**light (v)** accendere

**light up (illuminate)** illuminare

**lightbulb** lampadina

**lighter (n)** accendino

**lightheaded** mi gira la testa (“my head is spinning”)

**like (v)** piacere

**line (queue)** fila; coda

**line (thin rope)** filo

**line (transportation; e.g., bus line)** linea

**line up (stand in line)** mettersi in fila

**linen** lino

**lip** labbro

**lip balm / lip salve** burro di cacao

**lipstick** rossetto

**liquid** liquido

**list (n)** lista

**listen** ascoltare

**liter** litro

**little (adj)** piccolo

**live (animal) (adj)** vivo

**live (music) (adj)** dal vivo

**live (v)** vivere

**local** locale

**lock (n)** serratura

**lock (v)** chiudere a chiave

**locked (mobile phone)** bloccato

**locker** armadietto

**long** lungo

**look / look at** guardare

**look for** cercare

**loose** largo

**lose** perdere

**lost** perso

**lost and found** ufficio oggetti smarriti

**lotion, hand** crema per le mani

**loud** forte

**love (n)** amore

**love (v)** amare

**lover** amante

**low** basso

**lozenge** pastiglia per la gola

**luck** fortuna

**lucky** fortunato

**luggage** bagaglio

**luggage cart** carrello bagagli

**luggage, carry-on** bagaglio a mano

**lukewarm** tiepido

**lunch** pranzo

**lungs** polmoni

**luxurious** lussuoso

## **M**

**machine** macchina

**macho** macho

**mad (angry)** arrabbiato

**magazine** rivista

**mail (n)** posta

**mail (v)** spedire

**mailbox** cassetta postale

**main** principale

**main course (food)** secondo piatto

**make (v)** fare

**makeup** trucco  
**male** maschio  
**mall (shopping)** centro commerciale  
**man** uomo  
**manage (oversee)** gestire  
**manager** direttore  
**manicure** manicure  
**many** molti  
**map** cartina  
**marble (material)** marmo  
**march (n)** marcia  
**March** marzo  
**marijuana** marijuana  
**market** mercato  
**market, flea** mercato delle pulci  
**market, flower** mercato dei fiori  
**market, open-air** mercato  
**marriage** matrimonio  
**married** sposato  
**mascara** mascara  
**Mass** messa  
**massage** massaggio

**masterpiece** capolavoro  
**match (sports)** partita  
**match / matchstick** fiammifero  
**material** materiale  
**maximum** massimo  
**May** maggio  
**maybe** forse  
**me** me  
**meal** pasto  
**meat** carne  
**mechanic** meccanico  
**media** media  
**medical clinic** clinica  
**medicine** medicina  
**medicine for a cold** medicina per il raffreddore  
**medicine, non-aspirin substitute** Saridon  
**medieval** medievale  
**medium** medio  
**meet (v)** incontrare  
**member** socio  
**membership card (hostel)** tessera  
**memory card** memory card

**men** uomini

**menstrual cramps** dolori mestruali

**menstruation** mestruazioni

**menu** menù

**message** messaggio

**metal** metallo

**meter, taxi** tassametro

**method** metodo

**middle** mezzo

**midnight** mezzanotte

**migraine** emicrania

**mileage (in kilometers)** chilometraggio

**military** militare

**milk** latte

**mind (brain)** mente

**mine** mio; mia; miei; mie

**mineral water** acqua minerale

**minimum** minimo

**minus** meno

**minute** minuto

**mirror** specchio

**miscarriage** aborto spontaneo

**Miss** Signorina

**miss (long for)** sentire la mancanza

**miss (bus, train, etc.)** perdere

**missing (lost)** perso

**mistake** errore

**misunderstanding** incomprensione

**mix (n)** misto

**mix (v)** mischiare

**mixed** mischiato

**moat** fossato

**mobile phone** telefono cellulare

**mobile-phone shop** negozio di cellulari

**modern** moderno

**modify** alterare

**moisturizer** crema idratante

**moleskin** feltro; moleskin

**moment** momento

**monastery** monastero

**Monday** lunedì

**money** soldi

**month** mese

**monument** monumento



**moon** luna

**more** ancora

**morning** mattina

**mosque** moschea

**mosquito** zanzara

**mother** madre

**mother-in-law** suocera

**motion sickness** mal di macchina (car, etc.); mal di mare (sea)

**motor scooter** motorino

**motorcycle** motocicletta

**mountain** montagna

**mountain bike** mountain bike

**mountain pass** passo di montagna

**moustache** baffi

**mouth** bocca

**mouthwash** collutorio

**move (change position)** spostare

**movie** film

**movie theater** cinema

**Mr.** Signore

**Mrs.** Signora

**much** molto

**muggy** umido

**mural** murale

**muscle** muscolo

**museum** museo

**music** musica

**musician** musicista

**Muslim (adj)** musulmano

**my** mio; mia

## **N**

**nail (finger)** unghia

**nail clippers** tagliaunghie

**nail file** limetta per unghie

**nail polish** smalto per unghie

**nail polish remover** solvente per le unghie

**naked** nudo

**name** nome

**name, last** cognome

**nap (n)** pisolino

**napkin** salvietta

**narrow** stretto

**national** nazionale

**nationality** nazionalità

**natural** naturale

**nature** natura

**nausea** nausea

**near** vicino

**nearsighted** miope

**necessary** necessario

**neck** collo

**necklace** collana

**necktie** cravatta

**need (n)** bisogno

**need (v)** avere bisogno di

**needle** ago

**neither** nessuno dei due

**neither... nor...** ne... ne...

**Neoclassical** Neoclassico

**nephew** nipote

**nervous** nervoso

**Netherlands** Paesi Bassi

**network (technology)** rete

**never** mai

**new** nuovo

**news** notizie

**newspaper** giornale

**newsstand** edicola; giornalaio

**next** prossimo

**next to** accanto a

**nice** bello

**nickname** soprannome

**niece** nipote

**night** notte

**nightclub** locale notturno; discoteca

**nightgown** camicia da notte

**nine** nove

**no** no

**no one** nessuno

**no vacancy** completo

**noisy** rumoroso

**non-aspirin substitute** Saridon

**non-smoking** vietato fumare

**noon** mezzogiorno

**normal** normale

**north** nord

**nose** naso

**not** non

**note (message)** biglietto  
**notebook** quaderno  
**notepad** block notes  
**nothing** niente  
**November** novembre  
**now** adesso  
**nowhere** in nessun posto  
**nude** nudo  
**number** numero  
**numbness** intorpidimento  
**nurse (n)** infermiera  
**nurse (breastfeed)** allattare  
**nut (food)** noce  
**nylon (material)** nylon  
**nylons (panty hose)** collant

## O

**occupation** lavoro  
**occupied** occupato  
**ocean** oceano  
**October** ottobre  
**odor** odore  
**of** di

**offer (n)** offerta

**offer (v)** offrire

**offer, last** ultima offerta

**office** ufficio

**office supplies store** cartoleria

**official** ufficiale

**oil (n)** olio

**OK** d'accordo

**old** vecchio

**old (elderly)** anziano

**old town** paese antico

**Olympics** Olimpiadi

**on** su

**on time** in orario

**once** una volta

**one** uno

**one-way (street)** senso unico

**one-way (ticket)** andata

**only** solo

**open (adj)** aperto

**open (v)** aprire

**open-air market** mercato

**opening hours** orario d'apertura  
**opera** opera  
**operation (medical)** operazione  
**operator** centralinista  
**opinion** opinione  
**opportunity** opportunità  
**optician** ottico  
**optimistic** ottimista  
**or** o  
**orange (color)** arancione  
**orange (fruit)** arancia  
**order (layout; restaurant) (n)** ordine  
**order (v)** ordinare  
**organ** organo  
**original** originale  
**other** altro  
**outdoors** all'aria aperta  
**outlet, electrical (plug)** presa  
**outside** fuori  
**oven** forno  
**over (above)** sopra  
**over (finished)** finito

**overcooked** troppo cotto

**overnight train** treno notturno

**overweight** sovrappeso

**own (v)** possedere

**owner** padrone

## **P**

**pacifier** succhiotto; ciuccio

**pack (v)** fare le valigie

**package** pacco

**pad, sanitary** assorbente igienico

**paddleboat** pedalò

**page** pagina

**pail** secchio

**pain** dolore

**painkiller** analgesico

**pains, chest** dolore al petto

**paint (v)** dipingere

**painting** quadro

**painting gallery** pinacoteca

**pair** paio

**pajamas** pigiama

**palace** palazzo



**panties (women's underwear)** mutandine; slip

**pants** pantaloni

**paper** carta

**paper clip** graffetta

**paradise** paradiso

**parents** genitori

**park (n)** parco

**park (v)** parcheggiare

**parking lot** parcheggio

**partner (business)** socio

**partner (relationship)** compagno

**party (celebration)** festa

**party (group)** gruppo

**passenger** passeggero

**passport** passaporto

**past** passato

**pastry** pasticcino; dolce

**pastry shop** pasticceria

**pay** pagare

**peace** pace

**pedestrian** pedone

**pedicure** pedicure

**pen** penna

**pencil** matita

**penis** pene

**people** persone

**pepper (spice)** pepe

**percent** percentuale

**perfect (adj)** perfetto

**perfume** profumo

**period (of time)** periodo

**period (woman's)** mestruazioni

**permanent** permanente

**person** persona

**pessimistic** pessimista

**pet (n)** animale domestico

**pewter** peltro

**pharmacy** farmacia

**phone** telefono

**phone booth** cabina telefonica

**phone, mobile** telefono cellulare

**photo** foto

**photocopy** fotocopia

**photocopy shop** copisteria

**pickpocket** borseggiatore

**picnic** picnic

**piece** pezzo

**pig** maiale

**pill** pillola

**pillow** cuscino

**pill, birth control** pillola anticoncezionale

**pin (n)** spilla

**PIN code** codice segreto

**pink** rosa

**pity, it's a** che peccato

**place (position)** posto

**place (site)** luogo

**place (v)** collocare

**plain (adj)** semplice

**plain (n)** pianura

**plane** aeroplano

**plant** pianta

**plastic** plastica

**plastic bag** sacchetto di plastica; busta di plastica

**plate** piatto

**platform (train)** binario

**play (performance)** teatro

**play (music) (v)** suonare

**play (sports, games) (v)** giocare

**player (sports)** giocatore

**playground** parco giochi

**playpen** box

**please** per favore

**please (v)** accontentare

**pliers** pinze

**plug (outlet)** spina

**pneumonia** broncopolmonite

**pocket** tasca

**point (reason; dot)** punto

**point (v)** indicare

**police** polizia

**policy** politica

**political** politico

**politician** politico

**pollution** inquinamento

**polyester** poliestere

**poop** pupu

**poor** povero

**popular** popolare  
**porcelain** porcellana  
**pork** maiale  
**portion** porzione  
**portrait** ritratto  
**Portugal** Portogallo  
**possibility** possibilità  
**possible** possibile  
**possibly** forse  
**postcard** cartolina  
**poster** poster  
**poultry** pollame  
**powder** polvere  
**power (n)** potere  
**powerful** potente  
**practical** pratico  
**practice (v)** fare pratica  
**precious** prezioso  
**prefer** preferire  
**pregnancy** gravidanza  
**pregnancy test** test di gravidanza  
**pregnant** incinta

## **Preparation H** Preparazione H

**prescription** ricetta; prescrizione

**present (gift)** regalo

**president** presidente

**pretty** carino

**price** prezzo

**priest** prete

**prince** principe

**princess** principessa

**principle** principio

**print** stampare

**private** privato

**problem** problema

**produce (v)** produrre

**product** prodotto

**profession** professione

**prohibited** proibito

**prolong** prolungare

**promise (n)** promessa

**promise (v)** promettere

**pronunciation** pronuncia

**prosper** prosperare

**prostitute** prostituta  
**protect** proteggere  
**Protestant (adj)** protestante  
**prudish** pudico  
**pub** locale; pub  
**public** pubblico  
**pull** tirare  
**pull back** ritirare  
**pulpit** pulpito  
**pulse** battito cardiaco  
**pump (n)** pompa  
**punctual** puntuale  
**purple** viola  
**purse** borsa  
**push** spingere

## Q

**Q-tip (cotton swab)** cotton fioc  
**quad-band** quad-band  
**quality** qualità  
**quantity** quantità  
**quarter (¼)** quarto  
**queen** regina

**question (n)** domanda

**quick** veloce

**quickly** velocemente

**quiet** tranquillo

## R

**RV** camper

**rabbit** coniglio

**racism** razzismo

**radiator** radiatore

**radical (adj, n)** radicale

**radio** radio

**raft** gommone

**railway** ferrovia

**rain (n)** pioggia

**rain (v)** piovere

**rainbow** arcobaleno

**raincoat** impermeabile

**rape (n)** stupro; violenza carnale

**rash** irritazione della pelle

**rash, diaper** dermatite da pannolino

**raw** crudo

**razor** rasoio



**read** leggere

**reading glasses** occhiali da lettura

**ready** pronto

**realize** accorgersi

**receipt** ricevuta

**receive** ricevere

**recent** recente

**receptionist** centralinista

**recharge** ricaricare

**recipe** ricetta

**recommend** raccomandare

**recommendation** raccomandazione

**rectum** retto

**red** rosso

**refill (v)** riempire

**refugee** profugo

**refund (n)** rimborso

**regular** normale

**relax** riposare

**relaxation** rilassamento

**release** liberare

**relic** reliquia

**religion** religione  
**remember** ricordare  
**remind** ricordare  
**remove** togliere  
**Renaissance** Rinascimento  
**rent** affittare  
**repair (v)** riparare  
**require (demand)** pretendere  
**require (need)** desiderare  
**reservation** prenotazione  
**reserve** prenotare  
**resolve** risolvere  
**respect (n)** rispetto  
**rest (v)** riposare  
**restaurant** ristorante  
**restoration** restauro  
**restroom** servizio; toilette; bagno  
**retired** in pensione  
**return (go back)** ritornare  
**return (something)** restituire  
**rich** ricco  
**right (correct)** giusto

**right (direction)** destra  
**ring** anello  
**ring road** raccordo anulare  
**ripe** maturo  
**river** fiume  
**road** strada  
**robe** vestaglia; accappatoio  
**robbed** derubato  
**rock** pietra  
**roller skates** pattini a rotelle  
**rollerblades** rollerblades  
**Romanesque** Romanico  
**Romantic** Romantico  
**romantic** romantico  
**roof** tetto  
**room** camera; stanza  
**room (hall; e.g., sitting room)** sala  
**rope** corda  
**rotten** marcio  
**round-trip** andata e ritorno  
**roundabout** rotonda  
**route (n)** itinerario; percorso

**row (n)** fila

**rowboat** barca a remi

**rucksack** zaino

**rude** maleducato

**rug** tappeto

**ruins** rovine

**rule (n)** regola

**ruler** governante

**run** correre

**run out of** terminare

**Russia** Russia

## S

**sad** triste

**safe** sicuro

**safety pin** spilla da balia

**sailboat** barca a vela

**sailing** vela

**saint** santo

**salad** insalata

**sale** liquidazione; vendita; saldi

**salt** sale

**same** stesso

**sandals** sandali  
**sandwich** panino  
**sanitary pad** assorbente igienico  
**Santa Claus** Babbo Natale  
**Saturday** sabato  
**sausage** salsiccia  
**save** salvare  
**say** dire  
**scandalous** scandaloso  
**Scandinavia** Paesi Scandinavi  
**scarf** sciarpa  
**scenic** panoramico  
**scent** aroma  
**schedule (timetable)** orario  
**school** scuola  
**science** scienza  
**scientist** scienziato  
**scissors** forbici  
**scotch tape** nastro adesivo  
**screen (n)** schermo  
**screwdriver** cacciavite  
**sculptor** scultore

**sculpture** scultura  
**sea** mare  
**seafood** frutti di mare  
**search (v)** cercare  
**seasickness** mal di mare  
**season (n)** stagione  
**seat** posto  
**second class** seconda classe  
**secret** segreto  
**see** vedere  
**seem** sembrare  
**self-portrait** autoritratto  
**self-service** self-service  
**sell** vendere  
**send** spedire  
**senior** anziano  
**sensible** ragionevole  
**separate (adj)** separato  
**September** settembre  
**serious** serio  
**serve** servire  
**server (restaurant)** cameriere

**service** servizio

**service desk** sportello

**service, church** messa

**set (schedule) (v)** stabilire

**set (put something down) (v)** mettere giù; collocare

**setting** ambiente

**seven** sette

**sew** cucire

**sex (intercourse; gender)** sesso

**sexy** sexy

**shade (n)** ombra

**shampoo** shampoo

**share (v)** dividere

**shave (v)** radere

**shaving cream** crema da barba

**she** lei

**sheet** lenzuolo

**shell** conchiglia

**shellfish** crostacei

**ship (n)** nave

**ship (v)** spedire

**shirt** camicia

**shiver (from cold) (n)** brivido

**shoelace** laccio delle scarpe

**shoes** scarpe

**shoes, tennis** scarpe da tennis

**shop (n)** negozio

**shop (v)** fare shopping

**shop (for groceries) (v)** fare la spesa

**shop, antique** negozio di antiquariato

**shop, barber** barbiere

**shop, camera** foto-ottica

**shop, cheese** caseificio

**shop, clothing** negozio di abbigliamento

**shop, coffee** bar; caffè

**shop, jewelry** gioielleria

**shop, leather** pelletteria

**shop, mobile-phone** negozio di cellulari

**shop, pastry** pasticceria

**shop, photocopy** copisteria

**shop, souvenir** negozio di souvenir

**shop, sweets** pasticceria; negozio di dolci

**shop, wine** negozio di vini; enoteca

**(to go) shopping** fare shopping



**shopping mall** centro commerciale

**short** corto

**shorts** pantaloncini

**shoulder** spalla

**show (performance)** spettacolo

**show (v)** mostrare

**shower (n)** doccia

**shrink** ritirarsi

**shuttle bus** bus navetta

**shy** timido

**sick** malato

**side** lato

**sign** segno

**signature** firma

**silence** silenzio

**silk** seta

**silver** argento

**SIM card** SIM card; carta SIM

**similar** simile

**simple** semplice

**since** da

**sing** cantare

**singer** cantante  
**single** single; nubile (f); scapolo (m)  
**sink** lavandino  
**sink stopper** tappo  
**sinus problem** sinusite  
**sir** signore  
**sister** sorella  
**sit** sedersi  
**site** luogo  
**six** sei  
**size** taglia  
**skating** pattinaggio  
**ski (v)** sciare  
**skiing** sci  
**skin** pelle  
**skinny** magro  
**skirt (n)** gonna  
**sky** cielo  
**sleep (v)** dormire  
**sleeper car (train)** vagone letto  
**sleeping bag** sacco a pelo  
**sleepy** assonnato

**sleeves** maniche

**slice (thick; e.g., cake and bread)** fetta

**slice (thin; e.g., coldcuts)** fettina

**slice (v)** affettare; tagliare

**slip (undergarment)** sottoveste

**slippers** ciabatte; pantofole

**slippery** scivoloso

**slow** lento

**small** piccolo

**smartphone** smartphone

**smell (odor) (n)** odore

**smell (stink, stench) (n)** puzza

**smell (detect by smell) (v)** sentire un odore

**smile (n)** sorriso

**smoke (n)** fumo

**smoke (v)** fumare

**smoker (person)** fumatore

**smoking (cigarettes)** fumare

**smoking (engine, stove, etc)** fare fumo

**snack (n)** spuntino

**sneakers** scarpe da ginnastica

**sneeze (n)** starnuto

**snore** russare

**snorkel** boccaglio

**snow (n)** neve

**snowboarding** snowboard

**soap** sapone

**soap, laundry** detersivo da bucato

**soccer** calcio; football

**socks** calzini

**soft** morbido

**soil (earth)** terra

**sold out** tutto esaurito

**soldier** soldato

**solution (answer)** soluzione

**solution (contacts)** soluzione salina

**some** un po'

**someone** qualcuno

**something** qualcosa

**somewhere** da qualche parte

**son** figlio

**song** canzone

**soon** subito

**sore** dolorante

**sore throat** mal di gola

**sorry** mi dispiace

**soup** zuppa; minestra

**sour** aspro; acerbo

**south** sud

**souvenir shop** negozio di souvenir

**soy** soia

**spa** centro benessere

**space (room)** posto

**Spain** Spagna

**spark plug** candela

**speak** parlare

**speaker (audio)** cassa

**special** speciale

**specialty** specialità

**speed** velocità

**speed limit** limite di velocità

**spend** spendere

**spice (seasoning)** spezia

**spider** ragno

**splinter** scheggia

**split** dividere

**spoon** cucchiaio  
**sport** sport  
**spouse** consorte  
**spring (season)** primavera  
**square (shape)** quadrato  
**square (town)** piazza  
**stairs** scale  
**stamps** francobolli  
**stapler** pinzatrice  
**star (in sky)** stella  
**start (n)** inizio  
**start (v)** iniziare; cominciare  
**state** stato  
**station** stazione  
**stench** puzza  
**stiff drink** superalcolico  
**stink (n)** puzza  
**stink (v)** puzzare  
**stolen** rubato  
**stomach** stomaco  
**stomachache** mal di stomaco  
**stoned** fumato; fatto

**stool (fecal matter)** feci  
**stop (command)** alt  
**stop (train, bus) (n)** fermata  
**stop (v)** fermare  
**stoplight** semaforo  
**stopper, sink** tappo  
**store** negozio  
**store, clothing** negozio di abbigliamento  
**store, department** grande magazzino  
**store, drug** farmacia  
**store, hardware** ferramenta  
**store, jewelry** gioielleria  
**store, mobile-phone** negozio di cellulari  
**store, office supplies** cartoleria  
**store, souvenir** negozio di souvenir  
**store, toy** negozio di giocattoli  
**storm** temporale  
**story (building)** piano  
**story (tale)** storia  
**straight** dritto  
**strange (odd)** strano  
**straw (drinking)** cannuccia

**stream** ruscello

**street** strada

**strike (stop work)** sciopero

**string** filo

**stroller (for baby)** passeggino

**strong** forte

**stuck** incastrato

**student** studente

**stupid** stupido

**sturdy** resistente

**style** stile

**substantial** sostanzioso

**subtitle** sottotitolo

**subway** metropolitana

**subway entrance** entrata

**subway exit** uscita

**subway map** cartina

**subway station** stazione della metropolitana

**subway stop** fermata

**suddenly** improvvisamente

**suffer** soffrire

**sugar** zucchero



**suitcase** valigia

**summer** estate

**sun** sole

**sunbathe** abbronzarsi

**sunburn** scottatura da sole

**Sunday** domenica

**sunglasses** occhiali da sole

**sunny** assolato

**sunrise** alba

**sunscreen** protezione solare

**sunset** tramonto

**sunshine** sole

**sunstroke** insolazione

**suntan** abbronzatura

**suntan lotion** crema solare

**supermarket** supermercato

**supplement** supplemento

**surfboard** tavola da surf

**surfer** surfer

**surprise (n)** sorpresa

**swallow** ingoiare

**sweat (v)** sudare

**sweater** maglione

**sweet** dolce

**sweets shop** pasticceria; negozio di dolci

**swelling** gonfiore

**swim** nuotare

**swim trunks** costume da bagno

**swimming pool** piscina

**swimsuit** costume da bagno

**Switzerland** Svizzera

**synagogue** sinagoga

**synthetic** sintetico

## T

**table** tavola

**tablet computer** tablet

**tail** coda

**taillight** luce posteriore

**take** prendere

**take out (food)** portar via

**talcum powder** borotalco

**talk** parlare

**tall** alto

**tampon** assorbente interno

**tan (v)** abbronzarsi  
**tank, gas** serbatoio  
**tape (adhesive)** nastro adesivo; scotch  
**taste (n)** gusto  
**taste (v)** assaggiare  
**tasty** saporito  
**tattoo** tatuaggio  
**tax** tassa  
**taxi** taxi  
**taxi meter** tassametro  
**tea** tè  
**teach (v)** insegnare  
**teacher** insegnante  
**team** squadra  
**teenager** adolescente  
**teeth** denti  
**teething (baby)** dentizione  
**telefonare** to phone  
**telephone** telefono  
**telephone card** carta telefonica  
**telephone number** numero telefonico  
**television** televisione

**tell** dire

**temperature** temperatura

**temporary** temporaneo

**ten** dieci

**tender** tenero

**tendinitis** tendinite

**tennis** tennis

**tennis shoes** scarpe da tennis

**tent** tenda

**tent peg** picchetto della tenda

**terminal (n)** terminal

**terrace** terrazzo

**terrible** terribile

**terrorist** terrorista

**test (v)** testare

**testicle** testicolo

**thanks** grazie

**that (thing)** quello

**theater** teatro

**their** i loro; il loro; la loro; le loro

**then** poi

**there** là

**thermometer** termometro

**they** loro

**thick** spesso

**thief** ladro

**thigh** coscia

**thin** sottile

**thing** cosa

**think** pensare

**thirsty** assetato

**thongs** sandali infradito

**thousand** mille

**thread** filo

**three** tre

**throat** gola

**throat, sore** mal di gola

**through** attraverso

**throw** tirare

**thumb** pollice

**Thursday** giovedì

**tick (insect)** zecca

**ticket** biglietto

**tie (clothing)** cravatta

**tie (v)** legare

**tight** stretto

**time (clock time)** ora

**time (general term; period of time)** tempo

**time, arrival** arrivo orario

**time, check-in** check-in orario

**time, departure** partenza orario

**time, on** in orario

**timetable** orario

**tip (gratuity)** mancia

**tire (n)** gomma

**tire, flat** gomma a terra

**tired** stanco

**tissue, facial** fazzoletto di carta

**to** a

**toasted** scaldato

**today** oggi

**toe** dito del piede

**together** insieme

**toilet** toilette; servizio; bagno

**toilet paper** carta igienica

**token (n)** gettone

**toll** pedaggio  
**toll-free number** numero verde  
**tomorrow** domani  
**tongue (mouth)** lingua  
**tonight** stanotte  
**too** troppo  
**tooth** dente  
**toothache** mal di denti  
**toothbrush** spazzolino da denti  
**toothpaste** dentifricio  
**toothpick** stuzzicadenti  
**total** totale  
**touch** toccare  
**tour (n)** giro  
**tour, guided** visita guidata  
**tourist** turista  
**tow truck** carro attrezzi  
**towel** asciugamano  
**tower** torre  
**town** città; paese  
**toy** giocattolo  
**toy store** negozio di giocattoli

**track (train)** binario  
**tradition** tradizione  
**traditional** tradizionale  
**traffic** traffico  
**trail (n)** sentiero  
**train** treno  
**train car** vagone  
**train station** stazione ferroviaria  
**train, high-speed** treno ad alta velocità  
**tranquil** tranquillo  
**transfer (n)** transfer; scalo  
**transfer (v)** cambiare  
**translate** tradurre  
**transmission fluid** liquido della trasmissione  
**trash** rifiuti; immondizia  
**trashcan (indoors)** cestino per i rifiuti  
**trashcan (outdoors)** bidone per i rifiuti  
**travel (n)** viaggiare  
**travel agency** agenzia di viaggi  
**traveler** viaggiatore  
**treasury** tesoro  
**treat (medical) (v)** curare



**treatment (medical)** cura

**tree** albero

**triangle** triangolo

**tri-band** tri-band

**trim (hair) (n)** spuntatina

**trim (v)** spuntare

**trip (n)** viaggio

**tripod** treppiede

**trouble** guaio

**truth** verità

**try (attempt)** provare

**T-shirt** maglietta

**Tuesday** martedì

**tuna** tonno

**tunnel** galleria

**turkey (meat)** tacchino

**Turkey** Turchia

**turn off (device)** spegnere

**turn on (device)** accendere

**turn signal** freccia

**tweezers** pinzette

**twice** due volte

**twin** gemello

**two** due

**type (v)** digitare

## U

**ugly** brutto

**umbrella** ombrello

**uncle** zio

**unconscious** svenuto; privo di sensi

**under** sotto

**undercooked** poco cotto

**underscore ( \_ )** linea bassa

**understand** capire

**underwear** intimo

**underwear (men)** mutande

**underwear (women)** mutandine

**undrinkable water** acqua non potabile

**unemployed** disoccupato

**unfair** scorretto

**unfortunate** sfortunato

**unfortunately** sfortunatamente

**United States** Stati Uniti

**university** università

**unleaded** senza piombo

**unlock (door)** aprire

**unlock (mobile phone)** sbloccare

**unripe** acerbo

**until** fino

**up** su

**uphill** in salita

**upside-down** sottosopra

**upstairs** di sopra

**urethra** uretra

**urgent** urgente

**urinary tract infection** infezione urinaria

**urine** urina

**us** noi

**use (v)** usare

**uterus** utero

## **V**

**vacancy (hotel)** camere libere; camere disponibili

**vacancy, no** completo

**vacant** libero

**vacation** vacanza

**vagina** vagina

**valid** valido

**validate** timbrare

**valley** valle

**value (worth)** valore

**van** monovolume

**vase** vaso

**Vaseline** vaselina

**vegetable** verdura

**vegetarian** vegetariano

**velvet** velluto

**very** molto

**vest** gilè

**video** video

**video camera** video camera

**video game** videogioco

**video recorder** video registratore

**view** vista

**viewpoint** punto panoramico; belvedere

**village** villaggio; paese

**vineyard** vigneto

**violence** violenza

**virus** virus

**visit (n)** visita

**visit (v)** visitare

**vitamin** vitamina

**voice** voce

**vomit (v)** vomitare

## **W**

**waist** vita

**wait** aspettare

**waiter** cameriere

**waiting room** sala di attesa; sala d'aspetto

**waitress** cameriera

**wake up** svegliare

**walk (v)** camminare

**wall (barrier; e.g., city wall)** mura

**wall (room)** parete; muro

**wall, fortified** mura fortificate

**wallet** portafoglio

**want** volere

**war** guerra

**warm** caldo

**wart** verruca

**wash** lavare

**wash (by hand)** lavare a mano  
**washer** lavatrice  
**waste (v)** sprecare  
**watch (clock)** orologio  
**watch (v)** guardare  
**watch battery** batteria per orologio  
**water** acqua  
**water, drinkable** acqua potabile  
**water, tap** acqua del rubinetto  
**water, undrinkable** acqua non potabile  
**waterfall** cascata  
**waterfront** lungomare  
**waterskiing** sci acquatico  
**wave (water)** onda  
**wax (hair removal)** ceretta  
**we** noi  
**wear (v)** indossare  
**weather** tempo  
**weather forecast** previsioni del tempo  
**webcam** webcam  
**website** sito Internet  
**wedding** matrimonio

**Wednesday** mercoledì

**week** settimana

**weekend** weekend; fine settimana

**weight** peso

**weight limit** limite di peso

**welcome** benvenuto

**well (well-being, manner)** bene

**(to be) well (health)** stare bene

**west** ovest

**wet** bagnato

**what** che cosa

**whatever (anything)** qualsiasi cosa

**wheat** frumento

**wheel** ruota

**wheelchair** sedia a rotelle

**wheelchair-accessible** accessibile con la sedia a rotelle

**when** quando

**where** dove

**whipped cream** panna

**white** bianco

**whitener / white-out** bianchetto

**who** chi

**why** perché

**wide** largo

**widow** vedova

**widower** vedovo

**width** larghezza

**wife** moglie

**Wi-Fi** Wi-Fi

**Wi-Fi hotspot** area Wi-Fi

**wild** selvaggio

**wind** vento

**windmill** mulino a vento

**window** finestra

**windshield wiper** tergicristallo

**windsurfing** windsurf

**windy** ventoso

**wine** vino

**wine shop** negozio di vini

**wine, red** vino rosso

**wine, white** vino bianco

**wing** ala

**winter** inverno

**wipe (v)** pulire



**wiper, windshield** tergicristallo

**wireless** wireless

**wise** saggio

**wish (v)** desiderare

**with** con

**withdraw** ritirare

**without** senza

**woman** donna

**women** donne

**wood** legno

**wool** lana

**word** parola

**work (n)** lavoro

**work (v)** lavorare

**world** mondo

**worm** verme

**worry (v)** preoccupare

**worse** peggio

**worst** peggiore

**wrap** incartare

**wrist** polso

**write** scrivere

## X

**X-ray** radiografia

## Y

**year** anno

**yellow** giallo

**yes** sì

**yesterday** ieri

**yoga** yoga

**yogurt** yogurt

**you (formal)** Lei

**you (informal)** tu

**young** giovane

**your** il tuo; il vostro; la tua; le vostre

**yours** tuo; tuoi; vostro; vostri

**youth** giovane

**youth hostel** ostello della gioventù

## Z

**zero** zero

**zip code** codice postale

**Ziploc bag** busta di plastica sigillabile

**zipper** chiusura lampo

**ZOO** ZOO



# Tips for Hurdling the Language Barrier

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A fear of the language barrier keeps many people (read: English speakers) out of Europe, but the “barrier” is getting smaller every day. English has arrived as Europe’s second language, but you’ll win the respect of locals by starting conversations in Italian—ask *Parla inglese?* (Do you speak English?). And if you need help speaking Italian, remember that you’re surrounded by expert tutors.

## Creative Communication

**Speak slowly, clearly, and with carefully chosen words.** When speaking English, choose easy words and clearly pronounce each syllable (fried po-ta-toes). Avoid contractions. Be patient—speaking louder and tossing in a few extra words doesn’t help.

**Keep your messages grunt-simple.** Make single nouns work as entire sentences. A one-word question (“Photo?”) is just as effective as something grammatically correct (“May I take your picture, sir?”). Things go even easier if you include the local “please” (for instance, “Toilet, *per favore?*”).

**Can the slang.** Someone who learned English in a classroom will be stumped by American expressions such as “sort of like,” “pretty bad,” or “Howzit goin’?”

**Risk looking goofy.** Butcher the language if you must, but communicate. I’ll never forget the postal clerk who flapped her arms and asked, “Tweet, tweet, tweet?” I answered with a nod, and she gave me the airmail stamps I needed.

**Be melodramatic.** Exaggerate the native accent. The locals won’t be insulted; they’ll be impressed. English spoken with an over-the-top sexy Italian accent makes more sense to the Italian ear.

**A notepad works wonders.** Written words and numbers are much easier to understand than their mispronounced counterparts.

Bring a notepad. To repeatedly communicate something difficult or important (such as medical instructions, “I’m a strict vegetarian,” etc.), write it in the local language.

**Assume you understand and go with your gut.** Treat most problems as multiple-choice questions, make an educated guess at the meaning, and proceed confidently. I’m correct about 80 percent of the time—and even when I’m wrong, I usually never know it. I only blow it about 10 percent of the time. My trip becomes easier—and occasionally much more interesting.

## Italian Gestures

Body language is an important part of communicating in Italy, especially hand gestures. Here are a few common gestures and their meanings:

**Hand purse:** Straighten the fingers and thumb of one hand, bringing them all together making an upward point about a foot in front of your face. Your hand can be held still or moved a little up and down at the wrist. This is a common and very Italian gesture for a query. It is used to say “What do you want?” or “What are you doing?” or “What is it?” or “What’s new?” It can also be used as an insult to say “You fool.”

**Cheek screw:** Make a fist, stick out your forefinger, and (without piercing the skin) screw it into your cheek. The cheek screw is used widely in Italy to mean good, lovely, beautiful. Many Italians also use it to mean clever.

**Eyelid pull:** Place your extended forefinger below the center of your eye and pull the skin downward. It means “Be alert, that guy is clever.”

**Forearm jerk:** Clench your right fist and jerk your forearm up as you slap your right bicep with your left palm. This is a rude, phallic gesture that men throughout southern Europe often use the way many Americans give someone the finger. This jumbo version of “flipping the bird” says “I’m superior.”

**Chin flick:** Tilt your head back slightly and flick the back of your fingers forward in an arc from under your chin. In Italy this means “I’m not interested, you bore me,” or “You bother me.” In southern Italy it can mean “No.”

**Beckoning and waving:** To beckon someone in southern Europe, you wave your palm down; to summon someone in northern Europe you bring your palm up. While most people greet each other by waving with their palm out, you’ll find many Italians wave “at themselves” as infants do, with their palm toward their face. *Ciao-ciao.*

## International Words

As our world shrinks, more and more words leap their linguistic boundaries and become international. Sensitive travelers choose words most likely to be universally understood (“auto” instead of “car”; “holiday” for “vacation”; “kaput” for “broken”; “photo” for “picture”). They also internationalize their pronunciation: “University,” if you play around with its sound (oo-nee-vehr-see-tay), can be understood anywhere.

Here are a few internationally understood words. Remember, cut out the Yankee accent and give each word a pan-European sound (“autobooooos,” “Engleesh”).

<b>Hello</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Police</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>Post (office)</b>	<b>English</b>

<b>Stop</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Kaput</b>	<b>Auto</b>	<b>Photo</b>
<b>Ciao</b>	<b>Autobus</b>	<b>Photocopy</b>
<b>Bye-bye</b>	<b>Taxi</b>	<b>Computer</b>
<b>OK</b>	<b>Tourist</b>	<b>Sport</b>
<b>Mañana</b>	<b>Beer</b>	<b>Internet</b>
<b>Pardon</b>	<b>Coke / Coca-Cola</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>Rock 'n' roll</b>	<b>Tea</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Mamma mia</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>University</b>
<b>No problem</b>	<b>Vino</b>	<b>Passport</b>
<b>Super</b>	<b>Chocolate</b>	<b>Holiday (vacation)</b>
<b>Sex / Sexy</b>	<b>Picnic</b>	
<b>Oh la la</b>	<b>Self-service</b>	<b>Gratis (free)</b>
<b>Moment</b>	<b>Yankee / Americano</b>	<b>America's favorite fourletter words</b>
<b>Bon voyage</b>		
<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>Amigo</b>	
<b>Bank</b>	<b>Toilet</b>	

## Italian Verbs

These conjugated verbs will help you construct a caveman sentence in a pinch.

<b>TO GO</b>	<b>ANDARE</b>	<b>ahn-dah-ray</b>
<b>I go</b>	io vado	<b>ee-oh vah-doh</b>
<b>you go (formal)</b>	Lei va	<b>leh-ee vah</b>
<b>you go (informal)</b>	tu vai	<b>too vah-ee</b>



<b>he / she goes</b>	lui / lei va	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee vah</b>
<b>we go</b>	noi andiamo	<b>noh-ee ahn-dee-ah-moh</b>
<b>you go (pl. formal)</b>	voi andate	<b>voh-ee ahn-dah-tay</b>
<b>they go</b>	loro vanno	<b>loh-roh vah-noh</b>
<b>TO BE</b>	<b>ESSERE</b>	<b>eh-seh-ray</b>
<b>I am</b>	io sono	<b>ee-oh soh-noh</b>
<b>you are (formal)</b>	Lei è	<b>leh-ee eh</b>
<b>you are (informal)</b>	tu sei	too <b>seh-ee</b>
<b>he / she is</b>	lui / lei è	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee eh</b>
<b>we are</b>	noi siamo	<b>noh-ee see-ah-moh</b>
<b>you are (pl. formal)</b>	voi siete	<b>voh-ee see-eh-tay</b>
<b>they are</b>	loro sono	<b>loh-roh soh-noh</b>
<b>TO DO</b>	<b>FARE</b>	<b>fah-ray</b>
<b>I do</b>	io faccio	<b>ee-oh fah-choh</b>
<b>you do (formal)</b>	Lei fa	<b>leh-ee fah</b>
<b>you do (informal)</b>	tu fai	too <b>fah-ee</b>
<b>he / she does</b>	lui / lei fa	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee fah</b>
<b>we do</b>	noi facciamo	<b>noh-ee fah-chee-ah-moh</b>
<b>you do (pl. formal)</b>	voi fate	<b>voh-ee fah-tay</b>
<b>they do</b>	loro fanno	<b>loh-roh fah-noh</b>
<b>TO HAVE</b>	<b>AVERE</b>	<b>ah-veh-ray</b>
<b>I have</b>	io ho	<b>ee-oh oh</b>
<b>you have (formal)</b>	Lei ha	<b>leh-ee ah</b>
<b>you have (informal)</b>	tu hai	too <b>ah-ee</b>
<b>he / she has</b>	lui / lei ha	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee ah</b>
<b>we have</b>	noi abbiamo	<b>noh-ee ah-bee-ah-</b>

		moh
<b>you have (pl. formal)</b>	voi avete	<b>voh-ee ah-veh-tay</b>
<b>they have</b>	loro hanno	<b>loh-roh ahn-noh</b>
<b>TO SEE</b>	<b>VEDERE</b>	veh-deh-ray
<b>I see</b>	io vedo	<b>ee-oh veh-doh</b>
<b>you see (formal)</b>	Lei vede	<b>leh-ee veh-day</b>
<b>you see (informal)</b>	tu vedi	too <b>veh-dee</b>
<b>he / she sees</b>	lui / lei vede	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee veh-day</b>
<b>we see</b>	noi vediamo	<b>noh-ee veh-dee-ah-moh</b>
<b>you see (pl. formal)</b>	voi vedete	<b>voh-ee veh-day-tay</b>
<b>they see</b>	loro vedono	<b>loh-roh veh-doh-noh</b>
<b>TO SPEAK</b>	<b>PARLARE</b>	par-lah-ray
<b>I speak</b>	io parlo	<b>ee-oh par-loh</b>
<b>you speak (formal)</b>	Lei parla	<b>leh-ee par-lah</b>
<b>you speak (informal)</b>	tu parli	too <b>par-lee</b>
<b>he / she speaks</b>	lui / lei parla	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee par-lah</b>
<b>we speak</b>	noi parliamo	<b>noh-ee par-lee-ah-moh</b>
<b>you speak (pl. formal)</b>	voi parlate	<b>voh-ee par-lah-tay</b>
<b>they speak</b>	loro parlano	<b>loh-roh par-lah-noh</b>
<b>TO LIKE</b>	<b>PIACERE</b>	pee-ah-cheh-ray
<b>I like</b>	mi piace	<b>mee pee-ah-chay</b>
<b>you like (formal)</b>	Le piace	lay pee- <b>ah-chay</b>
<b>you like (informal)</b>	ti piace	tee pee- <b>ah-chay</b>
<b>he / she likes</b>	gli / le piace	lee / lay pee- <b>ah-chay</b>
<b>we like</b>	ci piace	chee pee- <b>ah-chay</b>

<b>you like (pl. formal)</b>	vi piace	vee pee- <b>ah</b> -chay
<b>they like</b>	gli piace	lee pee- <b>ah</b> -chay

### WOULD LIKE

<b>I would like</b>	io vorrei	<b>ee</b> -oh voh- <b>reh</b> -ee
<b>you'd like (formal)</b>	Lei vorrebbe	<b>leh</b> -ee voh- <b>reh</b> -bay
<b>you'd like (informal)</b>	tu vorresti	too voh- <b>reh</b> -stee
<b>he / she would like</b>	lui / lei vorrebbe	<b>loo</b> -ee / <b>leh</b> -ee voh- <b>reh</b> -bay
<b>we'd like</b>	noi vorremmo	<b>noh</b> -ee voh- <b>reh</b> -moh
<b>you'd like (pl. formal)</b>	voi vorreste	<b>voh</b> -ee voh- <b>reh</b> -stay
<b>they'd like</b>	loro vorrebbero	<b>loh</b> -roh voh- <b>reh</b> -beh-roh

### TO MAKE

### FARE

fah-ray

<b>I make</b>	io faccio	<b>ee</b> -oh fah-choh
<b>you make (formal)</b>	Lei fa	<b>leh</b> -ee fah
<b>you make (informal)</b>	tu fai	too fah-ee
<b>he / she makes</b>	lui / lei fa	<b>loo</b> -ee / <b>leh</b> -ee fah
<b>we make</b>	noi facciamo	<b>noh</b> -ee fah-chee- <b>ah</b> -moh
<b>you make (pl. formal)</b>	voi fate	<b>voh</b> -ee fah-tay
<b>they make</b>	loro fanno	<b>loh</b> -roh fah-noh

### TO NEED

### AVERE BISOGNO DI

ah-veh-ray bee-zohn-yoh dee

<b>I need</b>	io ho bisogno di	<b>ee</b> -oh oh bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
<b>you need (formal)</b>	Lei ha bisogno di	<b>leh</b> -ee ah bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
<b>you need (informal)</b>	tu hai bisogno di	too <b>ah</b> -ee bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee

<b>he / she needs</b>	lui / lei ha bisogno di	<b>loo-ee / leh-ee</b> ah bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
<b>we need</b>	noi abbiamo bisogno di	<b>noh-ee</b> ah-bee- <b>ah-</b> moh bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
<b>you need (pl. formal)</b>	voi avete bisogno di	<b>voh-ee</b> ah- <b>veh</b> -tay bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee
<b>they need</b>	loro hanno bisogno di	<b>loh-roh</b> <b>ahn</b> -noh bee- <b>zohn</b> -yoh dee

## Italian Tongue Twisters

Tongue twisters are a great way to practice a language and break the ice with locals. Here are a few Italian tongue twisters (called *scioglilingue*, or “tongue melters”) that are sure to challenge you—and amuse your hosts:

**Trentatrè trentini arrivarono a Trento tutti e trentatrè trottorellando.**

Thirty-three people from Trent arrived in Trent, all thirty-three trotting.

**Chi fù quel barbaro barbuto che barbaramente sbarbò la barba ai barbari barbuti di Barbarossa?**

Who was that bearded barbarian who brutally shaved the beard of the bearded barbarians of Barbarossa?

**Sopra la panca la capra canta, sotto la panca la capra crepa.**

On the bench the goat sings, under the bench the goat dies.

**Tigre contro tigre.**

Tiger against tiger.

## English Tongue Twisters

After your Italian friends have laughed at you, let them try these tongue twisters in English.

**If neither he sells seashells, nor she sells seashells, who shall sell seashells? Shall seashells be sold?**

**Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.**

**Rugged rubber baby buggy bumpers.**

**The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.**

**Red bug's blood and black bug's blood.**

**Soldiers' shoulders.**

**Thieves seize skis.**

**I'm a pleasant mother pheasant plucker. I pluck mother pheasants. I'm the most pleasant mother pheasant plucker that ever plucked a mother pheasant.**

Se ne lui ne lei vende conchiglie chi vende conchiglie? Saranno vendute le conchiglie?

Pietro Piper ha colto una misura di due galloni di peperoni sottaceto.

Forte paraurti di gomma di carrozzelle.

La sesta pecora del sesto sciecco ammalato è ammalata.

Il sangue del insetto rosso e il sangue del insetto nero.

Le spalle dei soldati.

I ladri afferano gli sci.

Io sono uno[a] spennatore / trice di fagiani femmine piacevole. Io spenno fagiani femmine. Sono il / la più piacevole spennatore / trice di fagiani femmine che abbia mai spennato un fagiano femmina.



# Appendix

**Let's Talk Telephones**

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Dialing Within Italy

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## Embassies

Smart travelers use the telephone to reserve or reconfirm rooms, get tourist information, reserve restaurants, confirm tour times, and phone home.

## Dialing Within Italy

Italy has a direct-dial phone system (without area codes). That means all phone numbers can be dialed direct throughout the country. For example, the number of one of my recommended hotels in Florence is 055-289-592. That's exactly what you dial, whether you're calling it from across the street or across the country.

Italy's landlines start with 0, and mobile lines start with 3. The country's toll-free lines begin with 80. These 80 numbers—called *freephone* or *numero verde* (green number)—can be dialed free from any phone without using a phone card. Any Italian phone number that starts with 8 but isn't followed by a 0 is a toll call.

Italian phone numbers vary in length; a hotel can have, say, an eight-digit phone number and a nine-digit fax number.

For more information, see [www.ricksteves.com/phoning](http://www.ricksteves.com/phoning).

## Dialing Internationally

If you want to make an international call, follow these steps:

- Dial the international access code (00 if you're calling from Europe, 011 from the US or Canada). If you're dialing from a mobile phone, you can replace the international access code with +, which works regardless of where you're calling from. (On many

mobile phones, you can insert a + by pressing and holding the 0 key.)

- Dial the country code (***prefisso per il paese***) of the country you're calling (for example, 39 for Italy, or 1 for the US or Canada; see the chart on the next page).

- If the country you're calling uses area codes, dial the area code (***prefisso***), then dial the local number, keeping in mind that you may need to drop the initial zero of the phone number. If the country you're calling *doesn't* use area codes (like Italy), just dial the local number (and for Italy, you include the initial zero of the local number).

**Calling from the US to Italy:** Dial 011 (the US international access code), 39 (Italy's country code), then the Italian phone number. For example, if you're calling the Florence hotel cited earlier, you'd dial 011-39-055-289-592.

**Calling from any European country to the US:** To call my office in Edmonds, Washington, from anywhere in Europe, I dial 00 (Europe's international access code), 1 (the US country code), 425 (Edmonds' area code), and 771-8303.

European Country Codes	
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Belgium	32
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European Country Codes	
Germany	49
Gibraltar	350
Great Britain	44
Greece	30
Hungary	36
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Italy	39
Latvia	371
Montenegro	382
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## Embassies

**US Embassy:** 24-hour emergency line—tel. 06-46741, non-emergency—tel. 06-4674-2420; Via Vittorio Veneto 121, Rome, <http://italy.usembassy.gov>.

**Canadian Embassy:** Tel. 06-854-442-911; Via Zara 30, Rome, [www.italy.gc.ca](http://www.italy.gc.ca)

## Numbers and Stumblers

### Metric Conversions

### Temperature Conversion

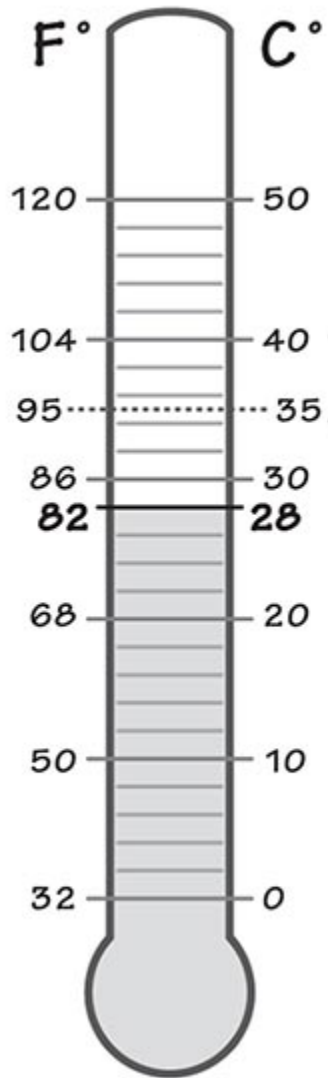
- Europeans write a few of their numbers differently than we do. 1= 1, 4= 4, 7= 7.
- In Europe, dates appear as day/month/year.
- Commas are decimal points and decimals are commas. A dollar and a half is 1,50, one thousand is 1.000, and there are 5.280 feet in a mile.
- When counting with your fingers, start with your thumb. If you hold up only your first finger to request one item, you'll probably get two.
- What Americans call the second floor of a building is the first floor in Europe.
- On escalators and moving sidewalks, Europeans keep the left "lane" open for passing. Keep to the right.

## Metric Conversions

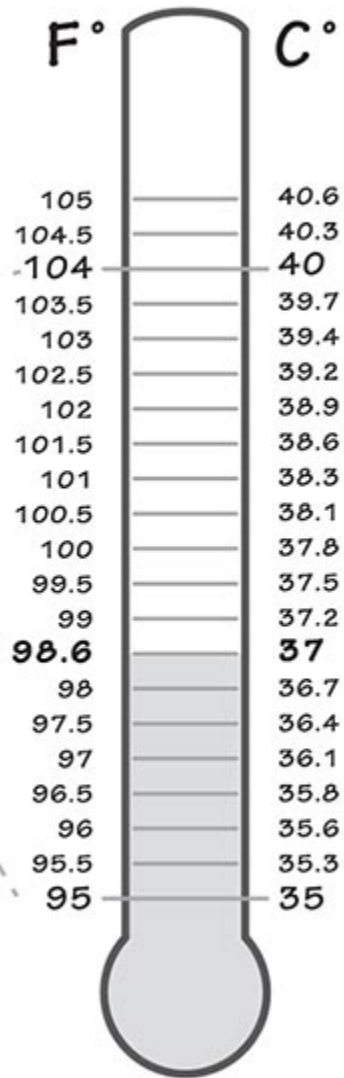
A kilogram is 2.2 pounds, and 1 liter is about a quart, or almost four to a gallon. A kilometer is six-tenths of a mile. I figure kilometers to miles by cutting the kilometers in half and adding back 10 percent of the original (120 km:  $60 + 12 = 72$  miles, 300 km:  $150 + 30 = 180$  miles).

## Temperature Conversion

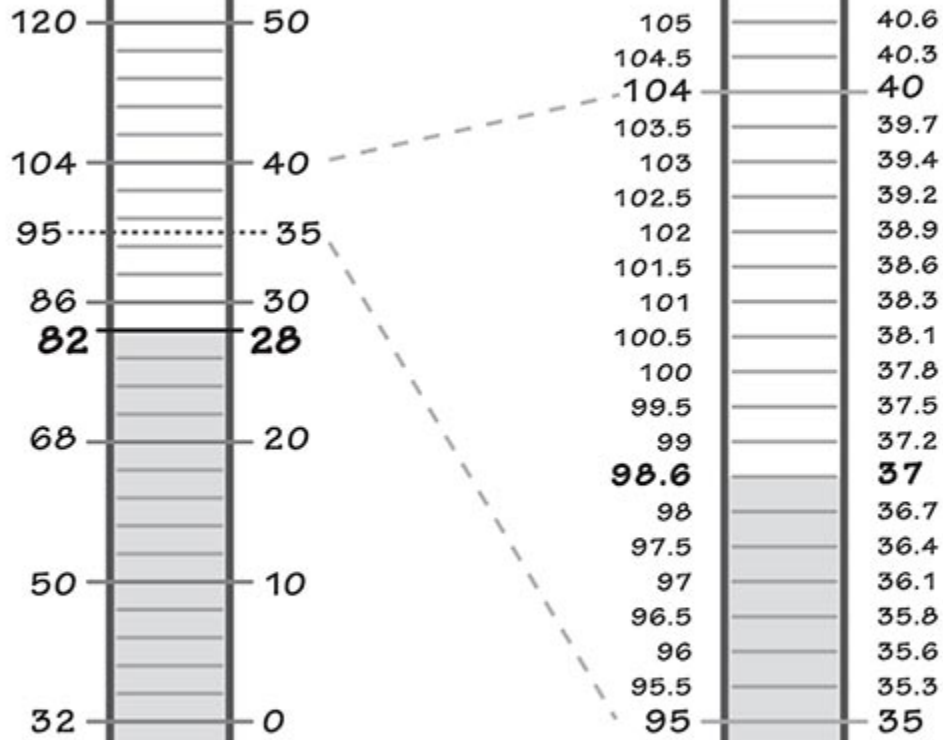
For a rough conversion from Celsius to Fahrenheit, double the number and add 30. For weather, remember that  $28^{\circ}\text{C}$  is  $82^{\circ}\text{F}$ —perfect. For health,  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$  is just right.



For Weather



For Health



# Filling Out Forms

<b>Signore</b>	Mr.
<b>Signora</b>	Mrs.
<b>Signorina</b>	Miss
<b>nome</b>	first name
<b>cognome</b>	last name
<b>indirizzo / domicilio</b>	address
<b>strada</b>	street
<b>città</b>	city
<b>stato</b>	state
<b>paese</b>	country
<b>nazionalità</b>	nationality
<b>origine / destinazione</b>	origin / destination
<b>età</b>	age
<b>data di nascita</b>	date of birth
<b>luogo di nascita</b>	place of birth
<b> sesso</b>	sex
<b>maschio / femmina</b>	male / female
<b>sposato / sposata (also coniugato / coniugata)</b>	married man / married woman
<b>scapolo / nubile</b>	single man / single woman
<b>divorziato / vedovo</b>	divorced / widowed
<b>professione</b>	profession
<b>adulto</b>	adult
<b>bambino / ragazzo / ragazza</b>	child / boy / girl
<b>bambini</b>	children

<b>famiglia</b>	family
<b>firma</b>	signature
<b>data</b>	date

When filling out dates, do it European-style: day/month/year.

## Cheat Sheets

Basics

Restaurants

### Basics

Tear out this sheet of Italian survival phrases and keep it in your pocket to use in case you're caught without your phrase book.

<b>Good day.</b>	Buongiorno. <b>bwohn-jor-noh</b>
<b>Mr.</b>	Signore <b>seen-yoh-ray</b>
<b>Mrs.</b>	Signora <b>seen-yoh-rah</b>
<b>Miss</b>	Signorina <b>seen-yoh-ree-nah</b>
<b>Do you speak English?</b>	Parla inglese? <b>par-lah een-gleh-zay</b>
<b>Yes. / No.</b>	Si. / No. <b>see / noh</b>
<b>I don't speak Italian.</b>	Non parlo l'italiano. <b>nohn par-loh lee-tah-lee-ah-noh</b>
<b>I'm sorry.</b>	Mi dispiace. <b>mee dee-spee-ah-chay</b>
<b>Please.</b>	Per favore. <b>pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Thank you.</b>	Grazie. <b>graht-see-ay</b>
<b>You're welcome.</b>	Prego. <b>preh-goh</b>
<b>Excuse me. (to get</b>	Mi scusi. <b>mee skoo-zee</b>

attention)

Excuse me. (to pass)	Permesso. <b>pehr-meh-soh</b>
It's not a problem.	Non c'è problema. <b>nohn cheh proh-bleh-mah</b>
Good.	Bene. <b>beh-nay</b>
Goodbye.	Arrivederci. <b>ah-ree-veh-dehr-chee</b>
How much (does it cost)?	Quanto (costa)? <b>kwahn-toh (koh-stah)</b>
Write it for me?	Me lo scrivo? <b>may loh skree-vay</b>
euro (€)	euro <b>eh-oo-roh</b>
zero	zero <b>zeh-roh</b>
one / two	uno / due <b>oo-noh / doo-ay</b>
three / four	tre / quattro <b>tray / kwah-troh</b>
five / six	cinque / sei <b>cheen-kway / seh-ee</b>
seven / eight	sette / otto <b>seh-tay / oh-toh</b>
nine / ten	nove / dieci <b>noh-vay / dee-eh-chee</b>
Can you help me?	Può aiutarmi? <b>pwoh ah-yoo-tar-mee</b>
I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... <b>voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh</b>
...that.	...quello. <b>kweh-loh</b>
...a ticket.	...un biglietto. <b>oon beel-yeh-toh</b>
...the bill.	...il conto. <b>eel kohn-toh</b>
Where is a cash machine?	Dov'è un bancomat? <b>doh-veh oon bahn-koh-maht</b>
Where is the toilet?	Dov'è la toilette? <b>doh-veh lah twah-leh-tay</b>
men	uomini / signori <b>woh-mee-nee / seen-yoh-ree</b>
women	donne / signore <b>doh-nay / seen-yoh-ray</b>
Is it free?	È gratis? <b>eh grah-tees</b>
Is it included?	È incluso? <b>eh een-kloo-zoh</b>

Is it possible?	È possibile? eh poh-see-bee-lay
entrance / exit	entrata / uscita ehn-traah-tah / oo-shee-tah
What time does this open / close?	A che ora apre / chiude? ah kay oh-rah ah-pray / kee-oo-day
now / soon / later	adesso / presto / più tardi ah-deh-soh / preh-stoh / pew tar-dee
today / tomorrow	oggi / domani oh-jee / doh-mah-nee
Sunday	domenica doh-meh-nee-kah
Monday	lunedì loo-neh-dee
Tuesday	martedì mar-teh-dee
Wednesday	mercoledì mehr-koh-leh-dee
Thursday	giovedì joh-veh-dee
Friday	venerdì veh-nehr-dee
Saturday	sabato sah-bah-toh

## Restaurants

I'd like / We'd like...	Vorrei / Vorremmo... voh-reh-ee / voh-reh-moh
...to reserve...	...prenotare... preh-noh-tah-ray
...a table for one / two.	...un tavolo per uno / due. oon tah-voh-loh pehr oo-noh / doo-ay
Is this table free?	È libero questo tavolo? eh lee-beh-roh kweh-stoh tah-voh-loh
How long is the wait?	Quanto c'è da aspettare? kwahn-toh cheh dah ah-speh-tah-ray
The menu (in English), please.	Il menù (in inglese), per favore. eel meh-noo (een een-gleh-zay) pehr fah-voh-ray
breakfast	colazione koh-laht-see-oh-nay



<b>lunch</b>	pranzo <b>prahnt-soh</b>
<b>dinner</b>	cena <b>ch eh-nah</b>
<b>service (not) included</b>	servizio (non) incluso <b>sehr-veet-see-oh (nohn) een-kloo-zoh</b>
<b>cover charge</b>	coperto <b>koh-pehr-toh</b>
<b>to go</b>	da portar via <b>dah por-tar vee-ah</b>
<b>with / without</b>	con / senza <b>kohn / sehnt-sah</b>
<b>and / or</b>	e / o <b>ay / oh</b>
<b>fixed-price menu</b>	menù fisso <b>meh-noo fee-soh</b>
<b>daily specials</b>	piatti del giorno <b>pee-ah-tee dehl jor-noh</b>
<b>specialty of the house</b>	specialità della casa <b>speh-chah-lee-tah deh-lah kah-zah</b>
<b>What do you recommend?</b>	Che cosa raccomanda? <b>kay koh-zah rah-koh-mahn-dah</b>
<b>appetizers</b>	antipasti <b>ahn-tee-pah-stee</b>
<b>first course(s) (pasta, soup)</b>	primo piatto / primi <b>pree-moh pee-ah-toh / pree-mee</b>
<b>main course(s) (meat, fish)</b>	secondo piatto / secondi <b>seh-kohn-doh pee-ah-toh / seh-kohn-dee</b>
<b>bread</b>	pane <b>pah-nay</b>
<b>cheese</b>	formaggio <b>for-mah-joh</b>
<b>sandwich</b>	panino <b>pah-nee-noh</b>
<b>soup</b>	zuppa <b>tsoo-pah</b>
<b>salad</b>	insalata <b>een-sah-lah-tah</b>
<b>meat</b>	carni <b>kar-nee</b>
<b>chicken</b>	pollo <b>poh-loh</b>
<b>fish</b>	pesce <b>peh-shay</b>
<b>seafood</b>	frutti di mare <b>froo-tee dee mah-ray</b>
<b>vegetables</b>	verdure <b>vehr-doo-ray</b>

<b>fruit</b>	frutta <b>froo-tah</b>
<b>dessert</b>	dolce <b>dohl-chay</b>
<b>mineral water</b>	acqua minerale <b>ah-kwah mee-neh-rah-lay</b>
<b>tap water</b>	acqua del rubinetto <b>ah-kwah dehl roo-bee-neh-toh</b>
<b>milk</b>	latte <b>lah-tay</b>
<b>coffee / tea</b>	caffè / tè <b>kah-feh / teh</b>
<b>wine</b>	vino <b>vee-noh</b>
<b>red / white</b>	rosso / bianco <b>roh-soh / bee-ahn-koh</b>
<b>glass / bottle</b>	bicchiere / bottiglia <b>bee-kee-eh-ray / boh-teel-yah</b>
<b>beer</b>	birra <b>bee-rah</b>
<b>Cheers!</b>	Cin cin! <b>cheen cheen</b>
<b>More. / Another.</b>	Di più. / Un altro. <b>dee pew / oon ahl-troh</b>
<b>The same.</b>	Lo stesso. <b>loh steh-soh</b>
<b>Finished.</b>	Finito. <b>fee-nee-toh</b>
<b>The bill, please.</b>	Il conto, per favore. <b>eel kohn-toh pehr fah-voh-ray</b>
<b>Do you accept credit cards?</b>	Accettate carte di credito? <b>ah-cheh-tah-tay kar-tay dee kreh-dee-toh</b>
<b>tip</b>	mancia <b>mahn-chah</b>
<b>Delicious!</b>	Delizioso! <b>deh-leet-see-oh-zoh</b>

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