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## Basic Italian Phrases

Hello / Good morning/afternoon	<b>Buon giorno</b>	<i>bwon zhor-no</i>
Good evening	<b>Buona sera</b>	<i>bwoh-nah seh-rah</i>
Good night	<b>Buona notte</b>	<i>bwoh-nah noht-teh</i>
Hi / Hello / Bye (informal)	<b>Ciao</b>	<i>chow</i>
Goodbye	<b>Arrivederci</b>	<i>ah-ree-vuh-dehr-chee</i>
Goodbye (formal)	<b>ArrivederLa</b>	<i>ah-ree-vuh-dehr-lah</i>
See you later	<b>A più tardi</b>	<i>ah pyoo tar-dee</i>
See you soon	<b>A presto / A dopo</b>	<i>ah press-toh / ah doh-poh</i>
See you tomorrow	<b>A domani</b>	<i>ah doh-mahn-ee</i>
Please	<b>Per favore / Per piacere</b>	<i>pehr fah-voh-reh / pehr pee-ah-cheh-reh</i>
Thank you (very much)	<b>Grazie (mille)</b>	<i>graht-zee-eh (mee-leh)</i>
You're welcome	<b>Prego</b>	<i>preh-goh</i>
Sorry	<b>Mi dispiace</b>	<i>mee dee-spyah-cheh</i>
Excuse me (formal / informal)	<b>Scusi / Scusa</b>	<i>skoo-zee / skoo-zah</i>
Let's go!	<b>Andiamo!</b>	<i>on-dee-ah-mo</i>
How are you? (formal / informal)	<b>Come sta? / Come stai?</b>	<i>koh-meh stah / koh-meh sty</i>
I am fine / well.	<b>Sto bene.</b>	<i>stoh beh-neh</i>
Not bad.	<b>Non c'è male.</b>	<i>nohn cheh mah-leh</i>
Pretty good.	<b>Abbastanza bene.</b>	<i>ah-bah-stahn-tsah beh-neh</i>
So so.	<b>Così così.</b>	<i>koh-zee koh-zee</i>
Yes / No	<b>Sì / No</b>	<i>see / noh</i>
What's your name? (formal)	<b>Come si chiama?</b>	<i>koh-meh see kee-ah-mah</i>
What's your name? (informal)	<b>Come ti chiami?</b>	<i>koh-meh tee kee-ah-mee</i>

My name is...	<b>Mi chiamo...</b>	<i>mee kee-ah-mo</i>
Pleased / Nice to meet you.	<b>Piacere / Molto lieto.</b>	<i>pee-ah-cheh-reh / mohl-toh lee-eh-toh</i>
Mister, Misses, Miss	<b>Signore, Signora, Signorina</b>	<i>seen-yoh-reh, seen-yoh-rah, seen-yoh-reen-ah</i>
Where are you from? (formal)	<b>Di dov'è?</b>	<i>dee doh-veh</i>
Where are you from? (informal)	<b>Di dove sei?</b>	<i>dee doh-veh seh-ee</i>
I am from...	<b>Sono di...</b>	<i>soh-noh dee</i>
How old are you? (formal)	<b>Quanti anni ha?</b>	<i>kwahn-tee ahn-nee ah</i>
How old are you? (informal)	<b>Quanti anni hai?</b>	<i>kwahn-tee ahn-nee ah-ee</i>
I am 20 years old.	<b>Ho venti anni.</b>	<i>oh vehn-tee ahn-nee</i>
Do you speak Italian? (formal)	<b>Parla italiano?</b>	<i>par-lah ee-tahl-ee-ah-no</i>
Do you speak English? (informal)	<b>Parli inglese?</b>	<i>par-lee een-gleh-zeh</i>
I speak Italian.	<b>Parlo italiano.</b>	<i>par-lo ee-tahl-ee-ah-no</i>
I don't speak English.	<b>Non parlo inglese.</b>	<i>non par-lo een-gleh-zeh</i>
Do you understand? (formal / informal)	<b>Capisce? / Capisci?</b>	<i>kah-pee-sheh / kah-pee-shee</i>
I [don't] understand.	<b>[Non] capisco.</b>	<i>[non] kah-pees-koh</i>
I don't know. / I know.	<b>Non so. / Lo so.</b>	<i>non soh / low soh</i>
Can you help me? (formal)	<b>Può aiutarmi?</b>	<i>pwoh ah-yoo-tar-mee</i>
Can you help me? (informal)	<b>Puoi aiutarmi?</b>	<i>pwoh-ee ah-yoo-tar-mee</i>
Sure / OK.	<b>Certamente / D'accordo.</b>	<i>cher-tah-mehn-teh / dah-kohr-doh</i>
What? / Pardon me?	<b>Come?</b>	<i>koh-meh</i>
May I help you? (formal / informal)	<b>Desidera? / Desideri?</b>	<i>deh-zee-deh-rah / deh-zee-deh-ree</i>
How do you say "house" in Italian?	<b>Come si dice "house" in italiano?</b>	<i>koh-meh see dee-cheh "house" een ee-tah-lee-ah-noh</i>



Where is / Where are... ?	<b>Dov'è / Dove sono...?</b>	<i>doh-veh / doh-veh soh-noh</i>
Here is / Here are...	<b>Ecco / Eccoli...</b>	<i>eh-koh / eh-koh-lee</i>
There is / There are...	<b>C'è / Ci sono...</b>	<i>ch eh / chee soh-noh</i>
What's the matter? / What's wrong?	<b>Cosa c'è?</b>	<i>koh-zah cheh</i>
It doesn't matter.	<b>Non importa. / Di niente. / Di nulla.</b>	<i>nohn eem-por-tah / dee nee-ehn-teh / dee noo-lah</i>
I don't care.	<b>Non m'importa.</b>	<i>nohn meem-por-tah</i>
Don't worry. (informal)	<b>Non ti preoccupare.</b>	<i>nohn tee preh-ohk-koo-pah-reh</i>
I forgot.	<b>Ho dimenticato.</b>	<i>oh dee-men-tee-kah-toh</i>
I have to go now.	<b>Devo andare adesso.</b>	<i>deh-voh ahn-dah-reh ah-des-soh</i>
I'm hungry. / I'm thirsty.	<b>Ho fame. / Ho sete.</b>	<i>oh fah-meh / oh seh-teh</i>
I'm cold. / I'm hot.	<b>Ho freddo. / Ho caldo.</b>	<i>oh freh-doh / oh kal-doh</i>
I'm bored.	<b>Mi annoio.</b>	<i>mee ahn-noh-ee-oh</i>
Bless you!	<b>Salute!</b>	<i>sah-loo-teh</i>
Congratulations!	<b>Congratulazioni!</b>	<i>kohn-grah-tsoo-lah-tsee-oh-nee</i>
Welcome!	<b>Benvenuti!</b>	<i>behn-veh-noo-tee</i>
Good luck!	<b>Buona fortuna!</b>	<i>bwoh-nah for-too-nah</i>
It's my turn! / It's your turn! (informal)	<b>Tocca a me! / Tocca a te!</b>	<i>tohk-kah ah meh / tohk-kah ah teh</i>
I love you. (informal)	<b>Ti amo.</b>	<i>tee ah-moh</i>
You're crazy! (formal / informal)	<b>È pazzo! / Sei pazzo!</b>	<i>eh pats-soh / seh-ee pats-soh</i>
Be quiet / Shut up! (formal / informal)	<b>Stai zitto! / Stai zitto!</b>	<i>stah tseet-toh / sty tseet-toh</i>
OK!	<b>Va bene!</b>	<i>vah beh-neh</i>

### **Infomal vs. Formal**

Notice that Italian has informal and formal ways of saying things. This is because there is more than one meaning to "you" in Italian (as well as in many other languages.) The informal you is used when talking to close friends, relatives, animals or children. The formal you is used when talking to someone you just met, do not know well, or someone for whom you would like to show respect (a professor, for example.) There is also a plural you, used when speaking to more than one person.

### **Masculine vs. Feminine**

The words pazzo and zitto refer to men. If you are talking to a woman, use pazza and zitta. If you are talking to more than one person (all men, or a group of men and women), use pazzi and zitti. If you are talking to more than one person (all women), use pazze and zitte.