

Some Basic Phrases

Buon giorno

bwon zhor-no

Hello / Good morning/afternoon

Ciao

chow

Hi / Hello / Bye (informal)

A più tardi

ah pyoo tar-dee

See you later

Per favore / Per piacere

pehr fah-voh-reh / pehr pee-ah-cheh-reh

Please

Mi dispiace

mee dee-spyah-cheh

Sorry

Come sta? / Come stai?

koh-meh stah / koh-meh sty

How are you? (formal / informal)

Abbastanza bene.

ah-bah-stahn-tsah beh-neh

Pretty good.

Come si chiama?

koh-meh see kee-ah-mah

What's your name? (formal)

Piacere / Molto lieto.

pee-ah-cheh-reh / mohl-toh lee-eh-toh

Pleased / Nice to meet you.

Di dov'è?

dee doh-veh

Where are you from? (formal)

Quanti anni ha?

kwahn-tee ahn-nee ah

How old are you? (formal)

Parla italiano?

par-lah ee-tahl-ee-ah-no

Do you speak Italian? (formal)

Buona sera

bwoh-nah seh-rah

Good evening

Arrivederci

ah-ree-vuh-dehr-chee

Goodbye

A presto

ah press-toh

See you soon

Grazie (mille)

graht-zee-eh (mee-leh)

Thank you (very much)

Scusi / Scusa

skoo-zee / skoo-zah

Excuse me (formal / informal)

Sto bene.

stoh beh-neh

I am fine / well.

Così così.

koh-zee koh-zee

So so.

Come ti chiami?

koh-meh tee kee-ah-mee

What's your name? (informal)

Signore, Signora, Signorina

seen-yoh-reh, seen-yoh-rah, seen-yoh-reen-ah

Mister, Misses, Miss

Di dove sei?

dee doh-veh seh-ee

Where are you from? (informal)

Quanti anni hai?

kwahn-tee ahn-nee ah-ee

How old are you? (informal)

Parli inglese?

par-lee een-gleh-zeh

Do you speak English?
(informal)

Buona notte

bwoh-nah noht-teh

Good night

ArrivederLa

ah-ree-vuh-dehr-lah

Goodbye (formal)

A domani

ah doh-mahn-ee

See you tomorrow

Prego

preh-goh

You're Welcome

Andiamo!

on-dee-ah-mo

Let's go!

Non c'è male.

nohn cheh mah-leh

Not bad.

Sì / No

see / noh

Yes / No

Mi chiamo...

mee kee-ah-mo

My name is...

Sono di...

soh-noh dee

I am from...

Ho _____ anni.

oh _____ ahn-nee

I am _____ years old.

[Non] parlo...

[non] par-lo

I [don't] speak...

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Capisce? / Capisci?

kah-pee-sheh / kah-pee-shee
Do you understand? (formal / informal)

Può aiutarmi? / Puoi aiutarmi?

pwoh ah-yoo-tar-mee / pwoh-ee ah-yoo-tar-mee
Can you help me? (formal / informal)

Desidera? / Desideri?

deh-zee-deh-rah / deh-zee-deh-ree
May I help you? (formal / informal)

Dov'è / Dove sono...?

doh-veh / doh-veh soh-noh
Where is / Where are... ?

Cosa c'è?

koh-zah cheh
What's the matter? / What's wrong?

Non ti preoccupare.

nohn tee preh-ohk-koo-pah-reh
Don't worry. (informal)

Ho fame. / Ho sete.

oh fah-meh / oh seh-teh
I'm hungry. / I'm thirsty.

Salute!

sah-loo-teh
Bless you!

Buona fortuna!

bwoh-nah for-too-nah
Good luck!

È pazzo! / Sei pazzo!

eh pats-soh / seh-ee pats-soh
You're crazy! (formal / informal)

Non] capisco.

[non] kah-pees-koh
I [don't] understand.

Certamente / D'accordo.

cher-tah-mehn-teh / dah-kohr-doh
Sure / OK.

Come si dice ____ in italiano?

koh-meh see dee-cheh ____ een ee-tah-lee-ah-noh
How do you say ____ in Italian?

Ecco...

eh-koh
Here is / Here are...

Non importa. / Di niente.

nohn eem-por-tah / dee nee-ehn-teh
It doesn't matter.

Ho dimenticato.

oh dee-men-tee-kah-toh
I forgot.

Ho freddo. / Ho caldo.

oh freh-doh / oh kal-doh
I'm cold. / I'm hot.

Congratulazioni!

kohn-grah-tsoo-lah-tsee-oh-nee
Congratulations!

Tocca a me! / Tocca a te!

tohk-kah ah meh / tohk-kah ah teh
It's my turn! / It's your turn!
(informal)

Sta zitto! / Stai zitto!

stah tseet-toh / sty tseet-toh
Be quiet / Shut up! (formal / informal)

Non so. / Lo so.

non soh / low soh
I don't know. / I know.

Come?

koh-meh?
What? / Pardon me?

C'è / Ci sono...

cheh / chee soh-noh
There is / There are...

Non m'importa.

nohn meem-por-tah
I don't care.

Devo andare adesso.

deh-voh ahn-dah-reh ah-des-soh
I have to go now.

Mi annoio.

mee ahn-noh-ee-oh
I'm bored.

Benvenuti!

behn-veh-noo-tee
Welcome!

Ti amo.

tee ah-moh
I love you. (informal)

Va bene!

vah beh-neh
OK!