

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS



USEFUL PHRASES YOU SHOULD KNOW

CIAO : means hello, informal

BUONGIORNO : means good morning, formal

BUONASERA : means good evening, formal

BUONANOTTE : means good night

USEFUL

- PER FAVORE : means please, at the end of the phrase to ask something in a nice way

-GRAZIE : means thank you

-PREGO : means you're welcome

-SI : means yes

-NO means no

-VA BENE : means okay, we also use okay

-SCUSI : means excuse me, formal

-SCUSA : means I'm sorry, informal

HOW TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF

CIAO / BUONGIORNO/POMERIGGIO/SERA

SONO (name) , means I am ..., you can use it with your name or nationality

or MI CHIAMO (name) , means my name is, it's both formal and informal

VENGO DAL/DALLA +(place) means I'm from

HO + (age) means I'm +age

WHEN SPEAKING TO SOMEONE

If you want to know someone's name you can use 'COME TI CHIAMI?'

'PIACERE DI CONOSCERTI' means nice to meet you

'COME STAI?' means how are you, informal / 'COME STA?' same but formal

how to answer to it

- BENE, GRAZIE E TU? means 'fine, thanks and you?'... 'E LEI?' formal
- COSÌ COSÌ means more or less, not so well
- MALE means bad
- A PRESTO, means see you soon A DOPO, means see you later
- ARRIVEDERCI, means goodbye

USEFUL QUESTIONS/ EXCLAMATIONS

DOV' É + (place)?, when you want to know where a place is

POSSO + (request)?, means can I? + per favore

VORREI ..., means I would like to...

VERBS

ESSERE, to be AVERE, to have (nb. in italian we say Io ho 20 anni and not Io sono 20 anni)

FARE, to do DIRE, to say DARE, to give

POTERE, can VOLERE, to want DOVERE, must

SAPERE, to know

STARE, to stay, with a location or a condition

PRENDERE, to take (not prendere una doccia ma fare una doccia)

ANDARE, to go VENIRE, to come

PARLARE, to talk (we don't have to speak, parlare italiano, parlo con te)

THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO

When you ask for “latte” in a bar you will receive MILK (latte = milk)

if you want milk with coffee, ask for LATTE MACCHIATO.

A normal coffee is short and strong (CAFFE ESPRESSO)

if you want it long, ask for CAFFE AMERICANO

WE USUALLY HAVE A SWEET BREAKFAST

cheese + fish NO

usually coffee after you eat lunch or dinner

we eat a pizza for each person, not one pizza for all, pineapple on pizza NO