**HOW TO SURVIVE IN ITALY**

**USEFUL SENTENCES**

**BASIC ITALIAN GREETINGS**

* **Ciao,come va?**

**(Hello,how are you?)**

* **Buongiorno.**

**(Goodmorning.)**

* **Grazie.**

**(Thank you.)**

* **Per favore.**

**(Please.)**

* **Scusi.**

**(Excuse me.)**

* **Arrivederci.**

**(Bye.)**

**AT THE BAR:**

* **Siamo pronti per ordinare.**

**(We're ready to order.)**

* **Io vorrei...**

**(I'd like...)**

* **Scusi, ci potrebbe portare il conto?**

**(Excuse me, could you bring us the bill, please?)**

**DURING A CONVERSATION:**

* **Non ho capito.**

(I don’t understand.)

* **Che cosa significa?**

(What does it mean?)

* **Puoi ripetere per favore?**

(Can you repeat, please?)

* **Posso chiedere una cosa?**

(Can I ask you something?)

* **Come si pronuncia questa parola?**

(How do you say this word?)

**IN A SHOP:**

Cerco un…

 (I’m looking for a…)

* **Quanto costa?**

(How much is it?)

* **E’ troppo caro per me.**

 (It’s too expensive for me.)

* **Mi piace questo.**

(I like this.)

* **Vorrei provare questo.**

 (I’d like to try this.)

* **Lo compro.**

(I’ll take it.)

**GIVING DIRECTIONS**

* **Mi sono perso. Da che parte devo andare?**

**(I‘m lost. What direction do I have to go?)**

* **Che autobus devo prendere per andare all’aeroporto?**

**(What bus should I take to get to the airport?)**

**IDIOMS about bodyparts**

«Mani Fredde cuore caldo.» - „Cold hands, warm heart“

«Avere il pollice verde» - “ To have a green thumb”: to be good at taking care of plants and green

«La salute prima di tutto.» - “Health comes first of all.” It means that physical and mental health is prioritary to any other problem.

«Mente sana in corpo sano.» “Healthy mind in healthy body.” It comes from the Latin expression ,,mens sana in corpore sano".

«Scherzo di mano, scherzo di villano.» It means that using strong manners and beating someone, even out of joking, is unacceptable for any person considered polite.

«Gettare il sasso e nascondere la Mano.» “Throw the stone and hide the hand.” It means pretending and denying having committed a negative and harmful action.

<<In un batter d‘occhio>> „in the blink of an eye“

**IDIOMS about colours**

Mangiare in bianco - to eat plain food

Di punto in bianco – all of a sudden

Mettere nero su bianco – write down

Passare la notte in bianco – to spend a white night: to have a sleepless night

settimana bianca – white week: a week you spend in the mountains, in winter, to ski or do winter sports Essere al verde – to be broke

Avere il pollice verde – to have a green thumb: to be very good with plants

Vedere i sorci verdi -to have your guts for garters: to be really scared

Essere d‘umore nero – to be in a black mood: to be in a really bad mood

**IDIOMS about animals**

Non dire gatto se non ce l‘hai nel sacco - Do not say cat if you have not got it in the bag: never talk about smthg still uncertain

Quando il gatto non c‘é i topi ballano - When the cat’s not around, the mice are dancing: No boss, no work

Mettere il carro davanti ai buoi - Put the cart before the horse: make up obstacles before doing any thing

Moglie e buoi dei paesi tuoi - Wife and oxen from your country: never marry someone from a different background than yours.

Gallina vecchia fa buon brodo - An old chicken makes a fantastic soup: never judge someone from his/her age

In bocca al lupo – Break your leg

Lento come una lumaca – to be as slow like a snail