

La prima lezione (Lesson One)

Come si chiama? (1:30-6:35)

Come si chiama?

What is your name?


Mi chiamo _____.

My name is _____.

E Lei?

And You?

Pronunciation of Vowels (6:35-17:45)

 As a rule your accent will fall on the second to the last syllable. Keep in mind there are many exceptions to this rule.

Italian Vowels	Sounds like in English	
A (ah)	father	casa-pasta-amore-latte
E (eh)	bet	espresso-bene-entrata-cane
I (ee)	bee	spaghetti-birra-Italia-vino
O (oh)	cold	pomodoro-olio d'olive-passaporto
U (ooh)	rule	uno-burro-uscita-cucina

Consonant Combinations

gn (ny)	canyon	gnocchi-lasagna-bagno-sogno
zz (ts)	pizza	mozzarella-piazza-prezzo-cozza

Pronunciation of Consonants

	Sounds like in English	Italian
C (before e or i)	ch/church	ciao
G (before by e or i)	j/general	giorno(JOHR-noh)
SC (before a, o & u)	sk/skill	scuola(skoo-OH-lah)
SCH(before e & i)	sk/skill	scherzo(SKEHR-tso)
SCI(before a ,o & u)	sh/shelter	sciare(she-AHR-eh)
SC (before e & i)	sh/shelter	pesce(PESH-eh)



Pluralization (17:46-24:22)

Masculine

 A word ending with an “o” is made plural by changing the “o” to an “i”.

pomodoro becomes pomodori

biglietto becomes biglietti

sogno becomes sogni

Feminine

 A word ending with an “a” is made plural by changing the “a” to an “e”.

casa becomes case

ragazza becomes ragazze

pasta becomes paste

 **When you are speaking about a group of people that is made up of mixed genders, meaning males and females, the plural form is masculine. For example, a group of boys and girls would be referred to in the masculine form “ragazzi”.**

Espressioni di cortesia (Expressions of courtesy) (24:25-31:30)

Grazie (GRAH-tsee-eh)	Thank you.
Prego (PREH-goh)	You are welcome.
Prego	Please.
Per favore (pehr fah-VOH-reh)	Please do me this favor.
Piacere (pya-CHEH-reh)	Pleased to meet you.
Scusi (SCOOH-zee)	Excuse me.
Permesso (pehr-MEH-ssoh)	Excuse me, may I pass.
Mi dispiace (me dees-PYAH-cheh)	I'm sorry.

I saluti (The greetings) (31:30-41:24)

Ciao	(CHAH-oh)	Hi, Bye
Salve	(SAHL-veh)	Hello
Buon giorno	(bwohn JOHR-noh)	Good morning
Buon pomeriggio	(bwohn poh-meh-REE-jjoh)	Good afternoon
Buona sera	(BWOHN-ah SEH-rah)	Good evening
Buona notte	(BWOHN-ah NOH-tteh)	Good night
Arrivederci	(ah-rree-veh-DEHR-chee)	Goodbye
ArrivederLa	(ah-rree-veh-DEHR-lah)	Goodbye (formal)
A presto	(ah PREHS-toh)	See you soon
Pronto	(PROHN-toh)	Hello (answering phone)

Subject Pronouns (41:24-44:24)

Io(EE-oh)	I		noi(NOH-ee)	we, us
Tu(tooh)	you	(familiar)	voi(VOH-ee)	you
Lei(LEH-ee)	You	(formal)	Loro(LOHR-oh)	you
Lei(LEH-ee)	she, her		loro(LOHR-oh)	they, them
Lui(LOOH-ee)	he, him			



Stare (STAH-reh) = to feel (44:24-57:11)

io	sto (stoh)	I feel	noi	stiamo (stee-AH-moh)	we feel
tu	stai (STAH-ee)	you feel (familiar)	voi	state (STAH-teh)	you feel
Lei	sta (stah)	You feel (formal)	Loro	stanno (STAH-nnoh)	You feel
lei	sta	she feels	loro	stanno (STAH-nnoh)	they feel
lui	sta	he feels			

Examples:

Come sta?	How are you?
Sto bene.	I am well.
Stai bene.	You(familiar) are well.
Come state?	How are you?
Stiamo bene.	We are well.
Come stanno loro?	How are they?
Loro stanno bene.	They are well.
Sto benissimo.	I am very well.
Non sto bene.	I am not well.
Male	Bad or poorly
Così così	So so.
Non c'è male.	Not bad.

Come va? (57:15-59:00)

Examples:

Come va?

How's it going?

Va bene.

It's going well.

Va benissimo.

It's going very well.

Non va bene.

It's not going well.

Non c'è male.

Not bad.

Abbastanza bene.

Rather well.

Lesson one vocabolario

 Vocabulary not heard on the CD includes pronunciation guide.

Andiamo	Let's go
La prima lezione	The first lesson
Come si chiama?	What's your name?
Mi chiamo	My name is
Roma	Rome
Firenze	Florence
E lei	And you
Lingua	Language, tongue
Andiamo avanti.	Let's go forward.
Ti amo.	I love you.
Amo la pasta.	I love pasta.
Cassa	Cash register or house where you pay
Carne	Meat
Buono(a)	Good
Buonissimo(a)	Very good



Caffè	Coffee and café
Dolce(i-plural)	Sweet(adj). Pastry or dessert
Scontrino	Receipt
Barista	Bartender
Vino	Wine
Rosso	Red
Bianco	White
Birra alla spina	Draft beer
Casalinga(kah-sah-LEEN-gah)	Housewife
Cucina casalinga	Home cooking
La toilette	The toilet
Vongole	Clams
Piazza	Square
Piazza Navona	A piazza in Rome
Piazza Plebescito	A piazza in Naples.
Napoli	Naples
Piazza San Marco	A piazza in Venice
Venezia	Venice



Biglietto	Ticket
Oro	Gold
Sogni d'oro	Sweet dreams
Per esempio	For example
Ragazza	Girl
Ragazzo	Boy
Bologna	A city in Italy
Tortellini	Type of pasta
Posso?	May I?
Il conto	The check
Mio(a)	My, mine
Piacere mio.	My pleasure.



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Benissimo

Very well

Male

Bad or poorly

Così così.

So so.

Non c'è male.

Not bad.

Abbastanza bene.

Rather well.

Buon ascolto!

Enjoy listening!

La prima conversazione (59:00-1:01:30)

Marcello: Buon giorno.

Mina: Buon giorno.

Marcello: Mi chiamo Marcello, e Lei, come si chiama?

Mina: Mi chiamo Mina. Come sta?

Marcello: Sto bene grazie, e Lei, come sta?

Mina: Sto benissimo, grazie.

Mina: Marcello, Le presento mio marito, Valerio.

Marcello: Piacere. Come sta?

Valerio: Sto bene, grazie. Come va?

Marcello: Abbastanza bene.

Mina: Arrivederci Marcello.

Marcello: Arrivederci.

The first conversation

Marcello: Good morning.

Mina: Good morning.

Marcello: My name is Marcello, and You, what is your name?

Mina: My name is Mina. How are You?

Marcello: I am well thank you, and You, how are You?

Mina: I am very well, thank you.

Mina: Marcello, I present to You my husband, Valerio.

Marcello: Pleased to meet you. How are You?

Valerio: I am well, thank you. How is it going?

Marcello: Rather well.

Mina: Good-bye Marcello.

Marcello: Good-bye.

La traduzione (The translation)

Translate the following sentences into Italian.

1. What's your name?
2. My name is_____.
3. How are you(formal)?
4. How are you(familiar)?
5. I am well.
6. I am not well.
7. How are you (familiar plural)?
8. We are well.
9. We are not well.
10. Not bad.
11. Thank you.
12. You are welcome.
13. The check please.
14. Pleased to meet you.

La traduzione (The translation)

Translate the following sentences into Italian.

15. How is it going?
16. Good morning.
17. Good night.
18. Hello.
19. It is going well.
20. My name is Giovanni, and you?
21. Excuse me.
22. Hello (when answering the phone).
23. They are well.
24. I love you.
25. I am very well.

Le risposte (The answers)

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. What's your name? | Come si chiama? |
| 2. My name is _____. | Mi chiamo _____. |
| 3. How are you(formal)? | Come sta? |
| 4. How are you(familiar)? | Come stai? |
| 5. I am well. | Sto bene. |
| 6. I am not well. | Non sto bene. |
| 7. How are you (familiar plural)? | Come state? |
| 8. We are well. | Stiamo bene. |
| 9. We are not well. | Non stiamo bene. |
| 10. Not bad. | Non c'è male. |
| 11. Thank you. | Grazie. |
| 12. You are welcome. | Prego. |
| 13. The check please. | Il conto per favore. |
| 14. Pleased to meet you. | Piacere. |

Le risposte (The answers)

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| 15. How is it going? | Come va? |
| 16. Good morning. | Buon giorno. |
| 17. Good night. | Buona notte. |
| 18. Hello. | Salve |
| 19. It is going well. | Va bene. |
| 20. My name is Giovanni, and You? | Mi chiamo Giovanni, e Lei? |
| 21. Excuse me. | Scusi. |
| 22. Hello (when answering the phone). | Pronto. |
| 23. They are well. | Loro stanno bene. |
| 24. I love you. | Ti amo. |
| 25. I am very well. | Sto benissimo. |

Il Caffè in Italia

Caffè – espresso.

Espresso – a small serving of black and strong coffee in a small cup.

Caffè ristretto – an espresso made with less water thus it is stronger than an espresso.

Caffè americano – it is often a watered-down version of espresso. It is served in a larger cup and is not as strong as espresso.

Caffè macchiato – macchiato means “stained”. This is an espresso that is macchiato with a small amount of steamed milk.

Caffè corretto – corretto means “correct”. An espresso which has been “corrected” with liquor.

Caffèlatte – an espresso with milk.

Cappuccino – an espresso with steamed milk.

Caffè decaffeinato – decaffeinated coffee.

Granita di caffè – frozen espresso that is grated. Similar to crushed ice.

Caffè freddo – a mixture of cold espresso and granita di caffè.