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Italian QuickChat

English-speakers will find Italian a beautiful language to listen to and an easy one to start speaking. The expressive rhythm and melody of the language, which has lent itself to the epic poetry of Dante and the grand operas of Verdi, has fascinated visitors for centuries. When even a simple sentence can sound like an aria you'll find it difficult to resist striking up a conversation.

QUESTION WORDS

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| How? | Come? | ko-me |
| What? | Che? | ke |
| When? | Quando? | kwan-do |
| Where? | Dove? | do-ve |
| Who? | Chi? | kee |

CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Hello | Buon giorno | bwon jor-no |
| | Ciao (inf) | chow |
| Goodbye | Arrivederci | a-ree-ve-der-chee |
| | Ciao (inf) | chow |
| Yes | Sì | see |
| No | No | no |
| Please | Per favore | per fa-vo-re |
| | Per piacere | per pya-chay-re |
| Thank you | Grazie | gra-tsye |
| That's fine/You're welcome | Prego | pre-go |
| Excuse me | Mi scusi | mee skoo-zee |
| I'm sorry | Mi scusi | mee skoo-zee |
| | Mi perdoni | mee per-do-nee |
| What's your name? | Come si chiama? | ko-me see kya-ma |
| | Come ti chiami? (inf) | ko-me tee kya-ma |
| My name is ... | Mi chiamo ... | mee kya-mo ... |
| Where are you from? | Da dove viene? | da do-ve vye-ne |
| | Di dove sei? (inf) | dee do-ve se-ee |
| I'm from ... | Vengo da ... | ven-go da ... |
| I (don't) like ... | (Non) Mi piace ... | (non) mee pya-che ... |
| Just a minute | Un momento. | oon mo-men-to |

DIRECTIONS

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Where is ...? | Dov'è ...? | do-ve ... |
| Go straight ahead | Si va sempre dritto | see va sem-pre dee-ree-to |
| | Vai sempre dritto (inf) | va-ee sem-pre dee-ree-to |
| Turn left | Giri a sinistra | jee-ree a see-nee-stra |
| Turn right | Giri a destra | jee-ree a de-stra |
| at the next corner | al prossimo angolo | al pro-see-mo an-go-lo |
| at the traffic lights | al semaforo | al se-ma-fo-ro |

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

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| Do you speak English? | Parla inglese? | par-la een-gle-ze |
| How do you say ... in Italian? | Come si dice ... in italiano? | ko-me see dee-che ...een ee-ta-ly-a-no |
| What does ... mean? | Che vuol dire ...? | ke vvol dee-re ... |
| I (don't) understand | (Non) capisco | (non) ka-pee-sko |

TIME & DATES

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| What time is it? | Che ore sono? | ke o-re so-no |
| in the morning | di mattina | dee ma-tee-na |
| in the afternoon | di pomeriggio | dee po-me-ree-jo |
| in the evening | di sera | dee se-ra |
| today | oggi | o-jee |
| tomorrow | domani | do-ma-nee |
| yesterday | ieri | ye-ree |
| Monday | lunedì | loo-ne-dee |
| Tuesday | martedì | mar-te-dee |
| Wednesday | mercoledì | mer-ko-le-dee |
| Thursday | giovedì | jo-ve-dee |
| Friday | venerdì | ve-ner-dee |
| Saturday | sabato | sa-ba-to |
| Sunday | domenica | do-me-nee-ka |

SHOPPING & SERVICES

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| I'd like to buy ... | Vorrei comprare ... | vo-ray kom-pra-re ... |
| How much is it? | Quanto costa? | kwan-to ko-sta |
| I don't like it | Non mi piace | non mee pya-che |
| May I look at it? | Posso dare un'occhiata? | po-so da-re oo-no-ky-a-ta |
| I'm just looking | Sto solo guardando | sto so-lo gwar-dan-do |
| It's cheap | Non è caro/cara | non e ka-ro/ka-ra |
| It's too expensive | È troppo caro/a | e tro-po ka-ro/ka-ra |
| I'll take it | Lo/La compro | lo/la kom-pro |
| Do you accept credit cards? | Accettate carte di credito? | a-che-ta-te kar-te dee kre-dee-to |

PLACES

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| the church | la chiesa | la kye-za |
| the city centre | il centro | eel chen-tro |
| the embassy | l'ambasciata | lam-ba-sha-ta |
| the market | il mercato | eel mer-ka-to |
| the museum | il museo | eel moo-ze-o |
| the post office | la posta | la po-sta |
| a public toilet | un gabinetto | oon ga-bee-ne-to |
| the tourist office | l'ufficio di turismo | loo-fee-cho dee too-reez-mo |

TRANSPORT

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| What time does the ... leave/arrive? | A che ora parte/arriva ...? | a ke o-ra par-te/a-ree-va ... |
| boat | la nave | la na-ve |
| bus | l'autobus | low-to-boos |
| plane | l'aereo | la-e-re-o |
| train | il treno | eel tre-no |
| I'd like a ticket | Vorrei un biglietto | vo-ray oon bee-lye-to |
| I want to go to ... | Voglio andare a ... | vo-lyo an-da-re a ... |
| The train has been cancelled/delayed | Il treno è soppresso/in ritardo | eel tre-no e een ree-tar-do |
| platform | binario | bee-na-ryo |
| ticket office | biglietteria | bee-lye-te-ree-a |
| timetable | orario | o-ra-ryo |
| train station | stazione | sta-tsyo-ne |

EMERGENCIES

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Help! | Aiuto! | a-yoo-to |
| I'm lost | Mi sono perso/a | mee so-no per-so/a |
| Go away! | Lasciami in pace! | la-sha-mi een pa-che |
| | Vai via! (inf) | va-ee vee-a |
| Call ...! | Chiami ...! | kee-ya-mee ... |
| a doctor | un dottore/un medico | oon do-to-re/oon me-dee-ko |
| the police | la polizia | la po-lee-tsee-ya |

SIGNS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Entrance | Ingresso/Entrata |
| Exit | Uscita |
| Information | Informazione |
| Open | Aperto |
| Closed | Chiuso |
| Prohibited | Proibito/Vietato |
| Rooms Available | Camere Libere |
| Full/No Vacancies | Completo |
| Police | Polizia/Carabinieri |
| Police Station | Questura |
| Toilets | Gabinetti/Bagni |
| Men | Uomini |
| Women | Donne |