

## Basic Italian Phrases

### **Buon giorno**

*bwon zhor-no*

Hello / Good morning/afternoon

### **Ciao**

*chow*

Hi / Hello / Bye (informal)

### **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)

### **Buona sera**

*bwoh-nah seh-rah*

Good evening

### **Arrivederci**

*ah-ree-vuh-dehr-chee*

Goodbye

### **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)

### **Buona notte**

*bwoh-nah noht-teh*

Good night

### **ArrivederLa**

*ah-ree-vuh-dehr-lah*

Goodbye (formal)

### **Prego**

*preh-goh*

You're Welcome

### **Salute!**

*sah-loo-teh*

Bless you!

### **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 venti anni.**

*oh vehn-tee ahn-nee*

I am 20 years old.

**Parla italiano?***par-lah ee-tahl-ee-ah-no*

Do you speak Italian? (formal)

**Parli inglese?***par-lee een-gleh-zeh*

Do you speak English?

(informal)

**Parlo italiano. / Non parlo inglese.***par-lo ee-tahl-ee-ah-no / non par-lo een-gleh-zeh*

I speak Italian. / I don't

speak English.

**Capisce? / Capisci?***kah-pee-sheh / kah-pee-shee*

Do you understand? (formal /

informal)

**[Non] capisco.***[non] kah-pees-koh*

I [don't] understand.

**Non so. / Lo so.***non soh / low soh*

I don't know. / I know.

**Può aiutarmi? / Puoi aiutarmi?***pwoh ah-yoo-tar-mee / pwoh-ee ah-**yoo-tar-mee*

Can you help me? (formal /

informal)

**Certamente / D'accordo.***cher-tah-mehn-teh / dah-kohr-**doh*

Sure / OK.

**Come?***koh-meh?*

What? / Pardon me?

**Desidera? / Desideri?***deh-zee-deh-rah / deh-zee-deh-ree*

May I help you? (formal / informal)

**Come si dice "house" in italiano?***koh-meh see dee-cheh "house" een ee-tah-lee-ah-noh*How do you say "house" in Italian?**Dov'è / Dove sono...?***doh-veh / doh-veh soh-noh*

Where is / Where are... ?

**Ecco / Eccoli...***eh-koh / eh-koh-lee*

Here is / Here are...

**C'è / Ci sono...***ch eh / chee soh-noh*

There is / There are...

**Cosa c'è?***koh-zah cheh*

What's the matter? / What's wrong?

**Benvenuti!***behn-veh-noo-tee*

Welcome!

**Ho fame. / Ho sete.***oh fah-meh / oh seh-teh*

I'm hungry. / I'm thirsty.

**Ho freddo. / Ho caldo.***oh freh-doh / oh kal-doh*

I'm cold. / I'm hot.