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Padroneggia i 100 Verbi Essenziali

Master the 100 Essential Verbs



LANGUAGE

Italian 



TRANSLATION

English 



LEVEL

A1 - Beginner



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100 Essential Italian Verbs

In this lesson we look at the 100 most common verbs in Italian. With them you will get a good understanding of the most important verbs and their conjugations in the present tense.

Italian subject pronouns

Italian has the following subject pronouns:

- **Io** (I)
- **Tu** (you, singular)
- **Lui/Lei** (he/she)
- **Noi** (we)
- **Voi** (you, plural/formal)
- **Loro** (they, plural)

Note: In Italian the subject pronouns are often left out, because the verb ending already shows who is doing the action.

Example: The verb Parlare (to speak)

Now we give a short example with the verb **parlare** (to speak) in the present tense:

Io parlo italiano.

(I speak Italian)

Tu parli bene.

(You speak well)

Lui parla con Maria.

(He speaks with Maria)

Noi parliamo ogni giorno.

(We talk every day)

Voi parlate troppo veloce!

(You speak too fast!)

Loro parlano molto.

(They talk a lot)

□ **Important pattern:** Notice how the endings change: -o, -i, -a, -iamo, -ate, -ano. This is typical for verbs ending in **-are** such as *parlare*, *mangiare* and *studiare*.

Understanding pronunciation

In Italian almost every letter is pronounced. The stress usually falls on the second-to-last syllable.

- **Parlo** → pronounced ['par.lo]
- **Parliamo** → pronounced [par'lja.mo]
- **Parlano** → pronounced ['par.la.no]

This means that you can clearly hear the sounds, unlike in French where many final letters are silent.

Other verb groups

Besides *-are* verbs there are also *-ere* and *-ire* verbs:

- **Leggere** (to read): *io leggo, tu leggi, lui legge ...*
- **Dormire** (to sleep): *io dormo, tu dormi, lui dorme ...*

□ The endings change, but the pattern stays the same: each person has its own fixed form.

Next you will see the 100 most important Italian verbs with their full conjugations. Each verb is presented with six example sentences that show all the different persons.



Core verbs - very high frequency

In this lesson you practice the most important Italian verbs that you see everywhere.

Essere - To be

Avere - To have

Fare - To do / To make

Dire - To say

Potere - Can / May

Volere - To want

Dovere - Must / have to

Sapere - To know / can

Stare - To stay / to be

Piacere - To be liked

Riuscire - To manage / succeed

Bastare - To be enough

Servire - To serve

Succedere - To happen/to succeed (someone)



Movement, travel & places

In this lesson you learn how to talk about going, coming, travelling and getting around in daily life.

Andare - To go

Venire - To come

Arrivare - To arrive

Entrare - To go in

Uscire - To go out / to leave

Tornare - To return

Viaggiare - To travel

Passare - To spend time

Correre - To run

Camminare - To walk

Salire - To go up

Scendere - To go down

Guidare - To drive (a car)

Visitare - To visit

Speaking, listening & communication



In this lesson you practice verbs that help you have conversations, listen, and express yourself clearly.

Parlare - To speak

Ascoltare - To listen

Vedere - To see

Guardare - To watch

Sentire - To hear/To feel

Chiedere - To ask

Rispondere - To answer

Spiegare - To explain

Mostrare - To show

Scrivere - To write

Leggere - To read

Telefonare - To call

Chiamare - To call / To shout

Mandare - To send

Thinking, feeling & choosing

In this lesson you discover verbs to express your thoughts, feelings and choices.



Pensare - To think

Capire - To understand

Ricordare - To remember

Dimenticare - To forget

Conoscere - To know

Cercare - To look for

Scegliere - To choose

Provare - To try / To try on

Sperare - To hope

Preferire - To prefer

People & social life

In this lesson you practice verbs you need to meet people, help them and describe social situations.

Trovare - To find

Incontrare - To meet

Dare - To give

Ricevere - To receive / to get

Promettere - To promise



Aiutare - To help

Giocare - To play

Ridere - To laugh

Piangere - To cry

Daily routine, body & home

In this lesson you learn verbs for everyday actions, your body, and typical activities in and around the house.

Mangiare - To eat

Bere - To drink

Dormire - To sleep

Vivere - To live / To reside

Alzarsi - To get up

Sedersi - To sit down

Vestirsi - To get dressed

Mettersi - To put something on

Sentirsi - To feel

Cucinare - To cook

Lavare - To wash



Pulire - To clean

Preparare - To prepare

Work, study & progress

In this lesson you practice verbs you use at school, at work and for personal development.

Lavorare - To work

Studiare - To study

Imparare - To learn

Seguire - To follow

Cambiare - To change

Diventare - To become

Rimanere - To stay

Shopping, money, restaurants & reservations

In this lesson you learn verbs that are essential for shopping, paying, ordering food and making reservations.

Comprare - To buy

Vendere - To sell

Pagare - To pay

Spendere - To spend



Prenotare - To reserve

Ordinare - To order

Time, change & general action verbs

In this lesson you discover useful verbs that help you describe actions, changes and events.

Iniziare - To start

Finire - To finish

Lasciare - To leave/To let

Prendere - To take

Mettere - To put / to place

Portare - To bring / to carry

Tenere - To hold / to keep

Usare - To use

Aprire - To open

Chiudere - To close

Aspettare - To wait

Perdere - To lose

Nuotare - To swim

