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TOP 24 ITALIAN VERBS



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Top 24 Most Important Verbs in Italian

1. Essere (to be)
2. Avere (to have)
3. Fare (to do/make)
4. Andare (to go)
5. Stare (to be/stay)
6. Parlare (to speak/talk)
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23. Venire (to come)
24. Finire (to end/finish)



Now let's take a close look at each verb.

1. Essere (to be)

(io) sono - I am

(tu) sei - you are

(lui/lei) è - he/she is

(noi) siamo - we are

(voi) siete - you are

(loro) sono - they are

Examples:

- I signori Jones sono inglesi. (Mr. and Mrs. Jones are English.)
- Lo scorso weekend sono stato al mare. (Last weekend I was at the beach.)

2. Avere (to have)

(io) ho - I have

(tu) hai - you have

(lui/lei) ha - he/she has

(noi) abbiamo - we have

(voi) avete - you have

(loro) hanno - they have

Examples:

- Quanti anni hai? (How old are you?, lit. How many years do you have?)
- Mia sorella e suo marito hanno avuto un bambino! (My sister and her husband have just had a baby!)



3. Fare (to do/make)

(io) faccio - I do/make

(tu) fai - you do/make

(lui/lei) fa - he/she does/makes

(noi) facciamo - we do/make

(voi) fate - you do/make

(loro) fanno - they do/make

Examples:

- Giulio fa l'avvocato. (Giulio is a lawyer.)
- Abbiamo fatto una torta per il compleanno della mamma. (We made a cake for mum's birthday.)

4. Andare (to go)

(io) vado - I go

(tu) vai - you go

(lui/lei) va - he/she goes

(noi) andiamo - we go

(voi) andate - you go

(loro) vanno - they go

Examples:

- Dove andate? (Where are you all going?)
- L'anno scorso sono andata in Grecia. (Last year I went to Greece.)



5. Stare (to be/stay)

(io) sto - I stay

(tu) stai - you stay

(lui/lei) sta - he/she stays

(noi) stiamo - we stay

(voi) state - you stay

(loro) stanno - they stay

Examples:

- Fabio sta male, ha la febbre. (Fabio is not feeling well, he has a fever.)
- La stanza era piena, siamo stati in piedi per tutta la sera. (The room was full, we were on our feet the whole night.)

6. Parlare (to speak/talk)

(io) parlo - I speak/talk

(tu) parli - you speak/talk

(lui/lei) parla - he/she speaks/talks

(noi) parliamo - we speak/talk

(voi) parlate - you speak/talk

(loro) parlano - they speak/talk

Examples:

- Nina parla quattro lingue: inglese, russo, francese e italiano. (Nina speaks four languages: English, Russian, French and Italian.)
- A cena abbiamo parlato di tante cose. (At dinner we talked about many topics.)



7. Dare (to give)

(io) do - I give

(tu) dai - you give

(lui/lei) dà - he/she gives

(noi) diamo - we give

(voi) date - you give

(loro) danno - they give

Examples:

- Mi dai una mano per favore? (Can you please give me a hand?)
- Abbiamo dato questo soldi in beneficenza. (We gave this money to charity.)

8. Guardare (to watch/look at)

(io) guardo - I watch/look at

(tu) guardi - you watch/look at

(lui/lei) guarda - he/she watches/looks at

(noi) guardiamo - we watch/look at

(voi) guardate - you watch/look at

(loro) guardano - they watch/look at

Examples:

- Stasera guardiamo un film. (Tonight we're watching a film.)
- Mi ha guardato sorridendo. (He/She looked at me smiling.)



9. Lavare (to wash)

(io) [mi] lavo - I wash [myself]

(tu) [ti] lavi - you wash [yourself]

(lui/lei) [si] lava - he/she washes [himself/herself]

(noi) [ci] laviamo - we wash [ourselves]

(voi) [vi] lavate - you wash [yourselves]

(loro) [si] lavano - they wash [themselves]

Examples:

- Mi lavo i denti prima di andare a dormire. (I brush my teeth before going to bed.)
- Ieri ho lavato la macchina. (I washed the car yesterday.)

10. Abitare (to live/reside)

(io) abito - I live/reside

(tu) abiti - you live/reside

(lui/lei) abita - he/she lives/resides

(noi) abitiamo - we live/reside

(voi) abitate - you live/reside

(loro) abitano - they live/reside

Examples:

- I miei nonni abitano a Napoli. (My grandparents live in Naples.)
- Abbiamo abitato a Roma per cinque anni. (We lived in Rome for five years.)



11. Prendere (to take/grab/have/catch/get...)

(io) prendo - I take

(tu) prendi - you take

(lui/lei) prende - he/she takes

(noi) prendiamo - we take

(voi) prendete - you take

(loro) prendono - they take

Examples:

- Prendiamo un caffè? (Shall we get a coffee?)
- Non ho ancora preso una decisione. (I haven't made a decision yet.)

12. Potere (can/may/be able to)

(io) posso - I can

(tu) puoi - you can

(lui/lei) può - he/she can

(noi) possiamo - we can

(voi) potete - you can

(loro) possono - they can

Examples:

- Non posso uscire, devo lavorare. (I can't go out, I have to work.)
- Non abbiamo potuto fare nulla. (We couldn't do anything.)



13. Volere (to want)

(io) voglio - I want

(tu) vuoi - you want

(lui/lei) vuole - he/she wants

(noi) vogliamo - we want

(voi) volete - you want

(loro) vogliono - they want

Examples:

- I bambini non vogliono dormire. (The children don't want to sleep.)
- Ho voluto parlare con lui prima di uscire. (I wanted to talk to him before going out.)

14. Dovere (must/have to/owe)

(io) devo - I must/have to/owe

(tu) devi - you must/have to/owe

(lui/lei) deve - he/she must/has to/owes

(noi) dobbiamo - we must/have to/owe

(voi) dovete - you must/have to/owe

(loro) devono - they must/have to/owe

Examples:

- Devo dirti una cosa. (I have something to tell you.)
- Siamo dovuti partire presto. (We had to leave early.)



15. Sapere (to know/be aware of)

(io) so - I know

(tu) sai - you know

(lui/lei) sa - he/she knows

(noi) sappiamo - we know

(voi) sapete - you know

(loro) sanno - they know

Examples:

- Sai che ore sono? (Do you know what time it is?)
- Abbiamo saputo che ti sei sposato! (We found out you got married!)*

16. Conoscere (to know/be acquainted with)

(io) conosco - I know

(tu) conosci - you know

(lui/lei) conosce - he/she knows

(noi) conosciamo - we know

(voi) conoscete - you know

(loro) conoscono - they know

Examples:

- Conosci Giuseppe? (Do you know Giuseppe?)
- Ho conosciuto mio marito ad una festa. (I met my husband at a party).*



17. Vedere (to see)

(io) vedo - I see

(tu) vedi - you see

(lui/lei) vede - he/she sees

(noi) vediamo - we see

(voi) vedete - you see

(loro) vedono - they see

Examples:

- Non ti vedo, dove sei? (I don't see you, where are you?)
- Avete visto il tramonto ieri? (Did you see the sunset yesterday?)

18. Mettere (to put)

(io) metto - I put

(tu) metti - you put

(lui/lei) mette - he/she puts

(noi) mettiamo - we put

(voi) mettete - you put

(loro) mettono - they put

Examples:

- La tua voce mette tranquillità. (Your voice is calming.)
- Ho messo la torta nel/in forno. (I put the cake in the oven.)



19. Uscire (to exit/go out)

(io) esco - I exit/go out

(tu) esci - you exit/go out

(lui/lei) esce - he/she exits/goes out

(noi) usciamo - we exit/go out

(voi) uscite - you exit/go out

(loro) escono - they exit/go out

Examples:

- Esci con noi stasera? (Are you going out with us tonight?)
- Siamo usciti dalla classe esausti. (We exit the class exhausted.)

20. Dire (to say/tell)

(io) dico - I say/tell

(tu) dici - you say/tell

(lui/lei) dice - he/she says/tells

(noi) diciamo - we say/tell

(voi) dite - you say/tell

(loro) dicono - they say/tell

Examples:

- Che dici? (What are you saying?)
- Le ho detto che non posso andare alla festa. (I told her I can't go to the party).



21. Capire (to understand)

(io) capisco - I understand

(tu) capisci - you understand

(lui/lei) capisce - he/she understands

(noi) capiamo - we understand

(voi) capite - you understand

(loro) capiscono - they understand

Examples:

- Puoi parlare più piano? Non capisco. (Could you speak more slowly? I don't understand).
- Abbiamo capito tutto! (We understood everything!)

22. Sentire (to hear/feel/smell/taste)

(io) sento - I hear/feel/smell/taste

(tu) senti - you hear/feel/smell/taste

(lui/lei) sente - he/she hears/feels/smells/tastes

(noi) sentiamo - we hear/feel/smell/taste

(voi) sentite - you hear/feel/smell/taste

(loro) sentono - you hear/feel/smell/taste

Examples:

- Sento profumo di basilico. (I smell basil.)
- Hai sentito quel suono? (Did you hear that sound?)



23. Venire (to come)

(io) vengo - I come

(tu) vieni - you come

(lui/lei) viene - he/she comes

(noi) veniamo - we come

(voi) venite - you come

(loro) vengono - they come

Examples:

- Charlotte viene da Parigi. (Charlotte comes from Paris.)
- I miei amici non sono venuti a cena ieri sera. (My friends didn't come to dinner last night.)

24. Finire (to end/finish)

(io) finisco - I finish

(tu) finisci - you finish

(lui/lei) finisce - he/she finishes

(noi) finiamo - we finish

(voi) finite - you finish

(loro) finiscono - they finish

Examples:

- Il film finisce tra circa un'ora. (The film ends in about an hour.)
- Avete finito i compiti? (Have you finished your homework?)



Grazie!

I hope you enjoyed this cheat-sheet and learned something new. Remember, don't worry about not being able to remember it all, you're learning more than most other people do so you should be very proud of yourself. I know I am!

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Happy learning!

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