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### **Michel Thomas, 1914–2005**

Michel Thomas, the internationally renowned linguist and language teacher, who was awarded the Silver Star by the US Army for his bravery in the Second World War, died of heart failure at his home in New York on 8th January 2005. He was 90.

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# Introduction

## Who was Michel Thomas?

Michel Thomas was head of the Michel Thomas Language Centers and taught languages for over fifty years, primarily in New York, Beverly Hills, and London. He was a graduate of the Department of Philology at the University of Bordeaux, France, and studied psychology at the Sorbonne (Paris) and at the University of Vienna. However, it was his remarkable life experiences that fuelled his passion for teaching languages\*.

Michel spent most of his childhood in Germany and France. With the rise of Hitler, he began his years of escape and resistance. He spent two brutal years in French concentration and slave labour camps, constantly threatened by deportation to German death camps. He escaped and fought for the French Resistance, surviving capture, interrogation and torture.

Michel's wartime experiences, particularly his torture by the Gestapo when he discovered the ability to block out pain, made him aware of the untapped potential of the human mind. However, it was his deeply held conviction that the biggest weapon in maintaining a free society was education that drove him to devote his life to probing the learning process. Michel moved to Los Angeles in 1947, and he set up a language institute in Beverly Hills. Over a period of fifty years, he developed a unique and revolutionary learning system that made him the world's leading language teacher.

## What is the Michel Thomas method?

Over a period of fifty years, Michel Thomas developed and perfected a unique method of teaching languages\*\*. In essence, he breaks a language down to its component parts and enables learners to reconstruct the language themselves to form their own sentences, to say what they want, when they want. The experience of learning a language becomes so exciting and satisfying that it stimulates self-motivation and builds confidence.

*\*For a full account of his fascinating life, read 'Michel Thomas: The Test of Courage' by Christopher Robbins, published by Hodder and Stoughton*

*\*\*U.S. patent 6,565,358*

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**Who is the *Italian Language Builder* for?****People who have already learned Italian with Michel Thomas**

The *Language Builder* does just what its name suggests: it builds on the language Michel teaches in his Foundation (8-hour) and Advanced courses. It does this in two important and inseparable ways: by echoing the Foundation (8-hour) and Advanced courses to review key structures, while at the same time presenting new idioms (which are heard and used all the time in everyday Italian but which are very rarely taught). This dual approach means that you painlessly review what you have learned as you simultaneously expand the range of your working and functional knowledge of the language.

**People who have learned Italian using other methods**

You may have learned Italian before and now want to brush it up for a holiday or business trip, or perhaps you are looking for a new approach to help with revision or to re-motivate you: either way, the *Language Builder* will give you a real insight into how the language works and will boost your confidence to speak.

You may find that it takes a while to get used to Michel's innovative way of teaching – it is certainly quite unlike any other method you will have come across – but once you have experienced the excitement of painless learning you will be hooked!

**What does the pack contain?**

The pack comprises approximately two hours of recorded material plus a 48-page booklet. The recordings are available on CD or audio cassette and feature Michel Thomas alone. To avoid wasting recording time, there are no pauses on the recordings, but you are strongly recommended to use the pause button on your player for maximum learning (see below). The booklet contains the key words and phrases to help you with written Italian, but you do not need to use it at all if you just want to concentrate on improving your speaking and listening skills.

## How do I use the recordings?

### • Relax!

As far as possible, make yourself comfortable before playing the recordings and try to let go of the tensions and anxieties traditionally associated with all learning.

### • Interact fully with the recordings

Use the pause button to stop the recording so that you have time to think out your translations. Then say the phrase or sentence out loud (or in a whisper, or in your head, if you are in a public place), before Michel does. This is essential. You do not learn by repetition but by thinking out the sentences yourself; it is by your own thought process that you truly learn.

### • Stop the recording whenever it suits you

You will notice that the recordings are not divided into lessons\*\*\* so it is easy to stop wherever you want.

## What level of language will I achieve?

The recordings will give you a practical and functional use of the spoken language. Michel Thomas teaches the everyday conversational language that will allow you to communicate in a wide variety of situations, empowered by the ability to create your own sentences and use the language naturally.

## How can I go on to improve further?

Obviously, nothing compares with first-hand contact with native Italian speakers, but if this is not possible for you, and if you have mastered the language in the Foundation (8-hour) and Advanced courses, Michel recommends reading Italian newspapers and magazines as one of the best ways to keep up and extend your language. Interviews are particularly good, as they reflect Italian as it is actually being spoken, rather than the language taught in schools or textbooks. You could also try the Michel Thomas Method Vocabulary courses. See the back of the booklet for details.

*\*\*\*Tracking breaks have been inserted on the CDs: you may find it helpful to make a note of these (or the timings, if you have audio cassettes) in this booklet to help you get back immediately to where you left off or to review specific points*

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**Who has Michel Thomas taught?**

People came from all over the world to learn a foreign language with Michel Thomas – because his method works. His students, numbering in the thousands, included well-known people from the arts and from the corporate, political and academic worlds. Michel's list of clients included:

- *Celebrities*: Emma Thompson, Woody Allen, Barbra Streisand, Warren Beatty, Melanie Griffith, Eddie Izzard, Bob Dylan, Jean Marsh, Donald Sutherland, Mrs George Harrison, Anne Bancroft, Mel Brooks, Nastassja Kinski, Carl Reiner, Raquel Welch, Johnny Carson, Julie Andrews, Isabelle Adjani, Candice Bergen, Barbara Hershey, Priscilla Presley, Loretta Swit, Tony Curtis, Diana Ross, Herb Alpert, Angie Dickinson, Lucille Ball, Doris Day, Janet Leigh, Natalie Wood, Jayne Mansfield, Ann-Margaret, Yves Montand, Kim Novak, Otto Preminger, Max Von Sydow, Peter Sellers, François Truffaut, Sofia Coppola.
- *Diplomats, dignitaries and academics*: US Ambassador to France, Walter Curley; US Ambassador to the UN, Joseph V. Reed; Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York; Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Armand Hammer; Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York; Professor Herbert Morris, Dean of Humanities at UCLA; Warren Keegan, Professor of Business at Pace University in New York; Professor Wesley Posvar, President of the University of Pittsburgh.
- *Executives from the following corporations*: AT&T International, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Chase Manhattan Bank, American Express, Merrill Lynch, New York Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Boeing Aircraft, General Electric, Westinghouse Electric, Bank of America, Max Factor, Rand Corporation, Bertelsmann Music Group-RCA, Veuve Clicquot Inc., McDonald's Corporation, Rover, British Aerospace.

**What do his students say?**

Academy® award winning director and actress, **Emma Thompson** (as quoted in the *Guardian*): 'The excitement of learning something new was overwhelming. Michel not only taught me Spanish, he opened my eyes to

the possibilities of a completely different kind of learning. Michel forbids his students to practise, or to try to remember. Michel takes the burden off the student and upon himself... Learning Spanish with Michel was the most extraordinary learning experience of my life – it was unforgettable.'

New York film-maker **Woody Allen**, (as quoted in *USA Today* and *Business Life*): 'I am a poor student, particularly with languages. I had years of Spanish in school and could never speak a word... (but) learning with Michel: it's like a kid who loves baseball and who just knows every ball player, every batting average, every statistic about the game. They've learned it all effortlessly. It's the same with Michel. You learn a language effortlessly. It is amazing. (He)...had me speaking French and I learned it in a way I've never forgotten, and it was painless. A tremendous experience.'

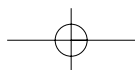
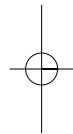
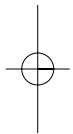
### Customer feedback

'I am writing to congratulate you on the highly original and successful language courses by Michel Thomas; I am currently working on German and French while my daughter, at my suggestion, has bought the Italian course.'

*R Harris*

'I have now finished the eight cassette Italian course and would like to say how pleased I am with it. I am a scientist, with all my neurones in the side of my brain that deals with understanding, and next to none on the side that deals with memory. This has meant my ability to retain vocabulary and learn a language has been about as bad as it comes. Against all odds, the Michel Thomas course has left me with a real sense of achievement, and a tremendous basis for further progress in learning Italian.'

*T A Whittingham*





# Recording 1

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## Buongiorno!

Voglio	<i>I want</i>
Lo voglio	<i>I want it</i>
Voglio vederlo	<i>I want to see it</i>
Ho l'impressione ...	<i>I have the impression</i>
... che lei non lo vuole	<i>... that she doesn't want it</i>
... e che lei non lo vuole fare	<i>... and that she doesn't want to do it</i>
... che lei non vuole farlo	<i>... that she doesn't want to do it</i>

lei non vuole farlo *or* lei non lo vuole fare *she doesn't want to do it. You can put lo before vuole or hooked onto the end of the infinitive fare.*

<b>Voglio farlo ...</b>	<i>I want to do it ...</i>
<b>Lo voglio fare ...</b>	<i>I want to do it ...</i>
... ma non lo farò oggi ...	<i>... but I will not do it today ...</i>
... perché sono troppo occupato ...	<i>... because I am too busy / occupied ...</i>
... per farlo	<i>... to do it</i>

*whenever 'to' implies 'in order to' you have to use per*

Mi sembra ...	<i>It seems to me ...</i>
Credo ...	<i>I believe ...</i>
... che non ha voglia di ...	<i>... that she doesn't feel like ...</i>
... andarci	<i>... going there</i>
<b>Non ho voglia di farlo</b>	<i>I don't feel like doing it</i>

Secondo me ...	<i>In my opinion ...</i>
... sono d'accordo con lei	<i>... I agree with you</i>
Non sono d'accordo con lui	<i>I don't agree with him</i>

*lui means 'he, him', lei means 'she, her' or formal 'you'*

<b>Ciò mi interessa</b>	<i>It interests me</i>
Ciò mi interessa moltissimo	<i>It interests me very much</i>

*molto much; moltissimo very much*

Ma sfortunatamente ...	<i>But unfortunately ...</i>
<b>... ciò non mi interessa ...</b>	<i>... that does not interest me ...</i>
... assolutamente	<i>... absolutely (not)</i>
Non mi interessa affatto	<i>It doesn't interest me at all</i>

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Non credo

**Non credo che lui sarà lì ...**

... questo pomeriggio

Non credo che lui sarà qui ...

... questo pomeriggio ...

... ma vedremo

vedrò *I will see*, vedremo *we will see*

Non sarà possibile ...

... farlo così

Non credo

**È sicuro? È sicura?**

sicuro *for a man*, sicura *for a woman*

È sul tavolo

**Lo può mettere ...**

... **sotto** il tavolo?

... **sul** pavimento?

Lo può mettere sul pavimento?

È necessario ...

... andare là

Ho bisogno

Mi serve

**Ha bisogno di qualche altra cosa?**

No, grazie, è tutto

Può mostrarmi ...

... cosa ha?

far sapere *let know (lit. make know)*

**Mi può far sapere ...**

... a che ora sarà pronto?

Mi informerò

**Dov'è ...**

... lo sportello delle informazioni?

Ho bisogno di una informazione

Ho bisogno di alcune informazioni

ho bisogno di *literally means 'I have need of'*  
una/un'informazione *means 'one item of information'*  
alcune informazioni *means 'some items of information'*

*I don't believe*

*I don't believe that he will be there ...*

*... this afternoon*

*I don't think he will be here ...*

*... this afternoon ...*

*... but we will see*

*It won't be possible ...*

*... to do it like that*

*I don't think so*

*Are you sure?*

*It's on the table*

*Can you put it ...*

*... under the table?*

*... on the floor?*

*Can you put it on the floor?*

*It's necessary ...*

*... to go there*

*I need (lit. I have need)*

*I need (lit. it serves me)*

*Do you need something else?*

*No, thank you, that's all*

*Can you show me ...*

*... what you have?*

*Can / Will you let me know ...*

*... at what time it will be ready?*

*I will find out (lit. I will inform myself)*

*Where is ...*

*... the information window?*

*I need information*

*I need some information*

Mi devo informare ...

*I must find out ...*

**... e le farò sapere domani**

*... and I will let you know tomorrow*

*potere means 'to be able to'; potrò means 'I will be able to'*

**Non posso**

*I cannot*

Potrò

*I will be able to*

**Non potrò**

*I will not be able to*

Non potrò trovarlo qui

*I will not be able to find it here*

*c'è means 'there is'; ci sono means 'there are'*

**C'è un messaggio** per lei

*There is a message for you*

**Ci sono dei messaggi** per lei

*There are messages for you*

Ci sono messaggi per me?

*Are there any messages for me?*

*ne means 'of it' or 'of them'*

Ci sono

*There are*

Ce ne sono

*There are ... of them*

*quanto è? or quant'è? how much is it?*

**Quanto è?**

*How much is it?*

Quanto costa?

*How much does it cost?*

Qual è il prezzo?

*What is the price?*

**Quanto le devo?**

*How much do I owe you?*

*devo (from dovere) means 'I must', 'Shall I' and 'I owe'*

Devo farlo / Lo devo fare

*I must do it*

Che devo fare?

*What shall I do?*

Quanto le devo?

*How much do I owe you?*

Troverò un modo di farlo

*I will find a way (lit. a mode) to do it*

Gli può chiedere di chiamarmi?

*Can you tell / ask him to call me?*

Gli può chiedere di aspettarmi?

*Can / Will you ask him to wait for me?*

Sono determinato a ...

*I am determined to ...*

... farlo immediatamente

*... do it immediately*

... subito

*... right away*

*dimenticare to forget*

Non dimenticherò

*I will not forget*

**Non dimenticherò di farlo**

*I will not forget to do it*

Non dimenticherò di darglielo

*I will not forget to give it to him*

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darlo *to give it; darglielo to give it to you/him/her*

**Ho voglia di farlo**

Ho veramente voglia di farlo ora

*I want to do it*

*I really want to do it now*

Ma non so ...

*But I don't know ...*

... se posso farlo

*... if I can do it*

... se sono capace di farlo

*... if I am able / capable to do it*

provare *to try, to try on*

**Proverò a farlo**

*I'll try to do it*

Vorrei ...

*I'd like ...*

... provarlo

*... to try it on*

provare il vestito

*try the dress on*

provare la giacca

*try the jacket on*

non vale la pena *it is not worth it (lit. the trouble, the pain)*

**Non vale la pena di andarci**

*It is not worth going there*

Non credo che vale la pena di andarci

*I don't think it's worth going there*

Vale / Val la pena di andarci?

*Is it worth going there?*

È tutto

*That's all*

Perché no?

*Why not?*

Ci possiamo andare ...

*We can go there ...*

... se vuole

*... if you want*

Vuole venire con me?

*Do you want to come with me?*

Sì, certo

*Yes, certainly*

**Mi piace**

*I like it*

Mi piace molto

*I like it very much*

**Mi piacerebbe**

*I would like it*

D'accordo, mi piacerebbe

*Certainly / I agree, I would like it*

È gentile

*It's kind / nice*

È gentile da parte sua

*It's kind of you*

È molto gentile da parte sua

*It's very kind of you*

D'accordo?

*OK?*

Va bene

*It's fine*

Mi piace

*I like it*

Ciò mi piace

*I like that, That pleases me*

Mi fa piacere

*I am pleased (lit. it makes me pleasure)*

**Mi fa molto piacere**

*I am very pleased (lit. it makes me much pleasure)*

È una buona idea

*It's a good idea*

**Ha ragione**

*You're right (lit. you have reason)*

Ha assolutamente ragione

*You're absolutely right*

Non quello

*Not that*

Assolutamente no

*Not at all, absolutely not*

Posso venire con lei ...

*I can come with you ...*

... se vuole

*... if you want*

**Sono felice di vederla**

*I'm happy to see you*

Sono molto felice di vederla

*I'm very happy to see you*

Mi fa molto piacere vederla

*I'm very pleased to see you*

*(lit. it makes me much pleasure to see you)*

*I'm really very pleased to see you*

**Mi fa veramente molto piacere vederla**

*I'll be very happy / delighted to see you*

Sarò felicissimo di vederla

Vale la pena

*It's worth it*

Non vale la pena

*It's not worth / Don't bother*

Peccato

*Too bad / It's a pity*

È meraviglioso

*It's marvellous / wonderful*

Ciò che mi dice ...

*What you are telling me ...*

**... è magnifico**

*... is great*

... straordinario

*... extraordinary*

... è molto interessante

*... is very interesting*

Ciò è molto interessante

*That is very interesting*

Lo trovo molto interessante

*I find it very interesting*

**Lei è carina**

*She's very nice*

**Lei mi piace**

*I like her*

Lei mi piace moltissimo

*I like her very much*

Questo mi piace moltissimo

*I like this very much*

**Ciò mi piace**

*I like that*

mi piace *I like*; mi fa piacere *I'm pleased*; mi dispiace *I'm sorry*

Mi dispiace

*I'm sorry (lit. it displeases me)*

**Mi dispiace molto**

*I'm very sorry*

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Mi dispiace moltissimo  
Mi dispiace molto di dirle

I'm (really) very sorry  
I'm very sorry to tell you

è *it is*; era *it was*
**È molto buono**
*It's very good*
**Era ... molto buono**
*It was ... very good*

... niente male

... *not bad*

È molto divertente

*It's very funny / amusing*

È molto buffo

*It's very funny*

È molto comico

*It's very laughable / comic*

Mi diverte

*I enjoy it*

Questo mi diverte

*I enjoy this / that*

questo *this*; quello *that*, but note that the English 'that' can sometimes also be translated as questo *in Italian*.

Non lo posso sopportare

*I can't bear it*

Non lo posso tollerare

*I can't tolerate it*

posso / sono capace di *I can / I am able to*  
potevo *I was able to (I could, in the past)*
**Io potevo**
*I was able to / I could*

Ero capace di farlo

*I was able to do it*

Potevo farlo

*I was able to / I could do it*

Non potevo farlo

*I wasn't able to / I couldn't do it*

Non potevo trovarlo

*I wasn't able to / I couldn't find it*

potrei *I would be able to / could*; potrebbe *you/he/she/it could*
**Potrebbe dirmi ...?**
*Could you tell me ...?*

Potrebbe farlo?

*Could you do it?*

-*rei ending is for 'I could' form*

-*rebbe ending is for 'you could, he/she/it could' forms*
**Potrei farlo**
*I could do it*

Potrebbe venire?

*Could you come?*

dovere *have to, must*; devo *I must*; dobbiamo *we must*

Dobbiamo vederlo

*We must see it*

Devo farlo

*I must do it*

dovevo *I had to, I was supposed to*; doveva *you/he/she/it had to*

### **Dovevo farlo**

Doveva farlo

Cosa dovevo fare?

*I had to do it*

*He/she/you had to do it*

*What was I supposed to do?*

potevo *I was able (I could, used in the past);* potrei *I would be able to*

Non potevo partire

*I could not / I was not able to leave*

Non potrei partire ora

*I could not leave now*

Non potevo partire perché ...

*I could not leave because ...*

... dovevo aspettare ...

*... I had to wait ...*

... fino a mezzogiorno

*... until midday / noon*

dovrei *I would have to (I should);* dovrebbe *you should, she should, he should; lo I (used for emphasis)*

### **Io dovrei farlo**

Dovrebbe farlo

*I would have to / I should do it*

*He should do it*

voglio *I want;* vuole *you/he/she/it wants*

Voglio averlo

*I want to have it*

Voglio assolutamente averlo

*I absolutely want to have it*

Lo voglio

*I want it*

Lui lo vuole

*He wants it*

Mi può dire?

*Will / Can you tell me?*

Mi vuole dire?

*Do you want to tell me?*

Cosa vuole fare?

*What do you want to do?*

volevo *I wanted*

### **Volevo farlo**

Non volevo farlo

*I wanted to do it*

*I didn't want to do it*

viaggio *trip;* viaggiare *to travel*

Mi piace viaggiare

*I like to travel*

Mi piace moltissimo viaggiare

*I like very much to travel*

### **Andrò in vacanza ...**

*I will go on vacation ...*

... prima in Francia ...

*... first to France ...*

... e poi / più tardi in Italia

*... and then / later to Italy*

pensare di *to plan on, to think of*

### **Credo che partirò presto**

Quando pensa di partire?

*I think that I will leave soon*

*When do you think of leaving?*

Quanto / Quanto tempo ...

*How long (lit. how much time) ...*

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... pensa di stare a Roma?

... do you plan on staying in Rome?

avere voglia di *to feel like, to have the wish to*

Ho voglia di andare al cinema ...

*I feel like going to the cinema / movies ...*

... a / per vedere un film interessante

*... to / in order to see an interesting film*

Non ho voglia di andare lì questa sera

*I don't feel like going there tonight*

avere intenzione di *to intend, to have the intention to*

**Ho intenzione di partire ...**

*I intend to leave ...*

**... la prossima settimana**

*... next week*

... tra una settimana

*... in a week*

... o tra due settimane

*... or in two weeks*

Voglio dirle ...

*I want to tell you ...*

... perché non ho intenzione ...

*... why I don't intend ...*

... di comprarlo

*... to buy it*

Ho intenzione di andarci con lei

*I intend to go there with you*

Intendo andarci con lei

*I intend to go there with you*

**Sarà pronto**

*It will be ready*

A che ora sarà qui?

*At what time will you be here?*

Non voglio aspettare

*I don't want to wait*

Non volevo

*I didn't want*

Non la volevo aspettare

*I didn't want to wait for you*

**Ho fretta**

*I'm in a hurry (lit. I have hurry)*

Ho molta fretta

*I'm in a great hurry (lit. I have much hurry)*

**Avevo molta fretta**

*I was in a great hurry (lit. I had great hurry)*

Non volevo aspettare ...

*I didn't want to wait ...*

Non potevo aspettare ...

*I wasn't able to / I couldn't wait ...*

... perché avevo molta fretta

*... because I was in a great hurry*

Non volevo dirle ...

*I didn't want to tell you ...*

... cosa volevo comprare per lei

*... what I wanted to buy for you*

Vado al cinema stasera

*I'm going to the cinema tonight*

**Sono andato al cinema ...**

*I went (lit. I am gone) to the cinema ...*

**... ieri sera**

*... yesterday evening*



Lo vedrò	<i>I will see it</i>
Sono andato a vederlo ...	<i>I went (lit. I am gone) to see it ...</i>
... ieri sera	<i>... last night</i>
Non sono andato ...	<i>I didn't go (lit. I am not gone) ...</i>
... perché non avevo tempo di andare	<i>... because I didn't have time to go</i>
... ero molto occupato	<i>... I was very busy</i>
... avevo molto lavoro	<i>... I had much work</i>
... avevo molto da fare	<i>... I had much to do</i>

sono andato *I went (male)*; sono andata *I went (female)*  
 è andato *he went, you went (m)*; è andata *she went, you went (f)*

Perché non è andato / andata ...	<i>Why didn't you go ...</i>
... a vederlo con me?	<i>... to see it with me?</i>
Sono andato a comprarlo	<i>I went to buy it</i>

avere (il) tempo di fare: *avere + noun + di + infinitive*

Non ho <b>il tempo di farlo</b>	<i>I don't have the time to do it</i>
Lui non ha il tempo di farlo	<i>He doesn't have the time to do it</i>
Non abbiamo il tempo di farlo	<i>We don't have the time to do it</i>
Quanto tempo ha?	<i>How much time do you have?</i>

avevo *I had*; aveva *you/he/she/it had*

Non avevo (il) tempo ...	<i>I didn't have the time ...</i>
... perché ero molto occupato	<i>... because I was very busy</i>
Ero troppo occupato per farlo oggi	<i>I was too busy to do it today</i>

doveva *you had to*; dovrebbe *you would have to / you should*

<b>Lei deve</b> aspettarmi	<i>You have to wait for me</i>
<b>Doveva</b> aspettarmi	<i>He / You had to wait for me</i>
<b>Dovrebbe</b> aspettarmi	<i>He / You would have to / should wait for me</i>
Dovrei farlo	<i>I should do it</i>
Aveva l'intenzione di venire con me ...	<i>He intended to come with me ...</i>

per + *infinitive* means 'in order to'

... e <b>per dirle la verità</b> ...	<i>... and to tell you the truth ...</i>
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stesso *self*

... io stesso non volevo andarci ...	<i>... I myself didn't want to go ...</i>
... tutto solo	<i>... all alone</i>

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sapere *to know*

So	<i>I know</i>
<b>Non lo so</b>	<i>I don't know it</i>
<b>Non sapevo</b>	<i>I didn't know</i>

-rò *ending is for 'I will' forms; -rà ending is for 'you/he/she/it will' forms*

<b>Io aspetterò</b>	<i>I will wait</i>
Lui aspetterà	<i>He will wait</i>
<b>Aspetterei</b>	<i>I would wait</i>
Non aspetterebbe	<i>He wouldn't wait</i>
Lui non vuole aspettare	<i>He doesn't want to wait</i>
Non ha intenzione di aspettare	<i>He doesn't intend to wait</i>

*to ask 'Shall I ...?' use the present and just turn it into a question*

Apro la finestra	<i>I open the window</i>
<b>Apro la finestra?</b>	<i>Shall I open the window?</i>
La aspetto	<i>I'm waiting for you</i>
La aspetto?	<i>Shall I wait for you?</i>
Vengo con lei	<i>I'm coming with you</i>
Vengo con lei?	<i>Shall I come with you?</i>
<b>La accompagno?</b>	<i>Shall I accompany you?</i>
Partiamo?	<i>Shall we leave?</i>
Partiamo ora?	<i>Shall we leave now?</i>
<b>Che facciamo?</b>	<i>What shall we do? OR</i> <i>What are we doing?</i>
Che faremo?	<i>What will we do?</i>

*Note the future: Che faremo? What will we do? Che farò? What will I do?*

<b>Che gli diciamo?</b>	<i>What shall we tell him?</i>
Che gli diremo?	<i>What will we tell him?</i>

*potere (to be able to, can, could) + infinitive. You can put mi, ci, la, lo before potere or hooked onto the end of the infinitive.*

Può venire?	<i>Can you come?</i>
Mi può aspettare?	<i>Can you wait for me?</i>
Mi può dire?	<i>Can you tell me?</i>
<b>Mi potrebbe dire?</b>	<i>Could you tell me?</i>
Può andarci?	<i>Can you go there?</i>

**Potrebbe andarci ora?**

Non posso capirla  
Non potevo capirla  
Non potevo trovarlo  
Non credo che potrei trovarlo

Sapevo che tutto era pronto  
Ero sicuro che tutto era pronto  
Sapevo che non potevo farlo così  
Non sarà possibile farlo così  
Non sarebbe possibile farlo così

Cosa ha da mangiare?  
Cosa ha da bere?

**Cosa c'è da mangiare?**

**Cosa c'è da bere?**

*offrire to offer*

**Posso offrirle qualcosa?**

Posso offrirle qualcosa da mangiare?  
Posso offrirle qualcosa da bere?

**Prima di tutto**

Prima di tutto devo fare una telefonata

**E poi / E dopo esco**

**È la prima volta**

... la seconda volta  
... la terza volta

**Una volta**

**Dovrebbe ... dirmi**

Dovrebbe ... dirmelo  
Dovrebbe ... farlo  
Dovrebbe ... aspettare  
Dovrebbe ... aspettarmi  
Mi dovrebbe aspettare

*You can put mi before dovrebbe or after the infinitive.*

Dovrebbe ... essere / esser pronto  
Dovrebbe ... essere pronto ora

*Could you go there now?*

*I cannot understand you  
I was not able to understand you  
I couldn't find it  
I don't think I would be able to find it*

*I knew everything was ready  
I was sure everything was ready  
I knew I couldn't do it that way  
It won't be possible to do it that way  
It wouldn't be possible to do it that way*

*What do you have to eat?  
What do you have to drink?*

*What is there to eat?*

*What is there to drink?*

*May I offer you something?*

*May I offer you something to eat?  
May I offer you something to drink?*

*First of all / At first*

*First of all I must make a phone call*

*And then / And after I'm going out*

*It's the first time*

*... the second time*

*... the third time*

*Once*

*You should ... tell me*

*You should ... tell me (it)*

*You should ... do it*

*You should ... wait*

*You should ... wait for me*

*You should wait for me*

*It should ... be ready*

*It should ... be ready now*

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dovrebbe means 'you should'; avrebbe dovuto means 'you should have'

<b>Avrebbe dovuto ... dirmi</b>	<i>You should have ... told me</i>
Avrebbe dovuto ... farlo	<i>You should have ... done it</i>
Avrebbe dovuto ... comprarlo	<i>You should have ... bought it</i>
Avrebbe dovuto ... aspettarmi	<i>You should have ... waited for me</i>

words like *devo*, *dovrebbe*, *potrei*, etc. are 'handles' or 'helping words' which are followed by a verb in the infinitive

potrei *I could*, *I would be able to*; potrebbe *you/he/she/it could*

<b>Potrebbe ... essere pronto</b>	<i>It could ... be ready</i>
Potrebbe ... aspettare?	<i>Could you ... wait?</i>
Potrebbe ... aspettarmi?	<i>Could you ... wait for me?</i>

potrebbe means 'you could'; avrebbe potuto means 'you could have'

<b>Avrebbe potuto ... farlo</b>	<i>You could have ... done it</i>
Avrebbe potuto ... dirmi	<i>You could have ... told me</i>
Avrebbe potuto ... aspettarmi	<i>You could have ... waited for me</i>

avrebbe dovuto *should have*; avrebbe potuto *could have*

Avrebbe dovuto farlo	<i>You should have done it</i>
Avrebbe dovuto venire con me	<i>You should have come with me</i>
Avrebbe potuto venire con noi	<i>He could have come with us</i>
Avrebbe dovuto venire con noi ...	<i>You should have come with us ...</i>
... era molto interessante	<i>... it was very interesting</i>

<b>Non mi piace</b>	<i>I don't like</i>
Mi piace	<i>I like</i>
Mi piace molto	<i>I like very much</i>
Mi piace molto farlo	<i>I like very much to do it</i>
Lo faccio	<i>I do it / I am doing it</i>
Non lo faccio	<i>I don't do it / I am not doing it</i>

di solito *usually*; spesso *often*; raramente *rarely*

<b>Di solito</b>	<i>Usually</i>
Di solito non lo faccio	<i>Usually I don't do it</i>
Di solito non mi piace farlo	<i>Usually I don't like to do it</i>
Non ci vado <b>spesso</b>	<i>I don't go there often</i>
Di solito non ci vado spesso	<i>Usually I don't go there often</i>
Ci vado <b>molto raramente</b> / di rado	<i>I go there rarely</i>

Raramente ci vado

*Rarely I go there*tardi *late*; presto *soon*; sono in ritardo *I'm late*; sono in anticipo *I'm early*Lei tornerà **più tardi***She'll come back later*Lei tornerà **presto***She'll come back soon*

Sarà qui più tardi

*She'll be here later*

Sarà qui presto

*She'll be here soon*aspetto *'I wait, I'm waiting'. It can also mean 'I've been waiting' when accompanied by da (since) + time.*

Aspetto

*I wait, I'm waiting, I've been waiting*

Non aspetto

*I don't wait, I'm not waiting,  
I haven't been waiting***Aspetto da dieci minuti***I've been waiting for ten minutes***Da quanto tempo aspetta?***How long have you been waiting?*uscire *to go out*; esco *'I go out, I'm going out'***Esco** stasera*I'm going out tonight*

Voglio uscire

*I want to go out*

Ho voglia di uscire

*I feel like going out*

Non ho voglia di uscire

*I don't feel like going out*preferire *to prefer*; preferisco *I prefer***Preferisco** rimanere qui*I prefer to / I would rather stay here*

È carino qui

*It's nice here*

È molto carino qui

*It's very nice here*

Preferisco essere qui

*I would rather be here*

Preferisco molto essere qui

*I would much rather be here*appena *just*

Ho comprato un libro

*I've bought / I bought a book***Ho appena comprato un libro***I've just bought a book*... **che** trovo molto interessante*... which I find very interesting*

Da quanto tempo aspetta qui?

*How long have you been  
waiting here?***Da quanto tempo è qui?***How long have you been here?*

Vorrei parlare italiano con lei

*I'd like to speak Italian to / with you***Vorrei parlare con il signor Rossi***I'd like to speak to Mr Rossi*

È qui il signor Rossi?

*Is Mr Rossi here?*

Chi parla?

*Who's speaking?*

Sa quando sarà qui?

*Do you know when he will be here?*

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Sa a che ora sarà qui?

Può dirmi a che ora sarà qui?

Potrebbe dirmi quando sarà qui?

... a che ora sarà qui?

**Posso lasciare un messaggio?**

Vuole dirgli ...

Può dirgli ...

**Potrebbe dirgli ...**

**... di chiamarmi?**

Potrebbe dirgli ...

... che gli telefonerò ...

... che lo chiamerò più tardi

... domani

... la settimana prossima

... la prossima volta

... il prossimo mese

Mi fermerò ...

... alcuni giorni

... diversi giorni

*Do you know at what time he will be here?*

*Can you tell me at what time he will be here?*

*Could you tell me when he will be here?*

*... at what time he will be here?*

*May I leave a message?*

*Will you please tell him ...*

*Can you tell him ...*

*Could you tell him ...*

*... to call me?*

*Could you tell him ...*

*... that I will call (phone) him ...*

*... that I will call him later*

*... tomorrow*

*... next week*

*... next time*

*... next month*

*I'm going to / I will stay ...*

*... a few days*

*... several days*

## Recording 2

Non so ...

... come dirlo in italiano

... come esprimerlo

Non so esattamente ...

... come esprimerlo in italiano

*I don't know ...*

*... how to say it in Italian*

*... how to express it*

*I don't know exactly ...*

*... how to express it in Italian*

*in phrases like si dice, si scrive, si vende, si can mean 'one'*

**Come si dice in italiano?**

Vorrei / Mi piacerebbe sapere ...

Vorrei sapere ...

... come si dice in italiano

*How does one say it in Italian?*

*I would like to know ...*

*I'd like to know ...*

*... how you say it in Italian*

**Come si scrive?**

Si vende

È possibile

*How do you spell it?*

*It's for sale*

*It's possible*

Non si può fare così

Non si può dirlo così

**Non si dice così in italiano**

**Sono sicuro / sicura**

Sono assolutamente sicuro

Sono assolutamente sicuro di questo

ne 'of it', lo 'it' are placed before the verb

Sì, ne sono assolutamente sicuro

**Lo ho letto ...**

... nel giornale

Lo ho appena letto ...

... nel giornale di oggi

... sul giornale di oggi

**Non è mio**

**forse**

È forse suo ...

... perché non è mio

Può dirmi dove posso trovarlo?

**Potrebbe dirmi dove posso**

**trovare ...**

... un buon ristorante ...

... non molto lontano da qui?

... non troppo lontano da qui?

C'è un ottimo ristorante italiano ...

... se vuole

**Le va?**

**Dipende**

**È lontano da qui?**

No, non è lontano da qui

È vicino

**È abbastanza vicino**

Ci può andare a piedi

Ci potrebbe andare a piedi

No, **prenderò un taxi**

noleggiare, affittare *to rent*

**Vorrei noleggiare una macchina**

Dove posso noleggiare una macchina?

*It cannot be done that way*

*One cannot say it that way*

*One doesn't say it like that in Italian*

*I'm sure*

*I'm absolutely sure*

*I'm absolutely sure of this / that*

*Yes, I'm absolutely sure of it*

*I've read it ...*

*... in the newspaper*

*I've just read it ...*

*... in today's newspaper*

*... in today's newspaper*

*It doesn't belong to me /*

*It is not mine*

*perhaps*

*It is perhaps yours ...*

*... because it is not mine*

*Can you tell me where I can find it?*

*Could you tell me where I can find ...*

*... a good restaurant ...*

*... not very far from here?*

*... not too far from here?*

*There is a good Italian restaurant ...*

*... if you want*

*Does it suit you?*

*(lit. Does it go to you?)*

*It depends*

*Is it far from here?*

*No, it's not far from here*

*It's near*

*It's quite near*

*You can go there on foot*

*You could go there on foot*

*No, I'll take a taxi*

*I would like to rent a car*

*Where can I rent a car?*

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Dove si può noleggiare una macchina?  
Dove potrei noleggiare una macchina?

*Where can one rent a car?*  
*Where could I rent a car?*

**Ho bisogno di ...**

... una macchina ...  
... per due settimane  
Mi serve una macchina

*I need (lit. I have need of) ...*  
*... a car ...*  
*... for two weeks*  
*I need a car*

Quanto viene al giorno?

*How much is it (lit. does it come)*  
*by the day?*

**Quant'è al giorno?**

... alla settimana?  
... al mese?

*How much is it per day / by the day?*  
*... per week / by the week?*  
*... per month / by the month?*

Mi può dire / Può dirmi ...  
... dove andare / dove devo  
andare ...  
... per ottenerlo / averlo

*Can you tell me ...*  
*... where to go / where I have to*  
*go ...*  
*... (in order) to get it*

**Vorrei sapere ...**

... cosa fare  
... cosa devo fare  
... cosa deve fare  
... cosa si deve fare  
Si può  
Si dice  
Si scrive

*I'd like to know ...*  
*... what to do*  
*... what I must do*  
*... what you must do*  
*... what one must do*  
*One can*  
*One says*  
*One writes / spells*

Cosa si deve fare ...  
... per averlo / per avere quello?

*What must one do ...*  
*... to have it / to have that?*

Fortunatamente ...  
... non è troppo difficile  
... non è molto complicato

*Fortunately ...*  
*... it is not too difficult*  
*... it is not very complicated*

*words ending in -ario in Italian end in -ary in English: contrario contrary; necessario necessary*

**Al contrario ...**

... è molto facile

*On the contrary ...*  
*... it is very easy*

Mi può spiegare / Può spiegarmi ...  
... cosa è?

*Can you explain to me ...*  
*... what it is?*

Ho molto da fare oggi  
Ho molte cose da fare oggi

*I have much to do today*  
*I have many things to do today*

*'what' in the middle of a sentence is ciò che*



È esattamente **ciò che voglio**

È esattamente ciò che vuole?

Posso darle esattamente ciò  
che vuole

È tutto ...

... **ciò che ...**

... **mi serve**

**Grazie**

Grazie, è tutto ciò che mi serve

C'è un messaggio per lei

C'è un messaggio per me?

Ci sono messaggi per me?

**Prenderò** un taxi ...

**Prenderemo** un taxi ...

... per andare ...

... al ristorante

... al cinema

Può chiamarmi ...

Potrebbe chiamarmi ...

... se ha bisogno di qualche cosa?

D'accordo

Molto bene

Ha ragione

Sono d'accordo con lei

Non ha ragione

Non sono d'accordo con lei

È tutto

Naturalmente

Certamente

Davvero?

Ah, davvero?

È incredibile

Non vale la pena di andarci

Non vale la pena di vederlo

**È meraviglioso**

È magnifico

È fantastico

*It is exactly what I want*

*Is it exactly what you want?*

*I can give you exactly what  
you want*

*That's all ...*

*... that ...*

*... I need (lit. it serves to me)*

*Thank you*

*Thank you, that's all I need*

*There is a message for you*

*Is there a message for me?*

*Are there (any) messages for me?*

*I'm going to / I will take a taxi ...*

*We will take a taxi ...*

*... (in order) to go ...*

*... to the restaurant*

*... to the cinema / to the movies*

*Will you / Can you please call me ...*

*Could you call me ...*

*... if you need anything?*

*OK, all right*

*Fine, very well*

*You're right (lit. You have reason)*

*I agree with you*

*You are wrong*

*I don't agree with you*

*That's all*

*Naturally, of course*

*Certainly*

*Oh, is that so? Really? You mean it?*

*Ah, is that so?*

*It's incredible*

*It's not worth / Don't bother  
going there*

*It's not worth / Don't bother  
seeing it*

*It is marvellous*

*It is magnificent*

*It is fantastic*

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**Non è possibile**

È impossibile  
È impossibile farlo così  
È curioso  
È strano  
È molto strano

Farò un bagno  
Farò una doccia  
Mi riposerò un po'

un po'  
È molto carino qui  
È molto tranquillo

Può mettere queste cose ...  
... **nel cassetto?**  
Può mettere quelle cose nel  
cassetto?

Là dentro

**Sul tavolo**

Là sopra

**Sotto il tavolo**

Là sotto

Lo potrebbe mettere fuori?

Lo può mettere **davanti alla  
finestra?**

Lo può mettere **dietro la sedia?**

**Mi scusi, signore, ...**

**... per andare a ...**

... Roma / Firenze ...  
... per favore?

Deve attraversare la strada ...

... **poi continua dritto** ...

... **poi gira a sinistra** ...

... alla terza strada gira **a destra** ...

... traversa a destra

... è sulla destra

... è di fronte

... è su questo lato / da questo lato

... è sull'altro lato

*It is not possible*

*It is impossible*

*It is impossible to do it that way*

*It is curious / weird / strange*

*It is strange*

*It is very strange*

*I'm going to take a bath*

*I'm going to take a shower*

*I'm going to rest a while*  
*(lit. to repose myself)*

*a little*

*It's very nice here*

*It's very quiet / tranquil*

*Will you / Can you put these things ...*  
*... into the drawer?*

*Will you put those things into*  
*the drawer?*

*There, in it*

*On the table*

*On top of it, over it*

*Under the table*

*Under it, underneath it*

*Could you put it outside?*

*Can you put it in front of the*  
*window?*

*Can you put it behind the chair?*

*Pardon me, / Excuse me, sir, ...*

*... (in order) to go to / which way*  
*do I go to ...*

*... Rome / Florence ...*

*... please?*

*You have to cross the street ...*

*... then you continue straight ahead ...*

*... then you turn left ...*

*... at the third street you turn right ...*

*... you cross to the right*

*... it is on the right*

*... it is facing*

*... it is on this side*

*... it is on the other side*

**Grazie mille**

*Thank you a thousand times*

È di qua

*It's over here*

È di là

*It's over there*

È **all'angolo**

*It's at / on the corner*

comunque *anyway, however, though, although*

**Lo farò comunque**

*I'll do it anyway*

Malgrado tutto lo farò

*In spite of everything I will do it*

Comunque sono sicuro ...

*Although I'm sure ...*

... che avrò ...

*... that I will have ...*

... molti problemi

*... many problems / difficulties*

Che vuole dire?

*What do you mean?*

Voglio dire ...

*I mean ...*

Non è ciò che voglio dire

*It's not what I mean*

**Cosa vuole dire?**

*What does it mean?*

Naturalmente ...

*Of course / Naturally ...*

... ciò non vuol dire ...

*... that doesn't mean ...*

... che abbandonerò ...

*... that I will abandon / give up ...*

... questo progetto ...

*... this project ...*

... ma al contrario ...

*... but on the contrary ...*

... (quello) mi interessa molto

*... that / it interests me very much*

Quello è molto interessante per me

*That's very interesting for me*

sarei *I would be; sarebbe you/he/she/it would be*

Sarei molto interessato ...

*I would be very interested ...*

... a sapere ...

*... to know ...*

... perché non può essere fatto

*... why it cannot be done*

Lo ho fatto

*I have done it*

Tutto è fatto

*Everything is done*

Niente è fatto

*Nothing is done*

Non può essere fatto

*It cannot be done*

Non si può fare

*One cannot do it*

Ma ora non sono più interessato

*But now I am not interested*

*any more*

Ma ora non mi interessa più ...

*But now it doesn't interest me*

*any more ...*

... del tutto

*... at all*

Non mi interessa più del tutto

*It doesn't interest me any more*

*at all*

avere caldo *to be hot; avere freddo to be cold*

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D'altra parte

Besides, moreover  
(lit. on the other part)  
It's warm / hot (lit. it makes warm)  
It's very hot here  
I'm warm (lit. I have warmth)  
I'm very warm  
I'm cold (lit. I have cold)  
Are you cold?  
Are you a cold person?

**Fa caldo**

Fa molto caldo qui

**Ho caldo**

Ho molto caldo

**Ho freddo**

Ha freddo?

È freddo?

I cannot bear the heat  
It is unbearable  
I find it unbearable  
I find everything unbearable here

Non posso sopportare il caldo

È insopportabile

Lo trovo insopportabile

Trovo tutto insopportabile qui

Starò qui ...

... alcuni altri giorni ...

... diversi altri giorni ...

... e partirò ...

... alla fine della settimana

... della settimana prossima

I will stay here ...  
... a few more days ...  
... several more days ...  
... and I will leave ...  
... at the end of the week  
... of next week  
I will leave at the end of next week

**Partirò alla fine della settimana prossima**

Volerò a Londra

Prenderò l'aereo per Londra

I'll fly to London  
I'll take the plane to London

non funziona *it doesn't work* (lit. it doesn't function)*nouns ending in -tà in Italian end in -ty in English***L'elettricità non funziona**

Il telefono non funziona

Il riscaldamento non funziona

Non funziona molto bene

Non so perché non funziona

La macchina non funziona

Deve riparare la macchina

Deve riparare il motore

Può lavare la macchina?

The electricity doesn't work  
The phone doesn't work  
The heating doesn't work  
It doesn't work very well  
I don't know why it doesn't work  
The car doesn't work  
You have to fix / to repair the car  
You have to repair the motor  
Can you wash the car?

*far fare means 'to have something done' (lit. to make somebody do it)***Può far lavare la macchina?**

La macchina non funziona  
(molto) bene

Will you / Can you have the car washed?  
The car doesn't work (very) well

Può far riparare la macchina?

*Can you get the car fixed /  
have the car repaired?*

Ho bisogno della macchina oggi

*I need (I have need of) the car today*

di + la *contracts to della*

lavare a secco

*to dryclean*

Può far lavare a secco il mio vestito?

*Can you have my dress cleaned?*

... il mio abito?

*... my suit?*

lavare le mie camicie

*to wash my shirts*

Può / Potrebbe lavare le mie camicie?

*Will you / Could you wash my shirts?*

Può far lavare le mie camicie?

*Will you / Can you have my shirts  
washed?*

far vedere *to show (lit. to make somebody see, let somebody see)*

Lei ha qualche altra cosa?

*Do you have something else?*

Può mostrarmi qualche altra cosa?

*Can you show me something else?*

**Può farmi vedere ...**

*Can you show me  
(lit. make me see) ...*

... qualche altra cosa?

*... something else?*

Lo farò

*I will make it*

**Me lo farò fare**

*I will have it done / made*

far portare *to have something carried*

Può portare le valigie?

*Can you carry my suitcases?*

**Può far portare le valigie  
di sopra?**

*Can you have the suitcases taken /  
carried / brought up?*

Può far portare le valigie di sotto?

*Can you have the suitcases taken /  
carried / brought down?*

Arrivo subito

*I'm arriving right away*

Scendo subito

*I'm coming down right away*

Può farlo salire nella mia camera?

*Will you have him come up to  
my room?*

Può chiamare un taxi?

*Can you call a taxi?*

**Mi può far sapere?**

*Will you let me know?*

Mi può informare?

*Can you inform me?*

Le farò sapere

*I'll let you know*

Abita qui?

*Do you live here?*

Dove abita?

*Where do you live?*

**Abito qui ...**

*I've been living here ...*

**... da dieci anni**

*... for ten years*

Sono qui da tre settimane

*I've been here for three weeks*

Siamo qui da tre settimane

*We've been here for three weeks*

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Può portarmi ...?  
Può darmi ...?  
Può mostrarmi ...?  
Può farmi sapere ...?  
Posso vederlo?

Preferisco molto rimanere qui ...  
... ma sarebbe meglio ...  
... partire ora

Non ho voglia di rimanere  
Ho voglia di partire  
Lei è molto gentile  
Cosa vuole fare?

**Come vuole**  
**È lo stesso**

Non mi importa

Sono felice di vederla  
Sono contento / contenta di vederla  
Mi fa molto piacere vederla  
Mi farà molto piacere vederla

Mi farà veramente molto  
piacere vederla

*Can you bring me ...?*  
*Can you give me ...?*  
*Can you show me ...?*  
*Can you let me know ...?*  
*May I see it?*

*I would much rather stay here ...*  
*... but it would be better ...*  
*... to leave now*

*I don't feel like staying*  
*I feel like leaving*  
*You are very nice*  
*What do you want to do?*  
*As you like / want / wish*  
*It's all the same to me*  
*It doesn't matter to me*

*I'm happy to see you*  
*I'm glad to see you*  
*I'm very glad / pleased to see you*  
*I will be very pleased to see you*  
*or I'm looking forward to seeing you*  
*I really will be very pleased to*  
*see you*

*words ending in -mente in Italian correspond to words in -ly in English*

evidente  
evidentemente  
recente  
recentemente  
costantemente  
frequentemente

*evident*  
*evidently*  
*recent*  
*recently*  
*constantly*  
*frequently*

Non importa  
**Non fa niente**  
**Ah, davvero?**  
Bene, molto bene  
**Tanto meglio**  
Peccato

**Che peccato**

*It doesn't matter*  
*It doesn't matter*  
*Oh, is that so? Really?*  
*Fine, very well*  
*So much the better*  
*It's too bad*  
*What a pity*

*the word problema has the plural problemi*

**Non c'è problema**  
**Non ci sono problemi**

*There is no problem*  
*There are no problems*

Dobbiamo / Si deve	<i>We have to / One has to</i>
Si deve partire	<i>One has to leave</i>
tra poco	<i>soon, in a short while</i>
Si deve cominciare tra poco	<i>One must start soon / in little while</i>
Dobbiamo cominciare tra poco	<i>We have to start soon</i>
È necessario cominciare fra poco	<i>It's necessary to start soon</i>
<b>Bisogna cominciare tra poco</b>	<i>There is a need to start soon</i>
Ho bisogno di	<i>I need</i>
<b>Ho bisogno di farlo</b>	<i>I need to do it</i>
Bisogna cominciare	<i>One needs to start</i>
Si deve cominciare	<i>One must start</i>
Si può cominciare ora / adesso	<i>One can start now</i>
Possiamo prendere la macchina	<i>We can take the car</i>
Se vuole, possiamo andare ...	<i>If you want, we can go ...</i>
... al cinema stasera ...	<i>... to the cinema / movies tonight ...</i>
... insieme	<i>... together</i>
Mi dispiace	<i>I'm sorry (lit. It displeases me)</i>
Mi dispiace molto	<i>I'm very sorry</i>
È molto tardi	<i>It is very late</i>
È troppo tardi	<i>It is too late</i>
Più tardi	<i>Later</i>
Un po' più tardi	<i>A little later</i>
<b>Può venire un po' più tardi?</b>	<i>Can you come a little later?</i>
essere in ritardo <i>to be late/belated</i> ; arrivare in ritardo <i>to arrive late</i>	
<b>Mi dispiace, sono in ritardo</b>	<i>I'm sorry, I'm late</i>
Arriverò in ritardo	<i>I will arrive late</i>
grazie <i>thank you</i> ; la ringrazio <i>I thank you</i>	
<b>Molte grazie</b> per la bella serata	<i>Many thanks for the lovely evening</i>
Ringrazio	<i>I thank</i>
La ringrazio molto	<i>I thank you very much</i>
arrabbiato	<i>angry</i>
<b>Sono molto arrabbiato</b>	<i>I'm very angry</i>
furioso	<i>furious</i>
Mi preoccupa	<i>It worries me (lit. it preoccupies me)</i>
<b>Mi preoccupa molto</b> / moltissimo	<i>I'm very worried</i>
<b>Mi annoio</b>	<i>I'm bored (lit. I annoy myself)</i>
Sono annoiato	<i>I'm (really) bored</i>
a posto	<i>all right</i>

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### Tutto a posto

Mi sembra ...  
... tutto a posto

Quanto spesso ci va?  
Quante volte ci va?  
Ci andrò forse una volta ...  
... o due volte ...  
... ma non troppo spesso

### Almeno ...

... lo vedrò, ...  
... soprattutto ...  
... se può dirmi ...  
... cosa pensa  
Le farò sapere domani  
Le farò sapere tra una settimana

*Everything all right  
It seems to me ...  
... everything is all right  
How often do you go there?  
How many times do you go there?  
I will go perhaps once ...  
... or twice ...  
... but not too often*

*At least ...  
... I will see it, ...  
... mainly / specially / above all ...  
... if you can tell me ...  
... what you think  
I'll let you know tomorrow  
I'll let you know in a week*

meglio 'better' is used with a verb; migliore 'better' is used with a noun; il migliore 'the best'

### Le cose vanno molto meglio

Mi sento molto meglio oggi  
Lavoro molto meglio ...  
... quando sono solo

*Things are going much better  
I feel much better today  
I work much better ...  
... when I am alone*

### Questo vino è migliore

È il miglior vino  
È là  
È sopra  
È sotto

*This wine is better  
It is the best wine  
It is over there  
It is above  
It is below*

non ... niente: you often use two negatives in Italian

Non ho bisogno di niente

*I don't need anything*

più more; non ... più not ... any more

### Non ne ho più bisogno

Dobbiamo dirgli ...  
È importante dirgli ...  
Bisogna dirgli ...  
... perché non sarà necessario farlo

*I don't need it (lit. I haven't need of it) any more*

*We have to tell him ...  
It is important to tell him ...  
One needs to tell him ...  
... why it will not be necessary to do it*

cercare to look for, to seek, to search



### Lo cerco

Cerco la chiave ...  
... ma non posso trovarla

### Non la trovo

la gente 'people' is used in the singular

troppa gente

### C'è troppa gente qui

Non voglio essere qui

Ero lì ...

... ma non volevo rimanere  
... non potevo rimanere  
... non avevo intenzione di rimanere

### Ho fame

### Non ho fame

Non voglio mangiare adesso ...  
... perché non ho fame ...

... ma **ho sete**

Ha sete?

da solo myself

Credo / Penso che posso farlo  
da solo

Proverò a farlo

Lo farò comunque

Ma non sarà possibile farlo così

È fantastico

È meraviglioso

È superbo

È magnifico

Lo trovo incredibile

È ridicolo

Sono sorpreso

Davvero è troppo difficile così

Veramente è troppo difficile

Non è facile

È molto buono

Non è buono / È cattivo

È molto cattivo

*I'm looking for it*

*I'm looking for the key ...*

*... but I cannot find it*

*I don't find it*

*too many people*

*There are too many people here*

*(lit. There is too much people here)*

*I don't want to be here*

*I was there ...*

*... but I didn't want to stay*

*... I couldn't stay*

*... I didn't intend to stay*

*I'm hungry*

*I'm not hungry*

*I don't want to eat now ...*

*... because I'm not hungry ...*

*... but I'm thirsty*

*Are you thirsty?*

*I think that I can do it myself*

*I will try to do it*

*I will do it anyway*

*But it won't be possible to do it  
that way*

*It is fantastic*

*It is marvellous*

*It is superb*

*It is magnificent*

*I think it's / I find it unbelievable*

*It is ridiculous*

*I'm surprised*

*Really it's too difficult that way*

*Truly it's too difficult*

*It is not easy*

*It's very good*

*It's bad*

*It's very bad*

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Le cose vanno bene  
Le cose non vanno molto bene  
Le cose vanno molto male  
Lo farò lentamente

È troppo presto  
Può venire più presto?

**Vuoto**

Non è vuoto

**Pulito**

Non è pulito

**È sporco**

È molto sporco

È perfetto così  
Soprattutto non adesso / non ora

Sfortunatamente ...  
... non sarà possibile ...  
... farlo così

Essere a posto  
Fortunatamente tutto è a posto ...  
... e tutto funziona molto bene

**Scuri, come dice?**

Ha detto?  
Vuole bere?

**Vuole bere qualcosa?**

Vuole qualcosa da bere?

occuparsi di *to take care of* (lit. *to occupy oneself of*)

**Potrebbe occuparsene?**

Voglio occuparmene  
Me ne occuperò  
Devo occuparmene  
Deve occuparsene  
Bisogna occuparsene

Potrebbe farlo riparare?  
È abbastanza ...  
... per adesso

**Basta così**

*Things are going well*  
*Things are not going very well*  
*Things are going very badly*  
*I'm going to do it slowly*

*It's too early*  
*Can you come earlier?*

*Empty*  
*It is not empty*

*Clean*  
*It is not clean*

*It's dirty*  
*It's very dirty*

*It is perfect that way*  
*Especially not now*

*Unfortunately ...*  
*... it won't be possible ...*  
*... to do it that way*

*To be right / fixed / fine*  
*Fortunately everything is fixed ...*  
*... and everything works very well*

*I beg your pardon?*  
*What are you saying?*  
*What did you say? (lit. You've said)*

*Do you want a drink?*  
*Do you want to have something*  
*to drink?*

*Do you want something to drink?*

*Could you take care of it?*  
*I want to take care of it*  
*I will take care of it*  
*I must take care of it*  
*You have to take care of it*  
*It's necessary to take care of it*

*Could you have it fixed?*  
*That is enough / That suffices ...*  
*... for now*  
*Enough*

Mi fa sempre molto piacere

... essere qui con lei

Mi fa sempre piacere ...

... vederla

Buon viaggio

Ciao

Le auguro tutto il meglio

Si diverta

**Le auguro buona fortuna**

**A presto**

Grazie

*It's a pleasure ...*

*... to be here with you*

*I'm always pleased to see you*

*Have a good trip*

*Goodbye*

*I wish you all the best*

*Have fun*

*I wish you good luck*

*See you soon (lit. until soon)*

*Thank you*

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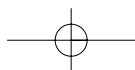
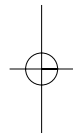
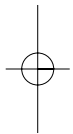
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