



LANGUAGE TOOLKIT ITALIAN

START HERE!

Use these resources to learn the basics of the language.

[Victoria State Government Languages Online](#) - includes 8 lessons covering topics such as greetings, numbers and family.

[1000 Most Common Italian Words](#) - some people say that the 1000 most common words make up 80% of a language, so this is a great place to start!

[Italian Learning Master Doc](#) - a comprehensive document with many links to great resources.

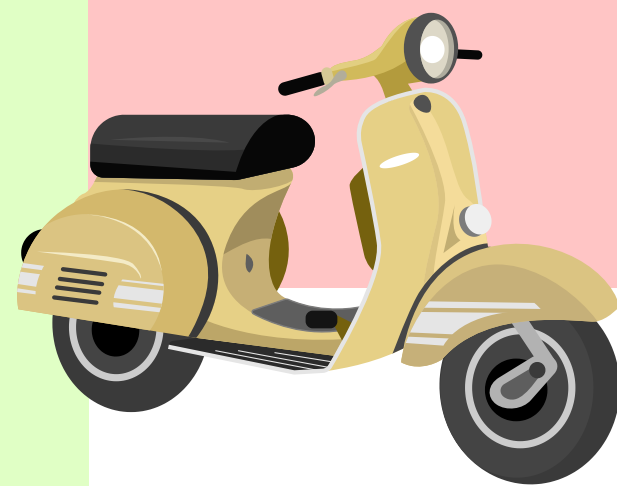


DICTIONARIES

Use these two great online dictionaries to look up new vocab:

[Word Reference](#)

[Collins Dictionary English-Italian](#)

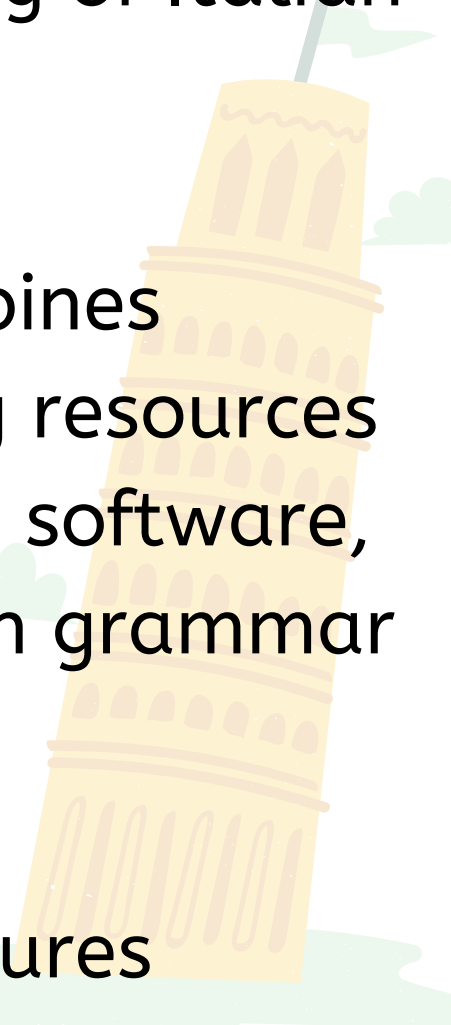


APPS AND WEBSITES

[Duolingo](#) - an app with bite-sized lessons that give you a basic understanding of Italian pronunciation and vocabulary.

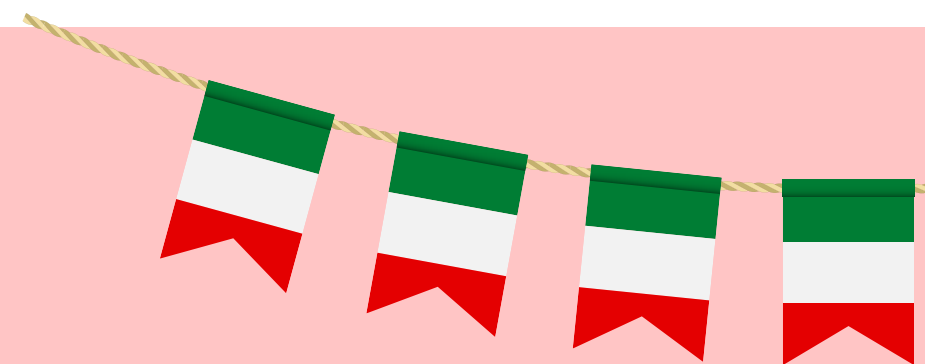
[LingQ.com](#) - this paid service combines thousands of listening and reading resources with powerful vocabulary learning software, allowing you to get to know Italian grammar and vocabulary rapidly.

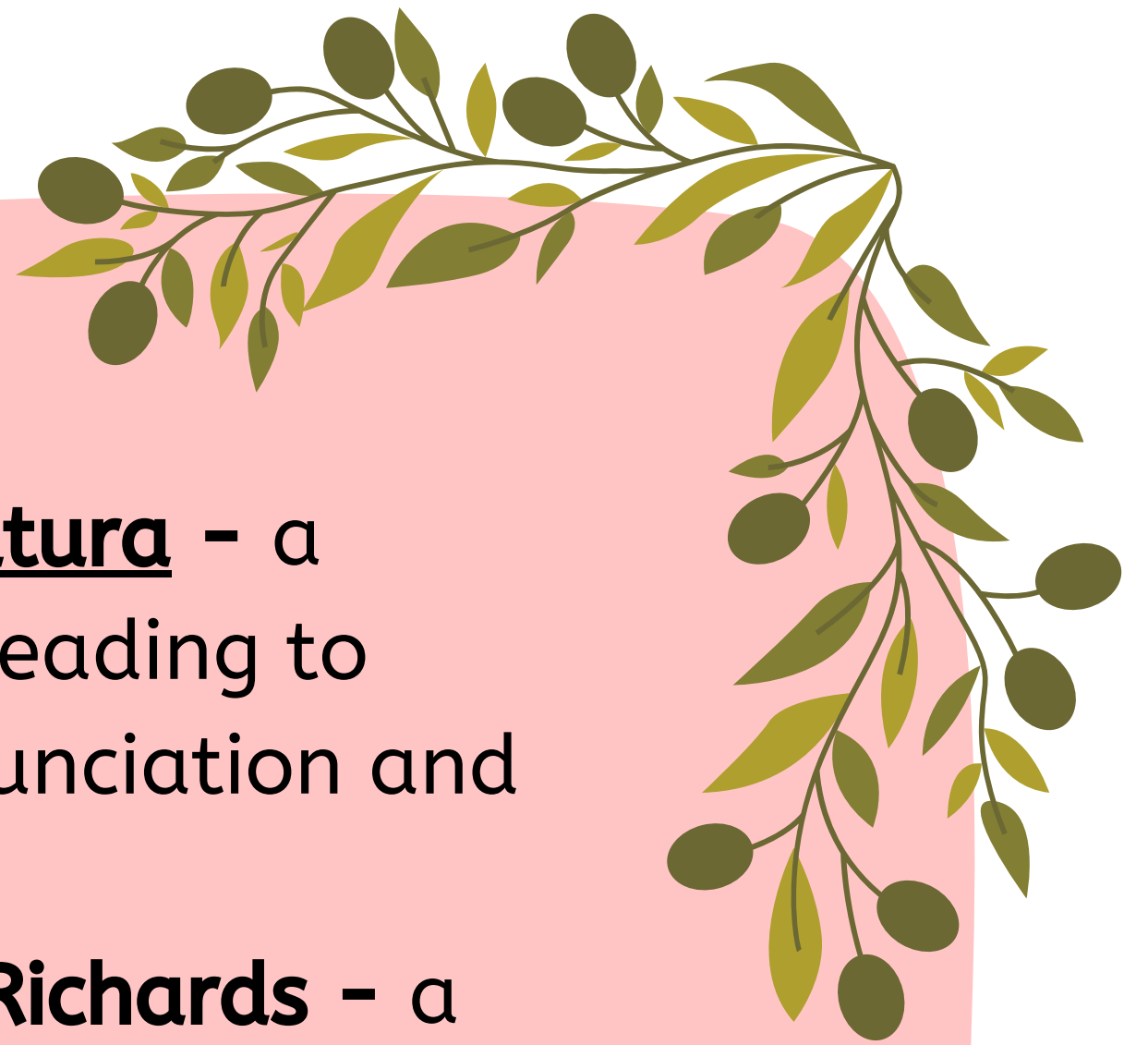
[ilearnitalian.net](#) - a blog that features grammar lessons, as well as access to Italian resources including films and articles.



GENERAL TIPS

1. Learn how to [write about your daily routine in Italian](#), and try to add something new every day!
2. Familiarise yourself with [cognates](#) to learn Italian vocabulary
3. Label things in your home with Italian words to passively learn everyday vocabulary





READING RESOURCES

1. **L'italiano secondo il metodo natura** - a resource that provides guided reading to improve your vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar understanding.
2. **Short Stories in Italian by Olly Richards** - a short story collection that comes in both beginner and intermediate levels, and guides your reading with glossaries, summaries and comprehension questions.
3. **The Italian Experiment Short Stories** - a range of online short stories that provides translations and an audio file with each story.
4. ***In Other Words* by Jhumpa Lahiri** - a memoir in both Italian and English about the author's journey learning Italian.



The **Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Sydney** offers classes, lectures and screenings and is a great way to immerse yourself in Italian.

Use free apps like **HelloTalk** and **Tandem** to find conversation partners and practice your oral, comprehension and writing skills. You can also pay for a tutor on **iTalki**.



TV SHOWS

1. **Made in Italy** - a light-hearted show, set in Milan in the 70s, that focuses on the rise of the Italian fashion industry.
2. **The Lying Life of Adults (Netflix)** - a 90s coming of age story.
3. **The Law According to Lidia Poët (Netflix)** - a period drama and murder mystery that is inspired by Italy's first female lawyer.
4. **Everything Calls for Salvation (Netflix)** - a man finds himself involuntarily in a psychiatric ward and learns how to live amongst his fellow patients.
5. **Baby (Netflix)** - a dark high-school drama.

FILMS

- **My Big Gay Italian Wedding (SBS On Demand)** - Antonio brings his fiancé, Paulo, to the old Italian village where he was born to meet his headstrong parents and reveal his sexuality.
- **Films by these directors:**
 - Federico Fellini
 - Dario Argento
 - Marcello Mastroianni
 - Pier Paolo Pasolini
 - Alice Rohrwacher

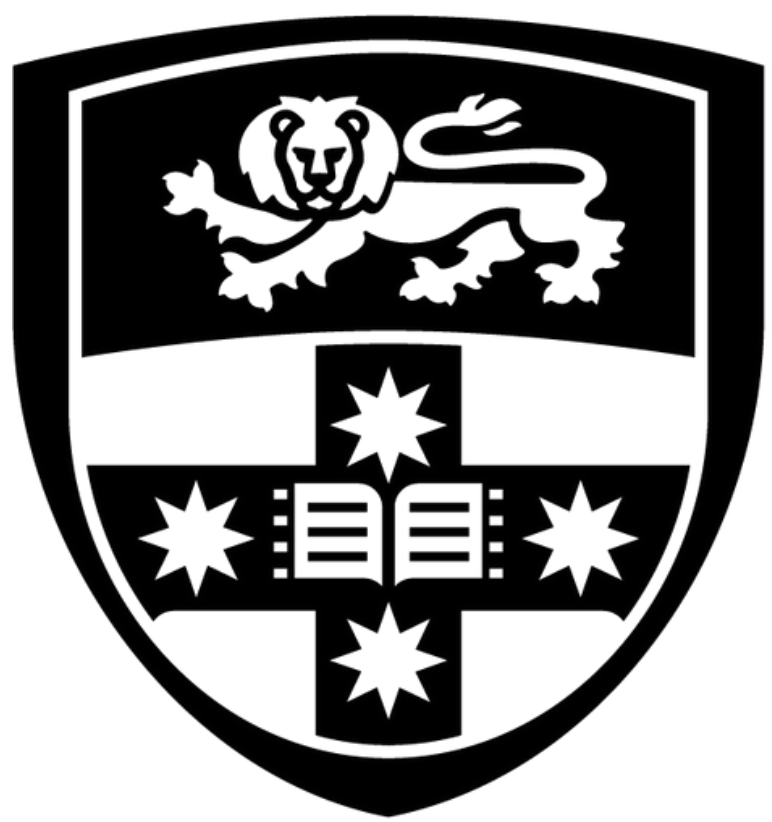
Michel Thomas provides great audio resources on both his [website](#) and [Youtube channel](#).

MUSIC

- Calibro 35
- Paolo Conte
- Mina
- Måneskin
- Lorenzo Fragola
- Caterina Caselli
- Ornella Vanoni
- Nino Fidenco
- Zero Assoluto
- Ricchi e Poveri
- M¥SS KETA



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