

Studentessa Matta

Elevate Your Passion for Italy and Italian

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(and then some!)

FOR

Learning Italian

At Home

AND

In Italy



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TV and Films

1. [Rai TV](#) and [RAIplay.it](#). Enjoy shows like the series Il Paradiso delle Signore, L'Amica Geniale, Don Matteo and a whole bunch of comedies and soap dramas. *Attenzione: you need region access to view Raiplay, which can be done by subscribing to Hola.)*
2. [Yabla](#). Language immersion through online video.
3. [Netflix](#). There are a surprisingly large selection available in Italian.
4. [Repubblica TV](#). Watch short news videos and current events in Italian, streaming live on web, accompanied by short written descriptions.

Radio and Audio

5. [Matta Spotify Italian Playlist](#). Tune in and discover Italian singers that you like.
6. [RaiRadio3](#). Portale for Radio Stations and Podcasts.
7. [Italia.FM](#). Portal for Radio Stations.
8. [Radio Capital](#). Italian talk radio.
9. [LatteMiele](#). An Italian Radio Station that features all Italian music.
10. [Radio 2 A Fumetti](#). A free Italian show. See a post I wrote on Dylan Dog.
11. [News In Slow Italian](#). Weekly Language Learning News Podcast in two speeds: Slow & Fast (Paid subscription).
12. [Maxmondo Audio Magazine](#). Intermediate Italian audio magazine and news articles.
13. [Learn In Your Car Language Grammar CDs](#) by Penton Overseas.

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Learning Podcasts

- 14. [Tutti Matti per l'Italiano](#). My own podcast explores all aspects of Italian culture, music and current events as well as language learning tips.
- 15. [ItalianPod101](#). They walk you through a dialogue, give you a transcript, then review new words and grammar structures, for a small fee for beginning to intermediate learners.
- 16. [Finestra sull'arte](#). Learn about famous Italian artists to understand Italian art history better. This is best for advanced learners.
- 17. [Quattro Stagione](#). A fun way to “tour” Italy from wherever you are.
[Read a blog post I wrote about Alessandra, the host.](#)

Reading Materials

- 18. [Amazon](#) and [Amazon.it](#). (where you can find my novels set in Italy: Dreaming Sophia, Waking Isabella, Eternally Artemisia, Il Risveglio di Isabella) and a lot more books in Italian.
- 19. [IBS Online Italian Bookstore](#).
- 20. [Le avventure di Pinocchio](#). This is a dual language book by Jack Risos.
[Read a review that I wrote.](#)
- 21. [Languages Direct](#). Beautifully designed easy reader books complete with grammar and comprehension exercises.
- 22. [Vanity Fair](#). The Italian version.

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- 23. [Il Post](#). A news source that features current events in Italy and
- 24. [Corriere della Sera](#). News specific to Italy.
- 25. [Donna Moderna](#). Online Italian women's magazine.
- 26. [La Repubblica](#). News specific to Italy.
- 27. Fumetti and Fotoromanzo. Search for these comic Books and photo romances in Italian open-air markets: Topolino, Tex, Diabolik, Dylan Dog, Julia, Sogno.

Youtube Channels

- 28. [Studentessa Matta Youtube Channel](#). Join me on my channel where I post videos about grammar and Italian culture. Look for written transcripts in Italian and English on the website in linked blog posts.
- 29. [Grammatica Caffè](#). Short videos on Alma.tv, written and produced by Roberto Tartaglione of SCUDIT, Scuola d'Italiano.
- 30. [Sgrammaticando](#). Focusing on Italian grammar. Originally intended for an Italian audience, it's become a useful site for Italian students.
- 31. [Italiano Automatico](#). Learn Italian with Alberto, and sometimes his nonna!
- 32. [Learn Italian with Lucrezia](#). Lucrezia is an Italian native who records short, fun weekly videos to help you learn Italian.
- 33. [Italian Language and Culture By Francesca](#). Helps non-native speakers discover the beauty of Italian through culture.
- 34. [One World Italiano](#). Learn Italian with Veronica from Sardinia.
- 35. [Weilà Tom](#). Italian teaching in a casual and fun way.
- 36. [Peppa Pig](#). A children's cartoon series that is easy to follow for beginning language learners.

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Websites

- 37. [Studentessa Matta](#). Your crazy Language Guide helping you to Elevate your Passion for Italy and Italian! Award-winning blog about Italian language and culture. Every week new blog posts in Italian!
- 38. [Italian for My Girlfriend](#). This site has hundreds of vocabulary words drawn into images then records to words into video.
- 39. [I Draw Italian](#). A Facebook site by a graphic designer trying to learn the Italian language. Welcome to the visual language journal!
- 40. [Italian StackExchange](#). A question and answer site for those wanting to discuss the finer points of the Italian language.
- 41. [Becoming Italian Word by Word](#). Dianne Hales author of “The Bella Lingua”, blogs in English highlighting Italian culture and vocabulary.
- 42. [Giallo Zafferano](#). A recipe site that all my Italian friends use.

Online Training

- 43. [Parola del Giorno](#). Learn a new Italian word Monday through Friday, published most weekdays.
- 44. [LingQ](#). Learn languages enjoyably with interesting, authentic content in a global community. Listen and read, grow your vocabulary, learn from anything on the web.
- 45. [DuoLingo](#). A free site that gasifies your way up a “tree of learning,” gaining points and mastering up to 25 skill levels. And in all honesty, I was once Addicted to Duolingo.
- 46. [italki](#). Connect with online teachers and native-speaking language partners. [Listen to a Podcast I recorded about italki](#).

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- 47. [bab.la](#). A rich resource for reference tools including an Italian dictionary, conjugation support, quizzes, and games.
- 48. [Memrise](#). Uses flashcards augmented with mnemonics. [Read a post I wrote about Memrise.](#)
- 49. [Anki](#). A spaced repetition flashcard program. You can create your own mnemonic cards
- 50. [lang-8.com](#). Language exchange social networking website geared towards learners.
- 51. [HiNative.com](#). Ask native speakers about their language and culture. [Read a post I wrote about HiNative.](#)
- 52. [Italian Verbs Conjugator](#). Type a verb and have it instantly conjugated.
- 53. [Babbel](#). Beginner grammar courses, vocabulary lessons, and courses with tongue-twisters, sayings, and songs.
- 54. [Rocket Italian](#). A healthy balance between fun and what you need to know. [See a post I wrote about Rocket Italian.](#)
- 55. [Cyber Italian](#). Learn Italian on line with Maura Garau's team of teachers

References Tools

- 56. [Italian: A Self-Teaching Guide](#). Edourdo A. Lebano
- 57. [WordReference](#). Online dictionary and translator.
- 58. [Word Reference Forum](#). A great place to ask scholarly questions about the language.
- 59. [Forvo](#). Listen to native speakers pronounce Italian words.

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- 60. [Flash Sticks](#). A Post-It Notes app that lets you scan objects around you and get a translation. [See my video about Flash Sticks](#).
- 61. [Reverso Context](#). Translate and learn millions of words and
- 62. [Dizy Italian Dictionary](#). A dictionary with pictures, descriptions, and links.
- 63. [Garzanti Linguistica Dizionario Italiano](#). Italian online dictionary.
- 64. [UltraLingua Dictionary](#). An online dictionary/ conjugations app
- 65. [Treccani](#). Italian encyclopedia..
- 66. [Fraze.it](#). Enter a word or a short phrase and Fraze will pump out sentences for you in context.
- 67. [Italy Made Easy](#). Brilliant free and paid lessons that developed from a popular Youtube series.
- 68. [Fluent Forever](#). Train your ear to understand the basic and more complex pronunciation. [Read a post I wrote and listen to an interview I gave with the founder Gabriel Wyner](#).
- 69. [Surface Language](#). Practice and learn the pronunciation of the 500 most commonly used words in Italian.

Games

- 70. [Scriveremo Pocket Puzzles](#). Puzzles and quizzes to enhance your vocabulary comprehension. [Read a post I wrote about Scriveremo](#).
- 71. [Aworded](#). An app to play Scrabble with Italians and other language learners.

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72. [Mindsnacks](#). Helps you learn vocabulary, phrases, verb conjugations, grammar, and pronunciation.

73. [Play Learn Italian](#). Play hangman and do word searches.

74. [Barzellette](#). Jokes in Italian.

75. [Parole Vietate](#). The Italian version of Taboo. Objective of the game is to guess a word, by describing it using other words. Helps build vocabulary!

Sing Aloud with Music

76. [Italian Karaoke Youtube](#) Videos provide music and words for you to sing

77. [LyricsTraining](#) app / program is available for Smart Phone or computer. The learning game draws upon thousands of popular songs found on Youtube. Music stimulates learning and memorization naturally.

Practice Pronunciation Skills - Record your voice

78. [Transparent Language EveryVoice](#). Record your own voice and compare it to native speaker pronunciation.

79. [Rocket Italian Online Language](#). Record your own voice and compare it to native speaker pronunciation.

80. [iOS Voice Memo App](#). Record your own voice while you're speaking or reading aloud and evaluate yourself.

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Join a Conversation Group / Find a Language Partner

81. [Chat Italiano!](#) Sign-up for on-line 1/2 hour Italian chat sessions with Melissa on the [Matta website](#) and elevate your conversation skills
82. [ITalki.com](#). Connect with an online teacher and native- speaking language partner. Listen to a podcast I recorded on italki.
83. [Preply](#). Find a native speaking language teacher that is right for any student's interest.
84. [Skill Silo](#). Find a native language teacher and have 1-on-1 language lessons via Skype. See a post I wrote on Skill Silo.
85. [Impariamo l'Italiano](#). An on-line forum exercise language skills with madrelingua Italians and other students. (This is where I got my start.)
86. [Interpals](#). Find language partners that you can chat with via text, Skype, email or snail mail if you're feeling old-fashioned.
87. [WyzAnt](#). Find expert tutors at affordable prices in your area.
88. [Gloria Acerboni](#). Online Italian teacher and singer.
89. [MeetUp Local Interest Groups](#). Join an Italian group in your area.
90. [Skype](#). Set up a FREE account and chat with Italian friends in Italy.

Write in Italiano

91. [Matta Facebook Page](#). Be an active member of the Matta Facebook community and interact with others to practice your writing skills daily.
92. [MattaTwitter Feed](#). Tweet in Italian — just a couple words a day goes a long way!
93. Short stories. Unleash your own creativity and write a short story, movie review, editorial, or poem in Italian.

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94. [Matta Facebook Conversation Group](#). Join the smaller community of chatty Matta fans as we practice writing in a small group forum.

95. To Do List. Write your to-dos or grocery list in Italian.

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

96. [AFS Study Abroad — Host an exchange student](#). I've hosted two Italian students through AFS. The experience changed my life and I gained two new families.

Study in Italia

97. [Andiamo in Italia!](#) Join me for a small-group language program.

98. [At Home in Italy](#). Enjoy an Italian language homestay and live and learn in the home of an Italian teacher in Italy.

99. [Study at Cultura Italiana Italian School Arezzo](#). Tell them Melissa sent you and you will receive a special welcome and an aperitivo.

Now... are you ready to ELEVATE your Italian Language Skills?

Sì?

Andiamo!

