

How to become an Italian: 12 Tips for beginners



First Step



**WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
WHAT WE NEED TO BE ITALIAN?**



Tip n°12

KNOW HOW TO ORDER A COFFEE



Guess How many types of
Coffee we have in Italy?



50



One of the biggest mistake of foreigners is to mess with the coffee, **FORGET WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN STARBUCKS** (and don't even mention its name in front of an Italian).

So if you want to be a perfect Italian, when you go to a bar, you should be able to order...

Caffè macchiato



Espresso

Cappuccino



Most Important



THIS IS AMERICANO NOT A COFFEE



Tip n°11



USE BIDET



A french word for an Italian object

A typical Italian House has a bidet, so the perfect Italian when it does not see in a bathroom a bidet should complain about how dirty and barbaric are the foreigners by not using a bidet (which does not exist in France)



Tip n°10



LEARN HOW TO DRIVE IN A CREATIVE WAY





We are one of the worst drivers in Europe

There is few rules to respect to be a perfect Italian Drivers:

- not respect pedestrian crossing;
- doesn't care about speed limit;
- using clacson without hesitations;
- And most of all....

Prepare to FIGHT!

Italians are famous about bad words but when we drive we give the best of us



Tip n°9



WALK AS LESS AS POSSIBLE





In Italy we don't walk,
WE DRIVE, even if you
have to do 50 meters
take a cab, no
discussions!

In fact in Italy we do a “a
car walk”



This is the sign of people “walking”

Tip n°8



BE PATRIOTIC...ABROAD





Italians hate Italy till they left the country than they love it

If you want to be the perfect Italian you should not be proud to be Italian till you left the country. In Italy there is division between regions, cities and most famous one...NORTH vs SOUTH



Tip n°7



SPEAK LOUDLY



In Italy we speak with passion and everybody should listen our message, no matter how much they care they have to listen. If you want to be a perfect Italian think to speak sufficiently loud that the guy of the building in front of you is able to listen



Tip n°6



USE GESTURES



**I AM
ITALIAN
AND
I CANNOT
KEEP CALM**



**There is only
one way to
silence an
Italian: tie
his/her hands**

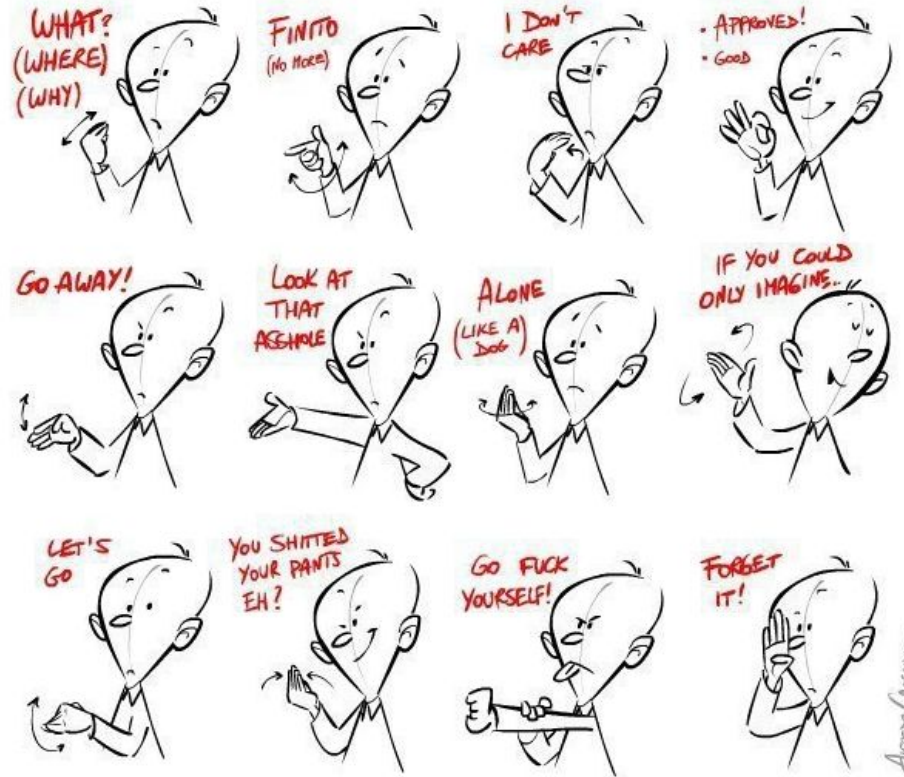
Italians speak with passion and so they speak with gesture, but sometimes use the gestures is the best way to tell something without saying something



Here we have few examples



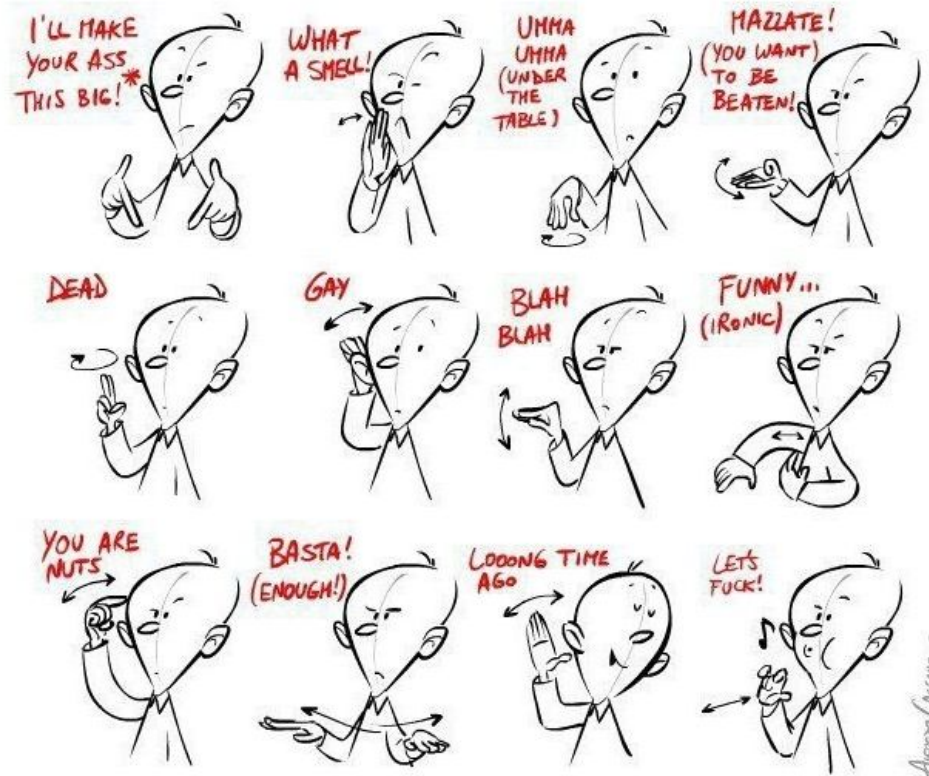
- ITALIAN POPULAR GESTURES - (JUST A FEW.)



Round 2



- ITALIAN POPULAR GESTURES - CHAPTER II



Round 3



- ITALIAN POPULAR GESTURES - CHAPTER III

HUNGRY



AH, WHAT
WOULD I
DO TO YOU!



IF I CATCH
YOU...



ANGRY



YOU DIDN'T
FOOL ME
- OR -
I FOOLED
YOU



ARE YOU
NUTS?
- OR -
MY ASS!



COOL



THIS LONG
- OR -
TAKING IT
IN THE
ASS



TIE!
(TAKE
THIS!)



Alfredo Cascano

Tip n° 5



BE PUNCTUALLY LATE





In Italy we are usually **punctual...10 minutes later**

If you want to be a real Italian you have to be late and if you are going to meet other Italians be aware that the meeting point will be at least 30 later. In case of parties can be at least one hour late

● A Small dictionary

- La festa sarà alle 10=the party will be at 11 (probably later)
- Sto arrivando sto uscendo= I am coming, I have just wake up and I have to prepare myself but I am coming
- Sto arrivando sono in strada= I am on my way, I have put the first step outside my home
- Farò 10 minuti di ritardo= I will arrive at least with 30 minutes delay
- l'incontro è tra le 7 e le otto= the meeting will be at 8

Tip n°4



**DON'T BE LAZY: LEARN FOOTBAL
BY WATCHING IT**





Love football more than your girlfriend/boyf riend

Italians love football, they will be on strike to be able to watch a match. If you want to be the perfect Italian you have to forget about your dating and support your team. Plus watch it, don't play it, you are not a professional



Tip n°3



COMPLAIN





There is no necessity of reason, just complain

Italians complain about everything: politics, job situation, girlfriend/boyfriend, food, etc. So if you want to be a perfect Italian just complain about no reason

- You are not used to complain without no reasons, here few suggestions:
- Weather
- Politics;
- Being unemployed;
- Having a job;
- Having a boyfriend,
- not having a boyfriend;
- Having too much to do;
- Having nothing to do;
- **MOST OF ALL:** how badly is prepared Italian food

Tip n°2



LOVE YOUR MOTHER MORE THAN YOUR GIRLFRIEND



Remember
that no matter
how much
effort your
boyfriend/girlf
riend will put,
your mother
will do that
better anyway



And Tip n°1 will be....



Tip n°1



LOVE FOOD MORE THAN YOUR MOTHER!





Pasta is not a simply meal, it is a way of life

If you want to be a perfect Italian you should know at least how to cook pasta, because you have to eat two times per day. For you food is not a matter of eating, is a way of life a religion and you are a fanatic ready to fight against blasphemy



You should be angry and feel offended if you see:



Pasta with ketchup

**Pizza with
marshmallow**



Congrats now you are Italian!



COMPLIMENTI!

