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The two volumes of the audio dialogue practice book are companion books to the textbook *Conversational Italian for Travelers*, in that all content in Chapter 1 of the audio book is covered in Chapter 1 of the textbook, and so on, for each chapter. The audio books provide practice that includes and then goes beyond the examples and vocabulary provided in the textbook, in order to make the spoken language truly come alive. Since the focus of the textbook is on adult education for travel purposes, this is also, of course, the focus of the audio practice books.

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Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 1

Basic greetings

Buon giorno.	Good day.
Buon giorno.	Use for, "Good morning."
Buona giornata.	Use when an American would say: "Good afternoon," or "Have a good day."
Buona sera.	Good evening.
Buona notte.	Good night.

Practice - 2

Basic greetings / Idiomatic expression city of origin, "Di dove?" / Capital cities (di)

Buon giorno, signora.	Good morning, ma'am.
Di dov'è Lei?	Where are you from? (polite) (lit. From where are you?)
Sono di Londra.	(I) am from London.

Buon giorno, Maria.	Good afternoon, Mary.
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono di Madrid.	(I) am from Madrid.

Buona sera, Maria.	Good evening, Mary.
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono di Parigi.	(I) am from Paris.

Buona notte, Francesca.	Good night, Frances.
Buona notte, Laura.	Good night, Laura.

Practice - 3

Polite expressions of agreement

Si.	Yes.
Certo.	Of course.
D'accordo.	(I) agree.
Penso di sì.	(I) think so.

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 4

Polite expressions

Per favore.	Please.
Per piacere.	Please.
Grazie.	Thank you.
Molte grazie!	Thank you very much!
Tante grazie!	Thank you so much!
Mille grazie!	Thanks a lot! (lit. A thousand thanks!)
Prego.	You're welcome.
Di niente!	You're welcome! (lit. It was nothing!)
Permesso?	May I (enter)?
Mi dispiace.	I'm sorry.
Mi scusi.	Excuse me. (polite command)
Scusa.	Excuse me. (familiar command)

Practice - 5

Polite expressions / Idiomatic expression city of origin, "Di dove?"

Capital cities (di)

Per favore, signorina...	Please, miss...
Di dov'è Lei?	Where are you from? (polite)
Sono di Dublino.	(I) am from Dublin.

Per piacere, Maria...	Please, Mary...
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono di Atene.	(I) am from Athens.

Permesso?	May I?
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono di Berlino.	(I) am from Berlin.

Grazie, Maria.	Thank you, Mary.
Prego.	You are welcome.

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 6

Basic greetings / Saying good bye

Ciao!	Hi! and Bye! (familiar)
Ciao bella!	Hi, beautiful (girl)!
Ciao bello!	Hi, handsome (boy)!
Come va?	How's it going?
Ci vediamo!	(Until) we see each other (again)!
Arrivederci!	Good bye! (familiar polite)
Arrivederla!	Good bye to you! (polite with respect)
A presto!	(See you) soon!
A dopo!	(See you) later!
A più tardi!	(A little) Later!

Practice - 7

Basic greetings

Chiamarsi – present tense – **mi chiamo, ti chiami, si chiama**

Idiomatic expression city of origin, **“Di dove?”** / Capital cities (**di**)

Saying good bye

Buon giorno, signora. Come si chiama?	Good afternoon, ma'am. What is your name? (polite)
Mi chiamo Maria.	My name is Mary.
Di dov'è Lei?	Where are you from? (polite)
Sono di Mosca.	(I) am from Moscow.
Arrivederla.	Good bye to you. (polite with respect)

Ciao bella! Come ti chiami?	Hey, beautiful (girl)! What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Maria.	My name is Mary.
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono del Cairo.	(I) am from Cairo.
Ci vediamo!	(Until) we see each other (again)!

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Practice - 8

Idiomatic expression, “**Dove?**” / Subject pronouns, questions and answers

Abitare – present tense – **abito, abiti, abita, abitiamo, abitate, abitano**

Countries (**in**)

Dove abito?	Where (do) (I) live?
Abito in Europa.	(I) live in Europe.

Dove abiti?	Where (do) (you) live? (familiar)
Abito in Italia.	(I) live in Italy.

Dove abita Lei?	Where (do) you live? (polite)
Abito in Irlanda.	(I) live in Ireland.

Dove abita lei?	Where (does) she live?
Abita in Spagna.	(She) lives in Spain.

Dove abita lui?	Where (does) he live?
Abita in Francia.	(He) lives in France.

Dove abitiamo?	Where (do) (we) live?
Abitiamo in Germania.	(We) live in Germany.

Dove abitate?	Where (do) (you all) live?
Abitiamo in Portogallo.	(We) live in Portugal.

Dove abitano?	Where (do) (they) live?
Abitano in Inghilterra.	(They) live in England.

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 9

Basic greetings

Chiamarsi – present tense – **mi chiamo, ti chiami, si chiama**

Abitare – present tense – **abito, abiti, abita**

Idiomatic expression, **“Dove?”** / Capital cities **(a)** / Saying good bye

Buon giorno! Come si chiama?	Good day! What is your name? (polite)
Mi chiamo Caterina.	My name is Kathy.
Dove abita Lei?	Where (do) you live? (polite)
Abito a Londra.	(I) live in London.
Arrivederla!	Good bye to you! (polite with respect)

Ciao bella! Come ti chiami?	Hi, beautiful (girl)! What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Rosa.	My name is Rose.
Dove abiti?	Where (do) (you) live? (familiar)
Abito a Parigi.	(I) live in Paris.
Ci vediamo!	(Until) we see each other (again)!

Ciao bella! Come va? Come ti chiami?	Hi, beautiful (girl)! How's it going? What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Laura.	My name is Laura.
Dove abiti?	Where (do) (you) live? (familiar)
Abito a Lisbona.	(I) live in Lisbon.
A presto!	(See you) soon!

Ciao! Come ti chiami?	Hi! What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Anna.	My name is Ann.
Dove abiti?	Where (do) (you) live? (familiar)
Abito a Dublino.	(I) live in Dublin.
A dopo!	(See you) later!

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 10

Chiamarsi – present tense – mi chiamo, ti chiami, si chiamaSingular masculine forms of **bello/buono** / Names of people and countries

Come ti chiami?	What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Maria.	My name is Mary.
Che bel nome!	What a nice name!

Come si chiama?	What is your name? (polite)
Mi chiamo Caterina.	My name is Kathy.
Che bel nome!	What a beautiful name!

Come si chiama?	What is her name?
Si chiama Rosa.	Her name is Rose.
Che bel nome!	What a good name!

Come si chiama?	What is his name?
Si chiama Michele.	His name is Michael.
È un buon nome!	(It) is a good name!

Come si chiama?	What is its name?
Si chiama Europa.	Its name is Europe.
Che bel posto!	What a nice place!

Come si chiama?	What is its name?
Si chiama America.	It is called America.
È proprio un bel paese!	(It) is really a beautiful country!

Come si chiama?	What is its name?
Si chiama Italia.	It is called Italy.
È proprio un paese buono!	(It) is really a good country!

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 11

Idiomatic expressions, **“Dove?” “Ecco!”**

Vocabulary – At the airport

Caterina, dove sei?	Kathy, where are you?
Eccomi!	Here I am!

Dov'è l'uscita?	Where is the gate? (= exit to board the plane)
Eccola!	Here it is!

Dov'è la scala mobile?	Where is the escalator?
Eccola!	Here it is!

Pietro, dove sei?	Peter, where are you?
Eccomi!	Here I am!

Dov'è il bagaglio a mano?	Where is the carry on luggage?
Eccolo!	Here it is!

Dov'è la cintura di sicurezza?	Where is the seat belt?
Eccola!	Here it is!

Michele, dove sei?	Michael, where are you?
Eccomi!	Here I am!

Dov'è il biglietto aereo?	Where is the plane ticket?
Eccolo!	Here it is!

Dov'è la carta d'imbarco?	Where is the boarding pass?
Eccola!	Here it is!

Chapter 1 – At the Airport

Practice - 12

Idiomatic expressions, “**Dove?**” “**Ecco!**”

Vocabulary – Countries with definite article – when identifying on a map

Caterina, dov'è l'Italia?	Kathy, where is (the country of) Italy?
Ecco l'Italia!	Here Italy is! (lit. Here is (the country of) Italy!)

Maria, dov'è l'America?	Mary, where is America?
Ecco l'America!	Here America is!

Michele, dove sono gli Stati Uniti d'America?	Where is the United States of America?
Ecco gli Stati Uniti d'America!	Here is the United States of America!

Practice - 13

Numbers – Counting 1 – 10

Uno	1
Due	2
Tre	3
Quattro	4
Cinque	5
Sei	6
Sette	7
Otto	8
Nove	9
Dieci	10

Practice - 14

Numbers – Counting with **zero**

Zero	Zero
Uno zero	One zero
Due zeri	Two zeros
Dieci ha uno zero.	Ten has one zero.
Cento ha due zeri.	One hundred has two zeros.

Chapter 2 – At Customs in Italy

Practice - 1

Essere – present tense – sono, sei, è, siamo, siete, sono

Nationalities / Singular to plural

Io sono europeo.	I am European.
Tu sei inglese.	You are English. (familiar)
Lei è irlandese.	She is Irish.
Lui è spagnolo.	He is Spanish.

Noi siamo portoghesi.	We are Portuguese.
Voi siete francesi.	You all are French.
Loro sono tedeschi.	They are German.

Practice - 2

Essere – present tense – sono, sei, è, siamo, siete, sono

Nationalities / Capital cities (**di**) / Singular to plural

Io sono europea(o).	I am European. (female/male)
Tu sei inglese, di Londra.	You are English, from London. (familiar)
Lei è irlandese, di Dublino.	She is Irish, from Dublin.
Lui è spagnolo, di Madrid.	He is Spanish, from Madrid.

Noi siamo portoghesi, di Lisbona.	We are Portuguese, from Lisbon.
Voi siete francesi, di Parigi.	You all are French, from Paris.
Loro sono tedeschi, di Berlino.	They are German, from Berlin.

Chapter 2 – At Customs in Italy

Practice - 3

Essere – present tense – io sono / Countries with definite articles / Nationalities

Idiomatic expressions, **“Da dove viene?” “Vengo dal, dall’, dalla”**

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dall’Europa.	(I) come from Europe.
Io sono europeo(a).	I am European. (male/female)

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dall’ Inghilterra.	(I) come from England.
Io sono inglese.	I am English.

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dall’Irlanda.	(I) come from Ireland.
Io sono irlandese.	I am Irish.

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dalla Spagna.	(I) come from Spain.
Io sono spagnolo(a).	I am Spanish. (male/female)

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dal Portogallo.	(I) come from Portugal.
Io sono portoghese.	I am Portuguese.

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dalla Francia.	(I) come from France.
Io sono francese.	I am French.

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dalla Germania.	(I) come from Germany.
Io sono tedesco(a).	I am German. (male/female)

Da dove viene?	Where are you from? (polite)
Vengo dalla Grecia.	(I) come from Greece.
Io sono greco(a).	I am Greek. (male/female)