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for
Travelers*

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Introduction: How to use this book

The *Conversational Italian Audio Dialogue Practice Book* (Volumes 1 and 2) is filled with useful phrases, verb conjugations, and sentences for the student of Italian to read and repeat out-loud. Each chapter of the book can be downloaded as an audio file in MP3 format from the web sites www.StellaLucente.com and www.learntravelitalian.com, and has native speakers for both the Italian phrases and for the English translation that immediately follows. The phrases in each chapter start out simply, and the complete verb conjugations for the verbs to be covered in that chapter are given for memorization. Then, as the chapter progresses, the phrases build into more complex sentences, using the vocabulary that has already been covered. In this way, word choice and verb conjugation should become automatic. The more the phrases are repeated, the more they become a part of one's understanding of how the language is actually used, and the more natural and easy speaking in Italian becomes!

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 which 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.

The textbook *Conversational Italian for Travelers* is divided into three units, "Transportation," "City Life," and "At the Hotel and Restaurant." Volume 1 of the audio practice books covers the "Transportation" and half of the "City Life" units. Volume 1 starts with beginning material, with basic meeting/greeting phrases, and continues with phrases about how to get around using various modes of transportation, how to purchase items, and how to tell time. Italian present tense verb conjugations, command forms, and reflexive verbs are also introduced later in the volume, so the student can begin to explain actions and feelings to a friend. Volume 2 covers the remainder of the "City Life" unit and the "At the Hotel and Restaurant" unit, with additional material so the student can describe likes/dislikes, and practice speaking in the past, future, and conditional tenses. Of course, Volume 2 also covers vocabulary that will enable one to make reservations, talk on the telephone, and visit a hotel and restaurant.

Can these audio books be used without the *Conversational Italian for Travelers* textbook explanations? Of course! For those who learn best by listening, the material to be covered is presented simply at the start of each practice session, verbally on the audio file. So, one can just listen, listen, listen, and of course, repeat, and start to speak Italian immediately! There is much repetition in the first two chapters of names of countries and nationalities, which are words easily understood by the English speaker due to their similarity to English; this is in order to focus on basic ideas of verb conjugation and masculine and feminine agreement in Italian. In later chapters, more and more important vocabulary is gradually introduced – similar to the way we learn our native language as children. Listen to each phrase once, or over and over again – as much or as little as needed, and follow the pace that is best for you!

Purchase the audio book and download the phrases into your own personal MP3 player, and get started today learning to speak Italian like a native!

Chapter 1 - At the Airport

Practice - 1

Basic greetings

Buon giorno.	Good day.
Buon giorno.	Use for, "Good morning."
Buon giorno.	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, Maria.	Good morning, Maria.
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, Maria.
Di dove sei?	Where are you from? (familiar)
Sono di Madrid.	(I) am from Madrid.

Buona sera, Maria.	Good evening, Maria.
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.

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Practice - 4

Polite expressions

Per favore.	Please.
Per piacere.	Please.
Grazie.	Thank you.
Grazie molto!	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, Maria...	Please, Maria...
Di dov'è lei?	Where are you from? (polite)
Sono di Dublino.	(I) am from Dublin.

Per piacere, Maria...	Please, Maria...
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, Maria.
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! Come si chiama?	Good afternoon! What is your name? (polite)
Mi chiamo Maria.	My name is Maria.
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 Maria.
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 America.	(I) live in America.

Dove abiti?	Where (do) (you) live? (familiar)
Abito in Europa.	(I) live in Europe.

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.

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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 chiama**

Singular masculine forms of **bello/buono** / Names of people and countries

Come ti chiami?	What is your name? (familiar)
Mi chiamo Maria.	My name is Maria.
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 paese!	What a nice country!

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

Come si chiama?	What is its name?
Si chiama Italia.	It is called Italy.
È proprio un paese buono (cioè gli abitanti sono buoni)!	(It) is really a good country (that is, because of its wonderful people)!

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?	Maria, 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.

