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## Introduction: How to Use This Book

Volumes 1 and 2 of the *Conversational Italian for Travelers Audio Dialogue Practice Book* are filled with useful phrases for the Italian student to read out loud. Essential Italian vocabulary and verb conjugation practice is provided with examples that can be used in real-life situations. The English translation is provided after each Italian phrase.

Audio for the Audio Dialogue practice books was recorded  
with native Italian and English speakers  
and is available for download  
from Amazon.com and your favorite audio platform.

In each chapter of the *Audio Dialogue Practice* book, short Italian phrases are first included as part of exercises that focus on Italian verb conjugation. This method adds interest to the verb drills and allows for easy memorization of both frequently used Italian verbs and conversational phrases. As the chapter progresses, the phrases build into complex sentences, using the vocabulary that has already been introduced. The more the example phrases are repeated, the more easily they are integrated into one's real-life Italian conversations and the more natural speaking in Italian becomes!

Both 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 of the 18 chapters of the textbook. The audio book provides Italian language practice that includes and then goes beyond the examples provided in the textbook to make conversational Italian truly come alive.

The focus of the textbook and the audiobook is on learning "all the Italian you need to know to enjoy your trip to Italy." The textbook *Conversational Italian for Travelers* is divided into three units: "Transportation," "City Life," and "At the Hotel and Restaurant." The Volume 1 *Conversational Italian for Travelers Audio Dialogue Practice Book* covers Chapters 1 through 9 of the textbook, which includes the entire "Transportation" and the first half of the "City Life" units, while Volume 2 covers Chapters 10 through 18, and includes the second half of "City Life" and the complete "At the Hotel and Restaurant" units.

In Volume 1, the *Audio Dialogue Practice Book* introduces the Italian language with essential material for rote beginners, starting with the basics of conversation with easy meeting and

greeting phrases and describing where one is from. There is much repetition in the first two chapters of the names of countries and nationalities, which use Italian words that are similar to English and are easily understood by English speakers. In this way, the Italian student uses easy-to-learn Italian words to focus on learning Italian masculine and feminine agreement and then ease into the more difficult concept of Italian verb conjugation. As the book progresses, additional vocabulary is gradually introduced — similar to the way we learn our native language as children.

As the Volume 1 *Audio Dialogue Practice Book* progresses from beginning into intermediate material, Italian phrases are introduced that are useful for traveling throughout Italy on the train, in a taxi, or in an automobile. How to count in Italian is covered gradually in each chapter, along with how to tell time, talk about train schedules, and make purchases in Italy. From Chapters 1 – 7, there is an emphasis on the present tense Italian verbs used in every-day situations, including exceptions in pronunciation. In Chapters 8 and 9, reflexive verbs and familiar commands are covered in the “City Life” chapters, so the Italian student can communicate feelings and actions with the friends they make in Italy.

The Volume 2 *Audio Dialogue Practice Book* covers material that is useful for the intermediate Italian student, including vocabulary that emphasizes social life and vacationing while in Italy; how to talk on the telephone, send an email, make reservations, and visit Italian restaurants and hotels is covered in detail. Verb practice includes describing likes/dislikes and speaking in the past, future, and conditional tenses.

Can the audio books be used without the *Conversational Italian for Travelers* textbook? For best results, it is recommended to read each chapter in the textbook first to understand the grammar behind the phrases in the audio books. The *Conversational Italian for Travelers* textbook was created specifically for adults who are motivated to learn Italian on their own. But for those Italian students who learn best by listening, whether learning on their own or in a formal Italian class, the audio material in both volumes of the *Audio Dialogue Practice* books can stand alone as an invaluable learning aid. The topics covered in each exercise are summarized in a brief introduction, both in the books and in the audio recordings. One can just listen, listen, listen, and repeat to start speaking Italian immediately! Listen to each phrase once, or over and over again — as much or as little is needed, and follow the pace that is best for you!

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## *Chapter 1 - At the Airport*

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### *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 / Common 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)<br>(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.             |

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 si. | (I) think so. |

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### *Practice - 4*

#### Polite expressions

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Per favore.   | Please.                                 |
| Per piacere.  | Please.                                 |
| Grazie.       | Thank you.                              |
| Molte grazie! | Thank you very much!                    |
| Tante grazie! | Many thanks!                            |
| 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 / Common 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. |

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### 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

#### Common expression city of origin "Di dove?" / Capital cities (di)

#### Saying good bye

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Buon giorno, signora. | Good morning, ma'am.                   |
| Come si chiama?       | 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!      | Hey, beautiful (girl)!             |
| Come ti chiami?  | 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*

Common 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.                |

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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**

Common 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)!                  |

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|---|--|
| Ciao bella! Come va?<br>Come ti chiami? | Hi, beautiful (girl)! How's it going?<br>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!                  |

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### *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 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! |

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### Practice - 11

Common 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!                 |

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### *Practice - 12*

Common 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!<br>(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? | Michael, 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. |