



Lesson 1: Thank You!

Grazie

LESSON NOTES

Wherever your destination, manners are a must! And in this respect, Italy is no different. So in our very first lesson, we'll be teaching you a simple phrase that is bound to come in handy throughout your trip to Italy. Again, I can't stress this enough, a little a bit of language can go such a long way!

In Italian "Thank you." is "grazie".

You can emphasize 'grazie' by adding 'mille', literally "a thousand". You could say "grazie mille", which would be equivalent to "thank you very much" or "thanks a lot".

PHRASES

Italian	English
Grazie mille	Thanks a lot
Ti ringrazio	I thank you.
La ringrazio	I thank you (formal).

VOCABULARY

Italian	English
Grazie	Thank you

QUICK TIP

There will be occasions where you will really want to show your appreciation. During occasions such as these, you can use the verb 'ringraziare':

"I thank you" is "ti ringrazio". The first word 'ti' means 'you', or 'to you'. This is followed by the verb, "ringrazio", which is the first person form of the verb "ringraziare", which means 'to thank'.

When speaking to an older person or someone you've just met, you should always use the formal tense. The phrase is essentially the same. All you need to do is substitute 'ti' with 'la'. The phrase will look like this: "la ringrazio"

QUICK TIP 2

By far, 'grazie' is the most common way to thank someone.

Grazie can be used with just about anyone, anywhere and anytime. You say Grazie when the waiter brings your food or drinks; when the clerk in the hotel takes your luggage to your room; when somebody welcomes you, or congratulates you. The person's gender or age isn't important; "grazie" or "grazie mille" will always be an appropriate response.