



Lesson 2: You're Welcome

Prego

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll continue to learn more phrases that will help you with basic etiquette. Italians are very hospitable, and phrases of gratitude are used quite often. In Italian "You're welcome." is "prego".

You can emphasize 'prego' by adding 'non fa niente' which means literally means "doesn't do anything". Its English equivalent might be "don't mention it". You would put the two phrases together like this: "Prego. Non fa niente.", which would be equivalent to, "You're welcome. Don't mention it."

PHRASES

Italian	English
Non fa niente	Don't mention it
Senz'altro	Certainly

VOCABULARY

Italian	English
Prego	You're welcome

QUICK TIP

Another way of responding to a phrase of gratitude is "Senz'altro" which means "certainly". The first word "senza" means without. This is followed by "altro", which in Italian is "other".

QUICK TIP 2

Musicians will have an advantage when learning Italian; since the 17th Century classical music has used Italian words when giving directions, and most classical musicians need some knowledge of Italian. For example, if a piece of music has a section 'senza violin' any violin player from around the world will know that it's time for their break!