

Italian present indicative: regular verbs

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Learn to talk about what you do now and your habits.

When do we use the present tense?

To conjugate a regular verb we take away -are, -ere or -ire and add the correct ending.

The three conjugations

Person	talk	believe	sleep	clean
I	speaking o	cred o	sleep o	clean isco
you	speaking i	cred i	sleep i	clean go
he/she	speaking a	cred e	sleep e	clean isce
us	speaking come on	cred come on	sleep come on	clean come on
you	speaking ate	cred ete	sleep ite	clean ite
them	speaking anus	cred honour	sleep honour	clean lno

Remember: with us the ending is always -let's go . Some verbs in -ire , how clean , understand , finish e prefer , they add -isc- with I , you , he/she e them : I clean, clean, clean, clean . With us e you remain regular: let's clean, clean .

How does an Italian really speak?

In Italian the pronoun is often not necessary: we say normally "I speak Italian" , not always "I speak Italian".

Common mistakes

Exercises with immediate feedback

1. Io ___ italiano. (parlare)
2. Tu ___ molto. (studiare)
3. Lei ___ a Marco. (credere)
4. Noi ___ otto ore. (dormire)
5. Voi ___ un libro. (leggere)
6. Loro ___ a Roma. (lavorare)
7. Io ___ una pizza. (mangiare)
8. Tu ___ una mail. (scrivere)

9. Luca ___ la porta. (aprire)
10. Noi ___ in Italia. (abitare)
11. Io ___ la cucina. (pulire)
12. Loro ___ la casa. (pulire)



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