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5 TOP TIPS WHEN LEARNING ITALIAN






How do YOU learn?



I like to interact with others and learn through group classes which also gives me speaking practice in a nurturing environment. For others, private, individual lessons might feel best or maybe an immersion school, books, online language exchange or a penpal.

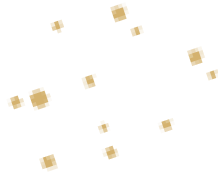
I have taken group Skype lessons with [Luca Lupo](#), who is a fantastic teacher and to whom I have referred many of the expats in my little town. Choose what works best for you and find what fits your [learning style](#) best. If one way isn't working, change it. Read my interview with Luca [here](#).



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Talk, Talk, Talk

I know it can be scary and intimidating, but don't be afraid! I really think most people appreciate the effort. We all know someone whose first language isn't English and they don't speak perfectly or correctly. We're happy to have a conversation, no matter how basic or flawed. Italy is the land of the spoken word and locals want to tell you their stories and want to hear yours.



Head to the local cafe and share a coffee or go to the grocery store and practice a few words. Keep trying and your confidence will build. Read about my extremely embarrassing experience speaking Italian. If I can continue speaking after this, so can you.

“Always Fico, Never Fic*”

Reading is Good

Get those beginner books out! For me, reading adds another layer of comprehension. I remember the vocabulary better and see the words in context. The [dual-language](#) beginner books are great, as well as reading local and online newspapers and children's books. Try to read before you go to bed and soon you'll be dreaming in Italian!



Say what? Listen Up!

I love music so I started listening to Italian popular music on my phone through Spotify. Most smartphones now have the option to see the lyrics too - now you can sing along! When watching TV or movies in Italian, you might want to set the subtitles to English or Italian. YouTube is another great resource. Some favorites: Detective Montalbano, [Italian Made Easy](#), [Learn Italian with Lucrezia](#), and [Weila Tom](#)

Technology



There are so many options available that it can be overwhelming. I love listening to podcasts while driving or walking my dogs. Often, I listen to beginner Italian language audible books or language podcasts like [Italianpod101](#) or [Italian Slow News](#) - Yes, there is such a thing. Language apps are so good now. I really like Babbel which also engages you to speak. But there is such a variety to choose from - Duolingo, Italianpod101, MosaLingua, Rosetta Stone, etc. It really just depends on how you learn - Back to Tip 1!

