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## Italian

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### Navigating an entry

On every entry page in our Premium dictionary, you will see the headword, pronunciation, part of speech, translations and labels where necessary.

### Translations

**credere** 

Pronunciation: /[ˈkredere](#)/

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transitive verb

(ritenere, pensare)  
[to believe](#)  
[to think](#)  
[to suppose](#)

*è assurdo credere che ...*  
 it's absurd to think that ...



*credo che venga*  
 I think he's coming

*credere che sia necessario, bene fare*  
 to think it's necessary, a good thing

The different senses of the headword itself are translated, with information to help you find which sense you need. In addition, many examples of a sense in use are provided and translated, especially when the main translation does not work in all contexts, or when unexpected verbs or prepositions may be needed.



Whenever a translation is a headword on the other side of the dictionary it is blue and hyperlinked. You can click the hyperlink to go to that entry.

### chair

British English: /[tʃeː](#)/   
 American English: /[tʃer](#)/ 

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Translation of *chair* in Italian:  
 noun

- 1 (seat)  
 (wooden) [sedia](#) (feminine) 
- (upholstered)  
[poltrona](#) (feminine) 

Links are provided to the same word in other dictionaries.



#### Definition of hello in:

- [British & World English](#) dictionary
- [US English](#) dictionary

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## Pronunciations

### herb

British English: /hɜːb/  .....  
 American English: /ˈ(h)ɜrb/ 

noun


(plant)


**erba** (feminine) 

(for cooking)

**erba** (feminine) **aromatica** 

(with medicinal properties)


**pianta** (feminine) **medicinale** 

**erba** (feminine) **medicinale** 

Pronunciation is given for headwords using IPA (symbols that show the sound that each letter represents in the word in question) and audio. Click on the IPA for an explanation of the symbols. Click on the speaker buttons to hear the word spoken aloud.

[A detailed guide to the dictionary can be found here](#)


You can also click on the speaker button next to any Italian word or phrase on either side of the dictionary to hear it spoken aloud.

to be the (dead) spit of somebody  
 essere l'immagine sputata di qualcuno 

#### Phrasal verbs

spit out

*spit [something] out, spit out [something]*

**sputare**  (blood, drink) (into in) (onto su, addosso a)

[figurative]

**sputare**  (phrase, word)

*spit it out!* [informal]

**sputa il rospo!** 

spit up

*spit [something] up, spit up [something]*

(pallent)

**sputare**  (blood)


(US) (baby)

**vomitare**  (milk, food)

## Phrases, phrasal verbs, and derivative entries

Phrases, phrasal verbs, and derivative entries are given at the end of relevant entries, and also as standalone entries which link back to the parent.

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**sputa il rospo!** 

spit it out!


See parent entry: → [rospo](#)


## Labels

You will see a region label such as US if the word is not used in all varieties of English, a domain label if the word is only used when speaking or writing about a particular subject (such as sport), or a register label if the word is not neutral, but rather informal, offensive, or humorous, etc.

Where relevant, we show which prepositions go with the headword, and which preposition goes with the translation to convey the same meaning.

### bump


British English: /bʌmp/ 

American English: /bæmp/ 


2 (US) [informal]

(remove)

*to bump somebody from*

*rimuovere qualcuno da*  (passenger list, job)

3 (US) (Sport) [informal]

**scalzare**  (out of, from da)

## Notes




Cultural notes are provided for culturally specific terms, and grammar and usage notes are given for tricky entries (for example, in our entry for ‘below’ shown here):

When *below* is used as a preposition to talk about the physical position of something, it is most often translated by *sotto* (a) : *the apartment below mine* = l'appartamento sotto al/sotto il mio; *below the knee* = sotto al/sotto il ginocchio. - Note that *sotto* is the Italian translation of *below* , *beneath* and *under* . - For other prepositional uses of *below* see this entry.

## Ways of searching

You can search for phrases by typing the phrase in the search box.

talk about

English to Italian

Italian to English

### preposition

- 1
(concerning, regarding)  
*a book, film about somebody, something*  
un libro, film su qualcuno, qualcosa
- to **talk about** .....  
parlare di (problem, subject)
- what's it about?*  
(of book, film etc.)  
di che cosa parla?

If that phrase is in the dictionary, you will be taken to the entry that it is in and the relevant section will be highlighted. as in this example: typing ‘talk about’ will take you to ‘to talk about’ in the entry for ‘about’.


Type parts of an idiom, and we’ll take you to the closest one. E.g. type ‘come cane e gatto’ and you will be taken to the idiom ‘essere come cane e gatto’ in the entry ‘cane’.


- .....
essere come cane e gatto
- to fight like cat and dog, to be at each other's or one another's throat  
See parent entry: → cane

## Homographs

There are 2 entries that translate *bank* into Italian:


**bank** <sup>1</sup>

British English: /bæŋk/ 

American English: /bæŋk/ 

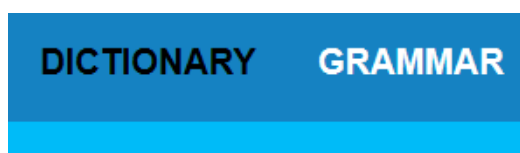
You can jump quickly between homograph entries (entries which have the same spelling but different origins) by clicking the numbers at the top of the page.

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Glossario di termini grammaticali		
Abbreviazione	Forma abbreviata di una parola o iniziali di più parole: ecc., etc.; DNA	
Aggettivo	Parola che descrive un <a href="#">sostantivo</a> : a soft pencil, una matita morbida	
Aggettivo dimostrativo	<a href="#">Aggettivo</a> che indica la persona o la cosa a cui ci si riferisce: <i>this car</i> , questa macchina; <i>that hat</i> , quel cappello	
Aggettivo indefinito	<a href="#">Aggettivo</a> che indica una quantità indeterminata: <i>have you got many friends?</i> , hai molti amici?; <i>she has no faults</i> , lei non ha nessun difetto	
Aggettivo interrogativo	<a href="#">Aggettivo</a> che modifica un <a href="#">sostantivo</a> in una domanda: <i>which countries have you lived in?</i> , in quali paesi hai vissuto?; <i>what film do you want to see tonight?</i> che film vuoi vedere stasera?	
Aggettivo invariabile	<a href="#">Aggettivo</a> che resta invariato al maschile, al femminile, al singolare e al plurale: <i>rosa</i> , pink; <i>radio</i> , radio	
Aggettivo possessivo	<a href="#">Aggettivo</a> che indica il possesso: <i>my</i> , <i>your</i> , <i>his</i> ecc. Nota che in inglese l'aggettivo possessivo di terza persona singolare concorda con il genere del possessore anziché della cosa posseduta: <i>Marco gave me his address/Rita gave me her address</i> , Marco/Rita mi ha dato il suo indirizzo	
Articolo	Gli articoli precedono il <a href="#">sostantivo</a>	

## Additional resources

Click 'read more' from the Italian homepage or **'GRAMMAR'** at the top of any page to [explore language resources](#), including grammar, pronunciation information, useful phrases, cultural information, sample letters and emails.



Verb tables for regular verbs and the most common irregular verbs can be found by clicking 'Italian verbs' at the bottom of any Italian verb entry, such as the entry for 'correre':

### Grammar and usage help for Italian:

[Italian verbs correre](#)

[Italian verbs](#)

[Sample letters in Italian and English](#)

[Italian Grammar Notes for English speakers translating into Italian 10: HER](#)

## Quizzes

You can find quizzes to test your language skills on the [Italian dictionary homepage](#), and in the side bar for every entry.

### Test Your Italian

2) What is the Italian word for *downtown*?

☐ cittadina

☐ in centro

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