



## Italian Language Resource Guide

Never has there been a better time to learn the Italian language, particularly in terms of online learning opportunities. You simply can't beat the combination of low cost (in most cases), variety of offerings, and flexibility in when and how the learning is accessed.

This resource guide for Italian language online learning opportunities is intended to provide a sampling of the different offerings that are currently available to anyone with an interest in learning the Italian language and has access to the internet. For those who benefit more from in-person instruction, including in-person classrooms and conversation groups, numerous other opportunities exist in our community and are showcased on the [“Italian Language”](#) section of the Vermont Italian Cultural Association website.

The different types of online instruction described in this guide provide various approaches to language learning which can be tailored towards different schedules, budgets, and learning styles. Are you someone that wants to learn Italian on your daily commute in your car? Do you enjoy playing games as a fun way to learn a new language? Do you enjoy watching short online videos? Do you prefer more free form instruction, or do you benefit from a more structured approach? Choose the method(s) that best suits your learning style and schedule. Mix-and-match the different types to get the benefits each offers.

This guide is intended to illustrate the wide variety of currently available online resources yet is by no means exhaustive. Please note the prices listed in this guide's version are subject to change.

### CATEGORIES

The following categories of online learning opportunities are included in this guide:

1. [Comprehensive Online Language Programs](#)
2. [Language Apps](#)
3. [Podcasts](#)
4. [YouTube Videos](#)
5. [Immersive Language Apps](#)
6. [Online Tutors](#)
7. [Live Online Instruction](#)

1. **Comprehensive Online Language Programs** provide the structure and the planned, incremental skill development of traditional language learning programs with the convenience of online access.

## edX Italian Language and Culture

*URLs:*

<https://www.edx.org/course/italian-language-and-culture-beginner-2025-2026>

<https://www.edx.org/course/italian-language-and-culture-intermediate-2025-2026>

<https://www.edx.org/course/italian-language-and-culture-advanced-2025-2026>

*Description:* Structured coursework offered through Wellsley College, consisting of lessons, videos, listening comprehension and periodic quizzes and tests.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Web Access

*Timing:* Courses last for one year from the student's start date and then the pace of instruction is determined by the student, though guidelines are offered.

*Cost:* FREE or \$59 for additional benefits (graded exams, course certificate, etc.)

## One World Italiano

*URL:* <http://www.oneworlditaliano.com/english/home.htm>

*Description:* An extensive website consisting of 37 courses, teaching vocabulary and grammar in the context of specific activities, such as shopping or eating in a restaurant. The coursework is supplemented by a wide assortment of resources, such as videos and listening comprehension exercises.

*Level:* Primarily Beginner, though some resources might be more appropriate for Intermediate and Advanced learners.

*Delivery:* Web access

*Timing:* At the student's discretion.

*Cost:* FREE for limited content; various subscription options for more extensive content.

## **Pimsleur**

*URL:* <https://www.pimsleur.com/learn-italian/subscription-all-access>

*Description:* Pimsleur is an audio-based language course, offered in 30-minute lessons. These lessons are supplemented with reading and pronunciation, along with games and exercises.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* \$20.95 / month.

*Notes:* Offers free 7-day trial. Access to any Pimsleur course also entitles the student to materials for 51 different languages.

## **Rosetta Stone**

*URL:* <https://www.rosettastone.com/>

*Description:* A structured approach to learning Italian, consisting of 10-minute lessons that teach vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation using reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

*Level:* Beginner

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* Various options (3-months @ \$15.95/month; 6-months @ \$10.95/month; lifetime @ \$219).

*Notes:* Offers a 30-day money-back guarantee.

- 2. Language Apps** provide the user with a wide array of engaging and flexible online resources, though typically in smaller bite-sized pieces, with less structure than Comprehensive Online Language Programs.

### **Babbel**

*URL:* <https://www.babbel.com/>

*Description:* Babbel uses a series of activities to help the student improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Materials can be provided online or through live classes.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* Various options (6-months @ \$13.45/month; 12-months @ \$8.95/month; lifetime @ \$299)

### **Duolingo**

*URL:* <https://www.duolingo.com/course/it/en/Learn-Italian>

*Description:* Game-like lessons with bite-sized learning exercises using spaced repetition. Users can practice vocabulary, basic grammar construction, pronunciation and listening skills.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* BASIC (FREE with ads) or SUPER DUOLINGO including extra features and no ads (\$12.99/month; \$59.99/year)

*Notes:* Super Duolingo offers a 14-day free trial.

## Memrise

*URL:* <https://www.memrise.com/it/>

*Description:* A popular language learning app that uses flashcards to help the student learn new words and phrases quickly. It uses a lot of unique features to enhance the flashcards and improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

*Level:* Mostly Beginner

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* Some of the basic content is FREE. More robust features become available with subscriptions to MEMRISE PRO (\$59.99/month; \$79.99/year; or lifetime \$130.00).

## Quizlet

*URL:* <https://quizlet.com/>

*Description:* A collection of various learning tools, utilizing flashcards, games and other tools. You can use existing materials, or create your own. Though quite customizable, this app is focused on learning vocabulary.

*Level:* Mostly Beginner

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion.

*Cost:* FREE (though some additional features available to "QUIZLET PLUS" members @ \$7.99/month; \$44.99/year).

3. **Podcasts** provide audio-only content on a wide variety of topics and are particularly convenient for people who want to learn without hands-on access to a device. Podcasts can be accessed on a variety of audio streaming services, such as Spotify, Apple and Google Podcasts, Pandora and others – which typically come with monthly subscription costs.

There are a dizzying variety of podcasts that are available. What follows is simply a taste of the offerings that are available.

### **Coffee Break Italian**

*URL:* [<https://coffeebreaklanguages.com/coffeebreakitalian/>]

*Description:* A progressive exposure to the Italian language, spread across several seasons of podcasts, ranging from beginner to advanced intermediate. Most sessions are 30-minutes in length or shorter and introduce the student to new vocabulary and grammar, while also exploring different aspects of Italian culture.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app which accesses an audio streaming service.

*Timing:* At student's discretion.

*Cost:* Podcasts are FREE (though you can also join COFFEE BREAK ACADEMY, with videos, lesson plans and audio guides, for an additional fee).

### **Italiano Automatico**

*URL:* <https://www.italianoautomatico.com/>

*Description:* Italiano Automatico offers different types of courses to help you learn to speak Italian in a fun and natural way. Whatever your interest, you will find a course to suit your taste.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app which accesses an audio streaming service.

*Timing:* At student's discretion.

*Cost:* Podcasts are FREE. More extensive materials are organized into coursework and are offered for a fee.

## Learn Italian with Joy of Languages

*URL:* <https://italian.joyoflanguages.com/podcast>

*Description:* Learn Italian with Joy of Languages is an online language school helping hundreds of people achieve their dreams of learning a new language, travelling to another country and having authentic conversations with real people.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app which accesses an audio streaming service.

*Timing:* At student's discretion (a new episode is launched each week).

*Cost:* Podcasts are FREE. A much more extensive online school is offered for a fee.

## News in Slow Italian

*URL:* <https://www.newsinslowitalian.com/>

*Description:* A streaming service for language immersion, created and produced by an international team of journalists, writers, linguists, audio engineers, and native language hosts. Helps to learn the language in the context of current events.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app which accesses an audio streaming service.

*Timing:* At student's discretion. Over 10 news stories and cultural conversations added each week.

*Cost:* \$5.90/month (audio only); \$19.90/month (full access, including downloadable transcripts)

*Notes:* Free 7-day trial period

**4. YouTube Videos** is an online video sharing platform with almost a billion videos on a wide variety of topics. Videos are often offered on “channels” where providers offer a series of videos, to which users can “subscribe” without an additional fee.

There are many Italian language video channels which are too numerous to list. What follows is a sample of some of the most popular channels, listed in order of the number of subscribers.

*URL:* [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

- Learn Italian with Lucrezia [710k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/@lucreziaoddone>)
- Impara l'Italiano con Italiano Automatico [513k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/user/ITALIANOAUTOMATICO>)
- Easy Italian [386k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/@EasyItalian>)
- Learn Italian with Teacher Stefano [241k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/@teacherstefano>)
- Passione Italiana [227k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/@PassioneItaliana>)
- Learn Italian with Vaporetto Italiano [225k subscribers]  
(<https://www.youtube.com/@VaporettoItaliano>)

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At the student's discretion

*Cost:* FREE (basic service with ads) or YOUTUBE PREMIUM @ \$13.99/month (no ads, downloadable content and other benefits)

*Notes:* PREMIUM is available for a 1-month free trial.



5. **Immersive Language Apps** rely on learning a language by using exclusively the language being learned. These apps offer videos and music in Italian only, with varying degrees of English support (sub-titles, etc.)

### Lingopie

*URL:* <https://lingopie.com/w/learn-italian>

*Description:* Lingopie offers a vast collection of videos (mostly TV content) with adjustable playback speed and interactive subtitles and flashcards.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced (though best for non-beginners)

*Delivery:* Web access or mobile app (IOS and Android)

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* 3-month plan @ \$13.99/month; yearly plan @ \$6.99/month; or a lifetime subscription @ \$229.

*Notes:* Free 7-day trial period.

### Yabla

*URL:* <https://italian.yabla.com/>

*Description:* Thousands of videos (wide variety of content) all with native Italian speakers, available with English subtitles. Supported by learning tools (dictionary, learning games).

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced (though best for non-beginners)

*Delivery:* Web access or IOS mobile app

*Timing:* At student's discretion

*Cost:* Monthly @ \$12.95; 6-months @ \$54.95; or annual @ \$99.95.

*Notes:* Free 15-day trial period. Subscription only provides access to one language.

- 6. Online Tutors** provide live, one-to-one, instruction with a proficient tutor, typically a native speaker. Tutors are often based in Italy, which should be considered due to differences in time zones and available lesson times.

### iTalki

*URL:* <https://www.italki.com/>

*Description:* An interface that connects interested language students with instructors. Currently hosts over 750 Italian instructors.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Online video interface (specific to iTalki) requiring web access.

*Timing:* On a schedule that works for both student and tutor.

*Cost:* Various – most range from \$10 - \$30 per hour.

*Notes:* Most tutors offer a 30-minute trial session for free or a nominal fee.

### Preply

*URL:* <https://preply.com/>

*Description:* An interface that connects interested language students with instructors. Currently hosts 2,500 instructors.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Online video interface (specific to Preply) requiring web access.

*Timing:* On a schedule that works for both student and tutor.

*Cost:* Various – most range from \$12 - \$30 per hour.

*Notes:* Trial sessions can be scheduled with prospective tutors. They are not free, or even at a reduced rate, but you can get a refund if you are not happy.

7. **Live Online Instruction** is similar to classroom sessions but offered through an online video platform. Typically, they involve language instruction as well as opportunities to practice speaking and listening with class peers.

### Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts

*URL:* <https://www.dantemass.org/onlineclasses>

*Description:* An extensive listing of online instructional courses, covering the range from total beginner to advanced speaker. These courses provide learning in a structured environment and are supported by a textbook and homework assignments.

*Level:* Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

*Delivery:* Online using Zoom

*Timing:* Classes are on the trimester schedule, ranging in length from 4 to 10-weeks, with classes typically held once or twice a week on weeknights. Please refer to the website for specifics.

*Cost:* \$350/class