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## Italian Holidays

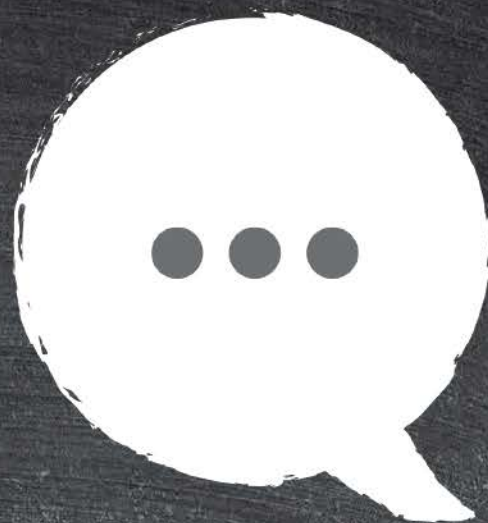
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #1 New Year's Day

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# 1

# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
rosso	red	adjective	
Capodanno	New Year's Eve/Day	noun	masculine
Vecchione	The Great Old (traditional puppet of Bologna)	noun	masculine
notte di San Silvestro	San Silvester's night (New Year's Eve)	phrase	feminine
piazza	square	noun	feminine
Bologna	Bologna	noun	feminine
lenticchia	lentil	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>In caso di emergenza premere il pulsante rosso.</b></p> <p>"In case of emergency, press the red button."</p>	<p><b>Il vino rosso accompagna bene la carne.</b></p> <p>"Red wine goes well with meat."</p>
<p><b>In Italia si crede che mangiare uva a Capodanno porti fortuna.</b></p> <p>"In Italy, it is believed that eating grapes on New Year's Day brings good luck."</p>	<p><b>Come festeggerai il Capodanno?</b></p> <p>"How will you celebrate New Year's Eve?"</p>
<p><b>Per la notte di San Silvestro ci saranno i fuochi d'artificio dopo la mezzanotte.</b></p> <p>"For San Silvester's night, there will be fireworks after midnight."</p>	<p><b>Hanno fatto un carosello in piazza.</b></p> <p>"They made a carousel in the square."</p>

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**Nonostante la forte pioggia abbiamo visitato la città di Bologna senza grandi problemi.**

"Despite the heavy rain we visited the city of Bologna without major problems."

**Il cotechino con le lenticchie è un piatto tipico del Capodanno italiano.**

"Cotechino with lentils is a typical dish of the Italian New Year's Eve."

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# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #2

## Christmas

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Natale	Christmas	noun	masculine
cattolico	catholic	adjective	
vigilia	eve	noun	feminine
presepe	nativity scene	noun	masculine
Panettone	Panettone, traditional Christmas cake	noun	masculine
Pandoro	Pandoro, traditional Christmas cake	noun	masculine
Cine-panettone	panettone-movie	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>A Natale le famiglie si riuniscono a pranzo.</b></p> <p>"On Christmas families get together for lunch."</p>	<p><b>Buon Natale!</b></p> <p>"Merry Christmas!"</p>
<p><b>Cosa fai durante la vigilia di Natale?</b></p> <p>"What are you doing during the Christmas Eve?"</p>	<p><b>Ogni anno c'è un concorso per scegliere il presepe più bello.</b></p> <p>"Every year there is a contest to choose the best nativity scene."</p>

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #3 Epiphany

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Epifania	Epiphany	proper noun	feminine
focaccia	focaccia (a type of flat bread)	noun	feminine
Canal Grande	Grand Canal	proper noun	masculine
Befana	Epiphany's witch	noun	feminine
carbone	coal, charcoal, carbon	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Domani è l'Epifania.</b> "Tomorrow it's the Epiphany."</p>	<p><b>Oggi per pranzo mangio solo una focaccia.</b> "Today, I eat only a focaccia for lunch."</p>
<p><b>Ho mangiato due focacce.</b> "I ate two focaccia."</p>	<p><b>Un giro in gondola sul Canal Grande è molto romantico.</b> "A gondola ride on the Grand Canal is very romantic."</p>
<p><b>Quella è una miniera di carbone.</b> "That is a coalmine."</p>	

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #4 Carnival

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Carnevale	carnival	noun	masculine
Arlecchino	Harlequin	proper noun	masculine
Pulcinella	Pulcinella	proper noun	masculine
chiacchiere	chatters	noun	feminine
Ivrea	Ivrea (city)	proper noun	feminine
battaglia	battle	noun	feminine
arancia	orange	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Il Carnevale di Venezia è il più famoso d'Italia.</b></p> <p>"The Carnival of Venice is the most famous in Italy."</p>	<p><b>A Carnevale indosso un costume.</b></p> <p>"I wear a costume for Carnival."</p>
<p><b>La battaglia di Lepanto.</b></p> <p>"The Lepanto battle."</p>	<p><b>Le arance candite sono spesso usate nei dolci.</b></p> <p>"Candied oranges are often used in desserts."</p>
<p><b>Sto tagliando un'arancia.</b></p> <p>"I'm cutting an orange."</p>	

LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #5

## Easter

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Pasqua	Easter	noun	feminine
Lunedì di Pasqua	Easter Monday	phrase	masculine
pulizie di Pasqua	Easter's cleaning	phrase	feminine
resurrezione	resurrection	noun	feminine
uovo di Pasqua	Easter Egg	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Buona Pasqua!**

"Happy Easter!"

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #6 Liberation Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Miracolo a Sant'Anna	Miracle at St. Anna	phrase	
indipendenza	Independence	noun	feminine
Presidente della Repubblica	President of the Republic	phrase	
occupazione	occupation	noun	feminine
Giorno della Liberazione	Liberation's Day	proper noun	
nazifascista	Nazi and Fascist	phrase	
Altare della Patria	Altar of the Fatherland	proper noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Ci sono tracce dell'occupazione germanica.**

"There are traces of the Germanic occupation."

LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #7

## Republic Day

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# VOCABULARY

<b>Italian</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Class</b>
Festa della Repubblica	Republic's Day	noun
Palazzo del Quirinale	Quirinale Palace	noun
monarchia	monarchy	noun
Frecce tricolori	Tricolor Arrows	phrase
Reggio Emilia	Reggio Emilia (city name)	noun
tricolore	tricolor	noun

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #8 Women's Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
discriminato	discriminated	participle	
mimosa	mimosa	noun	feminine
donna	woman	noun	feminine
torta Mimosa	Mimosa cake	phrase	feminine
Festa della donna	Women's Day	phrase	
votare	to vote	verb	
pan di Spagna	sponge cake	phrase	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Una donna sta bevendo una tazza di caffè.</b></p> <p>"A woman is drinking a cup of coffee."</p>	<p><b>Sei una donna meravigliosa.</b></p> <p>"You are a marvelous woman."</p>
<p><b>Che donna affascinante.</b></p> <p>"What a fascinating woman."</p>	

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #9 Valentine's Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
romantico	romantic	adjective	
bacio	kiss	noun	masculine
amore	love	noun	masculine
Verona	Verona	proper noun	feminine
San Valentino	Saint Valentine	proper noun	
Romeo e Giulietta	Romeo and Juliet	title	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Ultimamente, sei molto romantico.</b></p> <p>"Lately, you're very romantic."</p>	<p><b>Quanto vorrei un bacio.</b></p> <p>"How I long a kiss."</p>
<p><b>L'amore è un sentimento fortissimo.</b></p> <p>"Love is a very strong feeling."</p>	<p><b>Ho ricevuto delle rose per San Valentino.</b></p> <p>"I received some roses for Saint Valentine's day."</p>

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #10 Mother's Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
beneficienza	charity	noun	feminine
mamma	mom, mother	noun	feminine
mammone	mama's boy	noun	masculine
Mamma mia!	Mamma mia!	exclamation	
Festa della mamma	Mother's Day	phrase	
lavoretto	small handcraft	modified noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Lei ha organizzato un ballo di beneficenza.</b></p> <p>"She organized a charity ball."</p>	<p><b>La festa della mamma è l'otto maggio.</b></p> <p>"Mother's Day is on the eighth of May."</p>
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<p><b>La tua mamma è giovane!</b></p> <p>"Your mom is young!"</p>
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #11 Father's Day

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# 11



# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Festa del Papà	Father's Day	noun	masculine
zeppola	a kind of donut	noun	feminine
mammo	"mum-dad"	noun	Masculine
babbo	dad, father	noun	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<b>Il babbo di Elisa la sta cercando.</b> "Elisa's dad is looking for her."	<b>Il mio babbo si chiama Enrico.</b> "My dad's name is Enrico."
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #12 All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

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- 2 Sample Sentences

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
cimitero	cemetery	noun	masculine
Festa di Ognissanti	All Saints' Day	phrase	feminine
osso di morto	bone of the dead	phrase	masculine
Commemorazione dei defunti	All Souls' Day	phrase	feminine
lugubre	gloomy	adjective	
memoria	memory	noun	feminine
Aldilà	Afterworld	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Il cimitero è sempre chiuso la notte.</b></p> <p>"The cemetery is always closed at night."</p>	<p><b>Cerca di imparare a memoria questa poesia.</b></p> <p>"Try to learn this poem by heart."</p>
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #13

## The Assumption

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# 13

# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Assunzione di Maria	Assumption of Mary	phrase	feminine
Ferragosto	another name for the Assumption Day	proper noun	masculine
Imperatore Augusto	Emperor Augustus	proper noun	masculine
grigliata	barbecue	noun	feminine
albero della cuccagna	greasy pole	phrase	masculine
falò	bonfire	noun	masculine
tuffo	dive, dip, plunge	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Un tuffo nel passato.**

"A dive into the past."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #14 The Immaculate Conception

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

# 14

# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Immacolata Concezione	Immaculate Conception	proper noun	feminine
concepimento	conception	noun	masculine
periodo natalizio	Christmas period	phrase	masculine
falò	bonfire	noun	masculine
pettola	a kind of donut	noun	feminine
rendere omaggio	to pay homage	verbal expression	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Nel giorno dell'Immacolata Concezione si inizia a decorare l'albero di Natale.**

"On Immaculate Conception's Day people start decorating their Christmas tree."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #15 Summer Vacation

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- 2 Vocabulary
- 2 Sample Sentences

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Vacanze estive	Summer vacation	phrase	feminine
anno scolastico	school year	phrase	masculine
esodo estivo	peak holiday exodus	phrase	
villeggiatura	resort	noun	feminine
abbronzarsi	to sunbathe, to get a tan	verb	
mozzarella	mozzarella cheese	noun	feminine
sindrome da rientro	post vacation blues	phrase	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Laura si sdraia in spiaggia e si abbronzava per ore.</b></p> <p>"Laura lies on the beach and sunbathes for hours."</p>	<p><b>Sei bianca come una mozzarella anche in estate.</b></p> <p>"Even in summer you are as pale as a ghost."</p>
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #16 The Chocolate Festival

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Festa del cioccolato	Chocolate Festival	phrase	feminine
Europa	Europe	proper noun	feminine
Aztechi	Aztecs	proper noun	Masculine
bacca di cacao	cacao berry	phrase	feminine
tradizione cioccolatiera	chocolate-making tradition	phrase	feminine
Sculture di cioccolato	Chocolate Sculpture	phrase	feminine
cazzotto	punch	noun	masculine
cioccolato di Modica	Modica's chocolate	phrase	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Mi piace vivere in Europa.**

"I like living in Europe."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #17 Cultural Heritage Week

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# VOCABULARY

<b>Italian</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Settimana della cultura	Cultural Heritage Week	phrase	feminine
patrimonio dell'umanità	World Heritage	phrase	masculine
Pompei ed Ercolano	Pompeii and Herculaneum	proper noun	feminine
notte dei musei	night of the museums	phrase	feminine
Biennale di Venezia	Venice Biennale	phrase	feminine
arte contemporanea	contemporary art	phrase	feminine

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #18 Environment Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Giornata dell'Ambiente	Environment Day	phrase	feminine
sviluppo sostenibile	sustainable development	phrase	feminine
tutela	protection	noun	feminine
Legambiente	Legambiente (organization name)	proper noun	feminine
spazzatura	rubbish, garbage, trash, refuse, litter	noun	feminine
sacchetto di plastica	plastic bag	phrase	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Hai gettato la spazzatura?**

"Have you thrown out the garbage?"

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #19 Music Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
acustica	acoustics	noun	feminine
solstizio d'estate	summer solstice	phrase	masculine
Renzo Piano	Renzo Piano, Italian architect	proper noun	
Auditorium Parco della Musica	Park Auditorium of Music	proper noun	masculine
musica	music	noun	feminine
Giornata della Musica	Music Day	phrase	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Mi piace ascoltare musica classica al lavoro.</b></p> <p>"I like listening to classical music while at work."</p>	<p><b>Ascolto la musica Rock.</b></p> <p>"I listen to rock music."</p>
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## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #20 Remembrance Day

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Giornata della Memoria	Remembrance Day	phrase	masculine
Olocausto	Holocaust	noun	masculine
campo di concentramento	concentration camp	phrase	masculine
Se questo è un uomo.	If This Is a Man	title	
La vita è bella.	Life is Beautiful	title	
ghetto	ghetto	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Un ragazzo del ghetto.**

"A guy from the ghetto."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #21 Sanremo Song Festival

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Festival della Canzone Italiana di Sanremo	The Italian Song Festival in Sanremo	phrase	masculine
Teatro Ariston	Ariston Theater	proper noun	masculine
RAI	RAI	noun	feminine
cantante emergente	emerging singer	phrase	masculine
conduttore	host	noun	masculine
indice di ascolto	viewer rating	phrase	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**La Rai è la TV nazionale italiana.**

"Rai is the Italian national TV."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #22 Venice Film Festival

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica	Venice Interantional Film Festival	phrase	feminine
Leone d'Oro	Golden Lion	phrase	masculine
autografo	autograph	noun	masculine
paparazzo	paparazzi	noun	Masculine
La dolce vita	The sweet life	moovie title	
film	movie	noun	masculine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**E' nel nuovo film di Woody Allen.**

"He's in the new Woody Allen movie."

**Vai direttamente a casa dopo il film?**

"Are you going straight home after the movie?"

**Che film vuoi vedere?**

"What movie do you want to watch?"

LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #23

## Pizzafest

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Pizzafest	Pizzafest	proper noun	
Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana	True Neapolitan Pizza Association	phrase	feminine
pizza	pizza	noun	feminine
pizza al taglio	cut pizza	phrase	feminine
pizza Margherita	margherita Pizza	noun	
pizzaiolo	pizza maker	noun	masculine
Vota la pizza	Rate Pizza	event title	

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Ho ordinato una pizza con aggiunta di formaggio.</b></p> <p>"I ordered pizza with extra cheese."</p>	<p><b>La donna sta gustando della pizza squisita.</b></p> <p>"The woman is enjoying delicious pizza."</p>
<p><b>La pizza Margherita prende il nome da una regina.</b></p> <p>"Margherita Pizza was named after a Queen."</p>	

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #24 Siena Horse Riding

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Palio di Siena	Siena Horse Riding	phrase	masculine
Battaglia di Montaperti	Battle of Montaperti	phrase	Feminine
contrada	neighbourhood, old quarter of Siena	noun	feminine
fantino	jockey	noun	masculine
drappellone	a type of flag trophy	modified noun	masculine
oca	goose	noun	Feminine
chiocciola	snail	noun	feminine
pantera	panther	noun	Feminine
aquila	eagle	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

**Mi piacerebbe fare il fantino.**

"I would like to be a jockey."

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Holidays in Italy #25 Flavor Fair

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# VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
Salone del Gusto	An Italian food and beverage expo	phrase	masculine
Torino	Turin	noun	feminine
enogastronomico	enogastronomic (wine and food)	adjective	masculine
Presìdi	Presidia (institution promoted by Slow Food to protect biodiversity)	noun	masculine
pistacchio verde	green pistacchio	phrase	masculine
mortadella classica	classic mortadella	phrase	feminine
Enoteca	winehouse	noun	feminine
forchetta	fork	noun	feminine

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p><b>Stiamo partendo da Torino per Venezia in treno.</b></p> <p>"We are leaving from Turin to Venice by train."</p>	<p><b>Il salone d'esposizione delle macchine di Torino e' famoso in tutto il mondo.</b></p> <p>"The car showroom of Turin is famous all over the world."</p>
<p><b>Facciamo questo itinerario enogastronomico.</b></p> <p>"Let's make this enogastronomic itinerary."</p>	<p><b>Mi puoi passare una forchetta?</b></p> <p>"Could you hand me a fork?"</p>



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