



ITALIAN TABLE

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Verbs with Prepositions

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Verbs followed by *DI*

accettare di to accept	<i>Accetto di scrivere il libro.</i>	I accept the task of writing a book.
accorgersi di to notice	<i>Mi accorgo di tutto!</i>	I notice everything.
credere di to believe	<i>Credo di capire la domanda.</i>	I believe I understand the question.
decidere di to decide	<i>Ho deciso di chiamare il medico.</i>	I decided to call the doctor.
dimenticare di to forget	<i>Dimentico sempre di prendere le chiavi.</i>	I always forget to take the keys.
dispiacere di to be sorry	<i>Mi dispiace di disturbare.</i>	I am sorry to disturb.
fidarsi di to trust	<i>Mi fido di lei.</i>	I trust her.
finire di to finish	<i>Ho finito di mangiare.</i>	I have finished eating.
parlare di to talk about	<i>Parli sempre di sport.</i>	You always talk about sport.
interessarsi di to be interested in	<i>Mi interesso di sport.</i>	I am interested in sport.
pensare di to think (of doing something)	<i>Penso di venire.</i>	I'm thinking of coming.
ricordarsi di to remember	<i>Mi ricorderò di te.</i>	I will remember you.
sapere di to know	<i>So di avere ragione.</i>	I know I am right.
smettere di to stop	<i>Smetto di parlare.</i>	I stop talking.
sperare di to hope	<i>Spero di vederti presto.</i>	I hope to see you soon.
vergognarsi di to be ashamed of	<i>Mi vergogno di lui.</i>	I am ashamed of him.





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Expressions with <i>avere</i> [to have]		
<i>avere bisogno di</i> to need	<i>Ho bisogno di aiuto.</i>	I need help.
<i>avere fretta di</i> to be in a hurry	<i>Ho fretta di arrivare.</i>	I am in a hurry to arrive.
<i>avere paura di</i> to be afraid of	<i>Ho paura dei topi.</i>	I am scared of mice.
<i>avere voglia di</i> to feel like	<i>Ho voglia di un cappuccino.</i>	I feel like having a cappuccino.

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aiutare a to help	<i>Aiuto a pulire.</i>	I help clean.
abituarsi a to get used to	<i>Mi abituo a mangiare poco.</i>	I get used to eating little.
affrettarsi a to hurry to	<i>Mi affretto a comprare il pane.</i>	I will run to get bread.
assomigliare a to resemble	<i>Giacomo assomiglia a suo fratello.</i>	Giacomo resembles his brother.
cominciare a to start/begin	<i>Comincio a lavorare a maggio.</i>	I start working in May.
continuare a to keep/continue	<i>Continuo a studiare italiano.</i>	I keep studying Italian.
decidersi a to make up one's mind to	<i>Ti decidi a scendere dalla macchina?</i>	Can you make up your mind and get off the car?
finire a to end up doing something	<i>Sono finita a lavorare in un ufficio.</i>	I ended up working in an office.
*giocare a to play (a sport/game)	<i>Gioco a calcio.</i>	I play soccer.
imparare a to learn	<i>Ho imparato a scrivere a sei anni.</i>	I learned how to write at six.
iniziare a to start/begin	<i>Inizia a piovere.</i>	It starts raining.
interessarsi a to take an interest in	<i>Mario si interessa a lei.</i>	Mario takes an interest in her.
mettersi a to start doing something	<i>Mi metto a scrivere.</i>	I start writing.
parlare a to talk	<i>Parlo al telefono.</i>	I talk on the phone.
partecipare a to attend/participate	<i>Partecipo a tutte le conferenze.</i>	I attend all conferences.
pensare a to think (about/of someone/something)	<i>Penso al futuro.</i>	I think about the future.

*** IMPORTANT**

The verb *giocare a* is used ONLY when talking about playing a sport or a game,
NOT about playing an instrument!



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provare a to try	<i>Prova a dormire di più.</i>	Try to sleep more.
rinunciare a to give up	<i>Non rinuncio al caffè.</i>	I don't give up coffee.
riuscire a to manage/be able to	<i>Riesco sempre a sbagliare!</i>	I always manage to get things wrong!
servire a to serve a purpose	<i>Questa chiave mi serve ad aprire la porta.</i>	This key helps me to open the door / I use this key to open the door.
tenere a to care to/about	<i>Ci teniamo a te.</i>	We care about you.



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allontanarsi da to get away/leave	<i>Mi allontano dalla gente.</i>	I am getting away from people.
copiare da to copy	<i>Copio la ricetta da internet.</i>	I copy the recipe from internet.
difendere da to defend	<i>Mi difendo dalle bugie.</i>	I defend myself against these lies.
dipendere da to depend on	<i>Dipende dal tempo.</i>	It depends on the weather.
proteggersi da to protect oneself from	<i>Mi proteggo dal freddo.</i>	I protect myself from the cold.
tradurre da... a(l) to translate from... into	<i>Traduco dal russo all'italiano.</i>	I translate from Russian into Italian.



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IMPORTANT! Do you want to know a secret that can make you feel like a native speaker? Check out these verbs and how they take different prepositions to give special information!

	a	di	da	in
cominciare	<i>Comincia a piovere.</i> It is starting to rain.		<i>Comincio da capo.</i> I start from the beginning	
credere	<i>Credo agli UFO.</i> I believe in UFOs. (in the existence)	<i>Credo di capire.</i> I think I understand.		<i>Credo in te.</i> I believe in you. (I trust you.)
finire	<i>Finisco a lavare i piatti!</i> I end up washing dishes!	<i>Finisco di studiare.</i> I'm done studying.		
parlare	<i>Parlo al telefono.</i> I talk on the phone.	<i>Parlo di sport.</i> I talk about sports.		
pensare	<i>Penso a mio padre.</i> I think about my father.	<i>Penso di uscire.</i> I think I'll go out.		