



# ITALIAN TABLE

Gender of Nouns



List of nouns that end in -a but are masculine OR end in -o but are feminine.

## Masculine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il poeta</b>	the poet
<b>il monarca</b>	the monarch
<b>il cinema</b>	the cinema
<b>il Papa</b>	the Pope
<b>il papà</b>	the father
<b>il pigiama</b>	the pajama
<b>il tema*</b>	the theme
<b>il programma*</b>	the program
<b>il problema*</b>	the problem

## Feminine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la mano</b>	the hand
<b>la eco</b>	the eco
<b>la foto**</b>	the photo
<b>l'auto**</b>	the car
<b>la moto**</b>	the motorbike
<b>la radio**</b>	the radio

\* and other nouns in -ma of Greek origin, like *il teorema* (the theorem), *il sistema* (the system), *il fantasma* (the ghost), *il clima* (the climate)

\*\* ending in “-o” due to a shortening of the word.  
*la foto* = *la fotografia* (the photo), *l'auto* = *l'automobile* (the car), *la moto* = *la motocicletta* (the motorbike),  
*la radio* = *la radiotrasmettitrice* (the radio)

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## List of Nouns ending in -ione, in -ie and -i

### Feminine

<i>Italian</i>	<i>English</i>
<b>la situazione</b>	the situation
<b>la stazione</b>	the station
<b>la colazione</b>	the breakfast
<b>l'opinione</b>	the opinion
<b>la specie</b>	the species/type
<b>l'enfasi</b>	the emphasis
<b>la crisi</b>	the crisis
<b>la sintesi</b>	the synthesis

### EXCEPTIONS

- \* il brindisi (the toast)
- \* il samurai (the samurai)
- \* lo sci (the ski)

## Nouns ending in -tà and -tù

### Feminine

<i>Italian</i>	<i>English</i>
<b>la città</b>	the city
<b>la povertà</b>	the poverty
<b>l'università</b>	the university
<b>la felicità</b>	the happiness
<b>la gioventù</b>	the youth
<b>la virtù</b>	the virtue

## Nouns of foreign origin ending in a consonant

### Masculine

<i>Italian</i>	<i>English</i>
<b>il toast</b>	the toast
<b>l'autobus</b>	the bus
<b>lo yogurt</b>	the yogurt
<b>il bar</b>	the café
<b>l'hotel</b>	the hotel
<b>lo sport</b>	the sport
<b>il film</b>	the film

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## Nouns for professions in -tore

<b>Masculine</b>		<b>Feminine</b>		<b>English</b>
<i>Italian</i>	—	<i>Italian</i>		
<b>l'attore</b>	—	<b>l'attrice</b>		the actress
<b>il cantautore</b>	—	<b>la cantautrice</b>		the folksinger
<b>il direttore</b>	—	<b>la direttrice</b>		the director
<b>lo scultore</b>	—	<b>la scultrice</b>		the sculptor
<b>il calciatore</b>	—	<b>la calciatrice</b>		the footballer

## Invariable nouns for professions in -ista

<b>Masculine</b>		<b>Feminine</b>		<b>English</b>
<i>Italian</i>	—	<i>Italian</i>		
<b>il farmacista</b>	—	<b>la farmacista</b>		the pharmacist
<b>il regista</b>	—	<b>la regista</b>		the director
<b>l'artista</b>	—	<b>l'artista</b>		the artist
<b>lo stagista</b>	—	<b>la stagista</b>		the intern
<b>il giornalista</b>	—	<b>la giornalista</b>		the journalist
<b>il batterista</b>	—	<b>la batterista</b>		the drummer

### EXCEPTIONS

- \* dottore → dottoressa (doctor)
- \* **rare examples change to -tora:**  
impostore → impostora (impostor)  
pastore → pastora (shepherd)

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## List of nouns that change meaning

### Masculine

Italian

English

**il banco**

the desk

**il bilancio**

the budget

**il boa**

the boa constrictor

**il capitale**

the principal

**il caso**

the case

**il cero**

the candle

→

**il collo**

the neck

**il colpo**

the shot

→

**il fine**

the goal

**il foglio**

the sheet

**il gambo**

the stalk

**il masso**

the rock

**il mento**

the chin

**il metro**

the meter

**il modo**

the way

### Feminine

Italian

English

**la banca**

the bank

**la bilancia**

the scale

**la boa**

the buoy

**la capitale**

the capital

**la casa**

the house

**la cera**

the wax

**la colla**

the glue

**la colpa**

the fault

**la fine**

the end

**la foglia**

the leaf

**la gamba**

the leg

**la massa**

the mass

**la menta**

the mint

**la metro**

the underground

**la moda**

the fashion

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<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il palo</b>	the pole
<b>il panno</b>	the cloth
<b>il pasto</b>	the meal
<b>il pianto</b>	the cry
<b>il posto</b>	the place
<b>il punto</b>	the point/dot →
<b>il radio</b>	the radio
<b>il razzo</b>	the rocket →
<b>il rosa</b>	the pink colour
<b>il soffitto</b>	the ceiling
<b>il suolo</b>	the soil
<b>il torto</b>	the wrong/fault
<b>il velo</b>	the veil
<b>il mostro</b>	the monster
<b>il latte</b>	the milk

### Feminine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la pala</b>	the shovel
<b>la panna</b>	the cream
<b>la pasta</b>	the pasta/pastry
<b>la pianta</b>	the plant
<b>la posta</b>	the post office
<b>la punta</b>	the tip
<b>la radio</b>	the radio
<b>la razza</b>	the race/breed
<b>la rosa</b>	the rose
<b>la soffitta</b>	the attic
<b>la suola</b>	the sole
<b>la torta</b>	the cake
<b>la vela</b>	the sail
<b>la mostra</b>	the exhibition
<b>la latta</b>	the tin

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