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How to use this booklet

This booklet has been designed to provide you with a quick and easy way to review and reinforce the key vocabulary, structures and contents of your Paul Noble Next Steps Italian course.

Although the core part of your learning will take place via your use of the accompanying course recordings, we have also included this booklet in order to provide you with a quick reference guide to the language.

It is worth noting that this booklet should be used **after** you have begun working through the audio recording. It will serve as excellent reinforcement, guidance and review material but is not designed to teach you Italian by itself. This is what the audio recording will do – and very rapidly too. After you have begun listening to the course, you will then find this booklet to be an extremely useful review and reference resource but you must start by listening to the recording first.

So, if you haven't done so already, go and press play on that first audio track and get started. You're about to find out just how good a course this is!

Core course review

The best way to use this part of your booklet is to start by reading through a page, looking at both the English and the Italian. Then go back to the beginning of that same page and, while covering the Italian side of the text, translate the English into Italian – just as you did when you listened to the audio part of the course.

Once you can get 90% of a page's content correct, move on to the next page and follow the process again. By doing this, you will quickly recall and reinforce what you learnt with the course recordings.

I'm planning to / I feel like

spent / passed

passato

I spent / I passed

Ho passato

the weekend

il weekend

in Rome

a Roma

I spent the weekend in Rome.

Ho passato il weekend a Roma.

a weekend

un weekend

I spent a weekend in Rome.

Ho passato un weekend a Roma.

It was

Era

fantastic

fantastico

It was fantastic.

Era fantastico.

The weather was fantastic.

Il tempo era fantastico.

**I spent a weekend in Rome and
the weather was fantastic.**

Ho passato un weekend a Roma e il
tempo era fantastico.

Italy

Italia

in Italy

in Italia

**I spent a weekend in Italy and
the weather was fantastic.**

Ho passato un weekend in Italia e il
tempo era fantastico.

my holiday / my vacation

(literally "the holidays / vacations")

le vacanze

**I spent my holiday in Italy and
the weather was fantastic.**

Ho passato le vacanze in Italia e il tempo
era fantastico.

to pass / to spend

passare

**I would like to spend the
weekend in Rome.**

Vorrei passare il weekend a Roma.

intention

intenzione

I'm planning to (*literally "I have intention of"*)

Ho intenzione di

I'm planning to spend the weekend in Rome.

Ho intenzione di passare il weekend a Roma.

a week

una settimana

I'm planning to spend a week in Rome.

Ho intenzione di passare una settimana a Roma.

I'm planning to spend my holidays in Italy.

Ho intenzione di passare le vacanze in Italia.

to go back / to return

ritornare

I'm planning to go back to Italy.

Ho intenzione di ritornare in Italia.

in May

a maggio

I'm planning to go back to Italy in May.

Ho intenzione di ritornare in Italia a maggio.

I feel like (*literally "I have want of"*)

Ho voglia di

I feel like going back to Italy in May.

Ho voglia di ritornare in Italia a maggio.

in September

a settembre

I feel like going back to Italy in September.

Ho voglia di ritornare in Italia a settembre.

I feel like visiting Rome.

Ho voglia di visitare Roma.

actually / in reality

in realtà

too / also

anche

Actually, I feel like visiting Rome too.

In realtà, anch'io ho voglia di visitare Roma.

I'm scared of / I can't stand / I need

I'm scared of (<i>literally "I have fear of"</i>)	Ho paura di
I'm scared of going back to Italy in September.	Ho paura di ritornare in Italia a settembre.
to fly / flying	volare
I'm scared of flying.	Ho paura di volare.
I feel like going back to Rome but I'm scared of flying.	Ho voglia di ritornare a Roma ma ho paura di volare.
the Eurostar	l'Eurostar
so / therefore	quindi
I feel like going back to Rome but I'm scared of flying, so I'm planning to take the Eurostar.	Ho voglia di ritornare a Roma ma ho paura di volare, quindi ho intenzione di prendere l'Eurostar.
I can't stand	Non sopporto di
I can't stand taking the Eurostar.	Non sopporto di prendere l'Eurostar.
I need (<i>literally "I have need of"</i>)	Ho bisogno di
I need a taxi.	Ho bisogno di un taxi.
I need a room.	Ho bisogno di una camera.
help / aid	aiuto
I need help.	Ho bisogno di aiuto.
You need help. (<i>informal</i>)	Hai bisogno di aiuto.
I need to speak Italian.	Ho bisogno di parlare italiano.
I need to go back to Italy in May.	Ho bisogno di ritornare in Italia a maggio.
I'm moving.	Mi trasferisco.
I'm moving in September.	Mi trasferisco a settembre.

I was about to / I was in the middle of

I was about to	Stavo per
I was about to book a table.	Stavo per prenotare un tavolo.
He was about to book a table.	Stava per prenotare un tavolo.
He was about to prepare the dinner.	Stava per preparare la cena.
She was about to prepare the dinner.	Stava per preparare la cena.
I was about to prepare the dinner.	Stavo per preparare la cena.
I was about to pay the bill.	Stavo per pagare il conto.
You were about to pay the bill. <i>(informal)</i>	Stavi per pagare il conto.
Were you about to pay the bill? <i>(informal)</i>	Stavi per pagare il conto?
Were you about to book a taxi? <i>(informal)</i>	Stavi per prenotare un taxi?
I was about to book a taxi.	Stavo per prenotare un taxi.
We were about to book a taxi.	Stavamo per prenotare un taxi.
You called me. <i>(informal)</i>	Mi hai chiamato.
when	quando
We were about to book a taxi when you called me.	Stavamo per prenotare un taxi quando mi hai chiamato.
They were about to book a taxi when you called me.	Stavano per prenotare un taxi quando mi hai chiamato.
You <i>(all of you)</i> were about to book a taxi.	Stavate per prenotare un taxi.
Were you <i>(all of you)</i> about to book a taxi?	Stavate per prenotare un taxi?
your email <i>(informal)</i>	la tua e-mail

Your email arrived. <i>(informal)</i>	La tua e-mail è arrivata.
I was about to book a taxi when your email arrived. <i>(informal)</i>	Stavo per prenotare un taxi quando la tua e-mail è arrivata.
your message <i>(informal)</i>	il tuo messaggio
I was about to book a taxi when your message arrived.	Stavo per prenotare un taxi quando il tuo messaggio è arrivato.
I was in the middle of	Stavo
I was in the middle of preparing the dinner.	Stavo preparando la cena.
You arrived. <i>(informal)</i>	Sei arrivato / arrivata.
I was in the middle of preparing the dinner when you arrived.	Stavo preparando la cena quando sei arrivato / arrivata.
I was in the middle of eating when you arrived.	Stavo mangiando quando sei arrivato / arrivata.
I'm sorry.	Mi dispiace.
I'm sorry, I was in the middle of eating when you arrived.	Mi dispiace, stavo mangiando quando sei arrivato / arrivata.
distracted	distratto / distratta
I was distracted.	Ero distratto / distratta.
a bit / a little	un po'
I was a bit distracted.	Ero un po' distratto / distratta.
I'm sorry, I was in the middle of preparing dinner when you arrived, so I was a bit preoccupied.	Mi dispiace, stavo preparando la cena quando sei arrivato / arrivata, quindi ero un po' distratto / distratta.
He / She / You <i>(formal)</i> were in the middle of eating	Stava mangiando
You were in the middle of eating <i>(informal)</i>	Stavi mangiando
We were in the middle of eating	Stavamo mangiando

You (<i>all of you</i>) were in the middle of eating	Stavate mangiando
They were in the middle of eating	Stavano mangiando
I was in the middle of leaving	Stavo partendo
I was in the middle of leaving when your email arrived.	Stavo partendo quando la tua e-mail è arrivata.
You knocked at the door. (<i>informal</i>)	Hai bussato alla porta.
I was in the middle of booking a ticket when you knocked at the door.	Stavo prenotando un biglietto quando hai bussato alla porta.
I was in the middle of having dinner when you knocked at the door.	Stavo cenando quando hai bussato alla porta.
I was in the middle of having dinner when your message arrived.	Stavo cenando quando il tuo messaggio è arrivato.

Because of / Thanks to

July	luglio
this July	questo luglio
I'm moving.	Mi trasferisco.
I'm moving to Italy this July.	Mi trasferisco in Italia questo luglio.
this September	questo settembre
I'm moving to Rome this September.	Mi trasferisco a Roma questo settembre.
because of you (<i>informal</i>)	per causa tua
I'm moving to Italy this July because of you! (<i>informal</i>)	Mi trasferisco in Italia questo luglio per causa tua!
because of me	per causa mia
Because of me?	Per causa mia?
Really?	Veramente?
Because of me? Really?	Per causa mia? Veramente?
thanks to	grazie a
Thanks to me!	Grazie a me!
Do you want? (<i>informal</i>)	Vuoi?
something	qualcosa
Do you want to eat something?	Vuoi mangiare qualcosa?
Do you want to buy something?	Vuoi comprare qualcosa?
to say	dire
You mean / You want to say (<i>informal</i>)	Vuoi dire
You mean thanks to me! (<i>informal</i>)	Vuoi dire grazie a me!
so / extremely	così

enthusiastic	entusiasta
I was so enthusiastic.	Ero così entusiasta.
You are so enthusiastic. (informal)	Sei così entusiasta.
to speak / to talk	parlare
to speak about / to talk about	parlare di
You speak about / You talk about (informal)	Parli di
When you talk about Rome, you're so enthusiastic.	Quando parli di Roma, sei così entusiasta.
Let's go!	Andiamo!

I was planning to / I felt like / I was scared of / I needed

I was planning to	Avevo intenzione di
I was planning to spend a weekend in Rome.	Avevo intenzione di passare un weekend a Roma.
He / She / You (formal) were planning to	Aveva intenzione di
He was planning to spend a weekend in Rome.	Aveva intenzione di passare un weekend a Roma.
You were planning to spend a weekend in Rome. (informal)	Avevi intenzione di passare un weekend a Roma.
Were you planning to spend a weekend in Rome? (informal)	Avevi intenzione di passare un weekend a Roma?
I felt like	Avevo voglia di
I felt like going back to Italy.	Avevo voglia di ritornare in Italia.
I felt like eating something.	Avevo voglia di mangiare qualcosa.
I was scared of	Avevo paura di
I was scared of flying.	Avevo paura di volare.
You were scared of flying. (informal)	Avevi paura di volare.
Were you scared of flying? (informal)	Avevi paura di volare?
I needed	Avevo bisogno di
I needed to cook.	Avevo bisogno di cucinare.
I needed to write an email.	Avevo bisogno di scrivere un' e-mail.
I needed to leave.	Avevo bisogno di partire.
Did you need to leave? (informal)	Avevi bisogno di partire?
Did you need to buy something? (informal)	Avevi bisogno di comprare qualcosa?

The past

I have eaten / I ate / I did eat

Ho mangiato

I used to eat

Mangiavo

NOTE! So, we have two ways to talk about the past in Italian. The first of these, which uses “have” in Italian to form the past tense, is used for talking about a single instance of something that has happened. For instance, to say something like “I spoke Italian this evening” you will use the past with “have” in Italian. The second way for talking about the past, on the other hand, is when we want to talk about something that happened repeatedly or that was ongoing over a period of time. So, for instance, if we want to say something like “I used to speak Italian every evening” then we will use the second way of expressing the past that we have learnt, the past without “have” in Italian. Have some practice with using that now!

to speak

parlare

this evening

questa sera

I spoke Italian this evening.

Ho parlato italiano questa sera.

every

ogni

every evening

ogni sera

**I spoke Italian every evening /
I used to speak Italian every
evening.**

Parlavo italiano ogni sera.

**He / She / You (formal) used to
speak Italian every evening.**

Parlava italiano ogni sera.

**You used to speak Italian every
evening. (informal)**

Parlavi italiano ogni sera.

**Did you used to speak Italian
every evening? (informal)**

Parlavi italiano ogni sera?

every day

ogni giorno

**We used to speak Italian every
day.**

Parlavamo italiano ogni giorno.

You (<i>all of you</i>) used to speak Italian every day.	Parlavate italiano ogni giorno.
They used to speak Italian every day.	Parlavano italiano ogni giorno.
to take	prendere
I used to take	Prendevo
Every evening, I took a taxi / Every evening, I used to take a taxi.	Ogni sera prendevo un taxi.
He / She / You (<i>formal</i>) used to take a taxi.	Prendeva un taxi.
You used to take a taxi. (<i>informal</i>)	Prendevi un taxi.
We used to take a taxi.	Prendevamo un taxi.
You (<i>all of you</i>) used to take a taxi.	Prendevate un taxi.
They used to take a taxi.	Prendevano un taxi.
to leave	partire
I used to leave	Partivo
He / She / You (<i>formal</i>) used to leave	Partiva
You used to leave (<i>informal</i>)	Partivi
We used to leave	Partivamo
You (<i>all of you</i>) used to leave	Partivate
They used to leave	Partivano

NOTE! As you now know how to use both this new past tense as well as the past tense with "have", here is some practice comparing the two.

to prepare	preparare
I have prepared / I prepared / I did prepare	Ho preparato

I used to prepare	Preparavo
your father (<i>formal</i>)	suo padre
your father (<i>informal</i>)	tuo padre
my father	mio padre
I used to prepare dinner for my father every evening.	Preparavo la cena per mio padre ogni sera.
to cook	cucinare
I have cooked / I cooked / I did cook	Ho cucinato
I used to cook	Cucinavo
your mother (<i>formal</i>)	sua madre
your mother (<i>informal</i>)	tua madre
my mother	mia madre
I used to cook for my mother every evening.	Cucinavo per mia madre ogni sera.
to pay	pagare
My mother paid the bill.	Mia madre ha pagato il conto.
always	sempre
My mother always paid the bill.	Mia madre pagava sempre il conto.
to buy	comprare
We bought wine this morning.	Abbiamo comprato il vino questa mattina.
We always bought the wine.	Compravamo sempre il vino.
to spend	passare
They spent a week in Italy.	Hanno passato una settimana in Italia.
every year	ogni anno
They used to spend a week in Italy every year.	Passavano una settimana in Italia ogni anno.
every week	ogni settimana
every May	ogni maggio
every September	ogni settembre

Every September, I used to spend a week in Rome with my mother.

Ogni settembre, passavo una settimana a Roma con mia madre.

to call

chiamare

I called my father this morning.

Ho chiamato mio padre questa mattina.

every morning

ogni mattina

I used to call my father every morning.

Chiamavo mio padre ogni mattina.

Audio track listing

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