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Next Steps in Italian with Review booklet

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This booklet provides you with a quick and easy way to review and reinforce what you have learned during your Italian audio course. However, the booklet should be used after you have begun working through the audio recording not before, as the booklet is not designed to teach you Italian by itself.
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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
I spent / I passed
the weekend
in Rome
I spent the weekend in Rome.
a weekend
I spent a weekend in Rome.
It was
fantastic
It was fantastic.
The weather was fantastic.
I spent a weekend in Rome and the weather was fantastic.
Italy
in Italy
I spent a weekend in Italy and the weather was fantastic.
my holiday / my vacation
(literally “the holidays / vacations”)
I spent my holiday in Italy and the weather was fantastic.
to pass / to spend
I would like to spend the weekend in Rome.
intention
I'm planning to (literally “I have intention of”)

I'm planning to spend the weekend in Rome.
Ho intenzione di passare il weekend a Roma.

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”)

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 (literally “I have fear of”)  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 (literally “I have need of”)  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. (informal)  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.
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<td>Stavamo prenotare un taxi.</td>
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<td>Stavano per prenotare un taxi quando mi hai chiamato.</td>
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<td>your email (informal)</td>
<td>la tua e-mail</td>
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Your email arrived. *(informal)*

La tua e-mail è arrivata.

I was about to book a taxi when your email arrived. *(informal)*

Stavo per prenotare un taxi quando la tua e-mail è arrivata.

your message *(informal)*

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. *(informal)*

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 *(formal)* were in the middle of eating

Stava mangiando

You were in the middle of eating *(informal)*

Stavi mangiando

We were in the middle of eating

Stavamo mangiando
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<td>Hai bussato alla porta.</td>
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<td>Stavo prenotando un biglietto quando hai bussato alla porta.</td>
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<td>Stavo cenando quando hai bussato alla porta.</td>
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<td>Stavo cenando quando il tuo messaggio è arrivato.</td>
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Because of / Thanks to

July
this July
I’m moving.
I’m moving to Italy this July.
this September
I’m moving to Rome this September.
because of you (informal)
I’m moving to Italy this July because of you! (informal)
because of me
Because of me?
Really?
Because of me? Really?
thanks to
Thanks to me!
Do you want? (informal)
something
Do you want to eat something?
Do you want to buy something?
to say
You mean / You want to say (informal)
You mean thanks to me! (informal)
so / extremely

luglio
questo luglio
Mi trasferisco.
Mi trasferisco in Italia questo luglio.
questo settembre
Mi trasferisco a Roma questo settembre.
per causa tua
Mi trasferisco in Italia questo luglio per causa tua!
per causa mia
Per causa mia?
Veramente?
Per causa mia? Veramente?
grazie a
Grazie a me!
Vuoi?
qualcosa
Vuoi mangiare qualcosa?
Vuoi comprare qualcosa?
dire
Vuoi dire
Vuoi dire grazie a me!
così
enthusiastic

I was so enthusiastic.

You are so enthusiastic. (informal)

to speak / to talk

to speak about / to talk about

You speak about / You talk about (informal)

When you talk about Rome, you’re so enthusiastic.

Let’s go!

entusiasta

Ero così entusiasta.

Sei così entusiasta.

parlare

parlare di

Parli di

Quando parli di Roma, sei così entusiasta.

Andiamo!
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<td>Avevo intenzione di</td>
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<td>Avevo intenzione di passare un weekend a Roma.</td>
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<td>He / She / You (formal) were planning to</td>
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<td>I felt like eating something.</td>
<td>Avevo voglia di mangiare qualcosa.</td>
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<td>I needed</td>
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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

can refer to

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 (all of you) 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 (formal) used to
take a taxi.
Prendeva un taxi.

You used to take a taxi. (informal)
Prendevi un taxi.

We used to take a taxi.
Prendevamo un taxi.

You (all of you) 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 (formal) used to leave
Partiva

You used to leave (informal)
Partivi

We used to leave
Partivamo

You (all of you) 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 /
Ho preparato
I did prepare
I used to prepare
your father *(formal)*
your father *(informal)*
my father
I used to prepare dinner for my father every evening.
to cook
I have cooked / I cooked /
I did cook
I used to cook
your mother *(formal)*
your mother *(informal)*
my mother
I used to cook for my mother every evening.
to pay
My mother paid the bill.
always
My mother always paid the bill.
to buy
We bought wine this morning.
We always bought the wine.
to spend
They spent a week in Italy.
every year
They used to spend a week in Italy every year.
every week
every May
every September
Every September, I used to spend a week in Rome with my mother.

to call

I called my father this morning.

every morning

I used to call my father every morning.
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