

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #1

Greeting Your New Friends with Perfect Italian

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ITALIAN

1. Melissa: Ciao, mi chiamo Melissa e tu?
2. Alessio: Ciao, piacere. Io mi chiamo Alessio.
3. Melissa: Piacere Alessio.
4. Melissa: Buon giorno, mi chiamo Melissa Cox. E lei? Come si chiama?
5. Alessio: Buon giorno. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Piacere di conoscerla.
6. Melissa: Molto lieta.

ENGLISH

1. Melissa: Hi, my name is Melissa, and you?
2. Alessio: Hi, nice to meet you. My name is Alessio.
3. Melissa: Nice to meet you, Alessio.
4. Melissa: Good morning, my name is Melissa Cox. And you, sir? What is your name?
5. Alessio: Good morning. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Nice to meet you.
6. Melissa: Very pleased to meet you.

VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
ciao	hello, hi, bye	greeting expression
e	and	conjunction
buon giorno	good morning, good day, good afternoon	greeting expression

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ciao mamma! "Hi, mom!"	Ciao, Laura. "Hello, Laura."
Io e Anna andiamo a casa. "Anna and I are going home."	E tu? "And you?"
Buon giorno signore. "Hello, sir."	Buon giorno Signor Martini. "Good morning, Mr. Martini."
Buon giorno, Luca. "Good day, Luca."	

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is on Italian Greetings.

Buon giorno. Ciao.

"Good morning. Hi/Hello."

Ciao is the easiest and most common Italian form of greeting: people use it to say "hi," "hello," or "goodbye." We should only use this greeting with people whom we are well acquainted with, such as friends or relatives.

On the other hand, we may use *buon giorno* with anybody, even people we meet for the first time. Literally, *buon giorno* means "good day"; however, we may also interpret it as "good morning" or "good afternoon." As a rule of thumb, we can use *buon giorno* only during daytime-from morning until evening-or from before daybreak to before dusk. If we want to say "good afternoon," we sometimes use *buon pomeriggio*.