

## ITALIAN PHONETIC – FONETICA ITALIANA

| No. |                       | IPA  | Examples    | English <i>approximation</i> | Phonetic Note                                   |
|-----|-----------------------|------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Vowels                | /a/  | Anna        | fast                         | Central Vowel                                   |
| 2   |                       | /e/  | rete        | fade                         | Close-mid Front Vowel                           |
| 3   |                       | /ɛ/  | bello       | bed                          | Open-mid Front Vowel                            |
| 4   |                       | /i/  | idea        | ski                          | Close Front Vowel                               |
| 5   |                       | /o/  | come        | story                        | Close-mid Back Vowel                            |
| 6   |                       | /ɔ/  | rosa        | off                          | Open-mid Back Vowel                             |
| 7   |                       | /u/  | tu          | rule                         | Close Back Vowel                                |
| 8   | Semi vowels           | /j/  | ieri        | yes                          | Palatal Glide                                   |
| 9   |                       | /w/  | qui         | wine                         | Labial-velar Glide                              |
| 10  | Consonants            | /b/  | bambino     | about                        | Voiced Bilabial Stop                            |
| 11  |                       | /d/  | Duomo       | today                        | Voiced Dental/Alveolar Stop                     |
| 12  |                       | /dz/ | zaino       | dads                         | Voiced Alveolar Affricate                       |
| 13  |                       | /dʒ/ | gelato      | job                          | Voiced Postalveolar Affricate                   |
| 14  |                       | /f/  | fare        | fast                         | Voiceless Labiodental Fricative                 |
| 15  |                       | /g/  | gatto       | again                        | Voiced Velar Stop                               |
| 16  |                       | /k/  | cane        | scar                         | Voiceless Velar Stop                            |
| 17  |                       | /l/  | lana        | leg                          | Alveolar Lateral Approximant                    |
| 18  |                       | /ʎ/  | foglio      | billion                      | <b>Voiced Palatal Lateral</b>                   |
| 19  |                       | /m/  | mamma       | mother                       | Bilabial Nasal                                  |
| 20  |                       | /ɱ/  | invece      | comfort                      | Voiced labiodental nasal                        |
| 21  |                       | /n/  | nonna       | nest                         | Alveolar Nasal                                  |
| 22  |                       | /ɲ/  | unghia      | sing                         | Voiced velar nasal                              |
| 23  |                       | /ɲ/  | gnomo       | canyon                       | Voiced Palatal Nasal                            |
| 24  |                       | /p/  | pranzo      | spin                         | Voiceless Bilabial Stop                         |
| 25  |                       | /r/  | rana        | trilled r                    | Rhotic Consonant                                |
| 26  |                       | /s/  | sabato      | sorry                        | Voiceless Alveolar Fricative                    |
| 27  |                       | /ʃ/  | sci         | shoe                         | Voiceless Postalveolar Fricative                |
| 28  |                       | /t/  | tenda       | star                         | Voiceless Dental/Alveolar Stop                  |
| 29  |                       | /ts/ | zio         | cats                         | Voiceless Alveolar Affricate                    |
| 30  |                       | /tʃ/ | certo, ciao | check                        | Voiceless Postalveolar Affricate                |
| 31  |                       | /v/  | vino        | vent                         | Voiced Labiodental Fricative                    |
| 32  |                       | /z/  | zero        | amazon                       | Voiced Alveolar Fricative                       |
| 33  | Non-native consonants | /h/  | hotel       | house                        | voiceless glottal fricative but mute in Italian |
| 34  |                       | /θ/  | Thatcher    | thing                        | Labial-velar Glide                              |
| 35  |                       | /x/  | Bach        | loch (Scottish English)      | Alveolar Lateral Approximant                    |
| 36  |                       | /ʒ/  | garage      | vision                       | Labial-velar Glide                              |