

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Absolute Beginner S1 #1

Greeting Your New Friends with Perfect Italian

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INTRO

Consuelo: Buongiorno a tutti!

Marco: Marco, here. Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 1: Greeting Your New Friends with Perfect Italian.

Consuelo: Hello, everyone. I'm Consuelo and welcome to ItalianPod101.com.

Marco: With us, you'll learn to speak Italian with fun and effective lessons.

Consuelo: We also provide you with cultural insights.

Marco: And tips you won't find in a textbook. In today's class, we will focus on Italian greetings.

Consuelo: This conversation takes place at the bus stop.

Marco: The conversation is between Melissa Cox and Alessio Martini.

Consuelo: In the first conversation, they will be speaking informal Italian. In the second conversation, the Italian is very formal.

LESSON CONVERSATION

Marco: Let's listen to the conversation.

Marco: Informal.

Melissa: Ciao, mi chiamo Melissa, e tu?

Alessio: Ciao, piacere. Io mi chiamo Alessio.

Melissa: Piacere Alessio.

Marco: Formal.

Melissa: Buon giorno, mi chiamo Melissa Cox. E lei? Come si chiama?

Alessio: Buon giorno. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Piacere di conoscerla.

Melissa: Molto lieta.

Marco: Let's hear it slowly now.

Consuelo: Ancora una volta, lentamente.

Melissa: Ciao, mi chiamo Melissa, e tu?

Alessio: Ciao, piacere. Io mi chiamo Alessio.

Melissa: Piacere Alessio.

Melissa: Buon giorno, mi chiamo Melissa Cox. E lei? Come si chiama?

Alessio: Buon giorno. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Piacere di conoscerla.

Melissa: Molto lieta.

Marco: And now with the translation.

Consuelo: Questa volta con la traduzione.

Consuelo: Ciao, mi chiamo Melissa, e tu? / Hi, my name is Melissa. And you?

Marco: Ciao, piacere. Io mi chiamo Alessio. / Hi. Nice to meet you. My name is Alessio.

Consuelo: Piacere Alessio. / Nice to meet you Alessio. / Buon giorno, mi chiamo Melissa Cox. E lei? Come si chiama? / Good morning. My name is Melissa Cox, and you, sir, what is your name?

Marco: Buon giorno. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Piacere di conoscerla. / Good morning. Alessio, Alessio Martini. Nice to meet you.

Consuelo: Molto lieta. / Very pleased to meet you.

POST CONVERSATION BANTER

Marco: Hey, Consuelo. Italians commonly greet each other by shaking hands, right?

Consuelo: Sure, and the handshake must be quite strong. And you know, Marco, what friends do when they meet?

Marco: Oh, yes. I saw them in Italy. They kiss each other on both cheeks.

Consuelo: Exactly. We do it when we meet, but also when we leave.

VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Marco: Let's take a look at the vocabulary for this lesson.

Consuelo: buon giorno

Marco: Good morning. Good day. Good afternoon.

Consuelo: buon giorno

Marco: And the next word is...

Consuelo: ciao

Marco: Hello. Hi. Bye.

Consuelo: ciao

Marco: And today's last word is...

Consuelo: e

Marco: And.

Consuelo: e

KEY VOCABULARY AND PHRASES

Marco: So, Consuelo, what expression are we studying today?

Consuelo: That's the Italian expression "Piacere di conoscerla".

Marco: Nice to meet you.

Consuelo: "Piacere di conoscerla" is a very formal greeting as we are talking to the other person using "Lei".

Marco: Yes, the third singular person "she" used as courtesy form in Italian.

Consuelo: Italians generally use the formal "Lei" with everyone except family members, close friends, classmates and children. For informal occasions, we always use "tu".

Marco: You, the "tu" form denotes familiarity. It can also be used to express group solidarity such as among university colleagues or women.

Consuelo: So, Marco, in case you want to say, "Nice to meet you," using "tu", what would you say?

Marco: Ah, that's different. It should be "Piacere di conoscerti".

Consuelo: Yes, but you can also simply say, "Piacere".

Marco: That's excellent.

LESSON FOCUS

Consuelo: Let us look at today's Grammar Point.

Marco: The focus of this lesson is on Italian greetings.

Consuelo: Let's start with "Ciao". "Ciao" is the easiest and the most common Italian form of greeting. People use to say, "Hi," "Hello," or "Goodbye."

Marco: But be careful. We should only use this greeting with people whom we are well-acquainted with such as friends or relatives.

Consuelo: On the other hand, we may use "Buongiorno" with anybody, even people we meet for the first time.

Marco: Literally, "Buongiorno" means "Good day." However, we may also interpret it as "Good morning," or "Good afternoon."

Consuelo: As a rule of thumb, we can use "Buongiorno" only during daytime, from morning until evening or from before daybreak to before dusk.

Marco: And when we want to say "Good afternoon," we can use...

Consuelo: "Buon pomeriggio"

OUTRO

Marco: That's just about does it for today. Before we go, we want to tell you about a way to drastically improve your pronunciation.

Consuelo: The voice recording tool.

Marco: Yes, the voice recording tool in the Premium Learning Center.

Consuelo: Record your voice with a click of a button.

Marco: And then, play it back just as easily.

Consuelo: So, you record your voice and then listen to it.

Marco: Compare it to the native speakers.

Consuelo: And adjust your pronunciation.

Marco: This will help you improve your pronunciation fast. Arrivederci!

Consuelo: A presto! Ciao!