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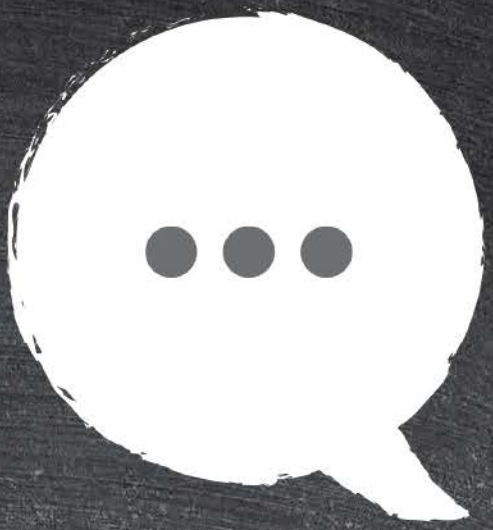
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Words You Might Hear In Small Talk With Friends



boring
noioso



bored
scocciato



crazy
matto



stupid
stupido



get crazy
impazzire



What a bore!
Uffa!



So boring!
Che pizza!



So boring!
Che noia!



to be spotted
beccato



that guy
quello



that girl
quella



guy
tipo



girl
tipa



old man
vecchio



I don't care.
Non me ne frega niente.

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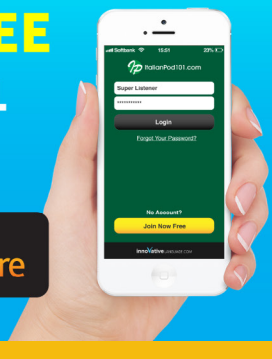
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Words You Can Use With Caution And Friends Only



cheesy
patetico



crazy
pazzo



creepy
spaventoso



dumb
sciocco



fool
scemo



idiot
idiota



jerk
cretino



So lame!
Che scatole!



a pain in the neck
rottura di scatole



Shoot!
Spara!



Shut up!
Zitto!



stupid
stupido



ticked off
scocciato



weird
strano



wimp
buono a nulla

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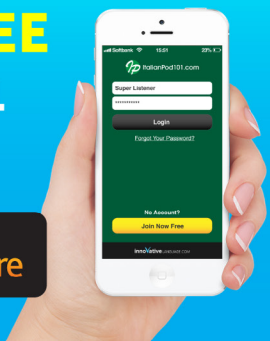
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Insulting Expressions That Will Make You Sound Vulgar



fuck
cavolo



angry
incazzato



Fuck you!
Vaffanculo!



So lame!
Che palle!



idiot
deficiente



shit
merda



asshole
stronzo



bitch
stronza



Stop annoying me!
Non rompermi!



Fuck yourself!
Fottiti!



bloody
porco



a pain in the neck
rompipalle



Go to hell!
Va' a quel paese!



fuck
diamine



What the hell!
Che diavolo!

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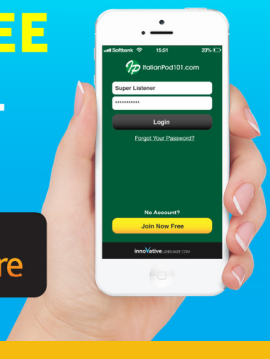
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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
scialla	Nevermind.	phrase
vaitra	Relax.	phrase
tranqui	easy	adjective
pollege	relaxed	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Oramai è successo. Scialla! "By now it's happened. Nevermind!"	**Vaitra amico, sullo skate sei forte.** "Relax buddy; you are cool on the skate."
Tranqui, so cosa fare. "Relax, I know what to do."	**Non preoccuparti, vai pollege.** "Don't worry, relax."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***scialla***

Literal translation: "relax"

English meaning: "nevermind"

Use this slang expression when you want to suggest people to be easygoing about something that happened.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Scialla, ci vediamo dopo.*
   "Nevermind, see you later."

2. *Oramai è successo. Scialla!*
   "By now it's happened. Nevermind!"

2. ***vaitra***

Literal translation: ""go easy". It is a contraction of two words: vai - meaning "you go" - and tranquillo - meaning "easygoing.""

English meaning: "relax, take it easy"

Use this slang expression when suggesting someone to calm down or relax.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Marco, vaitra. Il test andrà benissimo.*
   "Marco, relax. The test will be very good."

2. *Vaitra amico, sullo skate sei forte.*
   "Relax buddy, you are cool on the skate."

3. ***tranqui***

Literal translation: "relaxed"

English meaning: "easy"

Use this slang expression when asking or suggesting a boy or a man to be relaxed, or to calm down.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Carlo, stai tranqui.*
   "Carlo, calm down."

2. *Tranqui, so cosa fare.*
   "Relax, I know what to do."

4. ***pollege***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "relaxed"

Use this slang expression when suggesting someone to relax, or when talking about being

easygoing.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Serata pollege, sto guardando un film sul divano.*
   "Relaxed night, I'm watching a movie on the couch."

2. *Non preoccuparti, vai pollege.*
   "Don't worry, relax."

LESSON NOTES

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
tresca	affair	noun	feminine
limonare	kiss	verb	
tubare	talk and whisper to each other in a loving way	verb	
cornuto	cuckold	adjective	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Sta' attento o scopriranno la vostra tresca. "Be careful. Otherwise, they'll understand your affairs."	**I due fidanzati limonano dalla mattina alla sera.** "The two lovers make out from morning to night."
Hai visto come tubano? “Have you seen how they are lovingly whispering to each other?”	**Se è cornuto, forse se lo merita.** "If he's cuckolded, he would probably deserve it."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***tresca***

Literal translation: "plot"

English meaning: "affair"

Use this slang expression when talking about an affair. Its meaning is very close to a mess in a financial or complicated love relationship.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ho avuto una tresca con suo marito.*
"I had an affair with her husband."

2. *Sta' attento o scopriranno la vostra tresca.*
"Be careful, otherwise they'll understand your affairs."

2. ***limonare***

Literal translation: "to lemon"

English meaning: "to kiss, to make out"

Use this slang expression when talking about French kisses.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Luca e Anna non fanno altro che limonare.*
"Luca and Anna do nothing but make out."

2. *I due fidanzati limonano dalla mattina alla sera.*
"The two lovers make out from morning to night."

3. ***tubare***

Literal translation: "to coo"

English meaning: "to talk and whisper to each other in a loving way"

Use this slang expression when referring to a pair of couple who talk or whisper to each other lovingly.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hai visto come tubano?*
"Have you seen how they are lovingly whispering to each other?"

2. *C'è un coppia che tuba lungo la riva del mare.*
"There is a pair of couple whispering to each other lovingly along the seashore."

4. ***cornuto***

Literal translation: "horned"

English meaning: "cuckold"

Use this slang expression when commenting about couples, but everybody may be offended if referred to by their own relationship. Be careful when you use this word because the person you refer to may hear you and get angry.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Credimi, Gianni è cornuto.*
   "Trust me, Gianni is cuckolded."

2. *Se è cornuto, forse se lo merita.*
   "If he's cuckolded, he would probably deserve it."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
sfigato	loser	adjective
damerino	metrosexual	adjective
marpione	old fox	adjective
soggettone	loser	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Secondo te sembro una sfigata vestita così? "Do you think I look like a loser dressed like this?"	**Un damerino mi ha chiesto di uscire.** "A metrosexual asked me to date him."
Quel marpione di Antonio è sempre il solito. "Antonio is an old fox just as usual."	**Il nuovo collega è un vero soggettone.** "The new colleague is a real loser."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***sfigato***

Literal translation: "unlucky"

English meaning: "loser"

Use this slang expression when talking about someone you find pathetic or lame. Be careful when you use this word, it is an insult.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quel ragazzo è uno sfigato, non lo voglio alla mia festa.*
   "That guy is a loser, I don't want him at my party."

2. *Secondo te sembro una sfigata vestita così?*
"Do you think I look like a loser dressed like this?"

2. ***damerino***

Literal translation: "dandy"

English meaning: "metrosexual"

Use this slang expression when talking about a man who takes care of his look. Maybe too much.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Il fratello di Laura è un damerino.*
"Laura's brother is a metrosexual."

2. *Un damerino mi ha chiesto di uscire.*
"A metrosexual asked me to date him."

3. ***marpione***

Literal translation: "sleazebag"

English meaning: "old fox"

Use this slang expression when referring to a dangerous man. Be careful when you use this word because it has two meanings. One is "old fox"; the second one is "dirty old man" or "sleazebag."

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quell'uomo è un vecchio marpione, sta' attenta!*
"That man is an old fox, be careful!"

2. *Quel marpione di Antonio è sempre il solito.*
"Antonio is an old fox just as usual."

4. ***soggettone***

Literal translation: "a big subject"

English meaning: "loser"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe someone in a derogatory way, suggesting that he/she has unusual attitudes and is a loser.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quel tipo è un soggettone.*
   "That guy is a loser."

2. *Il nuovo collega è un vero soggettone.*
   "The new colleague is a real loser."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
essere alla frutta	be exhausted	verb	
pizza	Boring!	noun	feminine
bufala	hoax	noun	feminine
gnocco	hot boy	adjective	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Non ce la faccio più, sono alla frutta. "I can't take it anymore; I'm exhausted."	**Non posso uscire, devo pulire casa... Che pizza!** "I can't go out; I need to clean the house... How boring!"
Alla fine la storia della rapina era una bufala. "In the end, the story about the robbery was a hoax."	**Che gnocco il fratello di Laura.** "Laura's brother is so hot."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***essere alla frutta***

Literal translation: "to be at the fruit"

English meaning: "to be exhausted"

Use this slang expression when you have no more resources or energy to go on.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Basta, sono alla frutta.*
   "Enough, I'm beat."

2. *Non ce la faccio più, sono alla frutta.*
"I can't take it anymore, I'm exhausted."

2. ***pizza***

Literal translation: "pizza"

English meaning: "boring"

Use this slang expression when talking about something that is incredibly boring.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Che pizza questo film.*
"This movie is so boring."

2. *Non posso uscire, devo pulire casa... Che pizza!*
"I can't go out, I need to clean the house... How boring!"

3. ***bufala***

Literal translation: "female buffalo"

English meaning: "hoax"

Use this slang expression when you are referring to something intended to be deceiving, an unfounded story. Don't be tricked, this word can also refer to the delicious buffalo mozzarella.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non crederci, è solo una bufala!*
"Don't believe it, it's just a hoax!"

2. *Alla fine la storia della rapina era una bufala.*
"In the end, the story about the robbery was a hoax."

4. ***gnocco***

Literal translation: "dumpling"

English meaning: "hot boy"

Use this slang expression when commenting with friends on a very handsome man.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Claudio è proprio gnocco!*
   "Claudio is a very hot boy!"

2. *Che gnocco il fratello di Laura.*
   "Laura's brother is so hot."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
fuori come un balcone	be out of one's mind	phrase
inscimmiarsi	get obsessed	verb
avere le braccine corte	stingy	phrase
smanettone	computer geek	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Quei ragazzi sono fuori come un balcone. "Those guys are out of their minds."	**Luca si è inscimmiato con un nuovo videogioco.** "Luca got obsessed by a new video game."
Dai, a Natale non puoi avere le braccine corte. "Come on; you can't be stingy at Christmas."	**Questa è roba per smanettoni, io non ci capisco niente.** "This stuff is for hackers; I don't get any of it."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***fuori come un balcone***

Literal translation: "be out as a balcony"

English meaning: "to be out of one's mind"

Use this slang expression when describing a person as insane or out of their mind.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Marco è fuori come un balcone.*
   "Marco is out of his mind."

2. *Quei ragazzi sono fuori come un balcone.*
"Those guys are out of their minds."

2. ***inscimmiarsi***

Literal translation: "having a monkey over myself"

English meaning: "to get obsessed"

Use this slang expression when criticizing someone who is totally focused and obsessed by one object or person.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non ti puoi inscimmiare su quella ragazza!*
"Don't get obsessed with that girl!"

2. *Luca si è inscimmiato con un nuovo videogioco.*
"Luca got obsessed by a new videogame."

3. ***avere le braccine corte***

Literal translation: "to have short, little arms"

English meaning: "to be stingy"

Use this slang expression when you want to express that someone is not very generous.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Certo che Marco ha le braccine corte!*
"Marco sure is stingy!"

2. *Dai, a Natale non puoi avere le braccine corte.*
"Come on, you can't be stingy at Christmas."

4. ***smanettone***

Literal translation: "big throttle"

English meaning: "computer geek, hacker"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe someone who is an expert at using and programming a computer.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Chiediamo aiuto a mio fratello, lui è uno smanettone*
   "Let's ask my brother for help. He's a computer geek."

2. *Questa è roba per smanettoni, io non ci capisco niente.*
   "This stuff is for hackers, I don't get any of it."

LESSON NOTES

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
bella	See you.	adjective
famo	we do	sentence
come butta?	What's up?	phrase
raga	guy	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Bella amico! "Hi, buddy!"	**Famo una partita a carte?** "Want to play cards?"
A: Come butta? B: Tutto ok. "A: What's up? B: All good."	**Dai raga, andiamo al concerto.** "Come on guys, let's go to the concert."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***raga***

Literal translation: "boys"

English meaning: "guys"

Use this slang expression when you are calling the attention of a group of friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Raga, ci vediamo dopo.*
   "Guys, see you later."

2. *Dai raga, andiamo al concerto.*
   "Come on guys, let's go to the concert."

2. *bella*

Literal translation: "Beautiful"

English meaning: "Hi, or See you"

Use this slang expression when saying hi or goodbye to friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Bella ràga!*
   "See you guys!"

2. *Bella amico!*
   "Hi buddy!"

3. *famo*

Literal translation: "It is an abbreviation for "facciamo" - meaning we do"

English meaning: "we do"

Use this slang expression when twisting the verb "fare", meaning "to do as they used to do in Rome."

Sample Sentences:

1. *Che famo?*
   "What are we gonna do?"

2. *Famo una partita a carte?*
   "Want to play cards?"

4. *come butta?*

Literal translation: "how does it throw?"

English meaning: "what's up?"

Use this slang expression when greeting a friend. Be careful when you use this expression. It's informal and should only be used among friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Come butta, amico?*
   "What's up, man?"

2. *A: Come butta? B: Tutto ok.*
   "A: What's up? B: All good."

LESSON NOTES

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
fare la vasca	take a walk	phrase	
fare lo struscio	take a stroll	phrase	
apericena	pre-dinner aperitif	noun	masculine
spiaggiarsi	chill	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Vado con le mie amiche a farci le vasche. "I'm going to walk around with my friends."	**Mi piace fare lo struscio con gli amici.** "I like taking a stroll with my friends. "
Non ho molta fame, facciamo solo un apericena ok? "I'm not very hungry. Let's just have a pre-dinner aperitif, ok?"	**Ieri mi sono spiaggiato sul divano tutto il pomeriggio.** "Yesterday, I chilled on the couch all afternoon."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *fare la vasca*

Literal translation: "to do a bathtub"

English meaning: "to take a walk"

Use this slang expression when talking about going around in your free time with friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Oggi andiamo in centro a farci le vasche.*
   "Today we are going to hang around downtown."

2. *Vado con le mie amiche a farci le vasche.*
"I'm going to walk around with my friends."

2. ***fare lo struscio***

Literal translation: "to do the rubbing"

English meaning: "to take a stroll, to hang out "

Use this slang expression when talking about hanging out downtown, especially walking up and down the main streets.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Andiamo a fare lo struscio in centro sabato pomeriggio?*
"How about hanging out downtown on Saturday afternoon?"

2. *Mi piace fare lo struscio con gli amici.*
"I like taking a stroll with my friends. "

3. ***apericena***

Literal translation: "It is an contraction of two words - aperitivo, meaning "aperitif," and cena, meaning "dinner.""

English meaning: "pre-dinner aperitif"

Use this slang expression when referring to a light dinner consisting only of appetizers and aperitifs.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ragazzi che ne dite di un apericena questo sabato?*
"Guys, how about a pre-dinner aperitif this Saturday?"

2. *Non ho molta fame, facciamo solo un apericena ok?*
"I'm not very hungry, let's just have a pre-dinner aperitif, ok?"

4. ***spiaggiarsi***

Literal translation: "to beach oneself"

English meaning: "to chill"

Use this slang expression when talking about relaxing in a place without doing much, as if you were lying on the beach.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Andiamo a spiaggiarci al parco.*
   "Let's go chilling at the park."

2. *Ieri mi sono spiaggiato sul divano tutto il pomeriggio.*
   "Yesterday, I chilled on the couch all afternoon."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
brenso	short but intense	adjective
jamairo	you already bugged me	phrase
chissene	Who cares?	phrase
simpa	fun	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

La loro storia è stata brensa. "Their relation has been short but intense."	**Ehi, tu, jamairo!** "Hey, you, you bugged me!"
Non credo mi dirà di sì, ma chissene, ci provo lo stesso. "I don't think he'll say yes, but who cares, I'm going to try anyway."	**Paola mi sta troppo simpa.** "I think Paola is just so fun."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *brenso*

Literal translation: "It is a contraction of two words: breve - meaning "short" - and intenso - meaning "intense.""

English meaning: "short but intense"

Use this slang expression when talking about unforgettable moments.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Il mio esame di storia è stato brenso.*
   "My exam of history has been short but intense."

2. *La loro storia è stata brensa.*
"Their relation has been short but intense."

2. ***jamairo***

Literal translation: "It is a contraction of three misspelled words: già, - meaning "already" - m'hai, - meaning "you did to me" - and rotto - meaning "broke.""

English meaning: "you already bugged me"

Use this slang expression when telling someone he/she annoyed you.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Lasciami da solo, jamairo!*
"Leave me alone, you bugged me."

2. *Ehi, tu, jamairo!*
"Hey, you, you bugged me!"

3. ***chissene***

Literal translation: "It is an abbreviation for chi se ne importa - meaning "who cares.""

English meaning: "who cares"

Use this slang expression when you want to say you couldn't care less about something. Be careful when you use this word, it's very informal and should only be used among friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *A: Giulia ha detto che non viene alla festa se non le chiediamo scusa. B: Chissene!*
"A: Giulia said she's not going to come to the party if we don't apologize. B: Who cares!"

2. *Non credo mi dirà di sì, ma chissene, ci provo lo stesso.*
"I don't think he'll say yes, but who cares, I'm going to try anyway."

4. ***simpa***

Literal translation: "It is a contraction of the word simpatico - meaning "nice," or "fun.""

English meaning: "nice, fun"

Use this slang expression when referring to someone nice and fun. It can also be sarcastic, meaning just the opposite of fun.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Tuo cugino è proprio simpa.*
   "Your cousin is really nice."

2. *Paola mi sta troppo simpa.*
   "I think Paola is just so fun."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Italian Slang Words & Phrases S1 #9 Expressions to Describe Working Hard

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
rimboccarsi le maniche	start working hard or at a good pace on something	phrase
sgobbare	slog	verb
ammazzarsi	make great efforts	verb
sudare sette camicie	have a hell of a time	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Se non ti rimbocchi le maniche, non riuscirai a finire in tempo. If you do not start working at a good pace, you will not be able to finish in time.	**Ho sgobbato come uno schiavo per fare il trasloco!** I labored like a slave to make the move!
Si sono tutti ammazzati di lavoro per completare il progetto. Everyone made great efforts working to complete the project.	**Ho sudato sette camicie per fare la dichiarazione dei redditi.** "I had a hell of a time to make the statement of income."

GRAMMAR

1. ***rimboccarsi le maniche***

Literal translation: "to roll up one's sleeves"

English meaning: "start working hard or at a good pace on something"

Use this slang expression when describing someone who is working on something with great efforts. Usually, it's used to describe a sudden change in the work pace.

Sample Sentences:

Mi sono rimboccato le maniche e ho pulito tutte le stanze.

"I started working hard and cleaned all the rooms."

Se non ti rimbocchi le maniche, non riuscirai a finire in tempo.
"If you do not start working at a good pace, you will not be able to finish in time."

2. ***sudare sette camicie***

Literal translation: "to sweat seven shirts"

English meaning: "to have a hell of a time"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe someone who is facing temporary and strenuous fatigue to accomplish something. Usually, it's used for urgent or critical situations.

Sample Sentences:

Ho sudato sette camicie per avere questo certificato.
"I had a hell of a time to get this certificate."

Ho sudato sette camicie per fare la dichiarazione dei redditi.
"I had a hell of a time to make the statement of income."

3. ***sgobbare***

Literal translation: "to become hunchbacked"

English meaning: "to slog"

Use this slang expression when describing someone who works for prolonged hours. You can refer to any work that requires being bent over something, which makes your back hurt, so you can refer to both desk-work and heavy physical work.

Sample Sentences:

Luca ha sgobbato sui libri tutto l'anno ed è stato ammesso al politecnico.
"Luca slogged away at his books all year and was admitted to the polytechnic."

Ho sgobbato come uno schiavo per fare il trasloco!
"I labored like a slave to make the move!"

4. ***ammazzarsi***

Literal translation: "to kill oneself"

English meaning: "to make great efforts"

Use this slang expression when referring to someone who makes huge efforts on something, often sacrificing basic needs, like sleeping hours and meals.

Sample Sentences:

Mi sono ammazzato per preparare la cena e alla fine non è venuto nessuno!
"I made such great efforts to prepare dinner and in the end, nobody came!"

Si sono tutti ammazzati di lavoro per completare il progetto.
"Everyone made great efforts working to complete the project."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
strafogarsi	overeat	verb
spaparanzarsi	sprawl	verb
lisciarsi	get ready	verb
spicciarsi	hurry up	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ho una fame, andiamo a strafogarci! "I'm so hungry. Let's go stuff ourselves!"	**spaparanzarsi** "Don't just lie there, do something!"
I ragazzi si lisciano prima della festa. "The guy getting ready before the party."	**Se non ti spicci ti lasciamo qui.** "If you don't hurry up, we're going to leave you here."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***strafogarsi***

Literal translation: "to drown oneself."

English meaning: "to overeat, to stuff oneself"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is eating too fast, or too much.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mangia più lentamente, ti stai strafogando!*
   "Eat more slowly, you're overeating!"

2. *Ho una fame, andiamo a strafogarci!*
"I'm so hungry, let's go stuff ourselves!"

2. ***spaparanzarsi***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "to sprawl, to slump"

Use this slang expression when talking about sitting or lying somewhere in a very comfortable position, often in a sprawled position.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non vedo l'ora di spaparanzarmi sul divano.*
"I can't wait to sprawl on the couch."

2. *Non stare lì spaparanzato, fa' qualcosa!*
"Don't just lie there, do something!"

3. ***lisciarsi***

Literal translation: "smoothing oneself"

English meaning: "to get ready"

Use this slang expression when talking about getting ready for a date.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Guarda Andrea come si liscia.*
"Look how Andrea gets ready."

2. *I ragazzi si lisciano prima della festa.*
"The guy getting ready before the party."

4. ***spicciarsi***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "to hurry up, to get moving"

Use this slang expression when you want someone to get moving because they're too slow or there's not enough time.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Spicciati, o perdiamo il treno.*
   "Get moving, or we'll miss the train."

2. *Se non ti spicci ti lasciamo qui.*
   "If you don't hurry up, we're going to leave you here."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
camomillarsi	chill out	verb	
scrauso	shabby	adjective	
dentiera	wrinkly	noun	feminine
incicognarsi	get pregnant	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Certa gente dovrebbe camomillarsi. "Some people should chill out."	**Questa moto è troppo scrausa, preferisco l'altra.** "This bike is too shabby; I like the other one better."
Il mio vicino di casa è una dentiera. "My neighbor is wrinkly."	**Lei si è incicognato con un tipo strano...** "She got pregnant because of a weird guy..."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***camomillarsi***

Literal translation: "to get oneself chamomile"

English meaning: "to chill out"

Use this slang expression when telling someone to chill out. Be careful when you use this word, it can sound rude.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dai, stavo solo scherzando. Camomillati!*
   "Come on, I was just joking. Chill out!"

2. *Certa gente dovrebbe camomillarsi.*
   "Some people should chill out."

2. ***scrauso***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "shabby, lousy"

Use this slang expression when talking about an object of inferior quality, or when you want to say that someone is very bad at doing something.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Daniele è un giocatore così scrauso!*
   "Daniele is such a lousy player!"

2. *Questa moto è troppo scrausa, preferisco l'altra.*
   "This bike is too shabby, I like the other one better."

3. ***dentiera***

Literal translation: "dental plate"

English meaning: "wrinkly"

Use this slang expression when talking in a perfidious way about old people. Be careful when you use this word, elderly people might feel offended.

Sample Sentences:

1. *La prof è proprio una dentiera.*
   "The professor is a wrinkly."

2. *Il mio vicino di casa è una dentiera.*
"My neighbor is a wrinkly."

4. ***incicognarsi***

Literal translation: "having a stork with herself"

English meaning: "to get pregnant"

Use this slang expression when talking about getting pregnant.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Francesca non voleva mica incicognarsi.*
"Francesca didn't want to get pregnant at all."

2. *Lei si è incicognato con un tipo strano...*
"She got pregnant because of a weird guy..."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
cannare	get something wrong	verb	
prof	professor	noun	masculine
fare sega	play hookey	phrase	
marinare	play hookey	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Domani ho l'esame di guida e ho paura di cannare tutto. "I've got my driving test tomorrow, and I'm afraid of getting everything wrong."	**Hai sentito la prof quant'era arrabbiata?** "Have you heard how the professor was angry?"
Ho fatto sega per quasi due settimane. "I played hookey for almost two weeks."	**Non possiamo marinare per un mese intero.** "We can't play hookey for a whole month."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***cannare***

Literal translation: "to cane"

English meaning: "to get wrong, to mess up"

Use this slang expression when you want to say you failed at something, especially related to exams and school.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ho cannato il test di matematica.*
   "I messed the Math's test up."

2. *Domani ho l'esame di guida e ho paura di cannare tutto.*
   "I've got my driving test tomorrow, and I'm afraid of getting everything wrong."

2. ***prof***

Literal translation: "It is an abbreviation of the word "professore / professoressa" - meaning teacher"

English meaning: "professor, teacher"

Use this slang expression when talking informally to or about teachers.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Scusa prof, ho una domanda.*
   "Excuse me professor, I've got a question."

2. *Hai sentito la prof quant'era arrabbiata?*
   "Have you heard how the professor was angry?"

3. ***fare sega***

Literal translation: "do saw"

English meaning: "to play hookey"

Use this slang expression when referring to skipping school.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Oggi faccio sega perché non ho studiato*
   "I'm going to play hookey because I didn't study for today."

2. *Ho fatto sega per quasi due settimane.*
   "I played hookey for almost two weeks."

4. ***marinare***

Literal translation: "to marinate"

English meaning: "to play hookey"

Use this slang expression when talking about students who skip school.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ieri abbiamo marinato tutti la scuola.*
   "Yesterday we all played hookey from school."

2. *Non possiamo marinare per un mese intero.*
   "We can't play hookey for a whole month."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
una cifra	a lot	phrase
da morire	to death	phrase
un casino	a lot	phrase
di brutto	like mad	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Mi piace una cifra. "I like it a lot."	**Oggi a scuola mi sono annoiato da morire.** "Today at school I got bored to death."
Non posso venire al cinema, ho un casino di compiti da fare. "I can't come to the cinema; I have a lot of homework to do."	**Ci siamo divertiti di brutto ieri sera.** "We had a lot of fun last night."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***una cifra***

Literal translation: "a figure"

English meaning: "a lot, really"

Use this slang expression when you want to exaggerate something, when you mean "a lot."

Sample Sentences:

1. *Grazie, mi sono divertito una cifra.*
   "Thanks, I had lots of fun."

2. *Mi piace una cifra.*
"I like it a lot."

2. ***da morire***

Literal translation: "to death"

English meaning: "to death, a lot"

Use this slang expression when you want to put a lot of emphasis on what you said. It can have both a negative and a positive meaning.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quel ragazzo mi piace da morire.*
"I like that boy so much."

2. *Oggi a scuola mi sono annoiato da morire.*
"Today at school I got bored to death."

3. ***un casino***

Literal translation: "a mess"

English meaning: "a lot, really"

Use this slang expression when you want to refer to a large number, or when you mean to a great degree.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Il concerto mi è piaciuto un casino.*
"I really liked the concert."

2. *Non psso venire al cinema, ho un casino di compiti da fare.*
"I can't come to the cinema, I have a lot of homework to do."

4. ***di brutto***

Literal translation: "as ugly"

English meaning: "badly, like "crazy, a lot""

Use this slang expression when you mean "to a great degree." It can be both in a positive and in a negative sense.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Abbiamo perso di brutto, 5 a 0.*
   "We lost badly, 5 to 0."

2. *Ci siamo divertiti di brutto ieri sera.*
   "We had a lot of fun last night."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
sòla	flaky	noun	feminine
Che taglio!	So funny!	sentence	
rere	that's what they told me	phrase	
schiappa	dud	adjective	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Non darmi un'altra sòla, per favore. "Please, don't be flaky again."	**Quello spettacolo comico è proprio un taglio.** "That comedy show is so funny."
Io non ero presente durante l'incidente. Rere. "I wasn't there during the accident. That's what they told me."	**Da bambino ero una schiappa a scuola.** "When I was a child, I was a dud at school."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***sòla***

Literal translation: "sole"

English meaning: "flaky"

Use this slang expression when referring to an unreliable friend. Especially when he/she has a commitment with you and suddenly changes his/her mind.

Sample Sentences:

1. *La mia amica è una sola, mi dice sempre che deve studiare.*
   "My friend is so unreliable, she always says she has to study."

2. *Non darmi un'altra sòla, per favore.*
   "Please, don't be flaky again."

2. ***Che taglio!***

Literal translation: "Such a cut"

English meaning: "So funny!"

Use this slang expression when you want to suggest you had fun or you liked something a lot.

Sample Sentences:

1. *A: Ecco Luca. B: Che taglio!*
   "A: Here is Luca. B: He's so funny! "

2. *Quello spettacolo comico è proprio un taglio.*
   "That comedy show is so funny."

3. ***rere***

Literal translation: ""not my responsibility". It is a contraction of two Latin words: relata - meaning "stated" - and refero - meaning "I report.""

English meaning: "that's what they told me"

Use this slang expression when saying that you have no relation with what you reported and you assume no responsibility.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Questa è la storia. Rere.*
   "That's the story. That's what they told me."

2. *Io non ero presente durante l'incidente. Rere.*
"I wasn't there during the accident. That's what they told me."

4. ***schiappa***

Literal translation: "scrap"

English meaning: "dud"

Use this slang expression when referring to a dud person in a very colloquial conversation.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mio fratello è una schiappa in tutti gli sport.*
"My brother is a dud at every sport."

2. *Da bambino ero una schiappa a scuola*
"When I was a child I was a dud at school."

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Italian	English	Class
essere al verde	to be broke	verbal expression
di punto in bianco	out of the blue	phrase
principe azzurro	prince charming	phrase
di tutti i colori	all sorts of things	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Papà mi presti dei soldi? Sono al verde. "Dad, can you lend me some money? I'm broke."	**Mi puoi prestare 200 €? Sono proprio al verde.** "Can you lend me 200 €? I'm really broke."
E poi mia madre si è arrabiata, di punto in bianco. "And then my mom got angry, out of the blue."	**Chi stai aspettando? Il principe azzurro?** "Who are you waiting for? Prince charming?"
Povero Luca, ne ha passate di tutti i colori. "Poor Luca, he has been through all sorts of things."	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***essere al verde***

Literal translation: "to be at the green"

English meaning: "to be broke"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that you have no money left.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non posso venire al concerto, sono al verde.*
   "I can't come to the concert, I'm broke."

2. *Papà mi presti dei soldi? Sono al verde.*
   "Dad, can you lend me some money? I'm broke."

2. ***di punto in bianco***

Literal translation: "from point to white"

English meaning: "out of the blue"

Use this slang expression when you want to express that something happened suddenly, or unexpectedly.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mi ha chiesto di sposarlo di punto in bianco.*
   "He asked me to marry him out of the blue."

2. *E poi mia madre si è arrabiata, di punto in bianco.*
   "And then my mom got angy, out of the blue."

3. ***principe azzurro***

Literal translation: "blue prince"

English meaning: "prince charming"

Use this slang expression when talking about a man or a boy who seems to be the ideal boyfriend.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Da piccola sognavo di incontrare il mio principe azzurro.*
   "When I was a child, I used to dream about meeting my prince charming."

2. *Chi stai aspettando? Il principe azzurro?*
   "Who are you waiting for? Prince charming?"

4. ***di tutti i colori***

Literal translation: "of all colors"

English meaning: "all sorts of things"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone did, said or went through all sorts of things, usually with a negative meaning.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mio figlio ne ha combinate di tutti i colori oggi a scuola.*
   "My son did all sorts of things at school today."

2. *overo Luca, ne ha passate di tutti i colori.*
   "Poor Luca, he has been through all sorts of things. "

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
accollarsi	bore	verb	
Che figo!	Cool!	phrase	
porcheria	filth	noun	feminine
rompere	break	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Come sempre, mi sono dovuta accollare tutte le faccende. "As usual, I got stuck with all the chores."	**Che figo viaggiare attorno a tutto il mondo.** "It's so cool to travel all around the world."

Questo affare è una porcheria, non funziona.

"This thing is rubbish; it doesn't work."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***accollarsi***

Literal translation: "stay on someone's neck"

English meaning: "bore"

Use this slang expression when you want to point out that you got stuck with somebody or something and you can't take it anymore.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quanto si accolla Marta!*
   "Marta is so boring!"

2. *Come sempre, mi sono dovuta accollare tutte le faccende.*
   "As usual, I got stuck with all the chores."

2. ***Che figo!***

Literal translation: "So beautiful!"

English meaning: "Cool!"

Use this slang expression when you want to express appreciation on something stunning or great to you.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hai visto questo film? Che figo!*
   "Have you seen this film? So cool!"

2. *Che figo viaggiare attorno a tutto il mondo.*
   "It's so cool to travel all around the world."

3. ***porcheria***

Literal translation: "pig-like"

English meaning: "filth, rubbish, junk"

Use this slang expression when talking about something filthy, disgusting, or of poor quality. Be careful when you use this word. It's very informal.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Smettila di mangiare porcherie!*
   "Stop eating junk food!"

2. *Questo affare è una porcheria, non funziona.*
   "This thing is rubbish, it doesn't work."

4. ***rompere***

Literal translation: "to break"

English meaning: "to annoy, to bug"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something or someone is annoying. Be careful when you use this word, as it is very informal.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Smettila di rompere!*
   "Stop bugging me!"

2. *Sara ha rotto tutti con le sue lamentele.*
   "Sara annoyed everyone with her whining."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
gasato	excited	adjective
tarocco	fake	adjective
cotto	exhausted	adjective
esa	drained	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Sto per partire per le Hawaii, sono così gasata! "I'm about to leave for Hawaii; I'm so excited!"	**Il tuo cellulare è davvero di marca o è tarocco?** "Is your mobile really branded, or is it a knock-off?"
Sono cotta, vado a letto. "I'm exhausted; I'll go to bed."	**La prof di latino è esa!** "The Latin teacher is stressed out!"

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***gasato***

Literal translation: "carbonated"

English meaning: "excited"

Use this slang expression when you want to say someone is all excited and fired up.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sei tutto gasato, cos'è successo?*
   "You're all excited, what happened?"

2. *Sto per partire per le Hawaii, sono così gasata!*
"I'm about to leave for Hawaii, I'm so excited!"

2. ***tarocco***

Literal translation: "tarot"

English meaning: "fake, knock-off"

Use this slang expression when talking about counterfeit goods, especially imitations of branded items.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Queste scarpe costano troppo poco, devono essere tarocche.*
"These shoes are too cheap, they must be fake."

2. *Il tuo cellulare è davvero di marca o è tarocco?*
"Is your mobile really branded, or is it a knock-off?"

3. ***cotto***

Literal translation: "cooked"

English meaning: "exhausted"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that you have no energy left, that you feel drained.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Oggi ho studiato per cinque ore, sono cotto!*
"Today I've studied for five hours, I'm exhausted."

2. *Sono cotta, vado a letto.*
"I'm exhausted, I'll go to bed."

4. ***esa***

Literal translation: "over"

English meaning: "drained"

Use this slang expression when talking about someone who is stressed out.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mio padre è esa.*
   "My father is stressed out."

2. *La prof di latino è esa!*
   "The Latin teacher is stressed out!"

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Italian	English	Class
sclerare	flip out	verb
gufare	jinx	verb
strapazzare	wear out	verb
attizzare	stir up	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ieri ho sclerato con i miei genitori. "Yesterday, I flipped out with my parents."	**Ha detto "peggio di così non può andare"... Praticamente si è gufato da solo.** "He said, "it can't get any worse than this..." He basically jinxed himself."
Quando suo padre ha saputo dell'incidente, lo ha strapazzato. "When his father found out about the accident, he mistreated him."	**La segretaria lo ha proprio attizzato.** "The secretary has stirred him up."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***sclerare***

Literal translation: "losing one's clear mind"

English meaning: "to flip out"

Use this slang expression when talking about losing one's temper.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quando sei davanti ai miei genitori, per favore, non sclerare!*
"When you are in front of my parents, please, don't flip out!"

2. *Ieri ho sclerato con i miei genitori.*
"Yesterday, I flipped out with my parents."

2. ***gufare***

Literal translation: "to owl"

English meaning: "to jinx"

Use this slang expression when talking about bringing bad luck.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Smettila di gufare la mia squadra!*
"Stop jinxing my team!"

2. *Ha detto "peggio di così non può andare"... Praticamente si è gufato da solo.*
"He said "it can't get any worse than this..." He basically jinxed himself."

3. ***strapazzare***

Literal translation: "scrambling"

English meaning: "to wear out"

Use this slang expression when talking about cuddling someone to death or an extreme degree. Actually, it is also used when talking about mistreating or wearing someone out.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dai Cristina, strapazzami di coccole!*
"Come on Cristina, overcuddle me!"

2. *Quando suo padre ha saputo dell'incidente, lo ha strapazzato.*
"When his father found out about the accident, he mistreated him."

4. ***attizzare***

Literal translation: "poking"

English meaning: "to stir up"

Use this slang expression when talking about a sexual attraction.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Lei riesce sempre ad attizzarlo.*
   "She always can stir him up."

2. *La segretaria lo ha proprio attizzato.*
   "The secretary has stirred him up."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
spoilerare	spoil	verb
lovvare	love	verb
nabbo	noob	adjective
taggare	tag	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ti prego, non spoilerarmi la puntata, non l'ho ancora vista. "Please don't give me spoilers about the episode, I haven't watched it yet."	**Era il mio cantante preferito, lo lovvavo tanto.** "He was my favorite singer; I loved him so much."
Giochi come un nabbo. "You play like a noob."	**Posso taggarti in questa foto?** "Can I tag you in this photo?"

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***spoilerare***

Literal translation: "It comes from the English word "spoiler," giving it the Italian verb ending -are."

English meaning: "to spoil, to give spoilers"

Use this slang expression when someone reveals too many details about a movie or a book, ruining the enjoyment for others.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non mi piace guardare i film con mia madre, mi spoilera sempre il finale.*
   "I don't like watching movies with my mom, she always spoils the ending."

2. *Ti prego, non spoilerarmi la puntata, non l'ho ancora vista.*
   "Please don't give me spoilers about the episode, I haven't watched it yet."

2. ***lovvare***

Literal translation: "It comes from the English verb "love," giving it the Italian verb ending -are. "

English meaning: "to love"

Use this slang expression when talking about something or someone you love a lot.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Grazie raga, vi lovvo!*
   "Thanks guys, I love you!"

2. *Era il mio cantante preferito, lo lovvavo tanto.*
   "He was my favorite singer, I loved him so much."

3. ***taggare***

Literal translation: "It comes from the English word "tag," giving it the Italian verb ending -are."

English meaning: "to tag"

Use this slang expression when talking about tagging someone on social media.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ti ho taggato in un post.*
   "I tagged you in a post."

2. *Posso taggarti in questa foto?*
"Can I tag you on this photo?"

4. ***nabbo***

Literal translation: "It comes from the English word "noob.""

English meaning: "noob"

Use this slang expression when referring to someone inexperienced, especially talking about computers and videogames. Be careful when you use this word, as it can be offensive.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non voglio fare squadra con un nabbo.*
"I don't want to team up with a noob."

2. *Giochi come un nabbo.*
"You play like a noob."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
Grazie mille.	Thank you very much.	expression
dare i numeri	go crazy	phrase
sparare a zero	criticize harshly	phrase
a quattr'occhi	in private	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Grazie mille per le informazioni. "Thanks so much for the information."	**Il computer ha iniziato a dare i numeri.** "The computer started acting funny."
I media hanno sparato a zero sul suo nuovo libro. "The media heavily criticized his new book."	**C'è troppa gente adesso, ne riparleremo a quattr'occhi.** "There are too many people now, let's talk about this face to face."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***sparare a zero***

Literal translation: "to shoot at zero"

English meaning: "to criticize harshly, to attack verbally"

Use this slang expression when you want to criticize something or someone heavily.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hanno sparato a zero contro il nuovo allenatore.*
   "They criticized the new coach."

2. *I media hanno sparato a zero sul suo nuovo libro.*
"The media heavily criticized his new book."

2. ***grazie mille***

Literal translation: "thanks a thousand"

English meaning: "thanks so much"

Use this slang expression when you want to thank someone in a friendly way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *A: Tieni, questo è per te. B: Oh, grazie mille!*
"A: Here, this is for you. B: Oh, thanks so much!"

2. *Grazie mille per le informazioni.*
"Thanks so much for the information."

3. ***a quattr'occhi***

Literal translation: "at four eyes"

English meaning: "face to face, in private"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk to someone in private, somewhere where there are no more than four eyes in total.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dobbiamo parlare a quattr'occhi.*
"We need to talk in private."

2. *C'è troppa gente adesso, ne riparleremo a quattr'occhi.*
"There are too many people now, let's talk about this face to face."

4. ***dare i numeri***

Literal translation: "to give the numbers"

English meaning: "to go crazy, to stop working"

Use this slang expression when talking about losing one's mind. This can also be used when referring to objects not working properly.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Calmati, stai dando i numeri.*
   "Calm down, you're going crazy."

2. *Il computer ha iniziato a dare i numeri.*
   "The computer started acting funny."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
In bocca al lupo	good luck!	exclamation
quattro gatti	just a handful of people	phrase
da cani	very bad	phrase
andare in bestia	fly into a rage	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ci vediamo, in bocca al lupo per tutto. "See you, good luck with everything."	**Domani fai il tuo primo concerto, vero? In bocca al lupo!** "Tomorrow you're doing your first concert, right? Good luck!"
Scommetto che ci saranno solo quattro gatti alla festa di Paolo, "I bet there will be only a handful of people at Paolo's party."	**Questa cosa mi fa andare in bestia.** "This makes me so mad."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***quattro gatti***

Literal translation: "four cats"

English meaning: "just a handful of people"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe a situation where only a few people were present.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Oggi al lavoro eravamo in quattro gatti.*
"Today there were only a few of us at work."

2. *Scommetto che ci saranno solo quattro gatti alla festa di Paolo,*
"I bet there will be only a handful of people at Paolo's party."

2. ***da cani***

Literal translation: "like dogs"

English meaning: "very bad, terribly"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe an unpleasant or terrible situation.

Sample Sentences:

1. *A: Come ti senti oggi? B: Da cani. Mi fa malissimo la testa.*
"A: How are you feeling today? B: Terrible. My head hurts so much."

2. *Poveretto, ha fatto una vita da cani.*
"Poor man, he's had a dog's life."

3. ***andare in bestia***

Literal translation: "to go into a beast"

English meaning: "to fly into a rage"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe someone who has lost their temper, becoming like an enraged wild animal.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quando l'ha scoperto è andato in bestia.*
"When he found out, he flew into a rage."

2. *Questa cosa mi fa andare in bestia.*
"This makes me so mad."

4. *in bocca al lupo*

Literal translation: "into the mouth of the wolf"

English meaning: "good luck"

Use this slang expression when you want to wish someone good luck in a friendly way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *In bocca al lupo per l'esame!*
   "Good luck on your exam!"

2. *Ci vediamo, in bocca al lupo per tutto.*
   "See you, good luck with everything."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
sputare il rospo	spit it out	phrase	
due	two	cardinal number	masculine
goccio	sip	noun	masculine
dare uno strappo	give a ride	phrase	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Marco non ha voluto sputare il rospo. "Marco didn't want to spit it out."	**Io e Matteo ci siamo fatti due risate quando l'abbiamo visto.** "Matteo and I had a few laughs when we saw it."
Sì, ci sono stato due volte. Yes, I've been twice.	**Ho due fratelli.** "I have two brothers."
Ho visto due amici. "I saw two friends."	**Hai due possibilità.** "You have two possibilities."
Mi daresti un goccio d'acqua? "Could you give me some water?"	**Puoi darmi uno strappo a scuola?** "Can you give me a ride to school?"

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***due***

Literal translation: "two"

English meaning: "some, a few"

Use this slang expression when referring to an unspecified quantity. Please note that it should not be taken literally.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dopo mangio due spaghetti.*
   "I'll eat some spaghetti later."

2. *Io e Matteo ci siamo fatti due risate quando l'abbiamo visto.*
   "Matteo and I had a few laughs when we saw it."

2. ***goccio***

Literal translation: "drop"

English meaning: "sip, drink"

Use this slang expression when you want to suggest to have a sip of a drink. It should obviously not be taken literally.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Andiamo a farci un goccio.*
   "Let's go and have a drink."

2. *Mi daresti un goccio d'acqua?*
   "Could you give me some water?"

3. ***dare uno strappo***

Literal translation: "giving a tear"

English meaning: "to give a ride"

Use this slang expression when talking about giving someone a lift.

Sample Sentences:

1. *I miei amici mi daranno uno strappo alla festa.*
   "My friends are going to give me a ride to the party."

2. *Puoi darmi uno strappo a scuola?*
   "Can you give me a ride to school?"

4. ***sputare il rospo***

Literal translation: "to spit a toad out"

English meaning: "to spit it out"

Use this slang expression when you want someone to confess something they're hiding.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dai, sputa il rospo! Cosa ti ha detto?*
   "Come on, spit it out! What did she say to you?"

2. *Marco non ha voluto sputare il rospo.*
   "Marco didn't want to spit it out."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
brillo	tipsy	adjective	
batosta	punch	noun	feminine
beccato	get caught	adjective	
stangata	sting	noun	feminine

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hai bevuto? Sembri un po' brillo. "Have you been drinking? You seem slightly drunk."	**I risultati dell'esame sono una brutta batosta.** "The exam results are a bad punch."
I poliziotti mi hanno beccato in flagrante. "The policemen have caught me red-handed."	**Loro hanno preso una brutta stangata in borsa.** "They got badly stung at the Stock Exchange."

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***batosta***

Literal translation: "beating"

English meaning: "punch"

Use this slang expression when referring to a disheartening and depressing situation.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quando ha saputo dei suoi debiti, ha avuto una bella batosta.*
"When he realized about his debts, he got a huge punch."

2. *I risultati dell'esame sono una brutta batosta.*
"The exam results are a bad punch."

2. ***beccato***

Literal translation: "bitten, or pecked"

English meaning: "to get caught"

Use this slang expression when a guilty person has been caught or arrested.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hanno beccato il ladro.*
"The thief has been arrested."

2. *I poliziotti mi hanno beccato in flagrante.*
"The policemen have caught me red-handed."

3. ***stangata***

Literal translation: "failure"

English meaning: "sting"

Use this slang expression when talking about a very bad beating or a shocking sting.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Con l'ultimo fidanzato ho preso una stangata.*
"With my last boyfriend, I got stung."

2. *Loro hanno preso una brutta stangata in borsa.*
"They got badly stung at the Stock Exchange."

4. ***brillo***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "tipsy, slightly drunk"

Use this slang expression when talking about someone who seems to be a bit drunk.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Lucia era un po' brilla, così Gianni l'ha accompagnata a casa in auto.*
   "Lucia was a bit tipsy, so Gianno drove her home."

2. *Hai bevuto? Sembri un po' brillo.*
   "Have you been drinking? You seem slightly drunk."

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class	Gender
spaccare	rock	verb	
tipo	dude	noun	masculine
paglia	ciggie	noun	feminine
sballo	hoot	noun	masculine

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Chi spacca di più? "Who rocks more?"	**Il tipo di Francesca mi ha mandato un messaggio.** "Francesca's dude has texted me."
Accendi la paglia. "Light the ciggie."	**Quello spettacolo è stato uno sballo!** "That show was a hoot!"

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***tipo***

Literal translation: "type"

English meaning: "dude"

Use this slang expression when referring to an unknown boy or to a friend's boyfriend that you don't really know or like.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Guarda quel tipo.*
   "Look at that dude."

2. *Il tipo di Francesca mi ha mandato un messaggio.*
"Francesca's dude has texted me."

2. ***paglia***

Literal translation: "straw"

English meaning: "ciggie"

Use this slang expression when you are referring to cigarettes with friends.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dammi una paglia.*
"Give me a ciggie."

2. *Accendi la paglia.*
"Light the ciggie."

3. ***sballo***

Literal translation: "trip"

English meaning: "hoot"

Use this slang expression when talking about a very funny or exciting situation.

Sample Sentences:

1. *La festa è stata un vero sballo.*
"The party was a real hoot."

2. *Quello spettacolo è stato uno sballo!*
"That show was a hoot!"

4. ***spaccare***

Literal translation: "to break"

English meaning: "to rock"

Use this slang expression when talking about something or someone you think is very cool.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Questa canzone spacca.*
   "This song rocks."

2. *Chi spacca di più?*
   "Who rocks more?"

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VOCABULARY

Italian	English	Class
schiacciare un pisolino	take a nap	phrase
capire l'antifona	get the hint	phrase
fare lo gnorri	play dumb	phrase
fare la posta	stalking	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ieri ho schiacciato un pisolino sul divano. "Yesterday I took a nap on the couch."	**Per fortuna Marco ha capito l'antifona e ha smesso di chiedermi di uscire.** "Luckily, Margo got the hint and stopped asking me out."
Sapevo già quello che mi voleva chiedere, ma ho fatto la gnorri. "I already knew what he wanted to ask me, but I played dumb."	**Non farmi la posta mai più!** "Don't stalk me anymore!"

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. ***capire l'antifona***

Literal translation: "to understand the antiphon"

English meaning: "to get the hint"

Use this slang expression when someone understands a message even though it has not been said out loud.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Va bene, ho capito l'antifona.*
"Alright, I got the hint."

2. *Per fortuna Marco ha capito l'antifona e ha smesso di chiedermi di uscire.*
"Luckily, Margo got the hint and stopped asking me out."

2. ***fare lo gnorri***

Literal translation: "-"

English meaning: "to play dumb"

Use this slang expression when talking about feigning ignorance.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Non fare lo gnorri!*
"Don't play dumb!"

2. *Sapevo già quello che mi voleva chiedere, ma ho fatto la gnorri.*
"I already knew what he wanted to ask me, but I played dumb."

3. ***fare la posta***

Literal translation: "doing the post"

English meaning: "stalking"

Use this slang expression when talking about stalking, both in a serious and funny situation.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Quel ragazzo mi ha fatto la posta per settimane.*
"That boy has been stalking me for weeks."

2. *Non farmi la posta mai più!*
"Don't stalk me anymore!"

4. *schiacciare un pisolino*

Literal translation: "squashing a nap"

English meaning: "to take a nap"

Use this slang expression when talking about naps. Italians use this slang expression very frequently.

Sample Sentences:

1. *I bambini stanno schiacciando un pisolino.*
   "The kids are taking a nap."

2. *Ieri ho schiacciato un pisolino sul divano.*
   "Yesterday I took a nap on the couch."

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