



LEARN ITALIAN STEP BY STEP, DAY BY DAY, PHRASE BY PHRASE

Week 1	Day 1	Today's Phrases
<b>Lesson 001</b>		<b>buongiorno</b> hello, good day
<p><i>Welcome to the first episode of MyDailyPhrase Italian. In today's programme we cover the phrases for "hello" and "goodbye".</i></p> <p>To say "hello" in Italian you use the phrase <i>buongiorno</i>. If you listen carefully to the pronunciation on the podcast, you'll hear that the word sounds as if it would be written "bwon-jor-no". The first part of the word is one syllable: <i>buon</i> - this means "good". The second part of the word is two syllables: <i>giorno</i> - this means "day". Note that the combination of letters</p>		<b>arrivederci</b> goodbye
		<b>ciao</b> bye

*gi-* is pronounced as an English "j-", and that the second syllable is pronounced "jo-", and not "jeeo".

To say "goodbye", you use the word *arrivederci*. This literally means "until we see each other again". It's more formal than

the word *ciao*, which is similar to the English shortened form, "bye", or "bye bye". Another possible translation would be "see you". Remember to practise saying these words aloud with the recording to perfect your pronunciation.

### Pronunciation tips

Italian pronunciation is quite different from English. Don't pronounce words as you see them or as you think they should be pronounced. Make sure you listen

carefully to the podcasts first before looking at the spelling of the words. This way you'll learn the rules of Italian pronunciation more quickly, and you'll soon be able to read Italian effectively. Today we'll look at one sound:

**ci-** as in **ciao**; **arrivederci**

Look at the today's words and compare the written form to what you hear on the podcast. In particular, pay attention to the sounds which follow **ci-**.