

## directions

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Programme 3</b></p> <p>Learn how to get your bearings in the superb centro storico of Bologna, capital of Emilia Romagna, with its famous portici and the newly-restored Sala Borsa.</p> <p>Talk Italian is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> then video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</a></p> <p><b>Italian Steps Stage 4: Lost in Venice; Driving</b></p> <p>Join Giovanna who's finding it tricky getting round Venice – and fares little better as she and Lorenzo drive to Bassano. Watch as she asks for directions, have a go yourself then discover the reasons behind Italy's street names and how to pay on the autostrada.</p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Asking for directions</b></p> <p>Focus on specially selected extracts from the TV programme – with or without the transcript – then have a go at the activities and check your progress.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Remembering words and phrases is easier when you can relate them to your own life. So when you're out walking or driving by yourself, talk through your journey in Italian as you go, using <b>a destra</b>, <b>a sinistra</b> and <b>sempre dritto</b> and naming some landmarks. Ideally this should be out loud – although it may not always be possible! Then you could practise directing someone in Italian to six different destinations in your home town.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Scusi</b> Excuse me</p> <p><b>Per (andare a) Bassano?</b> How do I get to Bassano?</p> <p><b>Dove?</b> Where?</p> <p><b>Dov'è...?</b> Where is...?</p> <p><b>È lontano?</b> Is it far?</p> <p><b>Vada/ Deve andare</b> Go/ you have to go</p> <p><b>Giri/ Deve girare</b> Turn/ you have to turn</p> <p><b>a destra</b> right</p> <p><b>a sinistra</b> left</p> <p><b>sempre dritto</b> straight on</p>	<p><b>fino a</b> as far as</p> <p><b>subito dopo</b> straight after</p> <p><b>la piazza</b> square</p> <p><b>la rotatoria</b> roundabout</p> <p><b>l'autostrada</b> motorway</p> <p><b>l'uscita</b> exit</p> <p><b>il semaforo</b> traffic lights</p> <p><b>il cartello stradale</b> road sign</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you ask a male passer-by how to get to the station?</li> <li>If you're told <b>Deve attraversare la piazza Garibaldi</b>, what should you do?</li> <li>Directions can be tricky to take in. How would you ask someone to repeat what they've said?</li> <li>How far is <b>circa cinquecento metri</b>?</li> <li>You repeat the directions you've been given by a passer-by, who says <b>Esatto</b>. Have you understood or not?</li> <li>What's the connection between <b>pedaggio</b>, <b>uscita</b> and <b>casello</b>?</li> </ol>	

Answers on [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml)