

LA PRONUNCIA ITALIANA

Le Vocali

AS A GENERAL RULE, 3 OF THE 5 ITALIAN VOWELS ARE PRONOUNCED AS IN THE WORD

AMERICA

That is:

A (as in Arch) **E** (as in Energy) **I** (as in Italy)

O (as in Opera) **U** (as in tUne)

Ripeti dopo di me (*repeat after me*):

ARIA (air) **ETÀ** (age) **ITALIA** (Italy)

OLIO (oil) **UNO** (one)

...E LE CONSONANTI!

Here are a few **RULES** for the pronunciation of some Italian consonants:

C + a/o/u - **ca - co - cu** \longrightarrow **Ka** (Karma) – **Ko** (Koala) – **Ku** (Kudos)

C + e/i - **ce - ci** \longrightarrow **Che** (Cheddar) – **Chi** (Chicago)

C + h + e/i - **che - chi** \longrightarrow **Ke** (Kelly) – **Ki** (Kiss)

C + i + a/o/u - **cia - cio - ciu** \longrightarrow **Cha** (Charlie) – **Cho** (Chops)
Chu (Churro)

Ripeti dopo di me:

CAFFÈ (coffee) **COLLINA** (hill) **CUORE** (heart)

CIBO (food) **CENA** (dinner)

CHE (what) **CHIUSO** (closed)

CIAO (hello) **CIOCCOLATO** (chocolate) **ACCIUGA** (anchovy)

The same **RULE** applies to the letter **G**:

G + **a/o/u** → **Ga** (Gas) – **Go** (Gold) – **Gu** (Gucci)

G + **e/i** - **Ge** - **Gi** → **Je** (Jet) – **Ji** (Jingle)

G + **h** + **e/i** - **Ghe** - **Ghi** → **Ge** (Getty) - **Gi** (Gift)

G + **i** + **a/o/u** - **Gia** - **Gio** - **Giu** → **Ja** (Japan) – **Jo** (Joe) -
Ju (Jupiter)

Ripeti dopo di me:

GATTO (cat) **GOLF** (golf) **GUSTO** (taste)

GELATO (ice cream) **GIRO** (tour)


GHETTO (ghetto) **GHIACCIO** (ice)

GIALLO (yellow) **GIOVANE** (young) **GIUSTO** (correct)

LET'S PRACTICE!

Come si pronunciano queste parole?

How do you pronounce these words?



**We need
to talk!!!**

BACIO (kiss)

GRIGIO (gray)

GIORNO (day)

CHIESA (church)

COSA (thing)

CIOCCOLATO (chocolate)

FORMAGGIO (cheese)

GONNA (skirt)

CHIUSO (closed)

GUFO (owl)

BICICLETTA (bicycle)

GIUSTO (correct)

GUSTO (taste/flavor)

CUOCO (chef)

CHI (who)

GIALLO (yellow)

test:

BRUSCHETTA

PROSCIUTTO

PISTACCHIO