

Il Tavolo Italiano

Study Sheet – The Italian Alphabet

The Italian alphabet has 21 letters which are;

Letter	Name	Name sounds like
A a	a	Ah
B b	bi	Bee
C c	ci	Chee
D d	di	Dee
E e	e	Ay
F f	effe	Ayf_Fay
G g	gi	Jee
H h	acca	Ak_ka
I I	i	Ee
L l	elle	Ayl_Lay
M m	emme	Aym_May
N n	enne	Ayn_Nay
O o	o	Oh
P p	pi	Pee
Q q	cu	Koo
R r	erre	Air_Ray (the r is trilled)
S s	esse	Ays_Say
T t	ti	Tee
U u	u	Oo
V v	vu (or vi)	Voo or Vee
Z z	zeta	Zay tah

You will also find the following 5 letters in some words of foreign (non-Italian) origin;

Letter	Name	Name sounds like
J j	i lunga	Ee loon_gah
K k	cappa	Kahp_Pah
W w	doppia vu	Dohp_Pee_Ah Voo
X x	ics	Eeks
Y y	epsilon (or i greca)	Eep_see_lohn (or Ee Gray_kah)

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