



VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Do you want to impress your Italian loved one with some romantic Italian phrases? Do you want to invite someone out and you don't know how to say it? Keep watching!

People say that Italian is the language of love, and indeed its unique melody makes it particularly attractive and pleasing to the ear. The vast majority of our words end with a vowel, and this is just perfect for singing or whispering sweet things, such as...

TI AMO means I love you, literally "you I love"
But Don't say TI AMO...

MA PERCHÉ?

UN MOMENTO! Well, I was about to explain that you shouldn't say TI AMO to the wrong people! In English you can say "love you" virtually to anybody, anywhere, anytime, husband, parents, friends, but in Italian ti amo communicates a romantic, strong and deep, sometimes erotic, feeling, the love you would feel for your lover, wife or husband, so it's something we don't say very easily. So, if you're in Italy, don't say ti amo to your best friend, or to your father-in-law, because you could create some sort of embarrassment.

You could hear VI AMO (vi here is you, plural) on tv shows, or concerts, used by artists to say that they love their fans. A bit emphatic, I'd say. But that's what I could say to my fans: VI AMO

TI VOGLIO BENE means I care about you, it expresses the affection you would feel for your parents, your children, your best friend. It literally means I want you well, or I want good things for you. For example, a child would say Ti voglio bene, mamma, or mamma ti voglio tanto bene.

If you are going out with someone, but you're not ready for TI AMO, this could be an option, it shows a lesser degree of commitment.

The acronym TVB, or TVTB, is very popular among young people, it means ti voglio bene or ti voglio tanto bene.

MI SONO INNAMORATA DI TE I fell in love with you. Mi sono innamorato di te, masculine. No need to explain!

UN INVITO A CENA

Let's say you are attracted to someone, and you want to invite this person out, to dinner, or, very fashionable now, to an APERITIVO. You could say:

PERCHÉ NON ANDIAMO A CENA INSIEME SABATO SERA? CONOSCO UN BUON RISTORANTE!
(Why don't we dine out together Saturday evening? I know a good restaurant)

OR

TI VA UN APERITIVO?

(Do you fancy an aperitif?)

TI VA is a useful starter. You can say TI VA plus object, like ti va un caffè, ti va un gelato, or ti va di plus verb, ti va di andare al cinema? (Do you fancy going to the cinema?) Ti va di andare a cena?

Some responses you could get:

SÌ, GRAZIE, PERCHÉ NO

NON SO, VEDREMO

NO, GRAZIE, SABATO HO UN IMPEGNO, MAGARI UN'ALTRA VOLTA

GRAZIE MA SONO MOLTO STANCA/STANCO, VORREI ANDARE A CASA

While you're chilling out in front of a glass of PROSECCO, or a SPRITZ, you could drop this one:

COME SEI BELLA! Or CHE BELLA CHE SEI (spoken, but effective) or SEI BELLISSIMA, to a woman; to a man you would say BELLO, with the final O for masculine. Another option is SEI PROPRIO UNA PERSONA INTERESSANTE, or AFFASCINANTE, and this applies to both sexes.

Maybe you bought them some flowers, then you could say:

Ti ho preso dei fiori! *I bought you some flowers!*

Or, simply: QUESTI SONO PER TE! *These are for you!*

If you want to give them a little gift, you could say:

QUESTO È PER TE

This is for you

TI HO PRESO UN PENSIERINO

Literally, I got you a little thought

TI HO PRESO UN REGALINO

I got you a little present

The other person could say:

NON DOVEVI, GRAZIE!

You shouldn't have, thank you

MA È BELLISSIMO! (singular)

It's wonderful

MA SONO BELLISSIMI (plural)

They're wonderful

SEI DAVVERO UN TESORO

Literally, You're really a treasure

If you want to be the one who pays the bill, when the time comes you could say **PENSO IO AL CONTO**, very natural and spoken, I'll take care of the bill, and when the other person thanks you just drop casually: **È UN PIACERE**, it's a pleasure. Very impressive.

After dinner, you could suggest to have a drink in another place: **ANDIAMO A BERE QUALCOSA!**

Finally, if you are really interested, you could say: **TI VA DI ANDARE DA ME?** What about going to my place?

DIALOGUE on the phone

Anna: Pronto?

Michele: Ciao! Senti, ti va di uscire a cena con me stasera?

Anna: Grazie ma non so, sono un po' stanca.

Michele: Allora un aperitivo?

Anna: Ma sì, va bene, dove andiamo?

Michele: Conosco un posto carino. Dopo possiamo andare da me.

Anna: Non so, vedremo! Intanto andiamo a bere qualcosa!

Michele: Va bene, passo a prenderti alle 7!