

shopping for presents and clothes

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk Italian: Programme 6</p> <p>Italians are passionate about shopping – so take a trip to Bologna's fabulous arcades and watch how they go about it.</p> <p>Talk Italian is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone then video the programmes to watch at your leisure. <i>Talk Italian was filmed when Italy's currency was the lira.</i></p>	<p>Learn online</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</p> <p>Italian Steps</p> <p>Stage 6: Shopping for clothes/ presents</p> <p>Time for a spot of shopping – join Giovanna as she updates her wardrobe in a boutique in the centre of Thiene, near Vicenza, and as she buys a traditional mask in Venice and gets it gift-wrapped. You'll find information on shopping in Italy as well as links to interesting sites.</p> <p>Talk Italian: Le compere</p> <p>Watch two young women buying shoes then do the activities before checking your progress.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>Check the packaging and instruction leaflets of toiletries, fashion items and electronic goods you have at home. Often they're written in several languages. Read the Italian, compare with the English and see if you can identify and learn the Italian for individual English words.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Quanto costa? How much does it cost?</p> <p>Quanto costano? How much do they cost?</p> <p>Avete ...? Do you have ...?</p> <p>Vorrei I'd like</p> <p>Voglio I want</p> <p>Cerco I'm looking for</p> <p>Posso provarlo/la? Can I try <u>it</u> on (m/f)?</p> <p>Me la può incartare? Can you wrap <u>it</u> (f) for me?</p>	<p>il regalo present</p> <p>questo this (one)</p> <p>quello that (one)</p> <p>È molto/troppo It's very/ too</p> <p>...caro ...expensive</p> <p>...grande ... big</p> <p>...piccolo ...small</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which is the odd one out: bianco, nero, grigio, piccolino, marrone, rosso, azzurro? If you hear someone saying Che carino!, do they like what they're looking at or not? If a shop assistant tells you Abbiamo queste maschere, fino a cinquanta euro, do the masks cost more or less than 50 euro? Would you use è molto caro, è molto cara, è troppo caro or è troppo cara to say that a jacket's too dear? How would you say that you're looking for a present? From one extreme to the other: what are a) the Quadrilatero in Milan and b) un mercato delle pulci? <p style="text-align: right;">Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml</p>	