

## How to use *grazie* in Italian

### How to pronounce *grazie*

A common mistake among non-native Italian speakers is to pronounce *grazie* as “gra-zee” or “gra-zee-ah”.

The ‘ie’ sound is different in Italian than in English, what you should actually say is “graht-see-eh”.

### What type of adjective follows “*grazie*”

“*Grazie*” is the plural of “*grazia*”, and it literally means “graces”. Therefore, the adjective that follows (or precedes) the word “*grazie*” should always be plural

*Molte grazie* – many thanks

*Grazie tante* – many thanks

*Mille grazie* – lit., a thousand thanks

*Grazie infinite* – lit, endless thanks



~~Molto grazie~~

~~Grazie tanto~~

Alternatively, you can use a verb, *ringraziare*. In this case you need to conjugate the verb in the right form

Ti *ringrazio* per il regalo

Marco ti *ringrazia* per l’invito

Io e Luigi ti *ringraziamo* per l’ospitalità

### How to use “*grazie* in a longer sentence

What comes after “*grazie*” is a slightly longer sentence than many non-Italian speakers might think. To follow is the structure of a sentence following the word *grazie*

**Grazie + di/per + infinitive of *essere* or *avere* + past participle of the verb**

Therefore “Thanks for cooking dinner” will be

*Grazie per aver cucinato la cena*

 **NOT ~~Grazie per cucinare la cena~~**

Finally, when we say “thanks for this”, we cannot translate it with ~~grazie per questo~~. This sentence is wrong in Italian. An Italian speaker, after saying “grazie per...”, would always state what they are thankful for

*Grazie per avermi inviato questa email*

*Grazie per questa email*

*Grazie per questi documenti*



Have you ever visited the *Tre Grazie* (Three Graces) by Canova? This is an extraordinary neoclassical sculpture in marble, representing the three graces (or charities), daughters of Zeus.

It's not hard to guess that within the word *grazie*, in Italian, lies an invitation to a dance of beauty, harmony and happiness!

Allora, grazie per aver letto tutto il documento, spero che vi sia stato utile! 😊