

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! 😊