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Lesson 1

In this lesson, you met Paul and Professor Marco Valli. Do you, a friend, or a neighbor have a last name of Italian origin? Have you ever wondered in what regions in Italy the last name is more common, or in what U.S. states? Go to <http://gens.labo.net/it/cognomi/genera.html> and put the last name under “**cognomi**” (last names) to find out. You can also find out the etymology of a name (under “**nomi**”) if you or someone you know has an Italian one.

Lesson 2

In this lesson, you learned that Paul, Professor Valli and Anna Alberti live in Milan, and that Anna Alberti is from Rome. Milan is in the Lombardia region and Rome is in the Lazio region. Go to <http://gens.labo.net/it/regio/> and write the name of the Italian regions for the following cities: **Torino**, **Bologna**, **Naples** and **Palermo**.

Lesson 3

Anna Alberti is going on a business trip from **Milano** to **Torino** for a week, and she is leaving in the morning. Go to the Alitalia website (http://www.alitalia.com/it_it/) and help her find a round trip flight in the morning from **Milano**, **aeroporto Malpensa**, to **Torino**. Put destinations (**da**/from, **a**/to), dates (**data partenza**/leaving, **data ritorno**/returning) and time (under **orario**/time, choose **mattina**/morning).

Lesson 4

Professor Valli and his wife are organizing an evening at the theater with some friends. Go to <http://www.teatromanconi.it/>, the website of **Teatro Manzoni** in Milan, and under **Spettacoli** (shows), look for at least two shows they might like. Write down the titles and the dates in Italian.

Lesson 5

In this lesson, you learned that the office administrative assistant was supposed to be at work at 8:30, but she is late. Milan is a big city and traffic can be a problem, especially in the morning during rush hour. She could take the subway (**metropolitana**) instead of the bus. Go to <http://www.atm-mi.it/atm/> and under “**orari e linee di trasporto**” (schedule and transport lines) click “**vai**” (go) next to “**metropolitane**”. Then select “**linea 1 (rossa)**” (line 1, red) and click on “**vai**”. She lives close to the **Sesto Rondò** stop, and the office is located at

the Loreto stop. Click on the symbol close to **Sesto Rondò** to see a schedule. Then click under “**ore**” (hours) to see what time she needs to leave to be at the **Loreto** stop by 8:30.

Lesson 6

Anna is in Rome visiting some friends. She would like to go to New York for few days. Go to the Alitalia website at http://www.alitalia.com/it_it/ and find a round trip flight for her. Put destinations (**da/a**), dates (**partenza/ritorno**) and time (under “**orario**”/time, choose “**pomeriggio**”/afternoon).

Lesson 7

In this lesson, you learned that in an Italian **bar** (sometimes also called **caffè**) you can go for a drink (coffee, tea, aperitif, juice) or to eat something (sandwich, pastry, etc). Go to <http://www.giubberosse.it/home.asp> the website of **Caffè Giubbe Rosse**, one of the most famous cafés in Florence. Under “**Il bar**” choose your favorite drink from “**Le nostre bevande**” (Our Drinks), and a pastry from “**Pasticceria**” (Pastry Shop).

Lesson 8

Help Marco Valli make a reservation for a week at the **Hotel Alba** in Florence. Go to <http://www.hotelalbabfirenze.it/> and click on the Italian flag. Then click on “**disponibilità-prenota**” (availability-make a reservation). Fill out “**data di arrivo**” (arrival date) and “**data di partenza**” (departure date) and put “1” under “**quantità**” (quantity) next to “**camera singola**” (single room). Then click “**avanti**” (continue) to check the availability. How much does it cost to stay here for one night? Two nights?

Lesson 9

Paul wants to send some priority mail letters to his friends in the **Stati Uniti** (United States), **Gran Bretagna** (Great Britain) and **Australia**. Go to <http://www.poste.it/postali/lettere/> and under “**posta prioritaria**” (priority mail) select “**zone tariffarie**” (tariff zones) to see the area number for **Gran Bretagna**, **Stati Uniti** and **Australia**, then click on “**prezzi e tariffe per l'estero**” (prices for destinations abroad). You may want to check the **formato normalizzato** (basic format) for a weight up to 20 grams (0.8 ounces).

Lesson 10

Paul and Prof. Valli see each other in Milan, and talk about the weather. Paul is planning a trip to Venice, while Prof. Valli, instead, wants to go to **Genova**. Go to <http://www.tempoitalia.it/> and click on **Venezia** and **Genova** to see what the weather will be like. Also, check the parts of Italy that are sunny. Then go to <http://www.associazionemarconi.com/rds/convertitoregradi.htm> to convert the temperature from degrees Celsius to Fahrenheit.

Lesson 11

Anna and Giulio are going to a picnic lunch with three friends. To help them choose what they would like to take on the picnic, go to the Coop supermarket site at <http://www4.coop.ch/supermarkt/default.cfm?language=it>. Click on “**lista della spesa**” (grocery shopping list) and then click on picnic. Under “**numero persone**” (number of people) write 4 next to “**adulti**” (adults) and 1 next to “**bambini**” (children), then click on “**calcola**” (calculate) to find out the suggested food and quantity. Under “**prodotto**” (product) you can see the food, under “**quantità totale**” (total quantity) you can see the total amount, and under “**quantità per persona**” (individual quantity) you can see what each person would need. You may want to look at <http://www.metric-conversions.org/weight/grams-to-pounds.htm> for weight conversion.

Lesson 12

As you know, Anna is from Rome, the capital of Italy situated in the **Lazio** region. She loves pasta and today she would like to prepare the famous dish “**Bucatini all’Amatriciana**”, but she forgot some of the ingredients. Go to <http://www.pasta.it/regionale/regionali.htm> and click on **Lazio** and look for the “**Bucatini all’Amatriciana**” recipe. Write down the ingredients and follow the instructions to help Anna prepare the dish. Look for cognates and use a dictionary for words you don’t understand. **Buon appetito!**

Lesson 13

Paul’s friend is in Milan and she wants to visit the famous **Pinacoteca** (picture gallery) **di Brera**. She does not have much time to visit all 38 rooms. Go to the museum’s website at <http://www.brera.beniculturali.it> and click on “**visita virtuale**” (virtual tour) on the menu on the left. Choose at least three **sale** (rooms) to visit, and look at the famous paintings so that you can make some recommendations to her on what is worth seeing.

Lesson 14

In this lesson, you learned that Prof. Valli is going to Florence. He would like to see some museums; help him decide which ones. Go to <http://www.firenzemusei.it/index.html> and choose two museums. Every time you click on the name of a museum, you will be directed to a page where you can find out information on the history of **il museo** (the museum). The page will provide information on **le collezioni** (the collections) you can see, **informazioni** (general information on opening and closing times, reservations, prices, discounts, guided tours), etc. Write down as much information as you can in order to help Professor Valli.

Lesson 15

Paul's friend is at the train station in Milan and would like to go to Venice. Help her find some trains that leave in the afternoon. Go to <http://www.ferroviedellostato.it/> and put "**Milano**" under "**Da dove vuoi partire?**" (Where would you like to leave from?) and "**Venezia**" under "**Dove vuoi arrivare?**" (Where would you like to arrive?). Enter a day (**giorno**) and a time (**ora**), using the 24-hour clock, and click "**invia**" (send). Then, under "**durata**" (length of trip) choose the fastest option.

Lesson 16

Help Paul's friend to plan a week in Venice. Go to the official site of the Tourist Board in Venice at www.turismovenezia.it. Click on the menu on the left (without resorting to the English version) to find information on "**eventi**" (events), "**da vedere**" (things to see), "**dove alloggiare**" (where to stay) and "**gastronomia**" (gastronomy). Also, check what the weather will be like by clicking on "**meteo**" (weather report), and "**webcam**" to see it in real-time.

Lesson 17

Paul and Arturo have changed their minds, and they want to see a movie instead of going to the theater. Paul likes horror movies and Arturo likes comedies. Go to the Milan section of the **Corriere della sera** newspaper at <http://www.corriere.it/vivimilano/> and click on "**cinema**" under "**canali**" (channels). Under "**tutti i generi**" (all kinds), first select "**Horror**" and then "**Commedia**", and write down some titles to help them decide what movie to see. Hopefully, they will find a film that they will both enjoy. Which movies would you like to see?

Lesson 18

Help Paul choose some nice Italian clothes. Go to <http://www.coin.it>, the website of the popular department store in Italy, COIN. Click on the Italian flag, and then click on “**uomo**” (man). Under “**tendenze**” (trends) you can see the latest fashion trends. While under “**selezionati per voi**” (selected for you) you can see some of the latest styles. If you click on “**continua**” (continue) you can see the clothes and the prices. Choose a jacket and a sweater or a shirt that Paul might like. Make sure that you don’t spend more than 200 euros. After, try to find something for yourself with the same budget. For men’s clothing, click on “**uomo**”. For women’s clothing, click on “**donna**”.

Lesson 19

Anna is getting married and preparing her bridal registry, but she is not sure what to choose. Go to <http://www.rinascentelistanozze.it/listenozze/> to have a look at different items and help her decide. Click on “**marche e prodotti**” (brands and products) and then on “**catalogo prodotti**” (products catalogue). For each of the categories listed, choose one or two items and click next to them. Then click on a brand to see what products they offer.

Lesson 20

Anna needs some new clothes, but she is on a budget and cannot spend more than 200 euros. First, calculate the price in dollars or pounds. Go to <http://www.xe.com/ucc/> to convert euros to dollars or pounds. Next, go to <http://www.upim.it/> and click on “**upimdonna**” (Upim woman) to see some popular brands. Click on each brand to search for some clothes for Anna that will fit her budget.