

HEY ROBOTO... ITALIANO!

A game of wit, laughter, and a little Italian flair!

Overview

HEY ROBOTO... ITALIANO! is a free party game where players compete to get a smart speaker (like Alexa or Siri) to say specific Italian-themed words. It's funny, challenging, and you'll be amazed by what your virtual assistant comes up with!

Ages: 10 and up

Source: All the words in this game come from past Triangle Sons and Daughters of Italy newsletters.

Materials

- 1. Print this document on heavyweight paper, cut out the word cards, and stack them face down in a pile.
- 2. A smart speaker (such as Alexa, Siri, or Google Assistant).
- 3. One small game piece or token to show whose turn it is.

How to Play

1. Starting the Game

The first player draws the top card from the pile and places the game piece in front of them. Their goal is to get the smart speaker to say the word on the card by asking a clever question or giving a prompt.

2. What You Can't Do

When asking your question, you may NOT:

- Use any part or form of the word (no plurals, verb tenses, or variations).
- Spell the word.
- Say the word in another language.
- Ask for a synonym, rhyme, or direct definition.

If any form of the target word appears in your question, the turn is invalid.

3. Capturing the Word

If the smart speaker says the word (or any correct form of it), that player "captures" the card and keeps it. If the speaker doesn't say the word, pass the card to the player on your left — but keep the game piece where it is.

Play continues around the table until:

- The smart speaker says the word (the successful player keeps the card), or
- The turn returns to the starting player. In that case, place the card in the discard pile.

4. Passing and Skipping

If you're stuck and can't think of what to ask, you may pass the card to the person on your left — but you'll lose your turn.

5. Ending the Round

After a card is either captured or discarded:

- Pass the game piece to the next player on the left.
- That player draws a new card and starts the next round.

Winning the Game

1. The first player to capture 10 cards wins the game!

OR

2. The player with the most captured cards at the end of play wins!

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St. Joseph	Dominick the Donkey	Amalfi
Vesuvius	Murano	Calabria
Tiramisu	Picatta	Prosciutto
Genoa	Rossini	Coliseum
Sfogliatella	Milan	Po
Tiber	Etna	Calamari
Bocce	Ferrari	San Marzano
Agita	Buena Sera	Orecchiette

San Marino	Venice	Ciao
Caponata	Lasagna	Ischia
Stromboli	Scopa	Palio
Balsamic	Pecorino	Pepperoncini
Pesto	Genoa Salami	Buratta
Sardinia	Pompeii	Puglia
Granita	Al dente	Mostaccioli
Ferragosto	Benvenuto	Biscotti

Assisi	Sicily	Limoncello
Palermo	Polenta	Tortellini
Chianti	Brunello	La Befana
Panettone	Pappardelle	Zeppole
Pasqua	Ellis Island	Carbonara
Trattoria	Feast of the Seven Fishes	Carchofoli
Gelato	Antipasto	Verdi
Bruschetta	Natale	Vespa

Risotto	Easter Bread	Puccini
Carnevale	Pollo	Baccala
Fritto Misto	Cannoli	Orecchiette
Sambuca	San Marco	Anno Nuovo
Giglio	Settembre	Affogato
Zabaglione	Cassata	Buonarotti
Gondolier	Aqueduct	Famiglia
Paisan	Torrone	Trullo

Mamma Mia	Struffoli	Gorgonzola
Fuhgeddaboudit	Capisce	Sopranos
Mozzarella	Pignoli	Nonna
Vino	Pasta	Spaghetti
Meatballs	Fettuccine	Gnocchi
Manicotti	Pizza	Umbria
Arrivederci	Basilica	Piazza
Fresco	Gondola	Veneto

Zia	Bambino	Mafioso
Paesano	Rigatoni	Parmigiana
Ravioli	Arthur Avenue	Little Italy
Nonno	Capo (Boss)	Don
Mortadella	Colosseum	Arancini
Pisa	Porchetta	Rome
Florence	Soppressata	Cinque Terre
Naples	Alfredo	Focaccia

Parmigiano	Basil	Tuscany
Pastina	Prosecco	Margherita Pizza
Zamboni	Frittata	Pesce
Sicily	Spumoni	Cappuccino
Saltimbocca	Al dente	Fagioli
Pepperoni	Linguine	Cannelloni
Lazio	Calzone	Sicilia
Dolci	Ristorante	Spanish Steps