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Lesson 002		per piacere please
<p><i>Welcome to the second episode of MyDailyPhrase Italian. In today's programme we cover the phrases for making your Italian experience that bit more polite!</i></p> <p>To say "please" in Italian you say <i>per piacere</i>. This literally means "for pleasure". You may also hear the phrase <i>per favore</i>, literally "for (a) favour", as in, "will you do this for me as a favour?" Both phrases are interchangeable.</p> <p>The word for "thank you" in Italian is <i>grazie</i>. Note the pronunciation of this word carefully. There are three distinct syllables in the word:</p>		grazie thank you
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gra - tsee - ay. The Italian *z* is always pronounced as *ts*. It's sometimes doubled: think of the word *pizza* and this should help you to remember how to pronounce it.

If you say *grazie* to someone, they're very likely to reply *prego*. This literally means "I

pray", but it's used very commonly as a reply to "thank you", meaning something like "don't mention it" or "you're welcome".

The next time anyone says "thank you" to you in English, imagine yourself replying naturally in Italian with *prego!*

Pronunciation tips

Yesterday we learned about the **ci-** sound in the word *arrivederci*. It's always pronounced as in the English word "cheap". Today we've

added the word *piacere* to our repertoire. You can see from this word that **c-** also takes on a "ch-" sound in Italian when it comes before the letter **e**: **ce-** is

pronounced as in the English word "chair".

To recap, if **c** is followed by an **-e** or an **-i** then it is pronounced **ch-** as in English "cheap" / "chair".