

SCENE 28 • GRAMMAR

In treno, a piedi

Transport and tickets

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Around town

Italian

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Transport and 24-hour times

To say how you travel, use **in treno, in autobus, a piedi, in bici**. These are fixed expressions and very common in daily life.

Italian timetables often use the 24-hour clock. You can say **alle 9:12** and **alle 17:40**. In speech, these are practical and normal for travel.

Use **a che ora...?** to ask about time: **A che ora parte il treno?** This is a very useful travel question.

You can combine time and transport easily: **Domani andiamo al lago in treno alle 9:12**. Keep the order simple.

Form	Example	Meaning
in treno	Andiamo al lago in treno.	by train
in autobus	Andiamo in autobus?	by bus
a piedi	Vado a piedi.	on foot
in bici	Tommaso va in bici.	by bike
a che ora	A che ora parte?	at what time

Domani andiamo al lago in treno.

Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train.

La stazione è a cinque minuti a piedi.

The station is five minutes on foot.

Tommaso oggi va in bici.

Tommaso is going by bike today.

Andiamo in autobus o a piedi?

Are we going by bus or on foot?

Il treno parte alle 9:12.

The train leaves at 9:12.

Ritorno alle 17:40.

Back at 17:40.

A che ora arriva Tommaso?

At what time does Tommaso arrive?

Io arrivo alla stazione alle 8:57.

I arrive at the station at 8:57.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Domani andiamo al lago in treno.

Meaning: Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train.

- 2 La stazione è a cinque minuti a piedi.

Meaning: The station is five minutes on foot.

- 3 Tommaso oggi va in bici.

Meaning: Tommaso is going by bike today.

- 4 Andiamo in autobus o a piedi?

Meaning: Are we going by bus or on foot?

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Domani andiamo al lago _____.

- ☐ A in treno
- ☐ B con treno
- ☐ C a treno

Meaning: Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train.

2 La stazione è a cinque minuti _____.

- ☐ A a piedi
- ☐ B con piedi
- ☐ C in piedi

Meaning: The station is five minutes on foot.

3 Tommaso oggi va _____.

- ☐ A a bici
- ☐ B in bici
- ☐ C con bici

Meaning: Tommaso is going by bike today.

4 Andiamo _____ o a piedi?

- ☐ A in autobus
- ☐ B a autobus
- ☐ C con autobus

Meaning: Are we going by bus or on foot?

5 Il treno parte _____.

- ☐ A in 9:12
- ☐ B alle 9:12
- ☐ C a 9:12

Meaning: The train leaves at 9:12.

6 Ritorno _____.

- ☐ A alle 17:40
- ☐ B a 17:40
- ☐ C in 17:40

Meaning: Back at 17:40.

7 _____ arriva Tommaso?

- ☐ A A che ora
- ☐ B Quando ora
- ☐ C Che ora

Meaning: At what time does Tommaso arrive?

8 Io arrivo alla stazione _____.

- ☐ A alle 8:57
- ☐ B in 8:57
- ☐ C a 8:57

Meaning: I arrive at the station at 8:57.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

in bici a bici

Tommaso oggi va _____.

Meaning: Tommaso is going by bike today.

in autobus a autobus

Andiamo _____ o a piedi?

Meaning: Are we going by bus or on foot?

alle 9:12 a 9:12

Il treno parte _____.

Meaning: The train leaves at 9:12.

alle 17:40 a 17:40

Ritorno _____.

Meaning: Back at 17:40.

A che ora Che ora

_____ arriva Tommaso?

Meaning: At what time does Tommaso arrive?

alle 8:57 a 8:57

Io arrivo alla stazione _____.

Meaning: I arrive at the station at 8:57.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 lago in al andiamo Domani treno.

Meaning: Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train.

2 a è piedi. La stazione cinque minuti a

Meaning: The station is five minutes on foot.

3 oggi bici. va Tommaso in

Meaning: Tommaso is going by bike today.

4 autobus Andiamo a piedi? in o

Meaning: Are we going by bus or on foot?

5 treno 9:12. Il alle parte

Meaning: The train leaves at 9:12.

- 6 17:40. Ritorno alle

Meaning: Back at 17:40.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train. You say:

- ☐ A Domani andiamo al lago in treno.
- ☐ B Domani andiamo al lago a treno.

2 The station is five minutes on foot. You say:

- ☐ A La stazione è a cinque minuti in piedi.
- ☐ B La stazione è a cinque minuti a piedi.

3 Tommaso is going by bike today. You say:

- ☐ A Tommaso oggi va in bici.
- ☐ B Tommaso oggi va a bici.

4 Are we going by bus or on foot? You say:

- (A) Andiamo in autobus o a piedi?
- (B) Andiamo a autobus o a piedi?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Ritorno alle 17:40. | (A) Tommaso is going by bike today. |
| (2) A che ora arriva Tommaso? | (B) The station is five minutes on foot. |
| (3) Andiamo in autobus o a piedi? | (C) Are we going by bus or on foot? |
| (4) Domani andiamo al lago in treno. | (D) The train leaves at 9:12. |
| (5) Io arrivo alla stazione alle 8:57. | (E) Back at 17:40. |
| (6) Tommaso oggi va in bici. | (F) Tomorrow we're going to the lake by train. |

7 La stazione è a
cinque minuti a
piedi.

G I arrive at the station at 8:57.

8 Il treno parte alle
9:12.

H At what time does Tommaso
arrive?