

SCENE 38 • GRAMMAR

Consigli e ordini

Advice and conditions

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

A bad day

Italian

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Advice, commands and simple conditions

For simple advice and instructions, Italian often uses the imperative: **Apri la bocca, Chiama il dottore, Mangia frutta.** With **Lei** politeness, common forms are chunks such as **Entri, Si sieda, Apra la bocca, Mangi frutta.**

Use **da** for something that started in the past and is still true: **Dormo qui da due giorni.** Use **per** for a finished duration or a planned time: **Dormo per due ore.**

A basic condition uses **se** + present: **Se hai la febbre, resta a casa.** This is very common and useful at A1 level.

For negative advice with **tu**, Italian often uses **non** + infinitive: **Non mangiare questo.** You already know this from simple rules and prohibitions.

Form	Example	Meaning
Apri!	Apri la bocca!	Open!
Entri / Si sieda	Entri, si sieda.	Come in, sit down. (polite)
da	Studio da due ore.	for/since until now
se + present	Se stai male, chiama il dottore.	if + present

Apri la bocca.

Open your mouth.

Signora, entri pure.

Madam, come in.

Sto a letto da lunedì.

I have been in bed since Monday.

Dormo per due ore e poi lavoro.

I sleep for two hours and then I work.

Se hai mal di testa, bevi acqua.

If you have a headache, drink water.

Non mangiare torta adesso.

Don't eat cake now.

Chiama il dottore oggi.

Call the doctor today.

Se sei stanca (stanco), dormi.

If you are tired, sleep.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Apri la bocca.

Meaning: Open your mouth.

- 2 Signora, entri pure.

Meaning: Madam, come in.

- 3 Sto a letto da lunedì.

Meaning: I have been in bed since Monday.

- 4 Dormo per due ore e poi lavoro.

Meaning: I sleep for two hours and then I work.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 _____ la bocca.

- ☐ A Aprire
- ☐ B Apre
- ☐ C Apri

Meaning: Open your mouth.

2 Signora, _____ pure.

- ☐ A entrare
- ☐ B entra
- ☐ C entri

Meaning: Madam, come in.

3 Sto a letto _____ lunedì.

- ☐ A per
- ☐ B da
- ☐ C in

Meaning: I have been in bed since Monday.

4 **Dormo _____ due ore e poi lavoro.**

- ☐ A da
- ☐ B per
- ☐ C a

Meaning: I sleep for two hours and then I work.

5 **_____ hai mal di testa, bevi acqua.**

- ☐ A Se
- ☐ B Ma
- ☐ C Perché

Meaning: If you have a headache, drink water.

6 **_____ torta adesso.**

- ☐ A Non mangia
- ☐ B Non mangiare
- ☐ C Non mangi

Meaning: Don't eat cake now.

7 _____ il dottore oggi.

- ☐ A Chiama
- ☐ B Chiami
- ☐ C Chiamare

Meaning: Call the doctor today.

8 Se sei _____, dormi.

- ☐ A stanca
- ☐ B stanche
- ☐ C stancato

Meaning: If you are tired, sleep.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

per da

Sto a letto _____ lunedì.

Meaning: I have been in bed since Monday.

da per

Dormo _____ due ore e poi lavoro.

Meaning: I sleep for two hours and then I work.

Ma Se

_____ hai mal di testa, bevi acqua.

Meaning: If you have a headache, drink water.

Non mangi Non mangiare

_____ torta adesso.

Meaning: Don't eat cake now.

Chiami Chiama

_____ il dottore oggi.

Meaning: Call the doctor today.

stancato stanca

Se sei _____, dormi.

Meaning: If you are tired, sleep.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

bocca.

la

Apri

Meaning: Open your mouth.

2 Signora, pure. entri

Meaning: Madam, come in.

3 lunedì. letto Sto a da

Meaning: I have been in bed since Monday.

4 lavoro. due poi per Dormo ore e

Meaning: I sleep for two hours and then I work.

5 mal Se acqua. bevi testa, hai di

Meaning: If you have a headache, drink water.

- 6 torta Non mangiare adesso.

Meaning: Don't eat cake now.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Open your mouth. You say:

- ☐ A Apri la bocca.
- ☐ B Aprire la bocca.

2 Madam, come in. You say:

- ☐ A Signora, entra pure.
- ☐ B Signora, entri pure.

3 I have been in bed since Monday. You say:

- ☐ A Sto a letto per lunedì.
- ☐ B Sto a letto da lunedì.

4 I sleep for two hours and then I work. You say:

- (A) Dormo da due ore e poi lavoro.
- (B) Dormo per due ore e poi lavoro.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---|---|
| (1) Dormo per due ore
e poi lavoro. | (A) If you are tired, sleep. |
| (2) Signora, entri pure. | (B) If you have a headache, drink
water. |
| (3) Chiama il dottore
oggi. | (C) I have been in bed since
Monday. |
| (4) Se hai mal di testa,
bevi acqua. | (D) Don't eat cake now. |
| (5) Non mangiare torta
adesso. | (E) Call the doctor today. |
| (6) Sto a letto da
lunedì. | (F) Madam, come in. |

7 Apri la bocca.

G I sleep for two hours and then I work.

8 Se sei stanca,
dormi.

H Open your mouth.