



## ITALIAN TABLE

Gender of Nouns

List of nouns that end in **-a** but are masculine OR end in **-o** but are feminine.

### Masculine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il poeta</b>	the poet
<b>il monarca</b>	the monarch
<b>il cinema</b>	the cinema
<b>il Papa</b>	the Pope
<b>il papà</b>	the father
<b>il pigiama</b>	the pajama
<b>il tema*</b>	the theme
<b>il programma*</b>	the program
<b>il problema*</b>	the problem

### Feminine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la mano</b>	the hand
<b>la eco</b>	the eco
<b>la foto**</b>	the photo
<b>l'auto**</b>	the car
<b>la moto**</b>	the motorbike
<b>la radio**</b>	the radio

\* and other nouns in **-ma** of Greek origin, like *il teorema* (the theorem), *il sistema* (the system), *il fantasma* (the ghost), *il clima* (the climate)

\*\* ending in **“-o”** due to a shortening of the word.

*la foto* = *la fotografia* (the photo), *l'auto* = *l'automobile* (the car), *la moto* = *la motocicletta* (the motorbike), *la radio* = *la radiotrasmettitrice* (the radio)

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### List of Nouns ending in -ione, in -ie and -i

#### Feminine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la situazione</b>	the situation
<b>la stazione</b>	the station
<b>la colazione</b>	the breakfast
<b>l'opinione</b>	the opinion
<b>la specie</b>	the species/type
<b>l'enfasi</b>	the emphasis
<b>la crisi</b>	the crisis
<b>la sintesi</b>	the synthesis

#### EXCEPTIONS

- \* **il brindisi** (the toast)
- \* **il samurai** (the samurai)
- \* **lo sci** (the ski)

### Nouns ending in -tà and tù

#### Feminine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la città</b>	the city
<b>la povertà</b>	the poverty
<b>l'università</b>	the university
<b>la felicità</b>	the happiness
<b>la gioventù</b>	the youth
<b>la virtù</b>	the virtue

### Nouns of foreign origin ending in a consonant

#### Masculine

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il toast</b>	the toast
<b>l'autobus</b>	the bus
<b>lo yogurt</b>	the yogurt
<b>il bar</b>	the café
<b>l'hotel</b>	the hotel
<b>lo sport</b>	the sport
<b>il film</b>	the film

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### Nouns for professions in -tore

#### Masculine      Feminine

<i>Italian</i>	<i>Italian</i>	<i>English</i>
l'attore	— l'attrice	the actress
il cantautore	— la cantautrice	the folksinger
il direttore	— la direttrice	the director
lo scultore	— la scultrice	the sculptor
il calciatore	— la calciatrice	the footballer

#### EXCEPTIONS

- \* dottore → dottoressa (doctor)
- \* rare examples change to -tora:  
impostore → impostora (impostor)  
pastore → pastora (shepherd)

### Invariable nouns for professions in -ista

#### Masculine      Feminine

<i>Italian</i>	<i>Italian</i>	<i>English</i>
il farmacista	— la farmacista	the pharmacist
il regista	— la regista	the director
l'artista	— l'artista	the artist
lo stagista	— la stagista	the intern
il giornalista	— la giornalista	the journalist
il batterista	— la batterista	the drummer

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## List of nouns that change meaning

**Masculine**

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il banco</b>	the desk
<b>il bilancio</b>	the budget
<b>il boa</b>	the boa constrictor
<b>il capitale</b>	the principal
<b>il caso</b>	the case
<b>il cero</b>	the candle
<b>il collo</b>	the neck
<b>il colpo</b>	the shot
<b>il fine</b>	the goal
<b>il foglio</b>	the sheet
<b>il gambo</b>	the stalk
<b>il masso</b>	the rock
<b>il mento</b>	the chin
<b>il metro</b>	the meter
<b>il modo</b>	the way

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**Feminine**

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la banca</b>	the bank
<b>la bilancia</b>	the scale
<b>la boa</b>	the buoy
<b>la capitale</b>	the capital
<b>la casa</b>	the house
<b>la cera</b>	the wax
<b>la colla</b>	the glue
<b>la colpa</b>	the fault
<b>la fine</b>	the end
<b>la foglia</b>	the leaf
<b>la gamba</b>	the leg
<b>la massa</b>	the mass
<b>la menta</b>	the mint
<b>la metro</b>	the underground
<b>la moda</b>	the fashion

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<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>il palo</b>	the pole
<b>il panno</b>	the cloth
<b>il pasto</b>	the meal
<b>il pianto</b>	the cry
<b>il posto</b>	the place
<b>il punto</b>	the point/dot
<b>il radio</b>	the radio
<b>il razzo</b>	the rocket
<b>il rosa</b>	the pink colour
<b>il soffitto</b>	the ceiling
<b>il suolo</b>	the soil
<b>il torto</b>	the wrong/fault
<b>il velo</b>	the veil
<b>il mostro</b>	the monster
<b>il latte</b>	the milk

→ →

**Feminine**

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
<b>la pala</b>	the shovel
<b>la panna</b>	the cream
<b>la pasta</b>	the pasta/pastry
<b>la pianta</b>	the plant
<b>la posta</b>	the post office
<b>la punta</b>	the tip
<b>la radio</b>	the radio
<b>la razza</b>	the race/breed
<b>la rosa</b>	the rose
<b>la soffitta</b>	the attic
<b>la suola</b>	the sole
<b>la torta</b>	the cake
<b>la vela</b>	the sail
<b>la mostra</b>	the exhibition
<b>la latta</b>	the tin

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