

## booking a hotel room

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Programme 4</b></p> <p>Visit the mountain town of Barga in northern Tuscany with Claudia and Cronos who have booked a hotel room over the phone. Find out too about agriturismo (farmhouse holidays) in Braccicorti.</p> <p>Talk Italian is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> then video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</a></p> <p><b>Italian Steps: Stage 2: Spelling your name</b></p> <p>Watch Giovanna checking into a hotel then have a go at the activities so that you can be as cool as she is when you go to Italy. Find out how to get the accommodation you want, whether it's a room with a view in Florence or a simple pensione.</p> <p><b>Talk Italian: L'albergo</b></p> <p>Find out how to book a hotel room in advance and get used to the questions you're likely to hear when you check in. Watch the video clips, then do the activities and check your progress.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Watch the section on television where Claudia and Cronos book into the hotel in Barga. Play it again, this time taking the role of the guests yourself. Pause the TV after the receptionist's side of the conversation and see if you can remember the guests' words. Release the pause button to check your version against the original. When you're word-perfect, play it again without pausing the television, but speaking at the same time as the guests, karaoke style.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Avete?</b> Do you have?</p> <p><b>Vorrei prenotare</b> I'd like to book</p> <p><b>Ho/ Abbiamo prenotato</b> I've/ we've booked</p> <p><b>una camera singola/ doppia</b> a single/ double room</p> <p><b>una matrimoniale</b> a double-bedded room</p> <p><b>con doccia</b> with shower</p> <p><b>con vista</b> with a view</p> <p><b>con prima colazione</b> with breakfast</p>	<p><b>Ha una prenotazione?</b> Have you got a reservation?</p> <p><b>Per quante notti?</b> For how many nights?</p> <p><b>per stasera</b> for tonight</p> <p><b>per tre notti</b> for 3 nights</p> <p><b>Il suo nome?</b> Your name?</p> <p><b>la sua chiave</b> your key</p> <p><b>un documento</b> a document (identity)</p> <p><b>Ecco</b> Here you are</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the receptionist says they need <b>una firma</b>, do they want a means of identification, your company name, your car registration number, a signature or a deposit?</li> <li>2. What's <b>una residenza</b>?</li> <li>3. Your room number is 268; how do you say that in Italian?</li> <li>4. How would you ask at a hotel reception if they have a double-bedded room with shower?</li> <li>5. And, in response to <b>Per quante notti?</b>, how would you say it's for five nights?</li> <li>6. You've booked ahead. When you arrive, how would you tell the receptionist that you've booked a single room with a view for two nights?</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml</a></p>	