

Lesson 17 – What are the Italians like?

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Michael: Italians are very, very friendly, and also they are quite good cooks. Again, uh, one of my neighbors is Italian, and, uh, he's a very funny person. I, I like Italians.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Howard: Gorgeous.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

David: Go on.

Lisa: Romantic?

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Interviewer: And what are the Italians like?

Mr. Scott: Oh, amusing. Amusing, yes. Great people.

Mrs. Scott: Yes, love children. Fun to be with. Yes. The Italians are alright.

Mr. Scott: Nice people.

Interviewer: Okay.

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Interviewer: What about the Italians? What are the Italians like?

Gary: Oh, they're real lovers.

June: The greatest people on earth.

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Interviewer: And what are the Italians like?

Catherine: Oh, very vivacious.

Tony: Flash.

Catherine: Full of life. **Temperamental.** Gregarious.

Tony: Uhm.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Joanne: Uhm, very argumentative.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Sara: Uh, voluble.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Andrew: Uh, emotional, uh, expressive.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Peter: Artistic, romantic,

Margaret: and noisy.

Peter: and noisy.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Barbara: Beautifully dressed, always, the ones that I've ever met. And quite hospitable, yes. My husband speaks a lot of Italian, so they're usually, quite, uh, you know, quite like to see us sort of thing.

Margaret: Yes, well, we've always, when the children were younger, we always used to go to Italy for our holidays, and they love children, and, very nice people. Very.

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Interviewer: And what are the Italians like?

Peter: The Italians I would say are very emotive, they're, it's, sort of fun-loving people. They like their food, and they enjoy socializing.

Steve: That said, I would agree with that. They're, they're very emotional people, and they get very excited, uh, they don't, uhm, seem to, to go to bars and drink as much as the English, or the north Europeans do. Uhm, and I think they like their food quite a lot as well.

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Interviewer: What about the Italians?

Timothy: Rather temperamental.

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Interviewer: Hi. My name's Helen. What's your name?

Siovhán: It's Siovhán

Interviewer: I'm sorry?

Siovhán: Siovhán.

Interviewer: How do you spell that?

Siovhán: It's S - I - O - V - H - A - N. It's (an) Irish name.

Interviewer: And what about Italians? What are Italians like compared with the English?

Siovhán: Uhm, more quick tempered. Uhm, yeah, they don't seem as friendly. I don't know. When I was over there, they didn't seem too friendly. They like to push in front of queues as well.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Bill: Italians really don't do much, because they don't know where they're going, they don't know what kind of government they want, so they just spend the time mostly drinking and eating as far as I know, and having good parties.

Katrina: Yeah, they seem more like the French in that respect. They're very family-orientated, too.

Bill: They lost their sense of direction, the Italians, at least temporarily.

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Interviewer: What are the Italians like?

Hayles: Deplorable.

Colonel Allthorpe: Oh, I think they're charming. Italian, Italian families are marvellous. If we had families like that, we wouldn't have the problems we're having today.