

Welcome to *Teach Me More Italian!*

For Preschool to Year 6

Teach Me More Italian initiates an inviting approach to language learning by using familiar children's songs. A child's early exposure to new languages and cultures enhances learning skills and promotes a better appreciation of a multicultural society. What better gift to offer our children than the tools and ideas to better understand the world we live in. This text provides a basis for early awareness in an effort to stimulate a diverse appreciation and understanding.

The Italian language is unique in that it is spoken primarily in one country, Italy. Children will enjoy learning Italian because almost 40 per cent of Italian words are similar to their English equivalent. In addition, many Italian words are part of our vocabulary already such as pizza, ravioli, spaghetti, gondola and bambino. And notice, most Italian words end in a vowel!

Each time you enjoy *Teach Me More Italian*, you will need an audio cassette player, *Teach Me More Italian* book and cassette, and crayons or markers. On occasion, when other materials are needed, they will be listed in the previous day's prep remarks.



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