

Spelling Chart

When spelling names over the phone, Italians tend to specify each letter of the alphabet using the name of a well known Italian town beginning with it. For H, J, K, W, X and Y they use foreign words.

You may hear variations of this chart as people tend to use towns closer to the part of Italy they come from.

Below is a complete list. Use it over the phone to spell your name, surname or address. Or take it with when travelling so you are never caught unprepared.

A	a	come	Ancona
B	bi	come	Bologna
C	ci	come	Como
D	di	come	Domodossola
E	e	come	Empoli
F	effe	come	Firenze
G	gi	come	Genova
H	acca	come	Hotel
I	i	come	Imola
J	i lunga	come	Jazz
K	kappa	come	Karatè
L	elle	come	Livorno
M	emme	come	Milano
N	enne	come	Napoli
O	o	come	Otranto
P	pi	come	Padova
Q	qu	come	Quarto
R	erre	come	Roma
S	esse	come	Savona
T	ti	come	Torino
U	u	come	Udine
V	vi/vu	come	Venezia
W	doppia vi/vu	come	Washington
X	ics	come	Xilofono
Y	ippsilon / i greca	come	Yoga
Z	zeta	come	Zara