

# about this book

ally gives a wide variety of practical Italian phrases to readers cope with everyday situations in Italian. re possible, authentic material is included to bring Italy things Italian to life.

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book, look out for:

**si dice?**

section gives key vocabulary and phrases to help the r in practical situations, such as ordering food and s, asking directions, or sending postcards. The title is 'How do you say it?' English equivalents of the n words and phrases are given, unless the meaning of alian is clear from the context. English subtitles appear r the cartoons.

**evate...?** means 'Do you know...?' and this section ights short items of interesting information.

**on perdere!** In English this means 'Don't miss it!' This n provides information on places, people or points of st that readers should look out for when they are in

well as in **Come si dice?** Italian words and phrases ar throughout the text of the book. Italian words and ses are usually indicated in bold type with the English valent following.

e names of cities or regions are also given in Italian to stom readers to the Italian version. Where these names ar for the first time in the book the English equivalents Iso given. Original Italian place names which are the : as in English do not appear in bold type.

here Latin or Greek words or other foreign words that r from English appear, they are shown in italic type.

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## Speak up!

- Generally, the formal, polite Lei verb form is given in phrases. Occasionally, the informal tu form has been included. If you're not sure which to use, try the polite form.
- Don't be shy about speaking Italian. You'll find that Italians are usually happy to help you try to speak Italian.
- When you meet people, remember to say:

**A.M. TO NOON** *Buongiorno*

*Buonasera* **NOON TO 8 P.M.**

**AT NIGHT** *Buonanotte*

*Non capisco.*

- If you don't understand what someone is saying, just say politely:

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