

SIT 10 – Breakfast

Here you have three dialogues concerning the situation “breakfast”.

In the first dialogue there are a brother and a sister. The brother has just woken up and wants to have breakfast with her sister, but she can't because she is in a hurry for a lesson at the university.

In the second dialogue, there are two colleagues at work. One has already had breakfast at home, whereas the second prefers to have breakfast in a bar.

About colleagues, in the third dialogue, you will get to know Gaia and Giorgio, two funny characters who will often show up in the next situations.

Non ho tempo	I have no time	
Dormiglione	Sleepyhead	<i>Informal</i>
Ho fame	I'm hungry	
Cosa c'è ...?	What is there ... ?	
Frigo(rifero)	Fridge	<i>M</i>
latte	Milk	<i>M</i>
burro	Butter	<i>M</i>
biscotti	Biscuits	<i>M Plural</i>
pensile	Cupboard	<i>M</i>
eccoli qua	Here they are	
insieme / assieme	Together	
sono bravo (a + verbo)	I'm good (at + verb)	
già	Already	
Fai bene	Good for you	<i>Informal</i>
Lo sai come si dice?	Do you know how they say?	<i>Informal</i>
In genere	Generally, usually	
Giornata	Day	<i>F</i>
Hai ragione	You're right	<i>Informal</i>
Da quando ...?	Since when ...?	
Sono abituato	I have the habit / I'm used	
Credo	I believe	
Ho iniziato	I started	
andavo	I used to go	
cappuccino	Cappuccino	<i>M</i>
cornetto	Croissant	<i>M</i>
tardi	Late	
più tardi	Later	

presto	Early	
prima di	before	
colleghi	Colleagues	
riposare	To take rest, to chill out	
mente	Mind	<i>F</i>
proprio così	So true	
appena mi sveglio	As soon as I wake up	
domanda	Question	<i>F</i>
azione	Action	<i>F</i>
pensiero	Thought	<i>M</i>
anzi	More exactly	
strano / strana	Strange	Strano <i>M</i> – Strana <i>F</i>
andare a correre	To go jogging	
in che senso?	What do you mean?	
Gente	People	<i>F</i>
Persone	People	<i>F Plural</i>
La maggior parte delle persone	Most people	
Come me	Like me	
Può darsi / magari...	Maybe	
Sei l'unica che ...	You are the only one who...	
Niente	Nothing	
Senza mangiare	Without eating	
Esco	I go out	
Ti invito	I invite you	
Domani	Tomorrow	
Dopodomani	The day after tomorrow	
spremuta	Freshly made fruit juice	<i>F</i>
integrale	Wholemeat	
vuoto	Empty	
miele	Honey	<i>M</i>
marmellata	Jam	<i>F</i>
cioccolato	Chocolate	<i>M</i>
allergico/a	Allergic	Allergico <i>M</i> – Allergica <i>F</i>
Arrivo subito da lei	I'll be right there	<i>Formal</i>



You have probably noticed the use of the verb “prendere”. It may vary a lot in meaning:

Prendo il treno (I take/catch the train)

Cosa prendi per colazione? (What do you have for breakfast?)

In Italy is very common to have a “cornetto” for breakfast, with a coffee or a cappuccino. For this reason, bars offer a wide range of “cornetto” to satisfy the different clients.

Some people prefer to drink a “spremuta”, which is an juice prepared on the moment by squeezing fresh fruit. It is generally made with oranges.

“Prego” can be used in different situations with different meanings. Basically, it is the answer to give when somebody thanks you (like “you’re welcome”):

Grazie. *Thank you.*

Prego. *You’re welcome.*

Secondly, it can be used when somebody is giving or handing something to somebody else, as it happens for example in bars and restaurants when a waiter brings a beverage or a meal to the customer. In this case, the meaning of “prego” becomes “*here you are*”.