

SIT 9 – How are you?

Here you have four short dialogues: the first and the third are informal, whereas the second and fourth are formal.

The first dialogue is set at a railway station where two friends meet. They last met a long time ago.

The second dialogue is set on a train. The speakers are two passengers, a man and a woman who do not know each other. The woman has a headache and the man wants to help her.

The third dialogue is between a girl and her uncle. He wants to know how her niece feels, as she has been ill.

The fourth dialogue is set in the city center. Like in the first dialogue, two old friends meet again after a long time.

The different dialogues show how a very common expression like “come stai?” may be used with reference to different contexts.

Come stai? / come va?	How are you?	<i>Informal</i>
Che piacere rivederti!	How nice to see you again!	<i>Informal</i>
Abbastanza bene	Not bad/ Quite well	
Non molto bene	Not very well	
Male	Bad, badly	
Bene	Well	<i>Informal</i>
Benissimo	Very well/ Great	<i>Informal</i>
Raccontami di te	Tell me about you	
Ti va di ...?	Do you feel like ...?	
Prendere il treno	To catch the train	<i>Formal</i>
Tra dieci minuti	In ten minutes	<i>Informal</i>
Non fa niente	It doesn't matter	<i>M</i>
La prossima volta	Next time	<i>F</i>
Si sente bene?	Are you feeling well?	
Come ti senti?	Are you feeling well?	
Solo	Only, just	
Mal di testa	Headache	
Febbre	Fever, temperature	
Non c'è bisogno	There is no need	<i>Informal</i>
Abbassare il volume	To put down the volume	
Ho dimenticato	I forgot	<i>Informal</i>
Togliere la suoneria	To turn off the ringtone	<i>Formal</i>
Ho saputo	I heard	<i>(Pallido M – Pallida F)</i>
Così così	So so	<i>Informal</i>
Comunque	However	

Meglio di ieri	Better than yesterday	
Vuoi che ti porti...?	Shall I bring you... ?	
Qualcosa di caldo	Something hot	
Qualcosa da bere	Something to drink	
Non ti preoccupare	Don't worry	<i>F / Plural</i>
Non si preoccupi	Don't worry	<i>Informal</i>
Pallido / pallida	Pale	
E' gentile da parte tua	It is kind of you	<i>Informal</i>
Nell'altra stanza	In the other room	
Chiamami	Call me	
In centro	Downtown, in the city center	
Chi si rivede	I haven't seen you for a long!	
Da queste parti	Around here	
Sono venuto a trovare	I came to visit	
I miei	My folks	
I tuoi	Your folks	
solito	Usual	
Tutto bene / Tutto a posto	Everything is fine / all right	
Novità	News	
Senz'altro	Sure, no doubt	
Salutami tanto i tuoi	Say hallo to your folks	
Scappare	To run away, to flee	
Devo scappare	I had better be going, I have to rush	
Quando vuoi	Whenever you want	