



Ciao!

I have created these puzzles for you, as a small thank you gesture for being a customer. These are not available anywhere else and, if you wish, you can play with them while you're waiting for your book(s) to arrive 😊

What follows is an example of the puzzles you will find in my books.

Word Searches

The word searches have Italian words that you need to find in the grid. Words can go in any direction: left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top, diagonally up or down. Each of the two word searches comes in two versions: *a* (more challenging) and *b* (less challenging).

Freeform Crosswords

The freeform crosswords have the clues in Italian, but there is also a section later, on page 8, with the clues in English, in case you struggle to understand the Italian clues.

Word Matches

These are about matching Italian words to English words, so it's a straightforward translation activity.

Word Fit Puzzles

This is a type of puzzle where you need to place the words correctly within the grid.

Word Scrambles

These are lists of words that have been scrambled, and your task is to place the letters in the correct order. There is an easier and a more challenging version of the puzzle.

Cryptograms

These are usually quotes from someone famous. Your task is to replace the numbers in the puzzle with the correct letters, and reveal the quote.

Solutions

All solutions are provided at the end.

And finally...

Only one word: Divertiti!

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L'ora dell'aperitivo

1a

Translate the English words below the grid into Italian and find them in the Word Search. If this is too challenging, please try 1b for an easier puzzle.



FRIENDS
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
BARTENDER
DRINK
BRUSCHETTE
CHAT
CANDIED CHERRY
CHEESES

LIQUEURS
PEANUTS
OLIVES
CRISPS
BREAK/REST
MINI-PIZZAS
RITUAL
COLD MEATS

EVENING
SPRITZ
SPARKLING WINE
SNACK
NIBBLES
TRADITION
SANDWICHES
WINE

L'ora dell'aperitivo

1b

Find the Italian words below the grid in the Word Search puzzle. These are the same Italian words as in 1a, but they're located in different positions on the grid.



AMICI
ALCOLICI
BARISTA
BEVANDA
BRUSCHETTE
CHIACCHIERATA
CILIEGINA
FORMAGGI

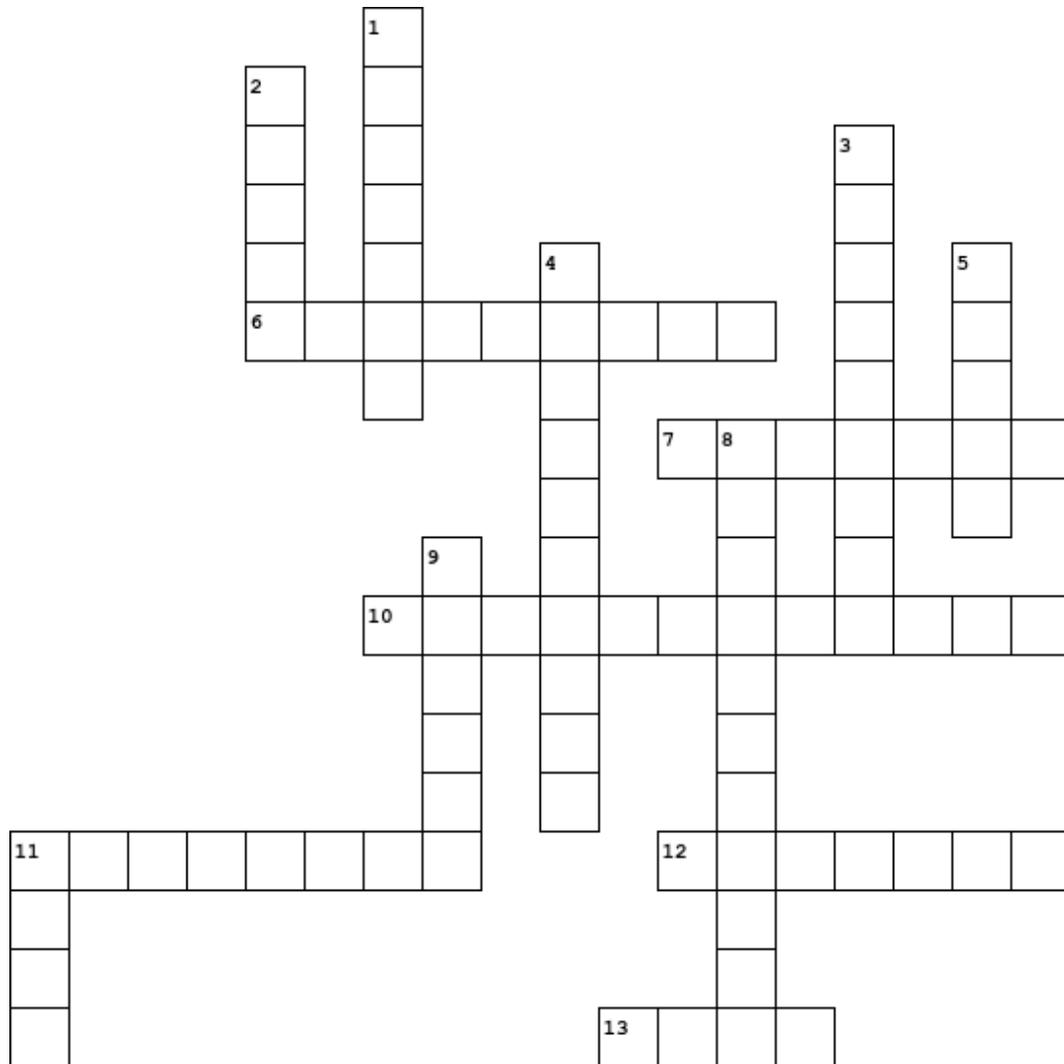
LIQUORI
NOCCIOLINE
OLIVE
PATATINE
PAUSA
PIZZETTE
RITUALE
SALUMI

SERATA
SPRITZ
SPUMANTE
SPUNTINO
STUZZICHINI
TRADIZIONE
TRAMEZZINI
VINO

La cucina italiana

2

This freeform crossword has the clues in Italian. If you struggle to understand some of the clues, you can find them in English in the *Help Section* on page 8



Orizzontali

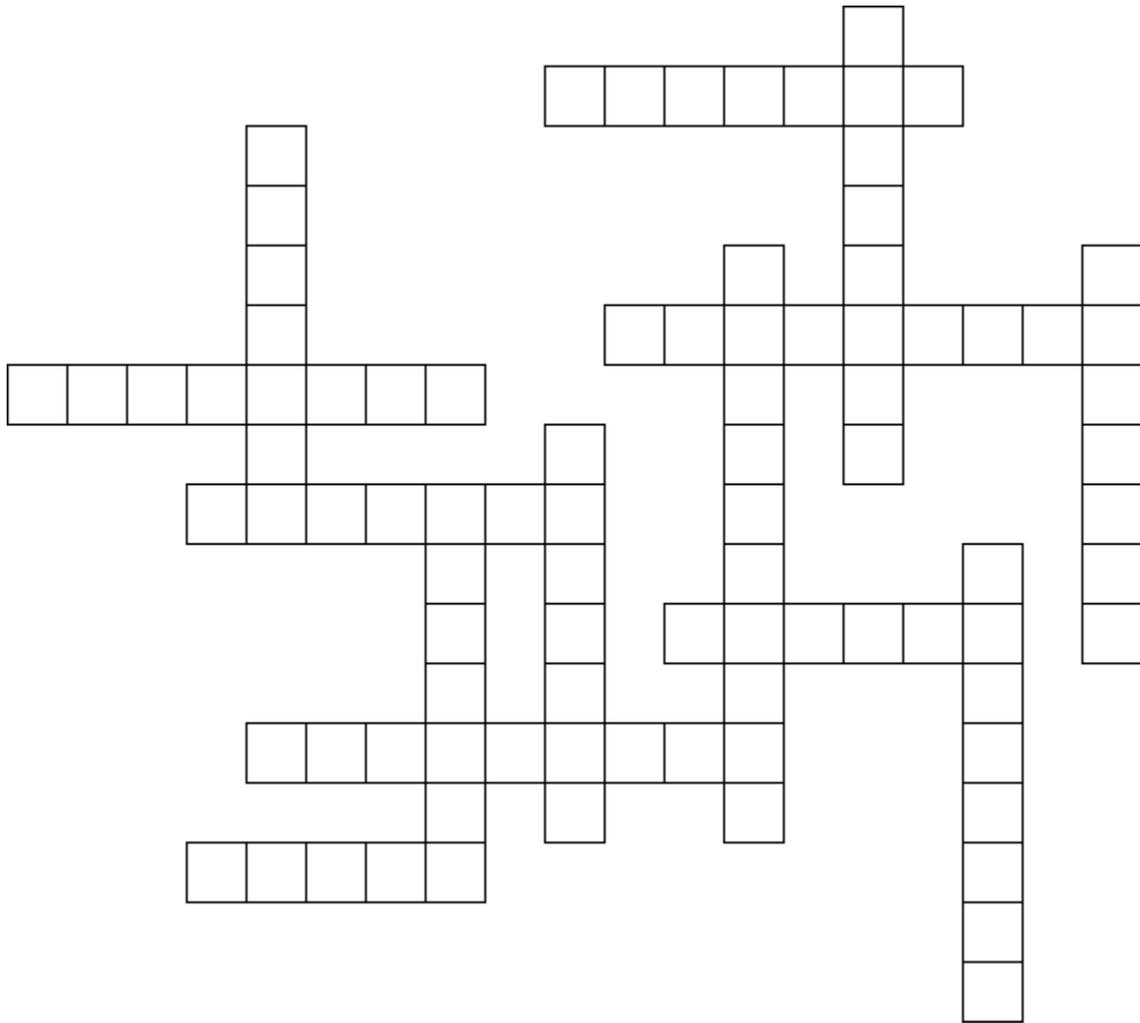
6. Precede il primo piatto
7. Il più famoso è alla milanese
10. Una dieta sana
11. Servono per fare il sugo
12. Ottime per insalate e contorni
13. Quello migliore è d'oliva

Verticali

1. Quella della mamma è la migliore
2. La pietanza italiana più conosciuta
3. Un'insalata di frutta
4. Il Re dei formaggi
5. Il primo più diffuso
8. Meglio pochi, ma buoni
9. Lo sono i fagioli e le lenticchie
11. Ha la crosta e la mollica

In giro per la Toscana

Below this Word Fit puzzle there is a list of words.
Place the words correctly into the grid.



5 lettere

Valli

6 lettere

Borghi

7 lettere

Abbazie

Cascine

Colline

Pianura

Uliveti

Vigneti

8 lettere

Cipressi

Girasoli

Litorale

9 lettere

Appennini

Paesaggio

10 lettere

Territorio

II Rinascimento

4a

The following words have been scrambled. Place the letters in the correct order.

For a less challenging version of this puzzle, please try 4b.

EFCAFORS

— — — — — — — —

RTUAHITERCTA

— — — — — — — — — — —

RETA

— — — —

ALRUUCT

— — — — — — —

OAFOSIFLI

— — — — — — — —

EZEIRFN

— — — — — — —

RNNVOTEEI

— — — — — — — —

LCTAUURS

— — — — — — —

EMOVNTIMO

— — — — — — — —

AUPTTIR

— — — — — — —

TOPEIAPTRVS

— — — — — — — — — —

II Rinascimento

4b

The words on the left have been scrambled. Place the letters in the correct order.

EFCAFORS	A _ _ R _ _ _ O
RTUAHITERCTA	A _ _ _ I _ _ T _ _ A
RETA	A _ _ _
ALRUUCT	C _ _ _ _ A
OAFOSFLI	F _ _ _ S _ _ _ A
EZEIRFN	F _ _ E _ _ E
RNNVOTEEI	I _ _ _ N _ _ _ E
LCTAUURS	S _ _ _ _ _ A
EMOVNTIMO	M _ _ I _ _ N _ O
AUPTTIR	P _ _ _ _ A
TOPEIAPTRVS	P _ _ _ P _ _ _ _ A

Un caffè in piazza

5

Match the Italian words on the left, to the English words on the right.

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|-----------|-------------|
| cameriere | fountain |
| cornetto | sugar |
| fontana | small cup |
| giornale | small table |
| negozi | waiter |
| passanti | shops |
| piccioni | tray |
| statua | pigeons |
| tavolino | newspaper |
| tazzina | statue |
| vassoio | passersby |
| zucchero | croissant |

Quote by San Francesco d'Assisi

6

Replace the numbers in the grid with the correct letters, and reveal the quote.

Hints: 32 = C 15 = I 30 = A 19 = T 25 = S

32	28	16	15	17	32	15	30	19	31	32	28	17			
8	30	26	31	32	15	7	32	12	31	10					
17	31	32	31	25	25	30	26	15	28	22	28	15	32	15	7
32	12	31	10	22	28	25	25	15	6	15	2	31	31		
30	2	2	15	16	22	26	28	21	21	15	25	28	21	15	
25	28	26	22	26	31	17	3	31	26	31	19	31	30		
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English Clues for Freeform Crossword

2 – La cucina italiana

Orizzontali

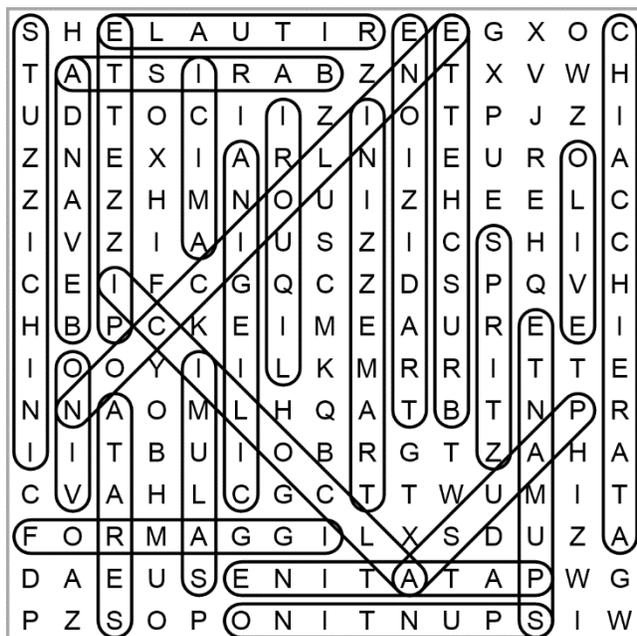
6. It precedes the first course
7. The most famous one is “alla milanese”
10. A healthy diet
11. They’re needed for the pasta sauce
12. Great for salads and side dishes
13. The best one is made from olives

Verticali

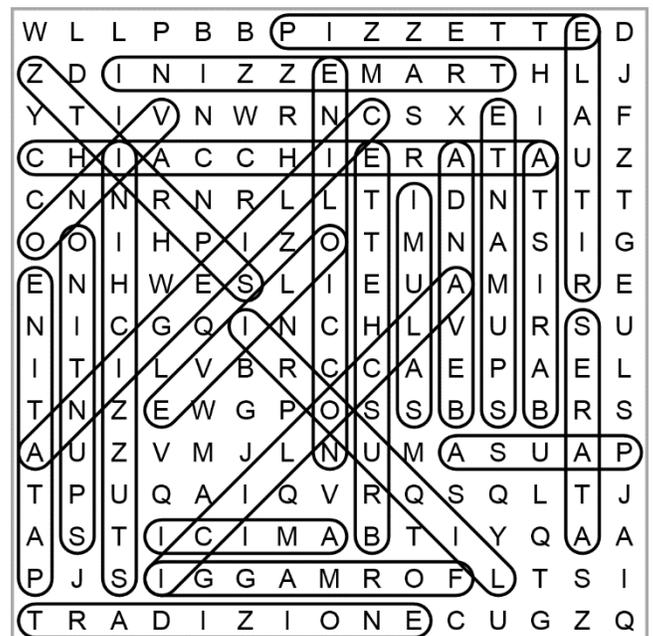
1. Mum’s is the best
2. The most famous Italian dish
3. A salad made of fruit
4. The King of cheeses
5. The most popular first course
8. It’s better to have few, but good ones
9. Beans and lentils are part of this family
11. It has a crust and a soft middle

Puzzle Solutions

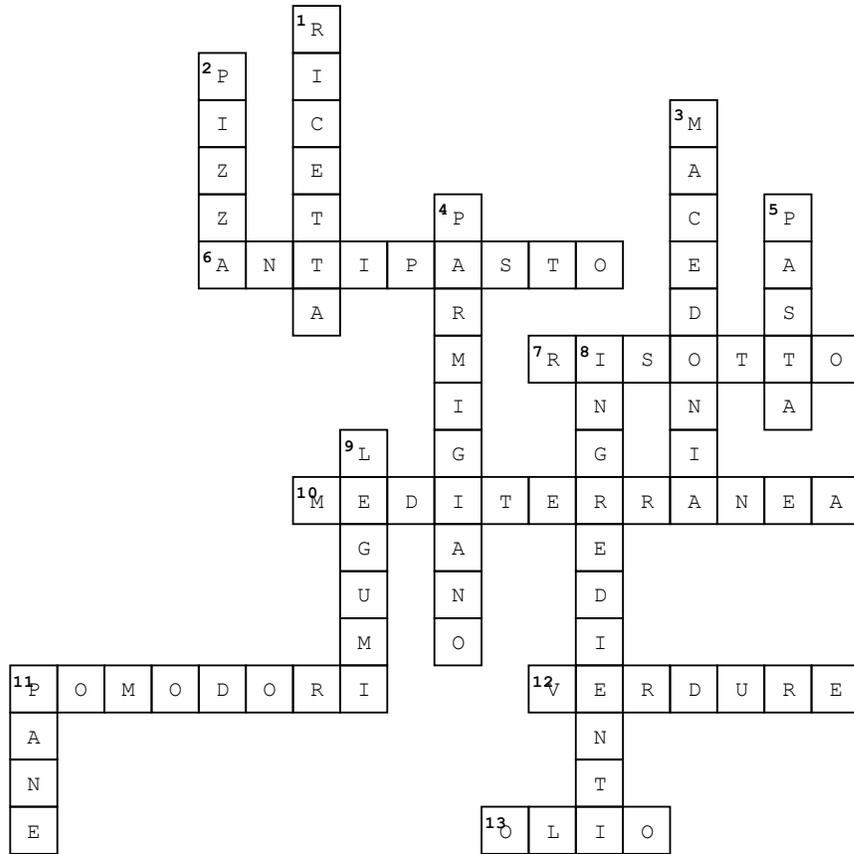
1a – L’ora dell’aperitivo



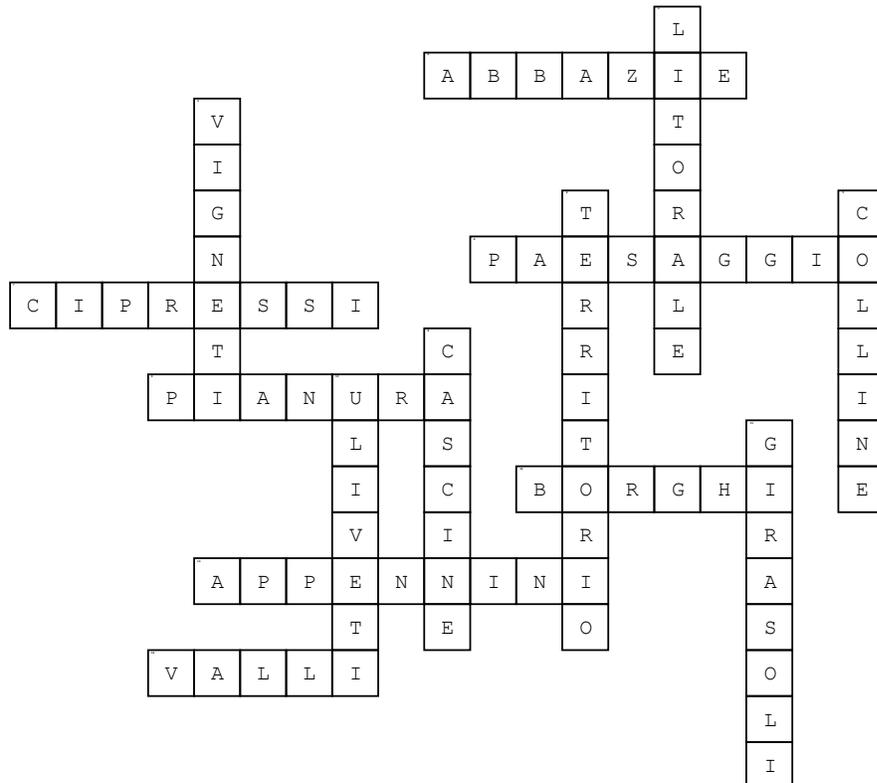
1b – L’ora dell’aperitivo



2 – La cucina italiana



3 – In giro per la Toscana



Word Scramble
4a, 4b – Il Rinascimento

EFCAFORS	→	AFFRESCO
RTUAHITERCTA	→	ARCHITETTURA
RETA	→	ARTE
ALRUUCT	→	CULTURA
OAFOSIFLI	→	FILOSOFIA
EZEIRFN	→	FIRENZE
RNNVOTEEI	→	INVENTORE
LCTAUURS	→	SCULTURA
EMOVNTIMO	→	MOVIMENTO
AUPTTIR	→	PITTURA
TOPEIAPTRVS	→	PROSPETTIVA

Word Match
5 – Un caffè in piazza

cameriere	→	waiter
cornetto	→	croissant
fontana	→	fountain
giornale	→	newspaper
negozi	→	shops
passanti	→	passersby
piccioni	→	pigeons
statua	→	statue
tavolino	→	small table
tazzina	→	small cup
vassoio	→	tray
zucchero	→	sugar

6 – Quote by San Francesco d'Assisi

C O M I N C I A T E C O N
 F A R E C I O C H E È
 N E C E S S A R I O , P O I C I O
 C H E È P O S S I B I L E .
 A L L ' I M P R O V V I S O V I
 S O R P R E N D E R E T E A
 F A R E L ' I M P O S S I B I L E .

Translation: Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible. And suddenly you will find yourself doing the impossible.