

STASERA, DOMATTINA and others cool expressions

Let's start with **STASERA**

STASERA means "**tonight**" or "**this evening**", and we'll use this word whenever we need to talk about these times of the day.

...**CAREFUL**...

There is a substantial cultural difference between **Italian** and **English** speaking countries. What you'd refer to as "*tonight*" will in most cases be rendered in Italian with **STASERA** and almost never with **STANOTTE** (which literally means "*Tonight*").

Ci vediamo stasera alle 7.

I'll see you tonight at 7.

In Italian **STASERA** is good for anything that takes place **before midnight**.

▷ **SOME EXAMPLES:**

Ci vediamo stasera

I'll see you tonight / We'll see each other tonight!

Che fai stasera?

What are you doing tonight?

Stasera piove...

Tonight it's raining / Tonight it's going to rain.

Stasera alle 10 andiamo al cinema

Tonight at 10 we're going to the movies.

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And now to **DOMATTINA** !

DOMATTINA means "*tomorrow morning*", and we'll use this word whenever we need to talk about this time of the day.

▷ **SOME EXAMPLES:**

Domattina vado al mare, vieni anche tu?

Tomorrow morning I'm going to the beach. Wanna come? (Are you coming too?)

Marco parte domattina

Marco is leaving tomorrow.

Domattina non ci sono

I'm not there/here tomorrow morning.

And what about **DOPODOMANI**? **DOPODOMANI** means "*the day after tomorrow*", and we'll use this word whenever we need to talk about this time of the week.

▷ **SOME EXAMPLES:**

La cena è dopodomani

Dinner is the day after tomorrow.

Dopodomani c'è il sole

The day after tomorrow is going to be sunny.

Sam arriva dopodomani

Sam gets here the day after tomorrow

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And now some **Cool Expressions!**

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
GIORNI DELLA SETTIMANA (days of the week)	MATTINA (morning)
DOMANI (tomorrow)	POMERIGGIO (afternoon)
DOPODOMANI (the day after tomorrow)	SERA (evening)
IERI (yesterday)	NOTTE (night)
L'ALTROIERI (the day before yesterday)	

The **days of the week** in Italian are:

LUNEDÌ Monday

MARTEDÌ Tuesday

MERCOLEDÌ Wednesday

GIOVEDÌ Thursday

VENERDÌ Friday

SABATO Saturday

DOMENICA Sunday

▷ SOME EXAMPLES:

Martedì sera

Tuesday evening/night

Giovedì mattina

Thursday morning

Domani pomeriggio

Tomorrow afternoon

Dopodomani sera

The day after tomorrow in the evening

Ieri pomeriggio

Yesterday afternoon

L'altroieri mattina

The day before yesterday in the morning

As pointed out earlier, we rarely use the word **NOTTE** to refer to the night, unless that is exactly what we mean (after midnight kind of night!):

Siamo partiti ieri notte alle 3

We left last night at 3am

Ieri notte mi hanno rubato a casa

My place got robbed last night (as in, in the middle of the night)

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▷ EXERCISE

Translate the first group of sentences into Italian and the second group into English.

1. Where are you doing tonight?

2. Tomorrow morning I will sleep till 9 o'clock!

3. The day after tomorrow is Sunday

4. I have Italian class on Thursday evening

5. Domenica sera esco con gli amici

6. Dopodomani mattina parto per le vacanze

7. L'altroieri sera ho visto un bel film!

8. Stasera faccio la pizza.

▷ ANSWERS

Here are some possible translations for the exercises presented in this episode.

1. Cosa fai stasera?
2. Domani mattina dormirò fino alle 9!
3. Dopodomani è Domenica
4. Giovedì sera ho una lezione di italiano
5. Sunday night I'll go out with my friends
6. The day after tomorrow in the morning I'll leave for vacation
7. The day before yesterday in the night I saw a beautiful movie
8. Tonight I will cook pizza

▷ YOUR NOTES