

## How to say "*SLICE*" in Italian

### The most common word is **FETTA**

**FETTA** is a **feminine word**, this means it comes in these variations:

▷ **LA FETTA** (the slice)

▷ **LE FETTE** (the slices)

The standard structure for this word is:

*Una fetta di* (a slice of) \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

or, if you want more than just one slice (I'm not judging!):

*Due, tre, quattro... fette di* \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

### ▷ **SOME EXAMPLES:**

*Vorrei una fetta di pane*

I would like a slice of bread

*Vorrei due fette di pane*

I would like two slices of bread

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**FETTA** works in most cases where you can expect a **thin**, usually vertical, "*slice*" of something. For example:

<b>PANE</b>	Bread
<b>PIZZA</b>	Pizza
<b>PROSCIUTTO</b>	Prosciutto
<b>FORMAGGIO</b>	Cheese
<b>TERRA</b>	Land
<b>TORTA</b>	Cake

### ▷ Sometimes though we use the word **PEZZO**

▷ **PEZZO** literally means "*PIECE*", **not** "*SLICE*".

▷ **PEZZO** is a **masculine** word, this means it comes in these variations:

*Il pezzo*

the slice

*I pezzi*

the slices

The standard structure for this word is:

*Un pezzo di* (a slice of) \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

or, if you want more than just one slice:

*Due, tre, quattro... pezzi di* \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

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## ▷ SOME EXAMPLES:

*Vorrei un pezzo di pizza*

I would like a slice of pizza

*Vorrei due pezzi di pizza*

I would like two slices of pizza

▷ **PEZZO** works in most cases where you can expect a "piece" of something, that is a "portion" of it.

▷ **PEZZO** does not usually identify a neat slice, but rather something that has been ripped off something. For example:

<b>PANE</b>	Bread
<b>PIZZA</b>	Pizza
<b>* PROSCIUTTO</b>	Prosciutto
<b>* FORMAGGIO</b>	Cheese
<b>TORTA</b>	Cake
<b>CARTA</b>	Paper
<b>STOFFA</b>	Fabric

While **PEZZO** works just fine for **PIZZA**, **PANE**, and **TORTA**, you need to understand that for other things, like **PROSCIUTTO** or **FORMAGGIO** the implication is that you will be getting "a piece" of someone else's PROSCIUTTO or FORMAGGIO.

It's like saying "**a chunk**". It works well for things that don't need to be necessarily sliced, like bread and pizza, it's a little more specific with things that must be sliced.

▷ **Another word we use is TRANCIO**

▷ **TRANCIO** literally means "WEDGE", not "SLICE".

▷ **TRANCIO** is a masculine word, this means it comes in these variations:

*Il trancio*

the slice

*I tranci*

the slices

The standard structure for this word is:

*Un trancio di* (a slice of) \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

or, if you want more than just one slice:

*Due, tre, quattro... tranci di* \_\_\_\_\_ (the item you want)

▷ **SOME EXAMPLES:**

*Vorrei un trancio di torta*

I would like a slice of cake

*Vorrei due tranci di torta*

I would like two slices of cake

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**TRANCIO** works in most cases where you can expect a "wedge" of something, that is a "thick, triangular" piece of it. For example:

<b>PIZZA</b>	Pizza
<b>FORMAGGIO</b>	Cheese
<b>TORTA</b>	Cake

As you can see, the examples, all can be cut in "wedges".

Some **cheese cannot** be "sliced", for example, or are simply usually served in bigger chunks. Think of parmigiano, or brie.

**TRANCIO** just **wouldn't work** for other things **where a wedge is not possible**, or usual (pane, carta, stoffa, etc).

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