

101 signs that you may be Italian

1. Chances are your last name ends in a vowel.
2. Your family tree includes someone who came over on a ship as a stowaway.
3. You knew what *stunad* meant before it was translated in English for you.
4. You were chased into church before school started.
5. Someone in your family knows how to make wine.
6. You have a desire to grow **grapes, tomatoes, basil, and peppers** for no apparent reason.
7. **Pizza** was one of the first foods you had as a baby.
8. You eat **pastina** called them "ballies".
9. Someone gave you an **Italian horn** as a gift of love.
10. Your Dad explained the difference between **Northern, Southern Italians and Sicilians**.
11. You know what "**mascarade**" means
12. You bite your hand when someone says something bad about someone.
13. You have been chased around the kitchen table with a wooden spoon.
14. You have eaten the majority of your meals during the holidays in the basement.
15. Your grandmother had a second kitchen and basement.
16. You have at least one relative that spoke with broken English
17. You know what a "**buck-house**" is.
18. You can't help making hand gestures.
19. You're unable to talk with your hands held behind your back.
20. You have **Goodfellas, Godfather, Casino** and a **Big Night** in your movie collection.
21. Someone in your family has plastic covers on the furniture.
22. You would die right now for a great **Cannoli!**
23. You know what a combo with sweet and hot drowned is.
24. Your Mother always had food in the house and some **Italian cookies** for guests.
25. You actually used the **horned fingers** on someone when you wanted them to mess up.
26. You call **Spaghetti sauce "Gravy"**.
27. You weren't allowed to wear black until you were senior in high school.
28. You're familiar to the "dull thump" of a slap behind the head.
29. If you were skinny you are told to eat. If you are heavy you are told to lose weight.
30. Your Grandparents saved money in coffee cans in the walls of their home.
31. You are able to count to 10 and swear in **Italian**.
32. You believe that the only place to get good **Italian food** is at home.
33. You can eat 12 **homemade raviolis**.
34. You enjoy toasted **garbanzos and lupini beans** from the guy who has the cart.
35. **Pizza** originally was thick **pizza** with tomato, onion, olive oil and parmesan.
36. You can eat **fresh mozzarella** right from the brine like an apple.
37. You got in trouble if you ate the head of the **lamb cake**.
38. Your Mom allowed you to have wine and 7-up during the holiday.
39. You love to peel and eat **fresh roasted chestnuts**.
40. There is a crucifix in every bedroom with a dried palm leaf behind it.
41. You're protected by a **St. Christopher statue** on your dashboard.
42. Every girl you bring home to your parents is a "Putan"!
43. You'll love the movie's a **Fistful of Dollars** and **the Good the Bad and the Ugly**.
44. Every once in a while your parents would cook up something real weird, like tripe or beef heart.
45. Your Father or Mother spoke half English and **Italian** on the phone, you could only understand half.
46. **Penne** was always **Must-o-chal**.
47. **Lasagna** was a hand length tall and had tons of **Scamotz**.
48. You never make **Lasagna** with cottage cheese. Don't get me started!
49. You hate when people say **RICK-COTTA** cheese.
50. At least one time in your life you're called a little **Strunz**.
51. You go crazy clean the house before your Mother or Grandmother comes over.

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52. You know when they try to fool you by selling you pork tenderloin as veal.
53. You cannot live without garlic!
54. You have a jar of **giardinara** (Hot Peppers) in your fridge.
55. You always enjoy a great glass of wine.
56. You felt that there is nothing like an ice cold **Moretti beer** (Birra Italiana) in a frosted glass.
57. You can make a meal from fresh **Italian bread, olive oil, Parmesan and roasted garlic.**
58. **Fried smelt** with lemon on Friday.
59. One of your relatives at one time collected **S&H Green stamps**.
60. Every holiday you watch **Quo Vadis, Ben Hur, The Greatest Story Ever Told, The Robe and The 10 Commandments.**
61. You were teased as a child that if you didn't behave you would be sold to the gypsies.
62. Guys only- Somewhere there is a super eight movie of you peeing in the bushes.
63. You love a good joke.
64. You love the smell of a good **Benediction** (Pontifical Incense).
65. You wish the Catholic Church would bring back the nine o'clock Latin Mass.
66. Someone told you you should open a restaurant.
67. You get angry easily.
68. You make up fast and forget it either ever happened.
69. You have at least one best of **Dean Martin, Sinatra, Perry Como or Louie Prima** CD, Album, 8 track or Cassette.
70. Your pantry always has **red wine vinegar, olive oil, oregano, basil, parsley, red pepper flakes and Parmesan cheese** in the fridge.
71. You can't stand when there is water on the bottom of your plate of **Spaghetti.**
72. You never feel that it is good enough. You can always do better!
73. You are passionate (I'll stop there).
74. Someone knows someone, who knows someone who knows someone who can help you.
75. Overcooked anything is 'moo-shad"
76. There are at least 20 people over at the holidays.
77. Your have sung the **Spaghetti Song** to your kids.
78. You love **fried pizza dough tossed with granulated sugar.**
79. At one time in your life you or a friend have danced in front of an open fire hydrant on a hot summer day.
80. It matters if you date someone and they are not **Italian** or at least have some **Italian** blood in them.
81. You could relate to the dinner scene on **Saturday Night Fever.**
82. You know someone who is good at gambling.
83. You have a relative that reads **The Racing Form.**
84. You don't call **Italian bread** French bread.
85. You know that Greeks secretly wish they were **Italian.**
86. You love, **Calimari** anyway it's prepared.
87. You feel that **pizza** is like sex, there is no such thing as bad **pizza!**
88. You enjoy a good slice of cold **pizza** for breakfast.
89. You have at least one item of clothing that declares your **Italian pride.**
90. You eat your salad after dinner at times.
91. Once the kitchen is all cleaned up it was off-limits to everyone, or else!
92. You have chosen a professional by last name, example: Doctor, Lawyer
93. You thought the idea of a "Flying Nun" was cool.
94. You pronounce **sausage - SASICHE.**
95. You always have greased the Maître d'.
96. You play the quarter slots then hit the prime rib buffet.
97. Sometimes your socks don't match.

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98. You have worn your shoes at times till there are holes in the bottom.

99. You love your children or want children to love.

100. You miss when everyone in the family used to be together.

101. **Your parents told you that you were Italian and an early age that you should be very proud of it!**