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| PM | Primo Ministro |
| To gain the backing | Ottenere il sostegno |
| The upper house - chamber of deputies | Senato |
| Confidence vote | Voto di fiducia |
| To seek excuse | Cercare una scusa |
| The fault will be mine alone | La colpa sarà solo mia |
| To oust | Cacciare, rimuovere |
| To clear the debts | Risanare I debiti |
| To owe to | Dovere, essere in debito |
| To push through a package of constitutional and electoral reform | Far passare un pacchetto di riforma costituzionale ed elettorale |
| To advocate | Raccomandare,esortare |
| To enjoy a majority | Possedere una maggioranza |
| To drive through radical change | Guidare attraverso un cambiamento radicale |
| To pledge to push | Impegnare a far passare |
| To schedule for | Programmare per |
| To hold a majority | Avere una maggioranza |
| To sworn | Giurare |
| To force out | Mandare via |
| A sitting prime minister | Primo ministro con la carica |
| To give no hint | Non fare un accenno |
| Foremost | Principalmente |
| Loan fund | Fondo con spese |
| The credit crunch | Stretta creditizia |
| To make business | Fare business |
| A bumpy ride | Periodo travagliato |
| To face difficulties | Fronteggiare le difficoltà |
| To overhaul | Revisionare |
| To caution | Mettere in guardia |
| To drag down | Rallentare |

Glossario

**How Italians are seen abroad**

In the eyes of foreigners, in Italy are all or mafia or pizza, away from the stress of city life. Many Italians fear being associated with only two clichés: food and mafia.

“il bel paese’ holds 60% of the world art treasures – “we are an open-air museum”. Italians eat, drink and dress well. ‘Made in Italy’ is synonymous with ‘high quality’ and ‘aesthetically pleasing’. But the international media also covers the country’s fragility particularly with regard to its political system and economic weakness. As far as the country is concerned, foreign people think that Italy is very beautiful and the most mentioned towns are Rome, Florence, Venice and Naples. Like Italians, they think that Italy offers a rich variety of landscapes.

When talking about Italian food, foreign people mainly think about pasta and pizza. The food in Italy, as well as in other Mediterranean countries, is renowned worldwide for its variety and quality of its products. For example, the pizza is a product that now exists in almost all over the world, is a native dish of Italian cuisine, and spaghetti are a type of long thin pasta is the most famous dish.

Another Italian stereotype : people use their hands when they speak. if people use their hands they want to underline what they are saying and to stress what they are feeling, what they want to convey.

These are commonplaces but only you can judge this, only by visiting Italy!