

GESTI ITALIANI - MINI GUIDA PER STRANIERI

ITALIAN HAND GESTURES – A MINI GUIDE FOR FOREIGNERS

“Ma che dici?!”

Gesture: All fingers together pointing upward (pinched hand)

Meaning: “What the heck are you saying?” / “Come on, really?”

Use it when: Someone says something absurd, confusing, or unbelievable.

“Ti tengo d’occhio”

Gesture: Index and middle finger raised (like a V-sign),
pointing at your eyes then at the other person

Meaning: “I’m watching you.” / “I’ve got my eye on you.”

Use it when: You want to playfully warn someone, or hint you’re keeping an eye on them.

“Non me ne importa”

Gesture: Back of the hand under chin, flicking fingers forward

Meaning: “I don’t care.” / “Whatever.”

Use it when: You want to show disinterest, boredom,
or dismiss someone (use carefully—it can be rude!).

“Non lo so”

Gesture: Shrugging shoulders, hands turned upward

Meaning: “I don’t know.”

Use it when: You want to show you have no idea
(classic gesture, universal but very Italian in expression).

“Andiamo!”

Gesture: Hand open, palm down, waving downward repeatedly

Meaning: “Let’s go!” / “Hurry up!”

Use it when: You’re urging someone to move, follow you, or pick up the pace.

“Perfetto”

Gesture: Thumb and index finger form a circle, other fingers up

Meaning: “Perfect!” / “Exactly right!”

Use it when: Something is done well or exactly how you wanted.

“Tutto a posto” / “Peace”

Gesture: Two fingers (V-sign), palm facing out

Meaning: “Peace” / “All good”

Use it when: Saying a cool goodbye or signaling everything’s fine.

Consiglio Intelligente

Impara almeno 3 di questi gesti e usali con gli amici italiani.
Sarai subito uno di loro (o almeno farai una grande impressione 😊)

Smart Tip

Learn at least 3 of these gestures and use them with your Italian friends.
You’ll fit right in (or at least make a great impression 😊)