

Did you know that Italians speaking use about 250 gestures?

# WHY ITALIANS GESTURE SO MUCH?

The Italian flag, with its characteristic green, white, and red vertical stripes, is shown waving on a flagpole against a clear blue sky. The flag is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the main title text.

**"We also talk with gestures and not just with words, we make gestures while we are discussing on the phone, smoking a cigarette and even when we are stuck in traffic".**



# Some studies show us the reason why Italians speak with hands is due to:



1

The colonization of Southern Italy by the Greeks. Magna Graecia indeed, was made up of very populous cities where people began to gesticulate to make themselves understood better. Some even say that gesturing was a way to be seen. And not only, also to make yourself more attractive.

2

The necessity to develop a form of alternative communication by Italians, when the peninsula was occupied by foreign powers such as Austria, France and Spain between the fourteenth and nineteenth centuries.

3

Another possible theory, refers to the theatre, that valued the mimics and gestures of comic art`.

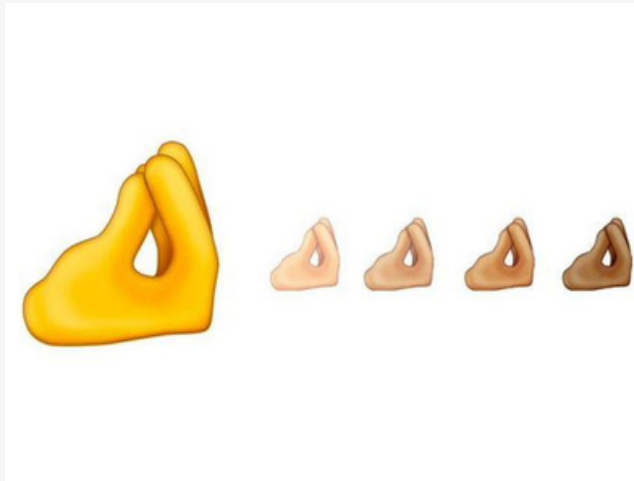


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# WHAT ARE THE GESTURE MOST USED BY ITALIANS?:

1



**che cosa stai facendo?**  
(what are you doing?)

2



**sei pazzo! (you are crazy!)**

3



**Non mi importa ( i don `t care)**

