

# **Lingua inglese di base**

30 ore

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**If your grammar is terrible..  
We will find you..**

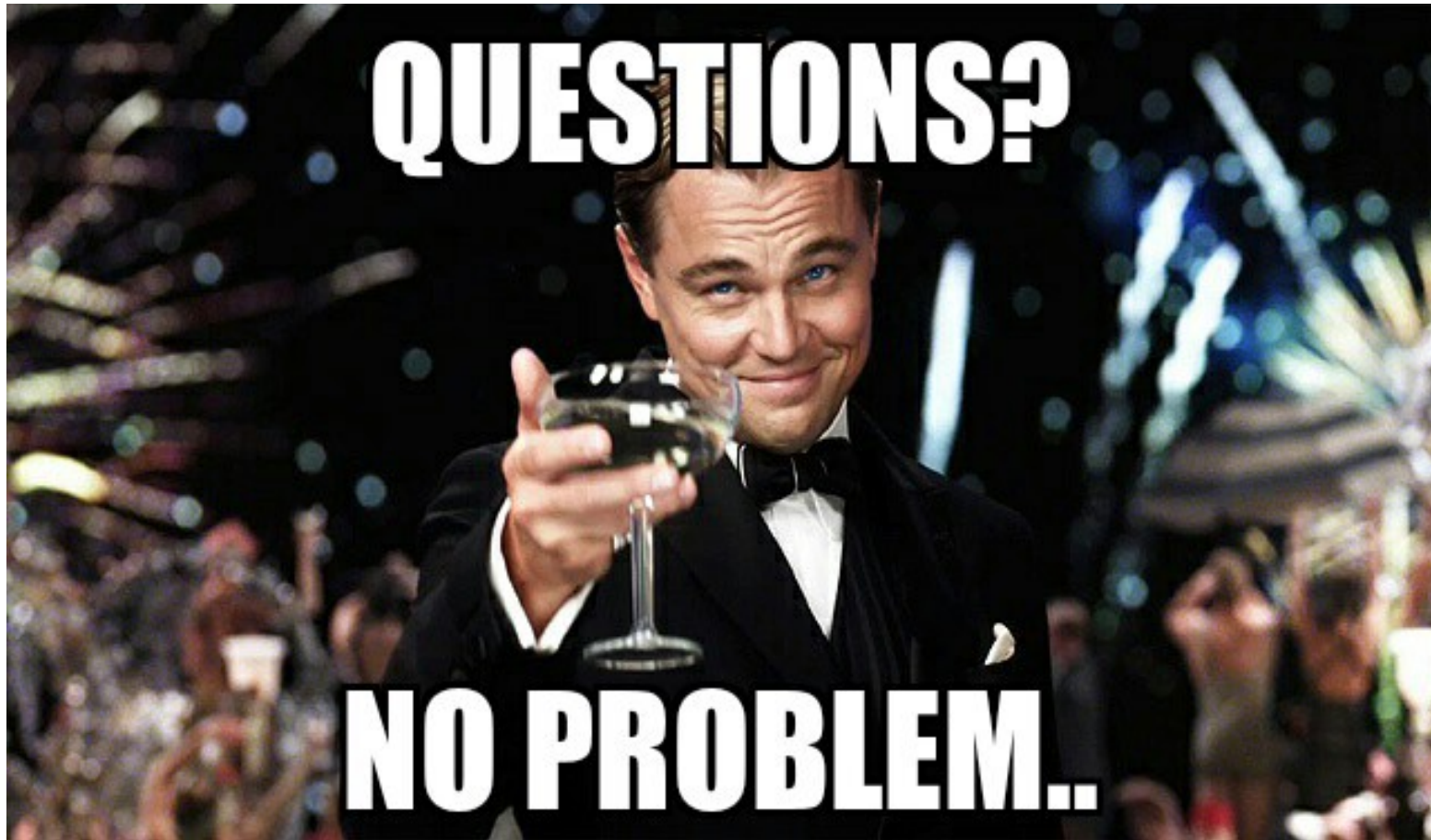
**And we will kill you.**

**THEY'RE USING INCORRECT  
GRAMMAR.**

**MY EYES ARE BURNING.**

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**QUESTIONS?**

**NO PROBLEM..**

# Expressing the Present

- Present simple.
- Present progressive (or continuous).
- Historic present.
- Other uses.

# Simple present

Water evaporates at 100° C.

I live in Venice.

She only eats vegetables.

I now add some sugar to the mixture.

Our train leaves at 10 pm.

# Present progressive

My brother is taking a shower at the moment.

I am studying english.

She is living at a friend's place at the moment.

We are eating vegan quite often in these weeks.

I'm spending the weekend in Bologna.



# Historic present

American ambulance driver Frederick Henry enlists in the Italian army and is wounded on the river Piave.

In this essay, Jameson argues that...

This novel/ this poem/ this essay is about...

# Fake it until you make it!

I always \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper on the corner  
and \_\_\_\_\_ on my way to work.

Can I help you? \_\_\_\_\_ (you, have) trouble  
with that door?

Why \_\_\_\_\_ (Mary, sit) over there all on her own?  
Obviously nobody (want) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to her. I'm not  
surprised. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) her myself; she always  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ask) personal questions.

Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ (think) you \_\_\_\_\_ (exaggerate). Now  
that she no longer \_\_\_\_\_ (work) I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) she  
\_\_\_\_\_ (get) more pleasant.

Who \_\_\_\_\_ (this car, belong) to?

Well, it's my brother's really. I \_\_\_\_\_ (use) it now while he's away.

\_\_\_\_\_ (he, know) ?

Oh yes, he \_\_\_\_\_ (say) I can always borrow it when I \_\_\_\_\_ (need) it. And I \_\_\_\_\_ (need) it now because I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a party at my house this evening and I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of food and wine to take home.

Why \_\_\_\_\_ (that baby, cry)? Is something wrong?

That jacket you \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) \_\_\_\_\_ (suit not) you.

My wife and I \_\_\_\_\_ (go out) quite often, now that my parents are here to babysit.