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# 1 Translation

## 1.1. Come si traduce 'grande'

- LARGE, se riferito a estensione o dimensione
  es.: It is a large room.
  BIG, se riferito al volume, nel senso di grosso
  Es.: It is a big mistake.
- GREAT, in senso figurato, morale o generale
- Es.: Dickens is a great novelist.
- WIDE, nel senso di esteso in larghezza, ampio.
- Es.: the wide world.
- EXTENSIVE, nel senso di vasto
- Es.: an extensive knowledge.

#### «Grande»

1. Ferrari is a _GREAT_ car!
2. It was aLARGE house situated near the river.
3. Get yourBIGfeet off my flowers.
4. I feltGREATexcitement as the meeting came nearer.
5. That's a really _BIG improvement.
6. I've had aGREATidea!
7. I'm afraid my daughter has ratherLARGEfeet



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1.Grea	t 2 large 3 big 4 great 5 big 6 great 7 large 8 great 9 greatest 10 big 11 great 12 big
	14. How's the new job?" GREAT
	13. Do you think Napoleon was really aGREATman?
	12. You're making aBIGmistake.
	11. There wasGREATconfusion about the dates.
	10. We've got aBIGnew house.
	9. Newton was probably theGREATEST scientist who ever lived.
	8. Her work showed aGREATimprovement last year.

## 1.2. Come si traduce 'molto'

- VERY più agg., avv., partic,pres. E pass. Con valore aggettivale :
- es.:very good; very late; very interesting
- MUCH più sost. Sing., verbi e part. pass. con valore verbale:
- es.: He hasn't written much.
- MANY più sostantivi al plurale, ma anche A LOT OF:
- Es. There were many books; there were a lot of books.
- He has a lot of money/friends. Thanks a lot
- LONG, A LONG TIME, se riferito a tempo:
- Es. He has waited long (a long time); he has studied for long...



Much, many, a lot, very

1.	We haveoranges.
2.	We don't havemany bananas, and we don't havemuch fruit juice.
3.	Howmuch is this? It's ten dollars.
4.	The book I'm reading is very interesting.
5.	He's very busy; he haswork to do.
6.	London hasmany beautiful buildings.
7.	I wrotemany poems.
8.	I have gotmuch money.
9.	The boy is not <b>very</b> tall.
10.	The forecasts say that the weekend will be <b>very</b> rainy.
11.	Do you like soccer? Yes,a lot
12.	Were theremany guests in the wedding? Yes, there were
13.	Leila is popular. She's got _many friends. Nancy does not have _any.
14.	She hasn't gotany patience.

## 1.3. Come si traduce 'quanto'

- interrogative o esclamativo:
- **HOW** con aggettivi e avverbi:
- es.. How interesting this book is!; how tired I am!
- **HOW MUCH** con sost.sing. e verbi:



- Es.: how much money has he had?
- **HOW MANY** con sost.pl.:
- Es.: How many books did you get?
- **HOW LONG** riferito a tempo:
- Es.: How long have you waited?

## 1.4. Come si traduce 'troppo'

**TOO** con agg., avv., part.pres. e pass.con valore aggettivale:

- es.. too lazy, too happy, too tired.
  - 'Too' ha pure il significato di 'anche',
- es.: I want to talk to him, too.
- Notare la differenza fra: My hat is expensive, too/ My hat is too expensive.
- **TOO MUCH** con sost.sing. e verbi:
- Es.. I work too much.
- TOO MANY con sost. pl.:
- Es. Too many books.
- **TOO LONG** riferito a tempo:

es.: He has waited too long



## 1.5. Come si traduce 'tanto'

SO con aggettivi e avv.:

- Es.: He was so kind; it is so late!
  - SO può essere sostituito da SUCH:
- es.: So good a girl!/Such a good girl!/
- so expensive a house!such an expensive house!
  - SO MUCH con verbi e sost. Pl.:
- es.: She has studied so much!/ He spent so much money!
  - SO MANY con sost.pl.:
- Es.: So many friends / So many books..
  - SO LONG oppure SUCH A LONG TIME riferito a tempo:
- Es. I've waited so long/ such a long time...and now I'm tired.

## 1.6. Come si traduce 'fino a'

- AS FAR AS riferito a spazio, distanza.
- Es.: We went as far as Rome.
- AS LONG AS riferito a tempo nel senso di 'per tutto il tempo che'.
- Es.: As long as you are here, I will not be afraid.
- TILL/UNTIL se riferiti a tempo nel senso di 'fino al momento che' (non richiedono la negazione 'not' nel senso di finchè/finchè non)
- Es.: I will not go out until I have done my work.



• I will wait for him till noon/ I will wait for him till he comes(...finchè non verrà).

#### **Translation**

- 'TO' con il significato di 'fino al punto di', 'fino all'estremo'.
- Es.: Our soldiers fought to the last cartridge.
- UP TO/DOWN TO riferito a tempo e a luogo, nel senso di 'risalendo fino a'/'scendendo fino a'.
- Es.: From the sea up to the mountains; from the mountains down to the sea.

## 1.7. Exercises

#### EXERCISE (n.1)

### (QUANTO/TROPPO/TANTO)

- 1....of you have been to England?
- 2....were you in England last year?
- 3....have you learned? I haven't learned...because I haven't had time to study.
- 4.That man has caused me .....trouble.
- 5.I have...puzzled my brain on this subject.
- 6.You are...lazy and you rely ...on your good luck.
- 7. Why have you spent... money?
- 8....have you waited?
- 9. Why has your sister been out for....a long time?
- 10. Where have you bought ..... good a book?



## Answer key:

1.how many 2. how long 3. how much/much 4. too much 5. too long 6. too lazy/too much 7. so much 8. how long 9. such 10. so good

## EXERCISE (n.2)

- 1. Shall I begin to read? No you'll not begin.....there is silence in the room.
- 2.Go to bed and sleep ..... I call you.
- 3. I'll wait for him .....he comes back.
- 4. I'll come with you.....the corner.
- 5. I shall not forget it......I live.
- 6. I will wait for you...... you come back.
- 7. He was wrapped in his overcoat...... his cheek-bones.
- 8. From the mountains... the sea.
- 9 .... You are here I will not be afraid.
- 10. I will wait for him ... noon.

## **Answer key:**

1.until 2.until 3.till 4. as far as 5. as long as

6. till 7. to 8. down to 9. as long as

10. till



# 2 Prepositions

Prepositions are a very important class of words. They describe: **direction**, **location**, **time** and introduce an object. They are usually followed by an object, a noun or a pronoun.

Le preposizioni sono una classe molto importante di parole, descrivono: la direzione, la posizione, il tempo ed introducono un oggetto.

Essi sono seguiti generalmente da un oggetto, un sostantivo o da un pronome.

## The most common prepositions are:

1) Preposition of time (preposizioni di tempo)

on, in, at, before, within, after, by, since, for, during, until

#### ES.: ON Monday; On Sunday

IN the afternoon; IN the summer; In December; IN 1975;

AT five o'clock; AT Christmas;

the payment must be made WITHIN June 30<sup>th</sup>;

you should finish your homework BEFORE dinner;

you could go out AFTER lunch;

ecc..

## 2) Prepositions of place (preposizioni di luogo):

in, on, over, in front of, near, next to, behind, between, under, opposite, at, among, by, in the middle of, above, inside, below, outside, within, off.



ES.: IN the car; ON the table; OVER the fence; IN FRONT OF the post office; NEAR he bank; NEXT TO the cinema; BEHIND the desk; BETWEEN the two cars; UNDER the tree; OPPOSITE the bus stop; AT the airport; AMONG the crowd.

3) Prepositions of movement (preposizioni di movimento)

to; from; into; out of; along; across; up; down; past; towards; through; over.

ES.: TO London, FROM Paris, INTO the kitchen; OUT OF the bedroom, ALONG
Oxford street, ACROSS the road, UP the tree, DOWN the mountain, PAST the bank,
TOWARDS the supermarket, THROUGH the tunnel, OVER the hedge.

Many prepositions may also act as adverbs, while others can act as conjugations: after, for, since, past, off.

Molte preposizioni possono anche fungere da avverbi, mentre altre possono agire come coniugazione: after, for, since, past, off

Usi di 'after':

Preposition

I saw them after school.

Adverb

He arrived after.

Conjunction

After she had learned to drive, Jane felt more independent.



Prepositions-exercise

Fill the gaps with at, in or on.		
1 I hate doing the shopping _ONSaturdays.		
2 She passed her driving testINMarch.		
3 Valencia is too hot for meINsummer.		
4ON Sunday mornings I have coffee and toast for breakfast and read the		
newspaper.		
5ONMonday and Wednesday evenings I go to the English class.		
6 We're planning to go skiingINDecember.		
7 It's ridiculous. The bank closesAT2:30 pm.		
8 Jim had a terrible journey to WalesIN 2003.		
9IN1492 Columbus sailed the ocean .		
10. I usually go running with a friend of mineON_ Sundays.		
Prepositions – exercise		
1. Did you learn somethingATschool?		
2. Don't put all your eggsINyour bag.		
3. Eric is studyingATthe university.		
4. I liveIN12 Columbus Street.		
5. Is John stillINbed?		
6. I've read itINa book.		
7. James met usINthe bedroom.		
9. I was stuckINthat traffic jam for hours!		





10. She fell asleep \_\_IN\_\_\_the armchair.
13. There were no clouds \_\_IN\_\_\_the sky.
14. Matthew was \_AT\_\_\_\_work when I called.
15. Megan will be \_\_\_IN\_\_\_the office from nine to four.



# 3 Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that link words together. A coordinating conjunction connects words or phrases of equal importance while subordinating conjunction introduces a subordinate clause.

Le congiunzioni sono parole che uniscono altre parole, una congiunzione di coordinamento collega parole o frasi di uguale importanza mentre la congiunzione subordinata introduce una proposizione subordinata.

#### Examples:

Coordinating conjunction (and, or, but)

They bought apples and pears.

We can wait in the car or out.

Subordinating conjunction (until, since, either, also, etc.)

You don't know what you can do until you try.

He could neither sing nor dance.

#### **EXERCISE**

Now choose the most meaningful option between

"Both... and", "Either...or", "Neither...nor", "Not only... but also"

- 1. Who wrote you this love letter? I'm not sure. I think it was EITHER\_\_\_Michael OR .. Paul.
- 2. NEITHER Linda NOR Helen called to say sorry. I'm very sad and frustrated.
- 3.\_NOT ONLY\_Ryan \_BUT ALSO\_\_\_ Susie have disappointed me. They didn't come to my birthday party.



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4. He hurt BOTH_ her feelings _ANDher dignity. This is unforgivable.
5BOTH loyalty ANDhonesty are essential in a friendship.
6. You should _NEITHER_ disrespect _NOR_ deceive your friends.
7. I will take you _EITHER_ to the cinema _OR to the theatre. That's a promise.
8. Paul has been neglecting us. He – NEITHER calls NORhangs out with us anymore.
Exercise:
FILL IN THE BLANKS:
1. Helen picked up her suitcase; shepicked up her umbrella
• (also/too/still)
2. Helen picked up her suitcase, and her umbrella
(also/too/still)
3. Maria felt ill,she went to school anyway.
(but/ also/too)
4she was ill, Maria went to school.
(although/ though/while)
5 being ill, Maria went to school.
( <b>Despite</b> / though/while)
6 the fact that she was ill, Maria went to school.
(In spite of/despite/though)
7. My grandparents workeda farm.(fattoria)
(on/in/ at)

8. There is a cinema.....the left.

(**on** /in/ at)





9. The man standing me was so tall I couldn't see anything.
(in front of / before / opposite)
10. There's a baker our house. (fornaio)
(opposite / in front of /before)
Fill in the blanks with these words: although, and, because, but, or, since, so, unless, until,
when.
1. Walk quicklyyou will be late. (OR)
2. He had to retireof ill health. ( BECAUSE )
3. We will go swimming next Sundayit's raining. (UNLESS)
4. I heard a noiseI turned the light on. (WHEN)
5. Would you like a coffeetea? (OR)
6. Do you knowshe will arrive? (WHEN)
7the car is old it still runs well. (ALTHOUGH)
8. Do you want a pena bit of paper? (AND)
9. I would like to goI am too busy. (BUT)
10. She will diethe doctors operate immediately. (UNLESS)
Conjunctions – exercise
Fill in the blanks with these words: although, and, because, but, or, since, so, unless, until,
when.
1. Things were different _WHENI was young.
2. I do itI like it.(BECAUSE)
3. Let us wait herethe rain stops. (UNTIL)



4. You cannot be a lawyeryou have a law degree. (UNLESS)
5. That was yearsyears ago. (AND)
6. She has not calledshe left last week. (SINCE)
7. I saw him leaving an hourtwo ago. (OR)
8. This is an expensivevery useful book. (BUT)
9. We were getting tiredwe stopped for a rest. (SO)
10. He was angryhe heard what happened. (WHEN)
3.1. Correlative conjunctions
EXERCISE
1. I've betrayed your trust. I've betrayed your love for me.
(not onlybut also) :I've betrayed not only your trust, but also your love
2. He felt disappointed. He felt misunderstood.
(bothand) He felt both disappointed and misunderstood.
3. Mark isn't very considerate. Neither is Fred.
(neithernor) Neither Mark nor Fred are very considerate.
4. A true friend is someone who is caring and loving.
(bothand) A true friend is someone who is both caring and loving.



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(either...or) Mary should either apologise or leave.

6. Albert and RIchard didn't keep her secret.

(neither...nor) Neither Albert nor Richard didn't keep her secret.

**Correlative conjunctions** 

Change the sentences below using the structures in brackets:

1. George likes helping his friends. So does Helen.

(both...and) \_\_\_

#### BOTH GEORGE AND HELEN LIKE HELPING THEIR FRIENDS

2. Micheal used to date Sophia. Or was it Barbara?

(either...or) MICHEAL USED TO DATE EITHER SOPHIA OR BARBARA.

3. We should learn to accept our weaknesses and our strengths.

(not only...but also) WE SHOULD LEARN TO ACCEPT NOT ONLY OUR WEAKNESSES BUT ALSO OUR STRENGTHS.

4. He never listens to our advise or his friends advise when he has a problem.

(neither...nor) HE NEVER LISTENS NEITHER TO OUR ADVISE NOR HIS FRIENDS



# 4 Auxiliary Verbs

An auxiliary verb is used with another verb in a verb phrase. The verbs: **be**, **have** and **do** are used both as independent verbs and auxiliary verbs.

Un verbo ausiliare è usato con un altro verbo in una frase. I verbi: **essere**, **avere** e **fare** sono usati sia come verbi ordinari che come verbi ausiliari.

#### To be

This verb is used to form:

- All the progressive tenses,
- Passive voice,

#### Il verbo essere

Questo verbo è usato per formare:

- Tutti i tempi progressivi
- Voce passiva,
- Examples:
- .I was going, I have been talking
- .It is bought, it was bought

#### To have

This verb is used to form all perfect tenses and modal perfect tenses.

Avere

Questo verbo è usato per formare tutti i tempi del passato prossimo, anche dei verbi modali.

Tempi composti:



	Has made
	Had made
	Have been made
	Must have made
To do	
	This verb occurs as an auxiliary verb in negative sentences and in questions. It is also
occasio	onally used for emphasis.
	Fare
	Questo verbo viene usato come ausiliare nelle frasi negative o nelle domande. Esso è inoltre
occasio	onalmente usato per esprimere enfasi.
Examp	ples:
	I don't go to the cinema, I don't like it.
	He doesn't look like his brother
	What do you want to do this morning?
Write	negative sentences in the tenses given in brackets. Decide whether or not to use an
auxilia	ary.
1.	we/eat/not/meat (Active Voice - Simple Present)
	We don't eat meat_
2.	he/send/not/the parcel (Active Voice - Simple Past) _
	He didn't send the parcel_



3. they/help/not/you (Active Voice - will-Future)

They will not help you\_\_\_

4. she/see/not/us (Active Voice - Present Perfect Simple)

She hasn't seen us

5. the car/steal/not (Passive Voice - Simple Past)

The car wasn't stolen

6. they/read/not (Active Voice - Present Progressive)

They aren't reading.

7. the room/clean/not (Passive Voice - Present Perfect)

The room has not been cleaned.

8. you/do/not/your homework (Active Voice - Past Progressive)

You were not doing your homework.

9. the test/write/not (Passive Voice - will-Future)

The test will not be written.

10. he/go to school by bike/not (Active Voice - Simple Present)

He doesn't go to school by bike.

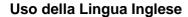
EXERCISE: Write questions in the tenses given in brackets. Decide whether or not to use an auxiliary.

1. you/read/that book (Active Voice - Present Perfect Simple)

**HAVE YOU READ THAT BOOK?** 

2. he/live/in London (Active Voice - Simple Present)

**DOES HE LIVE IN LONDON?** 





3.	what/you/	do (Activ	e Voice -	will-Future)

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

4. I/hurt/you (Active Voice - Simple Past)

#### **DID I HURT YOU?**

5. they/work/in a factory (Active Voice - Simple Present)

## **DO THEY WORK IN A FACTORY**? (fabbrica)

6. he/help/you (Active Voice - Present Perfect Simple)

### HAS HE HELPED YOU?

7. you/be/busy? (Active Voice - Simple Present)

#### **ARE YOU BUSY?**

8. what music/play? (Passive Voice - will-Future)

### WHAT MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED?

9. the sailors/rescue ? (Passive Voice - Simple Past)

#### WERE THE SAILORS RESCUED?

10. the tree/cut? (Passive Voice - Present Perfect)

#### **WAS THE TREE CUT?**

## **EXERCISE:**

Choose the correct auxiliary verb			
1	_the teacher explain this properly?		
Did / Was / Had			
2	_the professor angry?		
Did / Was /	' Had		





3	you spoken to him before he called you'?
Had / D	id / Were
4. If you	told me, I would have never found out.
Didn't V	Veren't <b>Hadn't</b>
5	they seeing each other?
Did/ had	/ were
6	they continue seeing each other?
<b>Did</b> / Ha	d / Were
7	you learn anything?
Hadn't /	Didn't / Weren't
8	he in my American History class?
Didn't /	Wasn't / Hadn't
9. I reali	zed that Ilearned a thing (= anything).
Didn't /	Wasn't / <b>Hadn't</b>
10	your sister living in Paris for a while?
Hadn't /	Wasn't / Didn't
EXERC	ISE
Complet	e the following sentences by using the right form of to have (have, has, had).
то на	VE
1) Jack_	fun at the party last Saturday.
2) I'm so	orry, but Ito go now.
3)	you ever been to Canada?
4) Dave_	passed his driving test.





5) Can wethe bill, please?	
6) The matchalready started when we arrived.	
7) Theybreakfast at 6:30 this morning.	
8) Do youa brother?	
9) My boss nevertime.	
10) Dorisbeen waiting for Pam for 20 minutes now.	
1.HAD 2.HAVE 3.HAVE 4.HAS 5.HAVE 6.HAS 7.HAD 8. HAVE 9.HAS 10.HAS	
HAVE / HAVE GOT	
possedere	
HAVE / HAVE GOT (possedere):	
Al presente indicativo:	
• I/ we have got, etc.	
• He has got	
Examples:	
• We have(we've) got a new car / we have a new car	
<ul> <li>Mary has got two dogs/ Mary has two dogs.</li> </ul>	
Frasi interrogative	
Examples:	
Have you got any money?	
Do you have any money?	
Has he got a dog?	
Does he have a dog?	
Has he a dog?(possibile, ma poco usato)	



## Il passato 'had' non è mai seguito da 'got':

### **Examples:**

- Mary had a dog when she was a child.
- Did she have a dog when she was a child?
- I didn't have a dog when I was a child.
- Mary had a dog, didn't she?(espres. enfatica)
  - (to) have con significato di **'possedere**' non vuole la forma progressiva (is having, are having, etc.)

HAVE (usato per indicare un' azione o un'esperienza, in tali casi cambia significato in ragione del termine cui si accompagna)

- ...breakfast, dinner, a cup of coffee, a cigarette, etc.
- ...a bath, a shower, a swim, a rest, a party, a holiday, a nice time, etc.
- ...an accident, an experience, a dream, etc.
- ...a look (at something), a chat (with somebody).
- ...a baby (give birth to a baby)
- ...difficulty, trouble, fun, etc.

#### **EXAMPLES**:

• I usually have a sandwich for my lunch (have ha significate di 'mangiare' non di 'possedere'/have got)

Ma se dico:

• I've got some sandwiches. Would you like one? (have got = possedere)

The telephone rang, but I didn't answer because I was having dinner. (stavo mangiando)



negativo e interrogativo:

• Did you have any difficulty finding a hotel?

### **EXAMPLES**

- -Excuse me, have you got a bicycle? Could I borrow it?
- Excuse me, do you have a bicycle?
- - Did you have a bicycle when you were in Naples?
- It started to rain while you were walking home, did you have an umbrella?

## **Exercise:**

Complete these sentences and put the verb into the		
correct form: (Have a party have a look have a chat have a		
cigarettehave a good flight)		
1. Did you _HAVE A PARTY_last Saturday? Mary told me it was great.		
2. Excuse me, can I HAVE A LOOK_at you newspaper, please?		
3. I met Mary at the railway station, we stopped and _HAD A CHAT.		
4. I was feeling very nervous that day, I HADN'T A CIGARETTE		
5. Did you _HAVE A GOOD FLIGHT- yesterday?		
EXERCISE:		
Exercise:		
Put in have got or has got into the gaps.		
Example: Dannya new computer.		
Answer: Danny <i>has got</i> a new computer.		
1) Ia nice room.		
2) Shea cat.		







- 7. Things were different...I was young
  - (since/when/because/but)
- **8.** He has not called...he left last Monday.
  - (when/since/because/until)
- **9.** Did you...a good flight?
  - (have/have got/ had/ to have)
- 10. I...a nice room.
  - (have got/had got/ had/has)

AUTOVALUTAZIONE: risposte esatte

**Answer key:** 

- 1. great 2. big 3. many 4.much
- 5. too long 6. so good 7. when
- 8. since 9. have 10. have got.