

Irregular ARE verbs and idiomatic expressions

Below is the present tense conjugation of the irregular Italian ARE verbs fare, dare & andare

These verbs do not follow the regular conjugation patterns of the Italian ARE verbs and thus will be looked at separately here. These are not the only irregular ARE verbs but these three are extremely important to know as they can be used often in everyday conversation.

Fare			Dare		Andare	
Subject Pronoun	Fare conjugated	English	Dare conjugated	English	Andare conjugated	English
Io	Faccio	I make	Do	I give	Vado	I go
Tu	Fai	You make	Dai	You give	Vai	You go
Lui/Lei	Fa	He/She makes	Dà	He/She gives	Va	He/She goes
Noi	Facciamo	We make	Diamo	We give	Andiamo	We go
Voi	Fate	Y'all make	Date	Y'all give	Andate	Y'all go
Loro	Fanno	They make	Danno	They give	Vanno	They go

Thus;

Io faccio = I make / Tu fai = You make

Lui fa = He makes / Lei fa = She makes

Noi facciamo = we make / Voi fate = Y'all make

Loro fanno = They make

Thus;

Io do = I give / Tu dai = You give

Lui dà = He gives / Lei dà = She gives

Noi diamo = we give / Voi date = Y'all give

Loro danno = They give

Thus;

Io vado = I go / Tu vai = You go

Lui va = He goes / Lei va = She goes

Noi andiamo = we go / Voi andate = Y'all go

Loro vanno = They go

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Idiomatic Expressions using Fare, Dare, Stare and Avere

Idiomatic expressions in Italian can be quite different than those in English. For instance in many cases where we use the verb to be they use "Avere" which is to have. We say I am hungry where as they say "ho fame" or I have hunger.

You will notice in the list below you have an infinitive form of a verb and then the rest of the expression. For instance "Fare (infinitive) una passeggiata". This is translated as "to take a walk". To use this expression you need to conjugate the infinitive verb. Below are a few examples;

Faccio una passeggiata (I take a walk)
Fai una passeggiata (you take a walk)
Fanno una passeggiata (they take a walk)