

# ITALIAN **DIMINUTIVES**

- ✔ Diminutives are usually used to indicate that something is small in size/quantity/quality/importance/etc.
  - ✔ The 3 most common suffixes to build a diminutive are:  
**-ino, -etto, -ello.**
- ✔ As far as the meaning is concerned, much depends on our vision of the world, but the examples below are generally used and accepted by all speakers as "smaller+positive":

Letto - lett**ino** (smaller size)

Scarpa - scarp**etta** (smaller size)

Bassa - bass**ina** (smaller size)

Albero - alber**ello** (smaller size)

Casa - cas**etta** (smaller size)