

ITALIAN **PEJORATIVES**

- ✔ Pejoratives are generally used to convey a meaning of scorn, dislike, ridicule, and other negative opinions/feelings.
- ✔ Some of the most common suffixes to build a pejorative are:
-uccio, -otto, -astro, -accio
- ✔ 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 negative/derogatory:

Mano - man**accia** (a big, dirty, and somehow aggressive hand)

Ragazzo - ragazz**otto** (a big boy who is not particularly brilliant)

Coltello - coltell**accio** (a big, old, nasty butcher knife)