

ITALIAN TERMS OF ENDEARMENT

using
suffixes

- ✔ In Italian we say pretty things just by adding a suffix. These altered words are called "vezzeggiativi".
 - ✔ The most common suffixes to build a vezzeggiativo are usually the ones used for diminutives: **-ino, -etto, -ello + -uccio, -occhio, -acchiotto, -oso**, and combinations of them.
- ✔ In this case, more than for other alterations, it is our personal feelings that guide the word choice. There is usually a certain degree of affection involved - which sometimes leads to the creation of completely new words!

Caldo - caldu**ccio** (a nice warm temperature)

Naso - nas**etto** (a pretty small nose)

Lupo - lup**acchiotto** (a sweet wolf puppy)

Morbido - morbido**oso** (so soft and cute)