

# 4 words we no longer say *in Italian*

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# Andare al *cinematografo*

The word *cinematografo* comes directly from the French *cinématographe* and it does indicate the physical place where you can see movies, and the art of cinema, but in everyday conversations, we simply use the word *cinema*.

# *Comperare* andare a fare *compere*

The verb *comperare* has now lost an -e and has become *comprare*. The word *compere* had a different destiny: we do rarely say *andare a fare compere*, we mostly say *fare shopping, fare spese, andare in giro per negozi, ecc.*

## *in istrada*

In Italian, we can adjust the spelling of words to facilitate their pronunciation when they are close to other words with similar sounds or with a "clashing" sound, like in this case n+s. In linguistics, this phenomenon is called prostesi.

We no longer say *in istrada* though, we say *in strada*.

## *il danaro*

The word *danaro* is now *denaro*. There are probably older people who still use the word *danaro* (especially when playing cards), but in most cases, it is used ironically by younger generations.

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