Italian Pasta Night Activity Pack

1 Talk at the dinner table

Practice aloud with a grown-up. Pronunciations are approximate.

Ciao CHOW	Hello / Bye
Grazie GRAHT-see-eh	Thank you
Per favore pehr fah-VOH-reh	Please
Buon appetito! bwohn ah-peh-TEE-toh	Enjoy your meal
Delizioso deh-lee-TSYOH-zoh	Delicious

2 Phrase detective

Draw a line from each phrase to its English meaning.

1. Ciao	A. Please
2. Grazie	B. Hello / Bye
3. Per favore	C. Enjoy your meal
4. Buon appetito!	D. Thank you

Family challenge: Try two new phrases during dinner!

3 Match the food

Draw lines to match the food and its description.

Farfalle	Twisted spiral pasta
Penne	Bow-tie-shaped pasta
Fusilli	Pasta pockets with filling
Ravioli	Short tubes cut diagonally

4 Word hunt

Circle each word. Words go left to right.

R	A	V	I	O	L	I	O	T	P
R	P	T	L	T	S	M	E	L	R
F	U	S	I	L	L	I	I	E	P
R	U	T	M	A	T	T	U	I	M
P	E	N	N	E	R	N	P	L	S
U	P	A	A	E	P	M	L	N	I
I	T	A	L	Y	S	S	S	A	S
N	A	E	N	I	O	E	A	P	U
P	A	S	T	A	M	O	E	T	A
U	E	M	O	E	S	M	S	L	M

RAVIOLI

FUSILLI

PENNE

ITALY

PASTA

5 Ravioli shape studio

Draw 4 ravioli shapes: square, heart, star, and one you invent.

Square

Heart

Star

My invention

6 Ravioli math

You make 12 ravioli. Four have cheese filling and three have spinach.

How many have another filling? _____

If everyone eats 3 ravioli, how many people can share 12? _____

Adult note: Use real dough only with supervision.

7 Design your trattoria menu

Create a pasta dish, sauce, garlic bread, and a dessert.

8 Pasta dough scientist

What changes when flour and eggs become dough? Draw or write three observations.

Your five-day dinner adventure

Check off each day as your family prepares for the celebration.

- ◯ Day 1: Choose a menu and practice Italian phrases.
- ◯ Day 2: Learn pasta shapes and set a trattoria table.
- ◯ Day 3: Help knead dough and make an Italian flag.
- ◯ Day 4: Design and fill ravioli with an adult.
- ◯ Day 5: Enjoy pasta, garlic bread, and dessert.

Parent answer key

Open-ended art, menu, and observation activities have many good answers.

Phrase match: 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C.

Foods: farfalle = bow ties; penne = tubes;

fusilli = spirals; ravioli = filled pockets.

Ravioli math: 5 other fillings; 4 people.

Word hunt: each word is horizontal in rows 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Language sounds vary by region and speaker.