

# CONTINUING BEGINNER COURSE

## Semester 1

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Oral skills are developed through listening, repeating and pronouncing words correctly as well as role playing. Aspects of Italian culture, social habits and daily life are also examined.

### Course structure

The course will deal with the following communicative functions and grammatical aspects:

#### Term 1

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- Booking a hotel room

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  - Describing a house

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  - Asking and giving timetable information

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  - Talking about the weather

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  - Planning a trip

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  - Describing your daily routing

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  - Describing holidays and traditions

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#### Term 2

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- Talking about working hours

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  - Describing a typical day

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  - Describing your daily routine

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  - Describing holidays and traditions

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  - Best wishes and congratulations

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  - Identifying family relationships

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  - Describing your family

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### Grammatical aspects

#### Term 1

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- Modal verbs

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  - Compound prepositions

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  - Passato prossimo

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  - Past time expressions

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  - Adverbs of time

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  - Reflexive verbs

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  - Possessive adjectives

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#### Term 2

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- Reflexive verbs

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  - Position of the reflexive pronoun with modal verbs

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  - Possessive adjectives

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  - Possessive adjectives with words denoting family relationships

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  - Passato prossimo of reflexive verbs

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**Pre-requisite:** This course is designed for students who have studied at least one year of Italian or the equivalent. Students joining the course in Term 2 are expected to be familiar with the grammatical aspects covered in Term 1.

**Textbook:** P. Bultrini, F. Graziani, N. Magnani, *Italian Espresso 1*, Alma Edizioni. Units 6-9.

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## Semester 2

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### Course structure

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#### Term 3

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- Identifying family relationships
  - Describing your family
  - Describing food and eating habits
  - Grocery shopping
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#### Term 4

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- Shopping for clothes
  - Making polite requests
  - Expressing tastes and preferences
  - Describing animals
  - Talking about your childhood
  - Describing past situations
  - Talking about habitual activities in the past
  - Describing a typical day
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### Grammatical aspects

#### Term 3

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- Possessive adjectives
  - Passato prossimo of reflexive verbs
  - Direct object pronouns
  - The partitive pronoun *ne*
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#### Term 4

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- Indirect object pronouns
  - Present conditional
  - Comparatives
  - The imperfect
  - Imperfect vs passato prossimo
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