

PRE-INTERMEDIATE COURSE

Semester 1

The aim of the *Beginner* and *Pre-Intermediate* courses is to learn to express yourself correctly in everyday situations as well as develop language skills in understanding what you hear and read. Home assignments may be set by the teacher to reinforce what is learnt in class and to assist you to develop your skills.

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

- Introducing someone briefly
- Describing your interests
- Expressing an opinion; explaining a choice
- Asking information about train and bus fares
- Being able to read train timetables
- Expressing a desire or giving polite advice
- Describing clothes
- Talking about situations and traditions from the past
- Comparing recent and past habits

Term 2

- Talking about mishaps and accidents
- Talking about stories from your life
- Talking about old habits
- Describing childhood dreams
- Talking about your music taste
- Indicating whether you love or hate an activity and why
- Talking about a pleasing event
- Describing a recipe or food; understanding a recipe
- Talking about lifestyles and eating habits
- Having a conversation at the doctor's
- Giving and asking health advice
- Understanding information on a leaflet

Grammatical aspects

Term 1

- The verb *piacere* + infinitive or noun
- Indirect pronouns
- The verbs *interessare*, *mi piace di più/di meno*
- The relative superlative
- The verbs *volerci* and *bisogna*
- The present conditional
- *Qualche*
- The adverbs with *-mente*
- The imperfetto
- The comparative (regular)

Term 2

- The uses of *Passato Prossimo* and *Imperfetto*
- *Passato Prossimo* of reflexive verbs
- The pronoun *che*
- The absolute superlative
- The difference between adjective and adverb
- The irregular plural forms of some nouns
- The formal imperative
- Pronouns and *the imperative*

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: *Chiaro! Corso di Italiano A2*, G. De Savognani, C. Cordera Alberti, Alma Edizioni. Units 1-6.

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Semester 2

The aim of the *Beginner* and *Pre-Intermediate* courses is to learn to express yourself correctly in everyday situations as well as develop language skills in understanding what you hear and read. Home assignments may be set by the teacher to reinforce what is learnt in class and to assist you to develop your skills.

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Course structure

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

Term 3

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- Talking about travel habits

 - Understanding and giving out advice on travel safety

 - Understanding information about traffic

 - Reporting theft or lost property to the police

 - Describing objects

 - Comparing medias

 - Understanding news

 - Announcing future events; making plans for the future

 - Understanding a tv show

Term 4

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- Understanding a real estate advertisement

 - Asking information about a property

 - Expressing surprise and sadness

 - Discussing options in regards to holiday accommodation

 - Giving compliments

 - Congratulating someone

 - Talking about popular traditions and holidays

 - Inviting someone to an event

 - Accepting or declining an invitation

 - Buying clothes from a street market

Grammatical aspects

Term 3

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- The imperative with *tu* and *voi*

 - Pronouns and the imperative

 - The conjunction *se*

 - Comparisons with *di* or *che*

 - *Meglio* and *migliore*

 - The future

 - *Stare* + gerund

Term 4

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- The direct pronouns with *passato prossimo*

 - *Quello* and *bello* + noun

 - *Buono*

 - The imperfect and *passato prossimo* of *sapere* and *conoscere*

 - Transitive and intransitive forms of *cominciare/iniziare* and *finire*

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Textbook: *Chiaro! Corso di Italiano A2*, G. De Savognani, C. Cordera Alberti, Alma Edizioni. Units 7-10