

Sillabo-Skype Italian Course

“at any age, from any country, for any reason”



Il **Sillabo school** of San Giovanni Valdarno is very glad to offer you the opportunity to learn and appreciate the Italian language by simply giving us a call.

We have created The ***Sillabo-Skype Italian course*** for students of Italian as a Second Language. It lasts 20 hours and covers aspects of Italian Culture and language.

The course is composed of 13 units of 1 ½ hour each including a final test to revise and assess the achievement of the course targets.

By the time you finish your course you will have acquired the basic linguistic functions and grammatical structures of the Italian language.

At the end of each course you'll receive an attendance certificate.

The units include listening, exercises, games, grammatical and lexical notes and, above all, constant, expert and helpful interaction with your Italian teacher using Skype. So...

Free
assessment
test:
call now!



Pronto, chi parla?

Hello, who is speaking?

TEN POINTS

TIPS and COURSE METHODOLOGY

- 1) You need a Skype account. First, inform the teacher about your Skype-name and your email address.
- 2) You need a printer to print out the materials your teacher will email you prior to each unit. Being organised is very important. Printing and organizing your material will help you understand and enjoy your lesson.
- 3) All activities are supervised by your teacher. You will need paper and pens during the lesson.
- 4) At the end of each unit you will be assigned homework to revise and fix the rules of the Italian language you have learned.
- 5) English might be used during lessons and activities but our target is to speak in Italian. We chat to learn! English will gradually disappear from our lessons...
- 6) From the first chat try to be intuitive and talkative: repeat and try to use Italian words and sentences pronounced by your teacher.
- 7) Don't worry about your mistakes. You can learn from your mistakes.
- 8) An Italian-English dictionary is useful, especially for your homework.
- 9) Lesson schedule is assessed according to your teacher's and your needs. Don't forget the time difference!
- 10) A web cam would make your lessons more fluent and dynamic.

The Syllabus of Italian Language Course



BEGINNER LEVEL (A1): 20 hours

Teacher: dott. Rossana Cherici

Unit 1

Italian alphabet and the Italian pronunciation; greeting people and introducing yourself; *essere* (to be) and *avere* (to have)

Unit 2

Feminine and masculine nouns, plural form; definite articles; peculiarities of nouns.

Unit 3

Describing things and places, the adjective; the colours; indefinite articles; the Italian sentences.

Unit 4

C'è e Ci sono (there is and there are); numbers, days, months and seasons;

Unit 5

Expressions of time; present indicative of regular verbs explanation and practice.

Unit 6

Express a preference, *mi piace, non mi piace* (I like, I don't like); Asking questions

Unit 7

Asking and telling time; moment of a day, lunch time, ecc. The animals.

Unit 8

Present of irregular verbs explanation and practice. Simple prepositions.

Unit 9

Describing yourself and your friends. The human body and the personality.

Unit 10

Professions and workplaces; Addressing people formally; Modal verbs.

Unit 11

Introducing your family, the possessive adjectives, the family glossary.

Unit 12

Compound prepositions. An Italy-map.

Unit 13

Ordering at a bar; bar vocabulary; the Italian breakfast; the *caffè* ritual.

Final Test

Review of everything covered during the course

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BEGINNER LEVEL (A2) : 20 hours

Teacher: dott.Rossana Cherici

Unit 1

Speaking about the future using the Present tense.

Unit 2

Italian food. At the Italian restaurant. Let's make a recipe!

Unit 3

Present perfect (*Passato prossimo*); *che cosa hai fatto ieri?*

Unit 4

Some indefinite adjectives and pronouns. Your last holiday.

Unit 5

Reflexive verbs; describing a typical day; talking about your work and leisure time.

Unit 6

Common expressions of place; in the street; give directions.

Unit 7

Present perfect of reflexive and modal verbs.

Unit 8

Revision of simple and compound prepositions. At the station.

Unit 9

Direct object pronouns; *Ne* as a partitive pronoun; present perfect with direct object pronouns.

Unit 10

Grocery shopping; asking prices; weight and measure.

Unit 11

Imperfect tense (*Imperfetto*); when I was a child...

Unit 12

Describing a house. Where do you live?

Unit 13

In a clothes shop; clothes and accessories.

Final Test

Review of everything covered during the course.

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INTERMEDIATE or ADVANCED LEVEL : 20 hours
(From B1 to C1 it depends on the student)
Teacher: dott. Rossana Cherici

During the Skype-Conversation course students will learn the language useful in talking comprehensively and in a more complex way about themselves in formal or work contexts, they will learn to express their opinion about current events, to invite, how to accept or refuse an invitation to speak about past experiences or fairy tales, to talk about future, to give advices, orders and make requests, to compare two people, objects or places.

Given the conversational aspect of this course students and teachers can agree different conversation topics and grammar issues.

Possible conversation topics:

holidays and suitcases, ideal cities, marriage, life without a partner, the cities and regions of Italy, a job interview, your cv, job vacancies, parents, children and how to bring up a family, what makes you laugh and jokes; present giving in different cultures, international good manners, novelistic style, journalistic articles, the marginalized and racism, different speaking registers, traditional, modern, slang...

Possible grammar issues (introduction/revision):

Future tense; present perfect or *imperfetto?*, the conditional, the subjunctive tense, the tense sequences, the hypothetical sentences, comparative and superlative, relative pronouns, the imperative, the historical past (*passato remoto*), the passive, the past and present infinitive, the implicit forms of the gerund, literary writing and writing in adverts, verbs with *a* or *di* and the infinitive, colloquial expressions and proverbs...

**The Sillabo-Skype course conversation is
for you who need to learn new Italian cultural
and grammatical aspects
and for you who don't want to forget them!**