

Course outline – 30 weeks

Language: Italian

Level: 2

Course book: *New Italian Espresso Textbook +DVD 1, Beginner and Pre-Intermediate Italian Course for English Speakers* by Gruppo Italiaidea (Paolo Bultrini, Filippo Graziani, Nicoletta Magnani) Alma Edizioni, Firenze (2014).

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Please note that in this level we cover Units 6 -10 as the previous chapters are covered in level 1.

Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Talking about a past holiday The weather At the travel agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passato prossimo, irregular past participles, past time expressions• Adverbs of time• Ci vuole/ci vogliono	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning a trip• Talking about a trip• Talking about the weather • Asking information in a travel agency
Your day/routine/habits Festivities and greetings for special occasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflexive verbs• Possessive adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking about your working hours• Describing a typical day• Talking about festivities• Best wishes and congratulations
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possessive adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying family relationships

<p>Talking about relationships in the family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possessive adjectives with words denoting family relationships • Passato prossimo of reflexive verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing your family
<p>Food, shopping for food Food shops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct object pronouns • Ne as partitive expression • Partitive use of di+ article 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing food and eating habits • Grocery shopping
<p>Nouns and adjectives for physical descriptions Adjectives to describe personality traits Zodiac signs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of auxiliary (to be or to have) • Superlatives • Progressive gerund forms of regular and irregular verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and giving physical descriptions • Describing one's personality • Making, accepting and refusing an invitation • Describing actions in the progressive gerund form
<p>Tourist activities and types of accommodation Italian habits and traditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imperative in the singular and informal form, imperative in the plural form and contracted forms. • Position of direct and indirect pronouns with the imperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparing Italian social habits and traditions with those of other countries • Understanding travel brochures and travel blogs • Understanding and giving orders, recommendations and instructions