

Course outline – 30 weeks

Language: Italian

Level: 5

Course book:

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Please note that in this level we cover unit 1-5 of the textbook and following units will be covered in level 6.

Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Studying and speaking foreign languages Cultural tradition and cultural/linguistic misunderstanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trapassato prossimo</i> (past tense) • Compound pronouns • <i>Prima di</i> + infinitive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making comparison • Asking/expressing an opinion • Telling an episode in the past • Expression for surprise/joy/relief/empathy
Lifestyle: city vs. countryside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditional (past tense) • Pronoun <i>ci</i> and <i>ne</i> • Possessive pronouns • Pronominal verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking for help • Complaining and asking reasons • Expressing hope/wish/disapproval/preference • Expressing prohibition • Making project
Personal habits and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjunctive (present tense) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about personal habits and

lifestyle Food preferences and Italian food tradition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impersonal verbs • Verbs and expressions introducing subjunctive 	preferences regarding food and lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing hope/emotions/ will
Made in Italy Brands and products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjunctive (<i>congiuntivo passato</i> - past tense) • <i>Consecutio temporum</i> (sequence of tenses) • Adverbs in <i>-mente</i> • Expressions introducing subjunctive (<i>a patto che, purché, a condizione che</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing a product/object in details • Making hypothesis • Expressing cause/condition/doubt • Blaming and apologising/justifying
Media and social media News and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subjunctive (<i>congiuntivo imperfetto</i> - past tense) • Expression introducing subjunctive (<i>come se</i>) • Reported speech (<i>discorso indiretto</i>) • Verbs <i>andare</i> and <i>venire</i> in reported speech 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the appropriate language depending on the context and the media • Giving explanation • Offering help or giving availability • To report a message or a conversation made by someone else
Italian literature Novels and tales Books and reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive form (built with <i>essere</i> and <i>venire</i>) • <i>Passato remoto</i> (past tense) • The expression <i>che io sappia</i> • Sequence of tenses and modes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling a novel plot • Expressing interest/preference/disinterest • Giving a suggestion • Expressing opinion and judgement