



Course outline – 30 weeks

Language: Italian

Level: 6

The emphasis of this course is on speaking and in class you will get ample opportunity to practice your conversational skills through pair-work and group exercises.

Course book: *Nuovo Espresso 3. Libro dello studente e esercizi*, (Maria Balì, Luciana Ziglio) (Ciro Massimo Naddeo) Alma Edizioni, Firenze (2015).

ISBN: 978-88-6182-338-9 (Book + DVD-ROM)

ISBN: 978-88-6182-339-6 (without DVD-ROM)

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

Please note that it might be also helpful to take this online test that corresponds to our textbooks we use:

<https://www.almaedizioni.it/it/minisiti/nuovo-espresso/nuovo-espresso-1/#test-autovalutazione>

Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Family: modern and traditional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sebbene, nonostante, benché</i>+subjunctive• Special comparative• <i>Fare</i>+infinitive• Impersonal form for reflexive verbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiating a new topic with a question• Debating, supporting an idea• Explaining pros and cons• Describing the consequences of a fact
Celebrations and traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Past tense conditional (as future in the past)• Second type conditional (unlikely possibility)• <i>Mica</i> a special adverb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making hypothesis• Expressing disagreement• Giving advices• How to mock and be ironic
Historical Italian figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporal and modal gerund (-ing form)• Pronouns position with gerund• Impersonal sentences• Adjective in <i>-bile</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describing the life of an historical figure• Describing a travel• Expressing surprise• How to politely interrupt



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<p>Discovering Italy and its heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indirect question ● Reported speech (past tense) ● <i>Prima che</i> (+subjunctive) – <i>prima di</i> (+infinitive) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How to ask with an indirect question ● Gathering information and asking for detailed information ● Reporting someone's else speech ● Expressing disappointment ● Describing and highlighting a place features
<p>Contemporary Italian language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passive (structure with <i>andare</i>) ● Subjunctive (past tense <i>trapassato</i>) ● Third type conditional (possibility in the past) ● Gerund (past tense) ● Infinitive (past tense) ● <i>Dopo</i> + infinitive (past tense) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Talking about our own lingual mistakes ● How to soften/to invite to soften an argument tone ● Making hypothesis about the past ● how to express a strong disagreement
<p>Topic suggested by the group</p>	<p>There will be opportunities to include subjects/topics/ activities suggested by the group</p>	