



THE READING ITALIAN SCHOOL

9-WEEK COURSE

BEGINNER

If you have never taken Italian classes before, we recommend you attend this course.

Suitable for absolute beginners or very basic knowledge of the language grammar and vocabulary. By the end of this course you will be able to understand and use everyday expressions, basic phrases to greet people, introduce yourself, ask and answer questions about personal details and likes and dislikes:

- Personal information (e.g. nationality, family, occupation);
- Eating and drinking (e.g. ordering food and drinks in cafés and restaurants);
- Shopping and services (e.g. post office, hotel booking, directions, travelling);
- Introduction to the language alphabet (for non-Roman script languages);
- Formal and informal language if appropriate;
- Negative structure;
- Words used to link ideas, e.g. *and, but, also*;
- How to ask questions;
- The basic rules of pronunciation;
- Simple structures to express like / dislike;
- Present tense / timeframe with frequently used verbs / structures;
- Basic numerical data.

POST-BEGINNER

Ideal for those who have taken a beginner course and for those who need to refresh knowledge previously acquired.

By the end of this course you will be able to understand and communicate using simple sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. You will learn more complex tenses using the present continuous, the simple past, the present perfect, the near future, and you will be able to:

- describe your city/home, the weather;
- talk about your feelings;
- give opinions;
- talk about relationships;
- talk about your plans;

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

For those with a good grasp of basic grammar and wishing to put into practise their speaking, writing and reading and comprehension skills.

Students must have completed a post-beginner course or have already a general command of Italian grammar, and a good vocabulary base. By the end of this course, students will achieve a certain level of fluency and spontaneity in the language:

- Understand and communicate in familiar situations, using sentences;
- Start to manage most situations related to living and travelling, to describe or express your opinion on topics of personal interest such as experiences, events, hopes and ambitions, and express opinions, reasons, and plans;
- Read and understand information on familiar topics;
- Write simple formal letters and text on familiar matter.