Overview

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with an interest in improving their Italian with one of the following:

- Completed the Babel Beginner Italian Course
- Received approximately 90-120 hours’ tuition
- A recent GCSE/O-level grade A*
- Babel assessment of the equivalent of A1/A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Classes are delivered online or can be arranged for face-to-face if requested.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to develop existing language skills further and to achieve the equivalent of B1/B2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand authentic speech with ease and communicate confidently on a variety of subjects using a wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures
- be able to read extracts from authentic literature with almost 100% understanding
- be able to write a number of complex texts in different registers with high degree of accuracy, employing a wide range of structures and vocabulary
- have further developed intercultural competence and be conversant with a variety of issues in Italian speaking countries

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set homework tasks.

Course Content

Topics

- Made in Italy
- Media and communication in Italy
- Current affairs in Italian politics, economy and society
- Traditions and festivities in Italy
- Italian proverbs and idiomatic expressions
- The Italian of social media
- Italian educational system
- Italian culture, cinema and literature: an introduction
- Introduction to Italian history
- Some current affairs related to Italian politics, economy and society
- Italian dialects and regional variations
- Introduction to some Italian jargons
Functions
Understanding, interpreting and discussing subjective statements
Expressing ideas, opinions and points of view
Expressing doubts and uncertainty
Describing objects in detail
Making complex comparisons
Discussing and writing about hypotheses and possibilities
Expressing judgement, approval, disapproval, regret, concern, hope, satisfaction with higher amount of details
Giving orders, advice, making suggestions, etc.
Developing a topic-related vocabulary

Grammar
Introduction to Subjunctive Mode
The Present and Past Subjunctive
Extensive use of Subjunctive
The impersonal form
Revision of the Subjunctive and its use
Use of Formal and Informal Imperative
Combination of imperative with pronouns
Some idiomatic expressions

Course details

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