



### Required starting level

This class is designed for students who have completed our Improvers' class or have completed approximately 1 to 2 years of Italian classes elsewhere. The student should already be able to:

- form sentences on the following topics: booking into hotels, shopping for food or clothes, ordering a meal, etc
- describe simple situations or people
- know how to use the present tense and the past tense
- ask for help and invite others to cinema, restaurant, bars etc.

### Aims

To have fun improving on listening and speaking skill, feel confident for trips to Italy and conversations with the locals. To achieve this, the course expands further on fluency with role plays. The course will focus on structuring correctly sentences and increase vocabulary, developing listening skills through conversation, radio and news.

### Working methods/types of activities

A variety of learning methods will be used to keep students interested and alert including speaking (role play, Q&A, group discussion), listening, reading, games, gastronomy, Italian songs, Italian radio and movies, articles, etc.

### What to bring to class

Students need to bring paper and a writing implement! It is suggested that file paper would be ideal as you will be given a number of hand-outs which could be placed alongside the week's work.

### Textbook– please do not purchase the textbook until your course is confirmed

- Living Italian (ISBN: 9780340990728). If students wish to purchase other books they will be given some advice regarding selection.
- Handouts will be provided as necessary.

### Homework

Weekly homework will be set (optional).

### Topic areas

Conversation with more complex structures, review of vocabulary and grammar, review on topics booking into hotels, going shopping, talking about holidays and family. Review of the past tenses 'passato prossimo' and use of 'imperfetto' –imperfect tense, perfect the use of prepositions and articles. The conditional tense (saying what you would do, if...) in relation to the subjunctive (past and present). Talking about what we love and express opinions in a more complex structure using the verb 'piacere' - to like. Review preposition with idiomatic expressions.

### Next Steps

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over three terms.

On completion of the course, you may feel inspired to continue studying Italian and join the Advanced course the following year.