

# ITALIAN A1 LEVEL SYLLABUS

A1-level Italian course, split into Literature and Grammar. Each session is designed for practical and interactive learning.

Literature Focus:

## Session 1: Basics of Italian Literature

- Introduction to Italian Sounds and Pronunciation
- Practice reading basic Italian words (casa, gatto, fiore).
- Learn key phonetic rules for che, chi, ce, ci and vowels.
- Simple Greetings in Texts
- Read and act out: Ciao! Come ti chiami?

## Session 2: Reading Short Dialogues

- Daily Life Conversations
- Dove vivi? (Where do you live?)
- Vocabulary: family, work, and hobbies.
- Practice Writing Responses
- Write your own basic introduction.

## Session 3: Italian Fables and Culture

- Fable Reading: Simplified version of La Volpe e l'Uva.
- Vocabulary: animals, nature.
- Discuss the moral of the story.

- Cultural Notes: Discuss Italy's storytelling tradition.

#### Session 4: Italian Songs and Rhymes

- Read and sing: Giro giro tondo.
- Analyze and learn new vocabulary from lyrics.
- Practice rhythm and intonation.

#### Session 5: Descriptions of Italian Cities

- Read short passages about Roma or Firenze.
- Vocabulary: landmarks, adjectives (grande, bella).
- Write a short paragraph describing your own city.

#### Session 6: Italian Food in Literature

- Menus and Recipes
- Read a simple Italian recipe (Pasta al Pomodoro).
- Vocabulary: food items, cooking verbs.
- Role-Playing
- Practice ordering in a restaurant.

#### Session 7: Biographies and Famous Italians

- Simplified biography of Leonardo da Vinci or Sofia Loren.
- Vocabulary: professions, personality adjectives (intelligente, famoso).
- Write a short text about a person you admire.

#### Session 8: Short Stories and Dialogues

- Read a passage from Pinocchio (simplified).

- Practice answering comprehension questions.

### Session 9: Creative Writing and Role-Play

- Write your own short fable or story (guided structure).
- Share stories with the class and provide feedback.

### Session 10: Review and Final Assessment

- Read a final passage, answer comprehension questions.
- Summarize key vocabulary and expressions from the literature portion.

### Grammar Focus:

#### Session 1: Introduction to Basic Grammar

- Articles: il, la, i, le, un, uno, una.
- Noun-gender agreement: una casa bella, un ragazzo simpatico.
- Practice: Fill-in-the-blanks exercises.

#### Session 2: The Verb “Essere” (to be)

- Conjugations: io sono, tu sei, lui/lei è...
- Forming simple sentences:
- Io sono italiano. Tu sei studente?
- Role-play: Introduce yourself using “essere.”

#### Session 3: The Verb “Avere” (to have)

- Conjugations: io ho, tu hai, lui/lei ha...
- Common expressions: Ho fame, ho freddo, ho sonno.

- Practice: Create sentences using “avere.”

#### Session 4: Regular Verbs (-ARE, -ERE, -IRE)

- Conjugation patterns:
- Parlare, leggere, dormire.
- Practice forming sentences:
- Io parlo italiano. Lei legge un libro.

#### Session 5: Adjectives and Agreement

- Singular/plural, masculine/feminine: bello/bella, grandi/grande.
- Practice describing people and objects:
- La casa è grande. Il gatto è piccolo.

#### Session 6: Prepositions

- Basic prepositions: a, in, con, da, per.
- Practice:
- Abito a Roma. Vado in Italia.

#### Session 7: Asking Questions and Negatives

- Question words: Chi, che cosa, dove, perché.
- Practice asking: Dove vivi? Che cosa fai?
- Negatives: Non capisco, Non sono italiano.

#### Session 8: Time Expressions and Verbs

- Vocabulary for telling time: È mezzogiorno. Sono le tre.
- Daily routine vocabulary: alzarsi, fare colazione, andare al lavoro.

- Practice writing your daily routine.

#### Session 9: Role-Playing and Grammar Review

- Combine grammar topics in real-life scenarios:
- Introducing yourself.
- Ordering food.
- Asking for directions.

#### Session 10: Final Grammar Test and Review

- Test on verb conjugations, articles, prepositions, and adjectives.
- Practical assessment: Write a short paragraph about yourself using what you've learned.

#### Course Completion:

- Outcome: Students will gain foundational skills to read, write, and converse in basic Italian