



Dante Cairns Language Class content

If you wish to learn to speak Italian, Dante Alighieri in Cairns offers a wide range of levels for adult learners, who can enjoy a practical and social experience while learning the language and the culture.

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Beginner 1 (level 1) Unit 1 & 2

In this level you will learn:

- basic greetings and to introduce yourself and others at an initial meeting
- to thank a person and make few questions about his/her life
- order in a café or in a restaurant
- ask the price in a shop

Grammatical elements are also introduced as you start to work on your speaking and listening skills. Nouns, articles and prepositions use will be introduced as well as basic pronunciation, writing and reading skills. No prior knowledge of the language is required.

Beginner 2 (level 2) Unit 3 & 4

By the end of level 2, you will be able to:

- talk about yourself, your job and your leisure time on a specific day of the week.
- give personal details on someone
- expressing one's likes and dislikes

Grammatical elements are also touched. Conjugation of regular verbs in the present tense as well as irregular verbs like essere, avere, fare, andare, stare, bere, sapere. Interrogatives and adverbs of frequency are also touched.

If you are going to start in this level, make sure you have a basic knowledge of the language.

Beginner 3 (level 3) Unit 5 & 6

In the last level of Beginner, you will learn:

- To describe a city and its quality life
- To ask and give street directions
- To book an hotel and to complain about a room
- To ask and give timetable information
- Describe yours and other's vacation

Grammatical elements are also introduced: modal verbs and their use, the adjectives and their agreements, compound prepositions.

If you are going to start in this level, please make sure that your Italian knowledge is adequate to start at this point.

Intermediate 1 (level 1) Unit 7 & 8

At this stage you will be able to conjugate in the present tense all the regular verbs, some irregular ones. In this level you will learn:

- to talk about your perfect weekend
- to talk about past actions and events
- to ask and give information about transports
- describing yours and others work habits
- to tell and ask about daily routine
- talking about your and other's country's public holidays

As grammatical elements you will be introduced to the *passato prossimo* tense, which will enable you to talk about past experiences.

If you are going to join this level, ensure your knowledge on conjugation of the regular and irregular verbs in the present tense.

Intermediate 2 (level 2) Unit 9 & 10

In this level, which will be the completion of the Intermediate ones, you will learn:

- to talk about your family and its habits
- to talk about past events
- to ask about someone's past actions
- to talk about one's and other's eating habits
- to talk about typical Italian food
- to do a grocery shopping

More grammatical elements will be touched, like the possessives and their use, and the *passato prossimo* of reflexive verbs, direct pronouns and their use.

Advanced 1 (level 1) Unit 11, 12 & half 13

In the Advanced level, the class will focus mainly on the speaking and listening skill.

At this stage, you will be able to conjugate all the verbs in the present and passato prossimo tense. You will learn:

- To talk about events that will happen in the future.
- To talk about clothing and shopping for clothes.
- To make a polite request
- To describe one's look on special occasion
- To make a survey
- To talk about animals
- To describe a situation in the past
- To describe one's and other's childhood.
- To give physical descriptions
- To describe one's personality
- To describe actions which are happening right now

Relevant grammar elements will be introduced: future tense, imperfetto tense, gerundio tense, indirect pronouns and their use, conditional tense. If you are going to enrol in the advanced level, make sure that you have a good knowledge of the conjugation of regular and irregular verbs in the present and passato prossimo tense.

Advanced 2 (level 2) Unit half 13, 14 & 15

In the Advanced 2 you will know mainly all the tenses that you need to survive in Italy. Your vocabulary will be broad, and your understanding improved.

In this last level you will learn:

- To describe and give home description
- To express wishes
- To express likes and dislikes
- To give advice
- To compare Italian social habits with yours
- To understand cultural differences.

Grammatical elements will be touched as the imperative tense formal and informal, position of direct and indirect pronouns with imperativo.

If you are joining this last level, you maybe will be able to join our fluency 1 level, which is based mainly on conversation.

Fluency 1

Once arriving at the Fluency level, you have achieved the most important grammar topics. You are now able to make simple sentences and to conjugate in the present, past, future and conditional tenses.

In the Fluency 1 level, you will revise and consolidate some of the most important grammar topics and start to use them developing the speaking skill.

Fluency 2

Fluency 2 is suitable for students who have a good knowledge of Italian and the one who can easily converse. In this level you will improve your conversational skills, involving a variety of different topics.

You will also learn new shades of the Italian grammar, as well as revising and consolidating the known ones.

If you are unsure of the appropriate class level, email us or call the Language Classes Coordinator for assistance mobile 0439 330 602.

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