

## Elementary Italian 101

This course requires no previous knowledge of Italian. In Italian 101 emphasis is placed on pronunciation, high-frequency vocabulary building, basic grammar, and conversation. Reading and listening materials, conversations and lectures have been selected to reflect life in Italy today.

### Objectives

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Produce and understand short, memorized phrases
- Ask questions or make statements with reasonable accuracy using memorized utterances
- Read isolated words and phrases, personal and place names, street signs, office and shop designations
- Write own name, nationality, address, etc., such as on a hotel registration form

### Materials

Living Language Italian, Essential Edition: Beginner course, including coursebook, 3 audio CDs, and free online learning; *Indicative (amazon.com) price: \$30.38.*

### Topics

UNIT#	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY
1	Introduction to the Italian Language Alphabet, Phonology Greetings, Introduction	Word order in sentences Present tense and infinitive The verb to be	Simple words Cognates Objects in the class
2	Acquaintances and presenting others Members of the family Nationalities and countries Reading maps and itineraries	Nationality adjectives Nouns of the first group Demonstrative pronouns Definite & Indefinite article	Greetings Country names Professions (masc., fem.) Numbers 0-10
3	Family relationships Typical work day & free time Schedule, calendar of events	Present tense Verbs ending in -are Regular verbs + 'fare' Peculiarities of nouns Simple prepositions	Basic family tree Days of the week Months and seasons Numbers 11-100, Date and time
4	Post office and telephone Reading notes, letters and e-mail Reading public signs	Formal and Informal communication Fare, Andare + Stare	Italian signs Numbers 101-1,000
5	Personal background and the extended family (family members, relations, occupations)	Regular verbs: Presente indicativo Asking questions	Frequency adverbs: always, never, etc.
6	Physical appearance of people Character and personality	Verb: piacere sapere & conoscere	Adjectives: tall, shy, etc. Review: professions, family, etc.
7	Shopping Food Directions	Adjectives: 1 <sup>st</sup> group Simple prepositions Irregular verbs: Presente indicativo	Numbers 2,000-1 billion Currency C'è & Ci sono
8	Weather, climate and nature Expressing liking and disliking	Adjectives: 2 <sup>nd</sup> group Modal verbs	Miscellaneous objects Colors (singular-plural, masculine feminine)
9	Holidays (religious, national) Customs and traditions	Bene/Buono/Male/ Cattivo Compound prepositions Ordinal numbers; What time....?	Sports/ Food/ Places/ Talking about leisure activities