

TEACHER COURSES: WHAT DO WE REALLY WANT AS FAR AS LANGUAGE LEARNING IS CONCERNED?

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The recent trend towards language learning and improvement in language skills has led the Ministry of Education and teachers in general to require advanced competence in languages. Personally I have been involved in courses of English to primary school teachers as well as helping high school teachers of English in keeping their language up to date.

The experience, has taught me a great deal, and the mutual exchange of information and know how is really precious.

For this reason I would like to allow other teachers who are interested in new materials to benefit from this unique experience.

1. Material for primary school teachers

Improve your English- A little help from Georgina Lovera di Maria

Cardinal numbers

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five
6. Six
7. Seven
8. Eight
9. Nine
10. Ten

More numbers...

11. Eleven
12. Twelve
13. Thirteen
14. Fourteen
15. Fifteen
16. Sixteen
17. Seventeen
18. Eighteen
19. Nineteen
20. Twenty
21. Twenty-one
22. Twenty-two.....

More numbers...

30 Thirty 40 Forty 50 Fifty 60 Sixty 70 Seventy 80 Eighty 90 Ninety 100 a hundred/
one hundred 101 one hundred and one.....200 two hundred 1,000 a thousand/ one thousand
10,000 ten thousand 100,000 a hundred thousand 1,000,000 one million 1,000,000,000 one
billion

Ordinal numbers and dates

1st = the first

2nd = the second

3rd = the third

4th = the fourth

5th = the fifth etc...

21st = the twenty-first

22nd = the twenty-second

23rd = the twenty-third

24th = the twenty-fourth

Christmas day is on 25th December

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What time is it? /What's the time?

It's...

Five, ten a quarter, twenty, twenty-five, half

PAST...

9.15 is **a quarter past nine** or **nine fifteen**

It's

Twenty-five, twenty, a quarter, ten, five

TO

9.45 is **a quarter to ten** or **nine forty-five**

BUT 10.00 is ten o'clock

a.m. means ante meridian –morning

p.m. means post meridian- afternoon

The days of the week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday **the week-end**

Sunday

The months of the year

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

What's the weather like?

It's sunny	C'è il sole	It's raining	piove
It's a nice day	E' una bella giornata	It's arainy day	E' una giornata piovosa
It's cloudy	E' nuvoloso	It's foggy	E' nebbioso
It's hazy	C'è foschia	There is a fog	C'è la nebbia
It's snowing	nevica	It's haling	grandina
It's windy	C'è vento	There is a storm	C'è un temporale

It is raining = piove, sta piovendo

There is a storm = c'è un temporale

Temperatures

It's hot	Fa caldo
It's warm	E' tiepido
It's mild	E' mite
It's cool	E' fresco
It's cold	E' /fa freddo
It's freezing	Si gela

The weather forecast:

sunshine	Sole, soleggiato	Cloudy at times	Nuvoloso a tratti
rain	pioggia	Showers at times	Piogge sparse
snow	neve	sleet	nevischio
Ice on the roads	Strade ghiacciate	foggy	Nebbia

Keywords:

what's the weather like today?	Che tempo fa oggi?
What is the temperature like today?	Che temperatura c'è oggi?

I pasti

English Breakfast	Colazione inglese	Continental breakfast	Colazione continentale
Bacon, eggs, sausage Toast, butter, jam, marmalade, cereals, milk , tea, coffee. For children: bread and peanut butter	Pancetta, uova, salsicce, pane tostato, burro, marmellata o marmellata di arancio, cerali, caffè the. Per i bambini burro di arachidi	Toast, butter, jam, marmalade, cereals, milk , tea, coffee	Pane tostato, burro, marmellata o marmellata di arancio, cerali, caffè the.

Lunch	Pranzo
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A sandwich with cheese, ham, tunafish and eggs and a piece of cake	Un tramezzino al formaggio, prosciutto, tonno e uova e un pezzo di torta.
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Supper/dinner	Cena
Meat and vegetables, fish, fish and chips, bread	carne e verdura, pesce, pesce e patate fritte, pane

Meat

Beef (roast beef)	manzo	
Pork (pork chops)	maiale	
lamb (lamb chops)	agnello	
chicken	pollo	
veal	vitello	
Boiled= bollito	Fried= fritto	
Baked=al forno	Steam cooked= al vapore	

Prepositions

PREPOSITIONS	PREPOSIZIONI	PREPOSITIONS	PREPOSIZIONI
ON	Equivalente italiano	AT	Equivalente italiano
ON On time The lesson starts on time On Monday We have English on Mondays On the table My pen is on the table	IN In orario La lezione inizia in orario IL / DI Abbiamo inglese il lunedì SU/ SOPRA La mia penna è sul tavolo	AT At the station/at 2.30 We arrive at the station at 2.30	AL/ ALLA Arriviamo alla stazione all 2.30
BETWEEN The school is between the Post Office and the supermarket	FRA DUE La scuola è fra la posta ed il supermercato	NEXT TO The blackboard is next to the teacher's desk	ACCANTO La lavagna è vicino/accanto alla cattedra

IN FRONT OF The students are sitting in front of each other	DI FRONTE Gli studenti sono seduti uno di fronte all'altro	OPPOSITE The teacher is opposite the students	DI FRONTE/ DI RIMPETTO L'insegnante è di fronte agli studenti
ABOVE The light is above the desks	SOPRA senza contatto La luce è sopra i banchi	OVER The helicopter flies over the houses	SOPRA L'elicottero vola sopra le case

IN	DENTRO	TO	VERSO
The pens are in the pencil case	Le penne sono dentro l'astuccio	We go to school on foot	Andiamo a scuola a piedi
The children are in/at school STATO IN LUOGO		The children go to school MOTO A LUOGO	

Eating Out

I WOULD LIKE....	VORREI....
COULD I HAVE.....	POTREI AVERE.....

May I have the menu please?	Potrei avere il menù per favore?
Of course sir/madam, here you are	Certo signore/signora, tenga

What would you like to start with?	Con cosa desidera cominciare?
I'd like....	vorrei....

Could you tell me what's in the vegetarian dish?	Mi potrebbe dire cosa c'è nel piatto vegetariano?
I think I'll have....	Penso che prenderò.....

Would you like some more wine?	Vuole dell'altro vino?
How about some more salad?	Che ne direbbe di prendere altra insalata?
Are you enjoying your meal?	Il pasto è di vostro gradimento?

Could you bring me the bill please?	Potrei avere il conto per favore?
This is on me/ I'll take this	Pago io/ questo lo prendo io

SMALL TALK

Is this your first trip/visit to Italy?	E' il vostro primo viaggio in Italia?
I hope you enjoy your stay	Spero che il vostro soggiorno sia piacevole.
How was your journey?/ Did you have a good journey?	Com'è stato il suo- vostro viaggio?/Ha -avete fatto buon viaggio?
I hope your hotel is comfortable	Spero che il suo albergo sia comodo

Can I..? May I?

Prime persone

Can I open the window?	Posso aprire la finestra?	Of course I'd rather not	Certo Preferirei do no
May I open the door?	Potrei aprire la finestra? (più formale)	Of course I'd rather not	Certo Preferirei do no
Can we smoke?	Possiamo fumare?	I'm afraid it's not allowed	Temo che non sia permesso
May we smoke?	Possiamo fumare? (più formale)	Yes of course.	Certo.
Can I help you ?	Posso aiutarla?	Yes please, I'd like a T shirt for my son	Grazie vorrei una T shirt per mio figlio
Can I see your driving licence please Sir?	Posso vedere la sua patente signore?		
May I see your driving licence please Sir?	Potrei vedere la sua patente signore? (più formale)	Of course Here you are	Certo Tenga

Can you...,Could you...

Seconde persone

Can you help me please?	Mi puoi/può/potete aiutare per favore?
Could you help me please?	Mi potresti/potrebbe/potreste aiutare per favore?

What can you do?

What can you do?	Cosa sai fare?
I can play the guitar	So suonare la chitarra
Can you speak English?	Parli inglese?
Can they understand what I say?	Capiscono quello che dico?

Risposte brevi

Can you sing?	Sai cantare?	Yes I can	No I can't
Can they speak a foreign language?	Sanno parlare una lingua straniera?	Yes they can/ Yes, a little	No they can't

The starting level was approximately A1, and the objective of a 50 hour course(to be completed in September) is an A2 level.

The material was presented supported by a textbook- Headways Beginner- and integrated by using KET listening exercises on numbers, the weather, ordering meals.