

# Routledge Intensive Italian Course

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Meeting people, introducing oneself and others

Formal (**Lei**) or informal (**tu**) ‘you’

Indicating nationality

Asking for something, ordering food and drink

### **Grammar**

Present tense of **essere** and **chiamarsi**

Nouns (singular)

Indefinite articles **un, uno, una, un'**

Subject pronouns **io, tu, lui, lei, Lei, noi, voi, loro**

Adjectives of nationality **inglese, italiano** (singular form only)

## **Unit 2**

### **AMICI E FAMIGLIA**

#### **Functions**

Describing or indicating someone or something

Talking about jobs and professions

#### **Grammar**

Nouns (singular and plural)

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Adjectives (singular and plural)

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Possessives: **mio, tuo, suo, nostro, vostro, loro**

Present tense of regular verbs ending in **-are**

Present tense of irregular verbs **avere, fare**

## **Unit 3      IN VIAGGIO**

### **Functions**

Making travel arrangements

Making accommodation arrangements

Expressing notions of availability, time, place and cost

### **Grammar**

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Expressions of frequency

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#### **Ci vuole, ci vogliono**

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### **Functions**

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Describing or indicating something

Talking about availability

Talking about size, quantity, etc.

Describing someone or something by physical characteristics

## **Grammar**

Indefinite adjectives: **alcuni, dei/delle, qualche**

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Talking about the present

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### **Functions**

Expressing a desire, preference, need

Stating what you want

Stating a preference (for objects, persons, courses of action)

Expressing likes and dislikes.

### **Grammar**

Indefinites: **niente di buono, qualcosa da mangiare**

Present tense of **piacere**

Present tense of **preferire**

Present tense of **bisogna, aver bisogno di**

Present tense modal verbs: **dovere, potere, volere**

Indirect object pronouns with impersonal verbs: **mancare, occorrere, servire**

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### **Functions**

Specifying place

Specifying manner

Explaining where to find something, how to get there, etc.

Giving an order

## **Grammar**

Prepositions expressing place

Adverbs and prepositions of place

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Imperative (order) forms

Adverbs

## **Unit 8      ANDIAMO IN VACANZA**

### **Functions**

Talking about events and actions in the past

Describing how things used to be

### **Grammar**

Present perfect (*passato prossimo*): **ho mangiato, sono andata**

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Expressing hopes, intentions

Expressing probability

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Asking permission

Asking about possibility

Asking about ability

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### **Grammar**

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Omission of **potere** in certain situations/contexts

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Specifying time:

Time at which, time from which, time until when

Expressing repetition and frequency

## **Grammar**

Clauses of time ‘until, when, since, before, after, during’

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### **Functions**

Making a comparison

Expressing greater or lesser extent

Expressing equality

### **Grammar**

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Comparative adverbs

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## **Functions**

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Explaining how something is done

## **Grammar**

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Reading more complex texts

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Conditional mood (*condizionale*)

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Expressing causes and reasons

Expressing result and effect

### **Grammar**

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Clauses, phrases and verbs of result and effect

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Expressing an opinion

Asking an opinion

Agreeing, disagreeing

### **Grammar**

Introduction to the subjunctive

Present subjunctive

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Expressing belief, certainty, uncertainty

Expressing concession

Expressing exception and reservation

Expressing condition

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Clauses and phrases of condition

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Expressing regret, doubt, hope, fear

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Use of perfect subjunctive

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Expressing certainty and uncertainty

Expressing conjecture, hearsay

### **Grammar**

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Passive: focus on action

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Giving an order or command

Requesting

Wanting someone to do something

Allowing someone to do something

Suggesting, advising

#### **Grammar**

Verbs of requiring, requesting and advising

with verb infinitive

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