

This course should be ideal for both those of you who want to learn Italian from scratch and those who already know a little of the language and want to refresh and extend your skills and knowledge. It is designed to suit the needs of the traveller wanting to learn the basics as an enjoyable pastime as well as those who hope to progress to a higher level. Enthusiasm is the main qualification and enjoyment the desired outcome. There's no compulsory 'homework' but if you can make the time to study between lessons you will gain more and go further.

LANGUAGE STUDY

The core of language study is based on the multimedia coursebook **The New Italian Project 1a** (Edi Lingua Roma) one of the latest and best Italian courses on the market. It provides lively and attractively presented printed material and includes a CD audio disc, a DVD video disc, an interactive CD-Rom, an exercise workbook and an internet link for extension practice. It contains enough material for a year's classroom or independent study. The whole package costs around £25 and can be ordered from your tutor or from Waterstones, Foyles, Amazon or the Italian Bookshop in London.

The grammatical elements include: nouns, adjectives, articles, verbs in present, past and future tenses, prepositions and possessives

The communication topics include: greetings, nationalities, numbers, age, formal and informal ways of address, time, prices, making requests, giving thanks, travelling and ordering food and drink

The cultural topics include: Italian regions and cities, travel & transport in Italy, communicating by telephone and e-mail, food & drink, Italian festivals

Pronunciation practice is a key part of every lesson so that you can enjoy learning to speak the language intelligibly and with a good accent

Listening and understanding the authentic spoken word is developed with the help of lively situational dialogues recorded on the audio CD contained in the coursebook. Also through..

Television programmes to liven up your learning namely BBC Talk Italian and the drama series La Mappa Misteriosa as well as the storyboard of each episode of your Italian Project DVD

Music No Italian course should overlook the importance of the music and lyrics of this melodious language as in opera and popular song. There'll be a musical item each week.