



Learn Italian in Sestri Levante at the ABC School Center for Italian Language and Culture Brochure 2016



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THE SCHOOL

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The ABC School has been teaching the Italian Language and Culture to students from all over the world and has its main office in **Florence since 1982**.

The school is **officially authorised by MIUR** (the Italian Ministry of Education) and is a member of the Association of the Schools of Italian ASILS®. In all these years we have improved our offerings to better face the real needs of our students.

In 2015 we opened a new office in the enchanting Baia del Silenzio (Bay of Silence) in Sestri Levante (Genoa), one of the most beautiful beaches in Italy.

Also known as the city with two seas, Sestri Levante is set on a promontory extended on the sea originating two bays, the Bay of Silence and the Bay of the Fairy Tales, so called in honor of Hans Christian Andersen who lived here 1833.

Sestri Levante offers many opportunities, including: nature trails with breathtaking views on the sea; sailing classes; diving centres as well as excursions to Cinque Terre and Portofino.

Sestri Levante can be easily reached by car, by train or by plane. Genoa and Pisa are the closest airports.

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THE METHOD

The ABC School carries out research in the field of linguistics and pedagogy according to the “Direct Teaching Method” and takes into account the various existing trends in didactics with a special attention to a solid grammar base. We provide both **grammar** and **conversation** lessons.

The teachers frequently attend courses covering new methods: their knowledge is always up to date.

Moreover teachers are selected carefully with attention to their teaching abilities as well as personality.

STUDENTS LEARN QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY

- **MAXIMUM OF 6 STUDENTS PER CLASS.**

- Students have to do a written and oral test to be placed accurately in a class.

- Levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.



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ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

INDIVIDUAL COURSE

If you want to meet specific linguistic and professional requirements and you prefer to attend personalized lessons, you can choose an INDIVIDUAL COURSE.

Timetable and starting dates by arrangement.

One teacher and one student.

INDIVIDUAL INTENSIVE 30 COURSE

30 ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS A WEEK

If you don't have much time and want to make the most of your Italian classes, try our "30 one-to-one lessons a week"!

Programme:

3 one-to-one classes in the morning + 3 one-to-one classes in the afternoon.

Timetable and starting dates by arrangement.

DUETTO COURSE and TRIETTO COURSE

If you want to attend lessons with a friend or two at your same level, you can choose our DUETTO or TRIETTO COURSE.

Timetable, course length and starting dates by arrangement.

Duetto Course

One teacher and two students with the same level of Italian.

Trietto Course

One teacher and three students with the same level of Italian.





ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

STANDARD GROUP COURSE

20 LESSONS / WEEK

- 2 grammar group lessons/day and 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning.

Maximum of 6 students per class.

Please, check our schedule for starting dates.

STANDARD PLUS ONE-TO-ONE COURSES

25 or 30 LESSONS / WEEK

- 2 grammar group lessons/day and 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning

- PLUS 5 or 10 one-to-one lessons/week in the afternoon.

In the Plus lessons you can deepen some aspect of Italian language, or just speak Italian with your teacher.

Maximum of 6 students per class.

Please, check our schedule for starting dates.

STANDARD PLUS ONE-TO-ONE BUSINESS COURSES

25 or 30 LESSONS / WEEK

- 2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning

- 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning

- PLUS 5 or 10 one-to-one lessons/week in the afternoon.

In the plus lessons you can deepen **the Italian language** and/or choose one of these specific subjects:

- **business**
- **hotel and tourism**
- **flight attendant**
- **literature**
- **art history**
- **cooking**
- **fashion**
- **healthcare**
- **your specific need.**

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The ABC School of Florence is an authorized exam center of A.I.L. (The Italian Language Accademy) and of the University for foreigners of Siena (C.I.L.S. certification).

If you want to prepare for an AIL or CILS or CELI exam, the ABC School suggests a Standard Plus Exam preparation Course: the advantages of the Standard Group Course and the benefit of personalized individual lessons in the afternoon focused on the exam. It is also possible to attend a group course for CILS preparation.

STANDARD PLUS ONE-TO-ONE COURSE PREPARATION FOR CILS / CELI / AIL EXAMS

25 or 30 LESSONS/WEEK

- 2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
- 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
- PLUS 5 or 10 one-to-one lessons/week in the afternoon.

In the plus lessons you will prepare for the AIL, or CILS, or CELI exams.

Please, check our schedule for starting dates.

STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS LUNCH

23 LESSONS / WEEK

If you want to learn Italian and relax in trattoria with your teacher, speaking Italian, you can choose the Standard Course Plus Lunch.

- 2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
- 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
- PLUS 3 LUNCHES/week with a teacher in trattoria.

Please, check our schedule for starting dates.

STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS "SAPORI ITALIANI" (one week course)

20 ITALIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS
+ SPECIAL PROGRAM

Standard group course in the morning:

- 2 group grammar lessons/day + 2 group conversation lessons/day

Afternoon: 1 cooking lesson + 1 wine tasting + 1 cooking lecture + 1 gelato tour

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

“ITALIANO NO PROBLEM” COURSE (one week program)

If you want to learn some basic Italian so you can order in a bar or in a restaurant, go for shopping, book a hotel, introduce yourself, travel in Italy without problem, you can choose our “Italiano no problem”. 10 ONE-TO-ONE LESSONS focused on practical situations + lunch in trattoria with the teacher.

One week program.

Timetable and starting dates by arrangement.

CORSO “PARLO ITALIANO” (one or two weeks program)

10 LESSONS A WEEK, INDIVIDUAL OR IN SMALL GROUP

If you like spending your holidays in Italy and you would like to learn to be independent so you can speak in a restaurant and in a hotel, do shopping, travel, speak about you and your country, you can choose our “Parlo italiano course”: 10 lessons a week, individual or in little groups (2 or 3 people).

Timetable and starting dates by arrangement.

FAMILY WITH CHILDREN

If you want to join our courses, your children (5-14 years old) are welcome and they can study Italian at the same time. While you are in class your children will study Italian with a teacher following a special program partly in class and partly outside: taking a walk, visiting markets, gardens...

In the afternoon there is the opportunity to attend painting, music and theatre classes.

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

50 + GROUP COURSE

For students over 50 who want to study Italian and learn more about Italian and Florentine culture, the ABC School offers 1 or 2 week-programs.

20 ITALIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS/WEEK
(2 grammar group lessons + 2 conversation group lessons a day)

CULTURAL PROGRAM (3 activities a week):

Sample of program:

- Excursion to Cinque Terre
- Excursion to Portofino
- Walking tour in Sestri Levante
- Gelato tour
- Aperitivo together

50+ group course can last one or two weeks.

It can be combined with a 50+ Group Course in Florence.

Maximum of 6 students per class.

ITALIAN CLASSES TIMETABLE

MORNING

Italian language group classes normally take place in the morning.

Plus 5 or Plus 10 one-to-one classes are held in the early afternoon.

Individual, Duetto and **Trietto** classes can take place either in the morning or in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON

One-to-one **Plus 10** or **Plus 5** classes take place in the afternoon.

Individual, Duetto and **Trietto** classes can take place either in the morning or in the afternoon.

After class, the school periodically organizes **excursions to Cinque Terre and Portofino; dinners** together at local pizzerias or restaurants as well as **aperitivi**.
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If you want your stay to become more cultural, you can combine ABC School classes in Sestri Levante with classes in Florence.

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COURSES FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS

- Standard or Intensive courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels.
- Professional courses, cultural courses and art courses.
- Preparation for AIL, CILS and CELI exams
- Individual (one-to-one lessons), Duetto (two-to-one lessons) and Trietto (three-to-one lessons) courses.
- Group Courses (groups with a maximum of eight students).
- Italian and cooking lessons.
- Family with children courses.
- 50+ Group course.
- Programs of one week focused on practical situations.
- A wide range of opportunities to learn and improve the Italian language.

In the afternoon, after lessons, we organize a rich program of activities conducted by our teachers (some of them are licensed tour guide):

- Walking tours of Florence
- Guided tours to the most important museums and churches.
- Visits to wine farms in the zone of Chianti.
- Lectures in Italian art, Italian history, Italian literature, Italian language, Italian music, Italian cinema and Italian cooking and wine.
- Italian films with Italian subtitles.
- Yoga lessons.
- Aperitivo-dinners together in local bars.
- Dinners together in local restaurants.
- Cooking classes.
- Excursions in the most famous towns in Tuscany: Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca, Pisa, Arezzo...

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ITALIAN, ART AND MUSIC CLASSES

ABC School Sestri Levante, in cooperation with cultural association "Cantiere M.A.T." organizes music, theatre and art classes, which will enable you to approach the Italian language in a more creative way and will help you make your stay a fully enjoyable experience.

ITALIAN OPERA AND SINGER SONGWRITERS CLASSES

Music represents one of the most famous Italian symbols in the whole world. Italy can boast great classic composers, as well as musicians and traditional singers and songwriters.

If you love opera, enjoy pop or traditional songs and would like to know about music, history, lyrics and notes, try our opera and classic singer-songwriters classes.

Music classes, conducted by a qualified teacher, take place in the afternoon and can be matched with any other Italian language class.



ART CLASSES

Art classes are held in the afternoon and can be matched with any other Italian language classes.

We supply all types of classes: drawing, watercolour, painting "en plain air", oil painting, acrylic painting, charcoal drawing, watercolour wax painting, chalk drawing. Art classes are conducted by Monica Marcenaro, a qualified teacher who will follow you step by step.

Art classes last at least 2 hours.

It is possible, on request, to enrol exclusively in art classes.

ART AND MUSIC CLASSES TIMETABLE

Art and music classes only take place in the afternoon.

PHOTOGRAPY LESSONS

Theory and practical classes of photography and digital processing will take place on request in the afternoon or in the evening.

Photography lessons last 90 minutes and are conducted by Stella Magrone, professional photographer.





ACCOMMODATION

HOMESTAY

The ABC School provides accommodation for enrolled students.

Our accommodation are located in different types of homes and families: young, senior, and single parent families and couples with or without children. People may have different lifestyles or interests.

Please note that the number of families providing accommodation is limited, therefore - if you opt for this solution - make sure you book in advance.

The school provides accommodation from Sunday (the day before the course starts) until Saturday morning (the day after the course finishes).

An extra night on arrival or departure is possible.

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Kinds of accommodation in homestay:

- Single room with use of kitchen
- Single room with breakfast

Meals

Room with use of the kitchen: if you choose a room with use of the kitchen, you will have your own space to keep your food, but please, remember you are not

the only person in the house: as the kitchen is shared with the host family and/or other students, you are expected to leave it clean and tidy.

Room with breakfast: if you choose a room with either breakfast you are not allowed to use the kitchen.

Italian breakfast usually includes Italian coffee, milk or tea, biscuits, yogurt and fruit. Please, inform your host family if you have any allergies or intolerances.

Please, note that if you are staying out for the night you should let your host know as not to cause unnecessary concern.

INDEPENDENT APARTMENT

ABC School also provides accommodation in independent one bedroom-apartments both for singles and for couples.

Two or more bedroom apartments are also available for families.

Given the high demand for apartments, especially in high season, it is advisable to book well in advance so as to find the best accommodation available.



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ACCOMMODATION

RULES OF ACCOMMODATION

- Bed-linens and towels are provided and changed once a week.
- Rooms and independent apartments are cleaned before the student's arrival. The students are responsible for the cleaning of their room and of the common spaces (kitchen and bathroom).
- Electricity, gas and water expenses are included in the price.
- The use of the washing-machine is permitted once a week, without charge.
- An internet connection is not guaranteed. Some accommodation may have an Internet connection available for students at an additional cost. If there is no Internet connection you can buy an internet key for 15/20 € at any phone store.
- You are not allowed to bring friends home or invite them to stay overnight (without prior agreement with the host and the school).

- ARRIVAL: Students are asked to inform the owner of their accommodation at least 5 days prior their arrival.

- DEPARTURE: Students are asked to leave the apartment on the last day of their stay before 11:00 am.

HOTELS, BED & BREAKFAST e AGRITURISMI

In Sestri Levante you can also find a wide selection of hotels (from 2 to 5 stars), B&Bs and agriturismo.

Especially in high season we strongly recommend that you make a reservation well ahead your visit.





F.A.Q.

-What are the dates I can begin lessons?

If you are a beginner, you can start the Italian language course every other Monday. If you are not a beginner you can start any Monday. Please consult the schedule.

-What should I expect from my first day at the school?

We will wait for you at 8:30 am at school. Beginner students will start their lessons at 9:00 am. Students in all other levels will take an oral test prior to their start at 9:00.

-How many participants there will be in a class?

At the ABC School of Sestri Levante each class has a **maximum of 6 students**. This is due to better quality learning in smaller groups.

-Which textbooks are used?

Our grammar and exercise books have been written by the ABC School after many years of experience. These books are used in conjunction with authentic teaching materials, for example: newspaper and magazine articles, audiovisual materials, and many activities inside the classroom.

-Is the teaching material included in the price?

All text books and other supplies are provided by the school, but you are expected to bring your own dictionary.

-Which teaching method do you use?

The ABC School teaches according to the Direct Teaching Method: **from the first day on, in all levels, only Italian will be spoken**. You will be encouraged to practice verbal communication with your teachers so that you may learn Italian naturally, increasing your knowledge quickly and with confidence. With your teacher you will practice your spoken Italian in real-life situations.

-What are the qualifications of the teachers?

All the teachers are highly qualified. They have a degree in Italian language and literature. All of our teachers have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

-Which course certificates will I receive?

At the end of each course, students who have attended regularly will receive a certificate of attendance indicating the level of proficiency attained.

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The ABC school is

- officially authorised by the MIUR, Italian Ministry of Education (Document n. 1052/C20)
- recognised by CSN
- recognised for “Bildungsurlaub”
- authorised exam center of AIL (The Italian Language Academy)
- authorised exam center of CILS (University for foreigners in Siena)



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Police 113 / Carabinieri 112

Fire Department 115



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