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COURSE CONTENT – ITALIAN SHORT COURSE

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS
First encounters	 Greetings others Introducing oneself using simple language & fixed expressions 	 Alphabet Brief introduction to Italian pronunciation Formal and informal greeting and addressing others (e.g., <i>Ciao, como stai?</i> – Hello, how are you?; <i>Buongiorno</i> – Good morning) Basic expressions to introduce oneself (e.g., <i>Mi chiamo</i> - My name is)
Getting to know each other	 Giving and asking about basic personal details Socialising using basic words/ expressions 	 Countries & nationalities Personal pronouns Cardinal numbers 0-20 Simple expressions used to socialize (e.g., <i>Piacere</i> Pleased to meet you)
Family & Friends	 Introducing & giving basic information about a friend/family member Providing basic description of others using simple words/fixed expressions 	 The verb avere Cardinal numbers 21-100 Simple expressions to introduce & describe others (e.g., <i>Questo e mio moglie</i>This is my wife)
Out & about	 Talking about places in the neighbourhood/city using simple words Providing basic description of a place or a location. Understanding/Following basic instructions. 	 Basic prepositions of place (e.g., <i>Dietro –</i> behind) Simple expressions to ask about places: (e.g., Scusi, dove sono I negozi? – Excuse me, where are the shops?) Basic expressions to give instructions (e.g., <i>Dieci minuti a piedi</i>it's a 10-minute walk)
Going places	 Understanding simple numbers & dates 	 Basic prepositions of place (2) Simple expressions to talk about arrival & departure times (e.g., <i>A che ora parte il</i>

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	Asking and Telling time & day of the week	<i>prossimo treno per Roma</i> ? – What time does the next train for Roma leave ?)
	 Asking about/Telling arrival and departure times 	 Basic expressions to buy a ticket (e.g., Un biglietto per A ticket to)
Coffee anyone?	Understanding a simple menuMaking simple drink & food orders	• Simple expressions to describe food-drinks (e.g., <i>I gelati sono buonissimi</i> … Ice-cream is delicious
	 Using basic language to ask about food 	 Basic expressions to order a drink/a simple meal (e.g., <i>Prendo…</i>I'll have…)