

Course Content

Our courses are divided in six levels:

Basic level	A1 <i>Breakthrough</i>	A2 <i>Waystage</i>
Independent level	B1 <i>Threshold</i>	B2 <i>Vantage</i>
Autonomous level	C1 <i>Proficiency</i>	C2 <i>Mastery</i>

Below a brief description of the course content and the communication skills acquired on the courses.

A1 Basic level – *Breakthrough*

This course is for those who have little or no knowledge of the English language.

The A1 *Breakthrough* course aims at developing the following skills:

- The use and understanding of everyday expressions which can be used in real situations.
- Introductions.
- Asking for and giving personal information.
- Having simple conversations with a person who is willing to speak slowly and simply.

A2 Basic level – *Waystage*

The A2 *Waystage* course aims at developing the following skills:

- Understanding frequently used expressions in ordinary situations (personal information, family, shopping, places, work and study).
- Communicating in routine activities, where the exchange of information is simple and direct and where the situation is familiar.
- Describing yourself and your surroundings in simple terms.

B1 Independent level – *Threshold*

The B1 *Threshold* course aims at developing the following skills:

- Understanding the essence of a discussion in standard Italian on familiar topics such as work, school, free time etc.

- The ability to communicate in situations which may arise while traveling in Italy.
- The ability to write simple texts on familiar topics or topics of personal interest.
- The ability to describe experiences, dreams, hopes and ambitions.
- Giving opinions and talking about plans.

B2 Independent level – *Vantage*

The B2 *Vantage* course aims at developing the following skills:

- Understanding fundamental concepts in complex texts of both a concrete and abstract nature and where specialized language may be used.
- Conversing relatively fluently and without too much effort with a mother tongue speaker.
- The ability to write clearly and speak on a wide variety of topics.
- Expressing opinions in a real discussion and backing them up with reasons.

C1 Autonomous level – *Proficiency*

The C1 *Proficiency* course aims at developing the following skills:

- Understanding a wide variety of complex texts and their implicit meanings.
- Expressing ideas and opinions in a fluent and spontaneous way.
- The ability to use the language correctly in social, academic and professional situations.
- The ability to produce clear and well structured texts and to maintain complex discussions using correct structures and connectors and cohesive devices.

C2 Autonomous level – *Mastery*

The C2 *Mastery* course aims at developing the following skills:

- Understanding with complete ease everything you read or hear.
- Summarising information taken from various sources both written and oral.
- Expressing oneself fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.