



A Level Italian



A level Italian – themes and sub-themes

Theme 1: I cambiamenti della società italiana

Theme 1 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers social issues and trends.

L'evoluzione della famiglia italiana

Cambiamenti nell'atteggiamento verso il matrimonio, la coppia e la famiglia; i mammoni

L'istruzione

Il sistema scolastico e i problemi degli studenti; la fuga dei cervelli

Il mondo del lavoro

La parità tra i sessi; la disoccupazione; le imprese familiari; i nuovi modelli di lavoro

Theme 2: La cultura politica e artistica nei Paesi di lingua italiana

Theme 2 is set in the context of Italian-speaking countries and communities. This theme covers artistic culture (through music and festivals and traditions) and political and artistic culture (through media).

La musica

Cambiamenti e sviluppi; impatto sulla cultura popolare

I Media

La libertà di espressione; la stampa cartacea e online; l'impatto sulla società e la politica

Il patrimonio culturale

Feste, usi e costumi

Theme 3: L'Italia: una società in evoluzione

Theme 3 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers social issues and trends.

L'impatto positivo dell'immigrazione in Italia

Il contributo di immigrati e migranti all'economia e alla cultura

I problemi della migrazione in Italia

Marginalizzazione e alienazione; integrazione; impatto dell'emigrazione

Il divario Nord/Sud

Spostamenti tra Nord e Sud; il ruolo delle industrie italiane; le differenze socio-culturali; la criminalità

Theme 4: Dal Fascismo ai giorni nostri

Theme 4 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers political culture.

L'ascesa di Mussolini al potere

La nascita del Partito Fascista

Il Fascismo durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale

Il governo di Mussolini e la dittatura; la vita sotto Mussolini durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale

Dalla dittatura alla democrazia

La caduta di Mussolini; la Liberazione; le 6 nazioni

A novel in the original language : **Io non ho paura** written by N. Ammaniti

A film in the original language: **La vita è bella** directed by R. Benigni

Compulsory tasks

- 1) **ALL SKILLS:** Complete the following Portfolio

Anglo European School

A-level / IB Italian Summer Portfolio



Name: _____



2. Find a recipe

Find a recipe online. Try it out by following the instructions in the Target Language.



Recipe title: _____

Level of difficulty: _____

Result your opinion: _____

Result – someone else's opinion: _____

3. Watch a film



Watch a film in the TL (with English subtitles).

You can also find films on Netflix, Diney+, You Tube, or rent a DVD of your choice.

Title of film _____

What was it about? _____

Did you like the film? Give details! _____

How well did you understand it?



4. Keep a diary

Keep a diary for a week of all the activities and fun things you do during that week, write it all in your TL.



Date	Activities

5. Find a Podcast in TL

Listen to a podcast in the TL.

You can find some on AppleMusic, Spotify etc.



Title of the podcast _____

What was it about? _____

Did you like the podcast? Give details!

How well did you understand it?

6. Read a book

Go to the library and borrow a novel in the TL.
(It may help if you find a book you have already read in
your native language.)



Title: _____

Date: _____

Short summary in Italian:

Did you like the book? Give details!

7. Find a BLOG



Find a blog in the TL about a topic that interests you and write some information below about it.

Name _____

Topic _____

Details: _____

10. Prepare a presentation

Prepare a 2 minute presentation about yourself (who am I) and be prepared to present it on your first week back to school with little to no support.

Titel: Chi sei?

Parla di:

- La tua famiglia
- I tuoi hobby/passioni
- I tuoi amici
- Cosa vorresti fare nel futuro
- Il tuo lavoro ideale

You can make a Powerpoint but the idea is to speak freely with little notes.

Checklist

Tick off the tasks when completed. Make a brief comment to evaluate them.



Task	✓	Comment(s)
1. Listen to the radio		
2. Find a recipe		
3. Watch a film		
4. Keep a diary		
5. Listen to a podcast		
6. Read a book		
7. Find a blog		
8. Learning vocabulary		
9. Read a newspaper article		
10. Prepare a presentation		

2) **GRAMMAR** revision: you need to be confident using the following tenses and grammar structures.

- Present tense
- Past tenses (passato prossimo e imperfetto)
- Future & Modal verbs (dovere/potere/volere/sapere)
- Conditional (present)
- Prepositions
- Pronouns
- Subjunctive present and imperfect

Explore these websites, find the ones that work for you. Create a table of tenses with examples.

<https://www.almaedizioni.it/it/almatv/grammatica-caffe/>

http://www.oneworlditaliano.com/grammatica-italiana/pronomi_combinati.htm

<http://www.zanichellibenvenuti.it/wordpress/?p=1717>

<http://www.impariamoitaliano.com/index.htm>

https://www.iluss.it/schede_gram_free.html

<http://www.speakitalian.org/exercises--esercizi.html>

3) LISTENING

<https://www.newsinslowitalian.com/>

Choose a piece of news, listen and summarize it in English. Listen again, summarize it in Italian.

4) READING

- Familiarize yourself with the content of the course, explore the Pearson Edexcel website for useful resources.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/italian-2017.html>

- Start reading authentic texts. Read the following article about changes in the Italian family. Make some bullet points to help describe current trends and changes and justify these with data.

https://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2019/12/30/news/istat_la_famiglia_italiana_sempre_piu_piccola_il_33_e_single_-244636735/?refresh_ce

5) WRITING

- If you can write a good essay in your own language you will in a foreign language too. Go over some essay writing skills to help.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/essay-and-report-writing-skills/content-section-0>

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/essay-and-report-writing-skills/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

- Familiarize yourself with the vocabulary for writing on film and literature

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Italian/2017/teaching-learning-materials/Italian-Essay-vocabulary-AS-and-AL.pdf>

Recommended tasks

- Think about an aspect of Italian culture and society you would personally like to research and justify your choice.
- Read the first chapter of the novel *Io non ho paura* by N. Ammaniti.
- Read or watch a video about Mussolini and Fascism, who was Mussolini and how did the fascist party come into power?
- Read an article about the North and South divide.