

Centro Linguistico di Ateneo
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Course Objectives

The course aims to consolidate and expand B1 competences across the four language skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing), enabling students to act as independent users of English in familiar academic, social and professional contexts, in line with CEFR B1 descriptors.

Methodology

A blended, communicative and student-centred approach integrating role-plays, discussions, collaborative tasks, inductive grammar discovery, and integrated skills practice using authentic audio and video materials.

Grammar

- Review of present tenses (simple, continuous, perfect) and state vs action verbs
- Narrative tenses: past simple, past continuous, past perfect, used to
- Future forms: will, be going to, present continuous, present simple
- Relative clauses (defining and non-defining)
- Passive voice (present and past)
- Articles, determiners and quantifiers
- Comparatives and superlatives; too/enough; so/such
- Modal verbs of obligation, advice and ability
- Verb patterns (verb + infinitive / -ing)
- Linking devices for contrast, reason and result

Lexical Areas

- Communication, media and technology
- Travel, transport and tourism
- Places, cities and services
- Education and learning
- Work and professions
- Feelings, emotions and opinions
- Health, fitness and lifestyle
- Food, taste and consumer habits
- Sport, risk and danger
- Nature, environment and sustainability
- Arts, entertainment and culture
- Senses and perception
- Success, failure and personal experiences

Speaking Functions

- Expressing and justifying opinions
- Describing and comparing experiences
- Narrating past events and stories
- Making suggestions and recommendations
- Agreeing and disagreeing politely
- Speculating and hypothesising
- Describing photos and situations
- Asking for and giving opinions
- Participating in discussions and collaborative tasks
- Giving reasons and linking ideas coherently

Writing

- Informal and semi-formal emails
- Short articles and blog-style texts
- Narrative texts and stories
- Descriptive texts
- Opinion paragraphs
- Reviews
- Guided exam-style writing tasks

Course Materials

B1 Formula – Student's Book & Workbook
S. Dignen & L. Warwick – Pearson