
IB Italian ab initio

Introduction to the course
Introduzione al corso



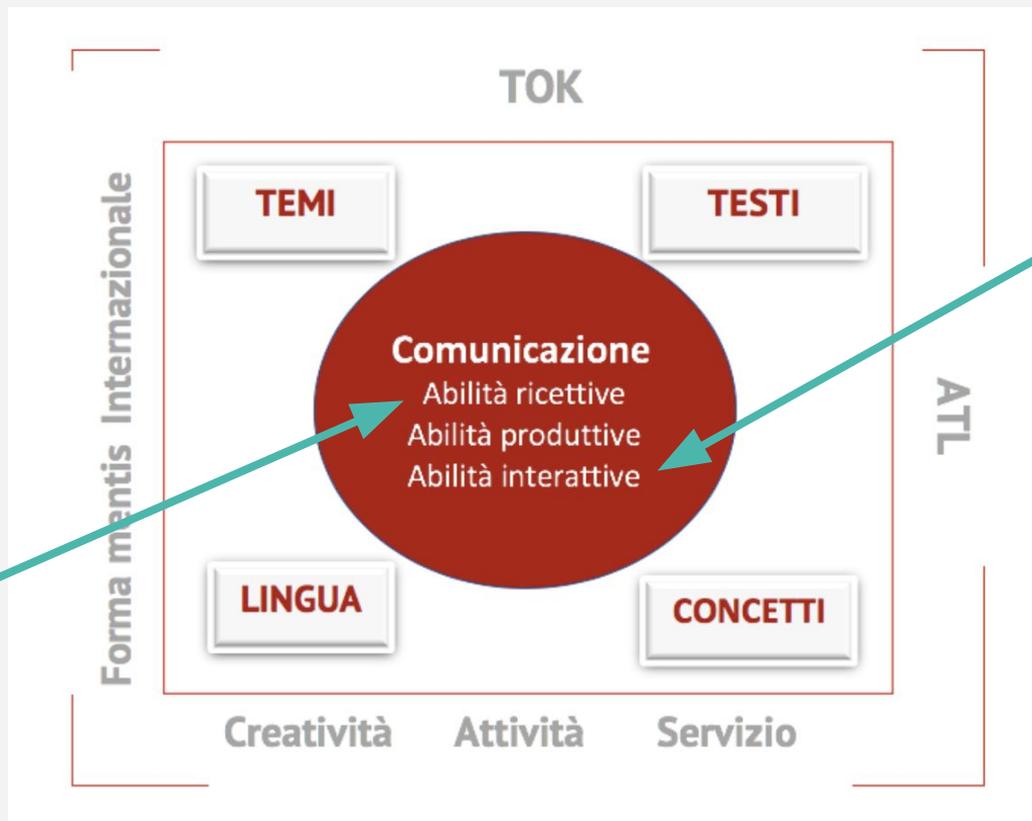
For first examination 2020

Italian Ab Initio

- ❑ For beginners or students with very little experience of Italian
- ❑ Accelerated language course – we will move quickly!
- ❑ Two-year course covering 3 CEFR levels (A1 – B1)
- ❑ Equal focus on the 4 skills of language learning.
- ❑ The same skills and themes are covered in Language B and Language Ab Initio

Syllabus Outline

Can you explain the difference between Receptive and Productive skills?



How can we develop interactive skills? How might they be tested?

Activity 1: Themes and Topics

Identities

Experiences

Human ingenuity

Social organization

Sharing the planet

Look at the 5 Ab Initio themes:

a) What themes would you put the following topics in?

- Holidays
- Personal attributes (Describing myself and others)
- Education
- Social media
- My relationship with my family
- Global warming

b) What other topics do you think we might cover as part of these themes?

Syllabus content

Identities

- Personal attributes, Personal Relationships, Eating and drinking, Physical wellbeing

Experiences

- Daily routine, Leisure, Holidays

Human ingenuity

- Transport, Entertainment, Media, Technology

Social organization

- Neighborhood, Education, The workplace, Social issues

Sharing the planet

- Climate, Physical geography, The Environment, Global Issues

Conceptual understanding

Audience

language should be appropriate for the person(s) with whom one is communicating

Context

language should be appropriate to the situation in which one is communicating

Purpose

language should be appropriate to achieve a desired intention, goal or result when communicating

Meaning

language is used in a range of ways to communicate a message

Variation

Differences exist within a given language, and that speakers of a given language are generally able to understand each other

A very important aspect of the Ab Initio course is adapting language to context, audience, purpose

This happens in Language B and even Language and Literature

Assessment Overview

Paper 1 External	Writing (2 tasks)	25%
Paper 2 External	Listening (3 texts) Reading (3 texts)	50%
Individual oral Internal	Presentation and discussion	25%

Paper 1

Productive Skills

- ❑ **2 tasks** from a choice of 3 (*one 'personal', the other one professional or mass media*)
- ❑ **75- 150 words** each
- ❑ **1 hour**
- ❑ Student choose text type from a suggested list of 3
- ❑ Same (3) criteria for both tasks
- ❑ Weighting: 25%

Paper 2

Receptive Skills

- ❑ **Reading** (1 hour) - 3 texts
- ❑ **Listening** (45 minutes) – 3 texts
- ❑ **Weighting: 50 %**

Individual oral

Productive and interactive skills

- ❑ **Presentation** of a visual stimulus (1-2 min)
- ❑ **Interaction** on the visual stimulus (3-4 min)
- ❑ **General discussion** on at least another theme (4-5 min)
- ❑ Weighting: 25 %

Individual oral

Productive and interactive skills

- ❑ You will choose **one** visual stimulus from a choice of two (each stimulus is related to the prescribed themes)
- ❑ **15 min** of supervised **preparation**

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