

Corsi di Inglese 1 e 2

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Oggetto : “esercizi”... di ripasso, rinforzo e consolidamento

Ciò che segue sono esercizi d'Inglese per contribuire ad un mantenimento di mente attiva e ad un rinforzo di conoscenza in termini di strutture grammaticali (in senso lato), vocaboli e “funzioni” comunicative. Si tratta di esercizi diversi , alcuni molto facili, altri facili, altri un po' meno... efficaci comunque, oltre all'obiettivo di fondo, a contribuire a rasserenare un po' le nostre menti in questi giorni di poca luce. Gli esercizi non seguono nella loro collocazione un'indicazione di facilità, così i primi non sono i più semplici e gli ultimi i più complessi, ma proprio in questa voluta collocazione mista e nella ricerca di nuovi esercizi “accessibili”... si potranno “forse” acquisire nuovi stimoli e curiosità mirati sempre all'obiettivo di fondo. Un contributo di rinforzo da condividere anche con membri delle vostre famiglie e con amici. Naturalmente... sul sito dell'Unitre di Pinerolo, alla voce “Articoli e saggi” e sotto il nome dello scrivente, potrete trovare altre sue proposte già segnalate ai corsisti.

Le domande ... a cui - “naturalmente”- si potrà rispondere... sono tra le più ricorrenti nella quotidianità. Individuare bene la loro richiesta e come essa è espressa non darà soddisfazione solo al loro intento di partenza, ma permetterà / stimolerà anche una risposta più precisa....

How are you ?

How is your wife/husband/sister/brother/son/daughter/friend ?.....

How old are you ?

How old is your mother/father/niece/nephew ?

Have you got any brothers and sisters?.....

Have you got any cats and/or dogs ?.....

What time is it ?.....

What time is the lesson ?.....

What is (What's) your address ?.....

What is your telephone number ?

What's the weather like ?.....

What's your opinion about ?

Who are you with in this photo ?.....

Who is the teacher of the course/of this/that course ?.....

Who are the teachers of these/those courses?.....

Where is a free parking area in Pinerolo ?

When is the parking area near the town hall free ?

Why is this large square not free ?
 How many are the members of your family ?.....
 How many cousins have you got ?.....
 How much is a cup of coffee in that café ?
 How tall are you ?
 How high is Monviso ?.....
 How much is that cake ?..... It's expensive, but it's delicious
 Where are you from ?.....
 What nationality are you ?.....
 Where's my magazine ? It was on the table
 Where is your grandson/granddaughter now? Is he/she at home ?.....
 Where is that gentleman/lady from?.....
 What have you got in your bag ?.....
 What kind of person is that man/woman/boy/girl ?
 Who is the girl in the photo ?
 How old is she ?.....
 Why is there this stain on the chair ?.....
 When is your birthday ? It's in/on
 What is there on the table?
 Who is that man on the corner ?.....
 Who do you know in that group ?.....
 Who knows that group ?.....
 Who usually sells apples from Cavour ?
 What's your surname/family name ?and what's your name ?
 Whose bag is this ?
 Which model do you prefer ?.....
 Which is your favourite football team ?
 What time does the post office open ?
 Is it open on Saturday afternoon ?.....
 Where is the post office in that village ?.....
 Is there a parking area in front of it ?.....
 How do you usually travel ?
 What's the weather like now ?.....What's the weather like in summer?
 Which is the car model you would like to buy?.....
 How is your son/daughter getting back home ? On foot or by bike?.....
 How is your wife/husband /brother/sister ?.....
 How long have you been working in that office ? For..... Since
 How long does it take to get from Turin to Pinerolo ?.....
 How long have you been waiting for the bus ? Since
 Can that old person send you a message ?
 Why is that office often closed ? Because.....
 Where are they spending their holiday next summer?
 Where are they living now ?.....
 When does the concert start ?.....
 When do the gates open ?
 What time have you got the bus to go back home ?.....
 What is he/she like ? Is he/ she good-looking ?
 What does he/she like ?.....
 What languages do you speak ?.....
 What TV programs do you like/prefer/ usually watch ?.....
 What TV programs can't you stand? Why?

What was on TV last night ?
 Who was your son/daughter/brother/... with, when I saw him/her..... ?
 Where did they live till ten years ago ?
 When were you born and when was your partner born ?.....
 Who smoked cigars when he/she was young ?
 Who called you at noon ?Who did you call at one o'clock p. m.?.....
 Whom did you help when you were young ?.....
 When and how did you usually get there ?
 Which is the number to change on this paper?.....
 Who gave your telephone number to that strange person ?
 How much sugar does he/she usually put in his/her cup of coffee ?.....
 How long has your son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter been driving?
 Which were the most common songs when you were young ?
 How did you solve the question ?
 What are you doing tomorrow evening? Are you staying at home or .. ?.....
 Whose car is that on the right ?.....
 How many computers has your son got ?.....
 Who wrote that horrible sentence on the wall ?.....
 Why can't they enter? They aren't late
 Why do you think they don't like living there?.....
 Shall I close the window ?.....
 How do you usually get home after a U3 lesson ?.....
 How do you feel when you meet that person ?
 Who likes waiting for friends in the corridor ?.....
 What did your (family member) think of the question ?.....
 What was the weather like when you arrived there?.....
 What will the weather be like at the end of this week ?
 Why has that lady just turned off the light ?.....
 What happened when you opened the door ?
 Who had invited you to enter ?
 Who had you invited to enter ?
 How many times a week do you do this activity?.....
 What's wrong? How do you feel ?What's the matter with you ?.....
 How long has your son/daughter/friend... been working there ?.....
 How long have you got a new car?
 Where were your friends when the thieves arrived?.....
 How long have you been retired ?
 Why can't they call you ?.....
 How much does the ticket cost ?.....
 How many hours a day do you watch TV ? Why ?.....
 Could you arrive before ? I'm not sure because.....
 What time does your favourite TV program start ?.....
 What time does it end ?.....
 What can I do to help you?.....
 Why do they like chatting?.....
 What should people do to help those children?.....
 What would you like to do in your free time ?.....
 What's up with you ?.....
 What's the writer trying to communicate in his/her new work ?.....
 How did the question make them feel ?

How do you feel? Perhaps a bit tired but you must be satisfied. You have achieved the objective !

The following activity is a bit unusual as the skills requested are youth and mobile phone... Anyway , we - mature people - can always try.... and the “spring” will be back.

Be a wolf!

*When the days are not so clear And the light seems to disappear
Be a wolf! And jump over your fear! d.p.*

Match these abbreviations to their meaning but use them only if you don't have space and time. To respect the person you are writing to, use the complete form of the words .That person will perceive a good image of yours .

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Laugh out loud	no problem	great	thanks	how are you?	
see you later	consider it done	thinking of you	happy	in my opinion	
forever	don't worry	where are you?	rolling on the floor	laughing	before
tomorrow	as soon as possible	sad	have a nice day	see you tomorrow	
as soon as possible	are you OK?	please, call me	late		

Key

GR8 (great) NP(no problem) L8 (late) PCM(please call me) ASAP (as soon as possible)
2DAY (today) LOL(laugh or loud) 4EVER(forever) WRU (where are you) CUL8R (see you later)
TOY(thinking of you) IMO (in my opinion) 2MORO (tomorrow) B4(before)
THX (thanks) CID (consider it done) HRU (how are you) RPTFL (rolling on the floor laughing)
HAND (have a nice day) DW (don't worry) CU2MORO (see you tomorrow) RUOK (are you ok)
:-((sad) -) (happy)

Ciò che segue è un invito a portare attenzione ad una differenza non sempre ben evidenziata su testi scolastici e relativa ad una differenza “grammaticale” di uso tra l’italiano e l’inglese.

Le seguenti frasi : “ci sono molte auto in quel parcheggio” e “ci sono solo un’auto e tre biciclette” richiedono in Italiano il verbo al plurale . In Inglese, solo la prima richiede però questo “riconoscimento”, la seconda – contemplando subito dopo il verbo un soggetto singolare – richiederà infatti il verbo alla III persona singolare e questo sebbene la frase prosegua con altri “soggetti”.

There are always a lot of cars in that parking area but now **there is** only a car and three bicycles

Naturalmente la “differenza” vale anche per altri tempi verbali con analoghe varianti

At the party **there were** only John’s colleagues, **there wasn’t** his wife and their sons

Formulare la domanda con “attenzione” al tempo verbale in uso

Her husband is still working in that factory . Where.....?

John heard that strange noise. Who..... ?

She wrote a poem for her boyfriend. What..... ?

She has been playing volleyball for three years. How long..... ?

She went on foot (because she didn't have money). Why.....?

My grandfather usually told me fantastic stories. What..... ?

They were always at the seaside in summer. Where..... ?

The Browns opened their new shop in winter. When.....?

Lucy's sister always works on Sundays. Who.....?

He went away because the show was too boring. Why.....?

He studied in that old school when he was a child. Where.....?

He saw a wolf while he was walking along the path. What.....?

Carol's boyfriend won an incredible competition when... Who?

She usually spent her holidays at home. Where.....?

She started her new professional career in August. When..... ?

They worked in that factory only for ten days. How long.....?

Mr and Mrs Brown paid only twenty euros in that restaurant. How much

More than twenty people waited for in the street. How many.....?

Susan's dog is fifteen years old. Whose.....?

Questions connected to this uncertain period

What would you do in this period if you could?.....

Which place would you like to reach in these days if you could ? And why?.....

Which place gives you more pleasant light in these days ?.....

What novel/story would you suggest to a friend to improve the atmosphere of these days?...

As food can help to find serenity, what food would you suggest in these days ?

Look at the mountains around and try to remember when you reached the top or “simply” arrived at the foot of one of them. Who was with you ? Why did you choose that mountain ?

Complete the questions with a question word : Who, What,Where,Which,When,How

1).....'s your birthday ? 2).....old are you ? 3)..... are you? Fine, thanks

4)..... are you from ? 5).....'s that boy with Susan ? 6) 's Mark? He's in the office

7)’s the English for libro ? 8).....are you? Fine. Thanks 9).....is your favourite football team, Juventus or Torino?

Periodi Ipotetici

Examples: If you come, I am happy (0 type) (in Italiano: se vieni sono felice) due presenti indicativi – If you come, I will be happy (Ist type). - presente indicativo nella frase secondaria e futuro nella frase principale (in Italiano: Se verrai, sarò felice) - If you came, I would be happy (IIrd type) passato remoto/congiuntivo imperfetto nella frase secondaria, condizionale presente nella frase principale (Se tu venissi, sarei felice) If you had come , I would have been happy (IIIrd type) trapassato/congiuntivo trapassato nella frase secondaria, condizionale passato nella frase principale (Se tu fossi venuto/a, sarei stato felice)

Eccezione ; Se io fossi....., io sarei... If I **were** (e non I was)I would be...

First conditional. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

If she(.recognize) him she(give) him back the documents left on the table

We(start) very early unless the roads....(be blocked)

If she(hurry) she(catch) the train

You(not understand) how to use it if you.....(not read)the instruction manual

I.....(go) with her if she(insist)

Whatyou (do) if you.....(win) the lottery

Unless we (find) more members the club..... (close)

I(move) to London when I(start) university

She(not lose) weight if she(eat) all those cakes

If they(bring) their dog it(destroy) the garden.

If he (be) careful, he(find) a solution

She(be) satisfied if we(invite) her.

Second conditional. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

I.....(work) in the garden if I(have) more free time

If she(be) quieter, she(be) more satisfied of her paintings

If you(have not) that flat, where.....you (spend) you week-end ?

I.....(celebrate) with my friends if I.....(win) the lottery

If I(see) a fire, I(call) the fire brigade

If I(be) you, I(tell) the truth
 She.....(be) sad, if she.....(not see) you
 He.....(can come), if you.....(call) him
 The students(not be) happy if their school(be) still closed
 If you(be) on a desert island, what.....(you do) ?
 If you.....(not drive) more carefully you(have) an accident.
 They(wait) in the hall if somebody.....(open) that door
 If he/she(have to) wait for you, he/ she(not be) worried
(invite) that person if you.....(have) his/her telephone number ?
 If Pinerolo(be) more appreciated, there(be) more tourists

Third conditional Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

She(be) happier if you(be) with her
 If they(arrive) before, they(buy) that old house
 If Lucy's daughter.....(open) a shop in that area, she(satisfy) a lot of relatives
 She(have) that flat if she(have) more information
 If prices.....(be) lower, they(be) the first to buy it
 They(visit) that museum if they.....(find) their tickets
 If she(come) she(be) very surprised
 They.....(spend) the evening at home if you.....(not come)
 If I(buy) that woollen sweater, I(to be) satisfied
 My friend.....(visit) that museum if the ticket(not be) so expensive
 If this incredible homework.....(be) shorter I(be) happier

Write the plural of the following nouns

Child..... woman..... man..... radio..... hero.....kiss.....goose.....life....video.....

dream.....person...country.....sandwich.....wolf..... photo ... foot....leaf.....life... tooth...
work.....bus.....thief.....tomato.....boy.....lady.....beach.....

Translate these sentences with attention, taking into consideration especially their “grammar” content...

Who's that lady on the corner ? That lady, whose husband we met in the hall, was a nice singer when she was eighteen . How did you feel when you met that old friend of yours? Where are they waiting for their cousin? Nobody in that group knew the way to get to..... She put her new poem on her website. Please read it and tell me your opinion about ...Somebody says that the rainy season in our area can last almost a month. Do you agree ? What are you doing on Saturday evening? Nothing special. We're having a pizza with our neighbours. They usually send a lot of emails to their relatives but they never phone them. Hey, baby! That's amazing! Please, explain this matter. If she has never been to that shop, how can she know the precise price of so many dresses ? Has a member of your family ever cooked a pizza? Has your son ever slept in a tent? I don't think so, if I well remember. She would really like to reach that mountain top but nobody volunteers to go with her. That boy has been her boyfriend for some months but her parents don't know it. He wants his wife to eat more fruit while she wants him to drink less coffee. They are going to be famous in a couple of months! Said an old man after their introduction... Have you ever been to Canada ? No, never. Has you daughter ever been to Scotland? Yes, she has. She went there for the first time about ten years ago. “Since I've been loving you” is the title of a famous song of the last “century”... You don't have to wait in the corridor but you must turn off your mobile phones ! When they were young, they had to live in a very small flat but their parents were a great help of theirs. I usually like listening to music while I am working. How do you usually feel when you meet a person you know but you don't remember the name ? How long have you been working in that factory? Since 19.. / For a lot of years How often does your daughter see her boyfriend ? It depends. According to her... while according to Do you usually use foreign words in your verbal communication ? Do you usually put your car into the garage ? Yes, of course. “Don't forget that it's important how you look” said a man to his son who was going to be accepted in a working place. Are there any important old buildings in your town? I think so. Don't forget that when you are in Great Britain, you have to drive on the left. You mustn't open that gate at night. There are no lights. Do you usually take your dog for a walk? Yes, of course, even if it would prefer... Could you call a friend of yours to solve this problem ? Let me think... The right person is abroad. Even in this period she has to..... why don't her colleagues try to help her ? Everybody needs somebody...an old song says. Sometimes I can't understand why those... are so appreciated? Why does the writer mention only ? What kind of articles should a local magazine deal with? I don't know. It's not a simple question. The expectations of the readers could be several and different Keep hard! The Light is coming back Don't let your mind down! A simple common “thing” can be sometimes a great help ! Look at the mountains around you and try to discover a new peculiarity of theirs. A great help in these “hard” days is given by the creatures that are with us. Let's keep it in mind and let's thank them. Also a person, we don't appreciate, could be rediscovered in this hard “season” . Darkness will never be the winner . May the Light be always in our mind, in our heart and in our days! dp

