



fluentintuition Course Description

1.2 Beginners Plus course

Aims

This course provides an intensive focused approach ideal for language newbies who would like to acquire the practical speaking and listening skills needed to cope with day-to-day scenarios when socialising and travelling abroad. The course is communicative in approach focusing on speaking and listening, and employing a range of participative activities in order to revisit the topic areas detailed below. Key structures of basic grammar are introduced inductively. Learn how to socialise, organise an evening, cope at a social gathering, eat out and get tourist information. The course provides an introduction to the language and also the building block to enable learners to progress. Learners can repeat to consolidate, continue to build on this foundation level or fast-track to Post Beginner level.

Course programme (open to discussion and amendment at any time)

At the restaurant	Ordering food for self and others
Getting tourist information	Finding out about tickets, opening and closing times, excursions
Free time, hobbies	Talking about your likes and dislikes
Making arrangements	Inviting, accepting, declining and making arrangements
Social gathering	Talking about yourself and your family to others at a gathering
Language workout	Flexing and strengthening new language muscles
Work and free time	Talking about daily routine, work and free time. Bootcamp: looking at verbs
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Work and free time	Bootcamp: to be or not to be
What Katie did	Talking about what you have done
What Katie bought	Talking about what you have bought
Language workout	Flexing and strengthening new language muscles



Who is it for?

For those who have completed an introductory Beginners course or equivalent in situ experience. You should be able to exchange some basic personal information, get about and purchase goods.

IN DEPTH ANALYSIS

Indicative structures to be covered at beginner plus level:

- ✔ Phonology: basic sounds and pronunciation
- ✔ Grammar: numbers and alphabet, nouns ,gender, plural endings, definite and indefinite articles, partitive article, adjectival agreement in outline, present tense - regular verbs, modals, and some key irregulars, subject pronouns, direct object pronouns, (contracted) prepositions, conjunctions, interrogatives and negatives, further structures may be taught globally and/or in context and present perfect tense where appropriate

This is not prescriptive, structures covered will vary from one language to another, as appropriate and in accordance with student need.

What is this Beginners Plus course working towards?

This Beginners Plus course works towards level A1 of the Common European Framework. The intended speaking and listening outcomes at this level are as follows:

Listening: A1

- ✔ I can understand basic, familiar and well-pronounced words in simple sentences, deduce meaning and respond appropriately
- ✔ I can understand basic greetings and phrases (e.g. 'hello', 'good morning', 'excuse me', 'sorry', 'thank you') and methods of addressing people
- ✔ I can understand simple questions about myself when people speak slowly and clearly
- ✔ I can understand very simple information concerning numbers and time (e.g. days of the week, months of the year, numbers, prices and times)
- ✔ I can understand short simple instructions and directions given in clear slow speech
- ✔ I can understand very limited and brief expressions related to personal and daily life when people speak slowly and clearly
- ✔ I can understand simple words concerning myself, my family, my immediate environment when people speak slowly and clearly
- ✔ I can understand basic numerals

Speaking: A1

- ✔ I can repeat, retell and recite words and sentences learned, with proper tones
- ✔ I can address new acquaintances and make basic introductions (e.g. say who I am, ask someone's name and introduce someone)
- ✔ I can initiate and respond to basic greetings and courtesy phrases (e.g. 'please', 'thank you', 'how are you?', 'I'm fine')
- ✔ I can make simple purchases, using pointing and gestures to support what I say
- ✔ I can ask and answer very simple questions about myself if I can take my time and get help from the person I am talking to
- ✔ I can reply to simple direct questions about personal details if these are spoken very slowly and clearly in standard language
- ✔ I can indicate that I understand or do not understand
- ✔ I can give and respond to simple instructions and commands
- ✔ I can indicate basic needs and wants and can seek assistance