

# Unit 1 (Uno) - Introduction to the Language

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# ITALIAN 1A, 9 - 12

# INTRODUCTION TO THE LANGUAGE

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## Unit Overview

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### Unit 1 - Introduction to the Language

#### Alphabet / Phonetics of target language

- Identify vowel/consonant sounds in target language and compare & contrast with the English alphabet

#### Introductions / Greetings / Leave-takings

- Introduce, greet one another, and take leave of others with the appropriate level of address.

#### Numbers 0 to 1 million

- Count and recite numbers on sight

#### Time vocabulary

- Days & Months (dates)
- Seasons & Weather vocabulary

## Enduring Understanding

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## Essential Questions

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## Exit Skills

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Students will be able to:

- Extend and respond to greetings.
- Introduce themselves and others.
- Respond to and ask people their names, age and where are they from.
- Ask for and give the time and weather.
- Identify and recite vowel/consonant sounds & diphthongs
- Be able to appropriately use classroom expressions.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)

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WL.7.1.NM.A.1	Recognize familiar spoken or written words and phrases contained in culturally authentic materials using electronic information and other sources related to targeted themes.
WL.7.1.NM.A.2	Demonstrate comprehension of simple, oral and written directions, commands, and requests through appropriate physical response.
WL.7.1.NM.A.3	Recognize a few common gestures and cultural practices associated with the target culture(s).
WL.7.1.NM.A.4	Identify familiar people, places, and objects based on simple oral and/or written descriptions.
WL.7.1.NM.A.5	Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages using age - and level - appropriate, culturally authentic materials on familiar topics.
WL.7.1.NM.B.1	Use digital tools to exchange basic information at the word and memorized - phrase level related to self and targeted themes.
WL.7.1.NM.B.2	Give and follow simple oral and written directions, commands, and requests when participating in age - appropriate classroom and cultural activities.
WL.7.1.NM.B.3	Imitate appropriate gestures and intonation of the target culture(s)/language during greetings, leave - takings, and daily interactions.
WL.7.1.NM.B.4	Ask and respond to simple questions, make requests, and express preferences using memorized words and phrases.
WL.7.1.NM.C.1	Use basic information at the word and memorized - phrase level to create a multimedia - rich presentation on targeted themes to be shared virtually with a target language audience.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.L.9-10.2.C	Spell correctly.
LA.L.9-10.3	Apply knowledge of language to make effective choices for meaning, or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading, writing, speaking or listening.
LA.L.9-10.4.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
LA.L.9-10.4.C	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.

Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

## Learning Objectives

After completing this unit, students will be able to:

- Read, Comprehend, and Construct basic phrases in target Language
- Understand and Apply written and oral conventions to everyday interactions
- Compare and contrast target language countries with the US

Examples:

- **Recognize and repeat** vocabulary and expressions covered in the unit;
- Use computer to **compare and contrast cultural** habits and customs results;
- Apply knowledge of unit through **Role Play** and oral presentations.

Action Verbs: Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



## Suggested Activities & Best Practices

Suggested Activities:

- Written comprehension activities;
- Reading comprehension activities;
- Oral practice;
- Interactive games;
- Integrate technology (e.g. Kahoot!, Escape Rooms, Seesaw, etc.)

Exemplar: Work collaboratively in pairs or groups to create, revise and present script on student choice unit topic in Seesaw video project.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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- Evaluation & Oral presentation rubrics - formative assessment
  - Group activities - alternative assessment
  - "Do Now" activities - formative assessment
  - Peer assessment - alternative assessment
  - Writing Labs - alternative assessment
  - Unit Specific CFU- Alphabet Call Out - formative assessment
  - Proficiency Benchmark - summative assessment
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- Admit Tickets
  - Anticipation Guide
  - Common Benchmarks
  - Compare & Contrast
  - Create a Multimedia Poster
  - DBQ's
  - Define
  - Describe
  - Evaluate
  - Evaluation rubrics
  - Exit Tickets
  - Explaining
  - Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
  - Illustration
  - Journals
  - KWL Chart
  - Learning Center Activities
  - Multimedia Reports
  - Newspaper Headline
  - Outline
  - Question Stems
  - Quickwrite
  - Quizzes
  - Red Light, Green Light
  - Self- assessments
  - Socratic Seminar
  - Study Guide
  - Surveys
  - Teacher Observation Checklist
  - Think, Pair, Share
  - Think, Write, Pair, Share
  - Top 10 List

- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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District Text Book Series per Language (*Percosi* - Pearson)

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- Current event articles
- Internet / Video clips / Virtual tours
- Teacher-generated materials

## **Technology Infusion**

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- World language websites & resources are provided on Edlio class website and in class assignments like Google Classroom, Seesaw, Kahoot!, etc.

Exemplar: Create a 10-15 question Kahoot game using the vocabulary and grammar structures of their choice from the current unit to present to their peers during assessment reviews.

Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel



## Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.



CAEP.9.2.12.C.5	Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS3	Develop cultural understanding and global awareness by engaging with learners of other cultures.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4	Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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**21st Century/Interdisciplinary Themes** that will be incorporated into this unit:

- Communication and Collaboration
- Media Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
  
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- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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**21st Century Skills** that will be incorporated into this unit:

- Global Awareness
  
- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## **Differentiation**

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- Allow students to complete oral assessments
- Additional time, when needed

General Differentiations:

- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Small group setting

#### Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Leveled rubrics
- Multiple intelligence options
- Project-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Tiered activities/assignments

#### Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of activities
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied supplemental materials

Exemplar: Students engage in student choice project based learning to help explore and present understanding of current vocabulary and grammar skills in accordance with their own levels of knowledge.

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- additional time for skill mastery
- student working with an assigned partner
- check work frequently for understanding
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- preferential seating

Exemplar: Provide word bank on fill in the blank/recall assessments.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Not applicable to World Language.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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- tutoring by peers
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning

Exemplar: Encourage attendance at before school/after school tutoring program to allow for added one on one review and instruction time.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required

- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher’s notes
- marking students’ correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Cluster grouping
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Above grade level placement option for qualified students

Exemplar: Allow students to create a lesson and teach the class using the medium of their choice as a teaching aid (Google slides, speech, SeeSaw activity or video)

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: Introduction to the Language

NJSLS: See Flag

Interdisciplinary Connection: See Flag

Statement of Objective: SWDAT recognize and repeat vocabulary to introduce, greet one another, take leave of others and polite requests & expressions within the classroom environment with the appropriate level of address through choral repetition, writing in notebooks, and a group or class activity in order to initiate the sentence-making process in Italian.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Culture Capsule / Quotation of the day – both TBD based on daily website

Learning Activity: 1) Introduce new vocabulary 2) Group Activity: Magic Square

Student Assessment/CFU's: Teacher observation. Aural/Oral discrimination.; Choral repetition

Materials: notebooks; handout; Magic Square packets

21st Century Themes and Skills: Global Awareness, Civic Literacy

Differentiation: 1) Multisensory presentation format; 2) Lectures/drills coupled with graphic organizers and/or handouts

Integration of Technology: Explore sources on my Edlio class website.