



## Syllabus

# Cambridge IGCSE™ (9–1) Italian 7164

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## Changes to this syllabus

For information about changes to this syllabus for 2022, 2023 and 2024, go to page 43.

The latest syllabus is version 2, published September 2020. There are no significant changes which affect teaching.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2021 are still suitable for use with this syllabus.

## 1 Why choose this syllabus?

### Key benefits

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Students can choose from 70 subjects in any combination – it is taught by over 4700 schools in 150 countries.

Our programmes balance a thorough knowledge and understanding of a subject and help to develop the skills learners need for their next steps in education or employment.

**Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian** develops a set of transferable skills for understanding and communicating in everyday situations in Italian. Learners begin to develop cultural awareness of countries and communities where Italian is spoken. They acquire the essential linguistic skills required for progression to further studies or employment.

Our approach in Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian encourages learners to be:

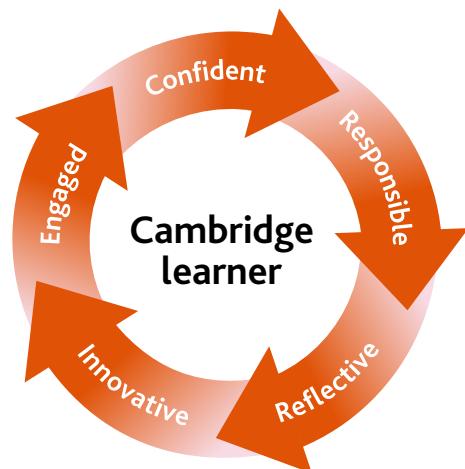
**confident**, using new and familiar structures and vocabulary to communicate with others in everyday situations

**responsible**, seeking opportunities to use and develop their language skills

**reflective**, considering how to communicate different ideas and attitudes

**innovative**, applying language to a variety of situations

**engaged**, developing learning strategies which help them to express their ideas and their understanding of other cultures.



**'The strength of Cambridge IGCSE qualifications is internationally recognised and has provided an international pathway for our students to continue their studies around the world.'**

Gary Tan, Head of Schools and CEO, Raffles International Group of Schools, Indonesia

## International recognition and acceptance

Our expertise in curriculum, teaching and learning, and assessment is the basis for the recognition of our programmes and qualifications around the world. The combination of knowledge and skills in Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian gives learners a solid foundation for further study.

Cambridge IGCSEs are accepted and valued by leading universities and employers around the world as evidence of academic achievement. Many universities require a combination of Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge IGCSEs or equivalent to meet their entry requirements.

UK NARIC, the national agency in the UK for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills, has carried out an independent benchmarking study of Cambridge IGCSE and found it to be comparable to the standard of GCSE in the UK. This means students can be confident that their Cambridge IGCSE qualifications are accepted as equivalent to UK GCSEs by leading universities worldwide.

Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian has been designed to help candidates develop language proficiency to level A2 (Basic User) with some elements of proficiency at level B1 (Independent User) of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment* (CEFR).

Assessment objectives, subject content, mark schemes and task types have been designed with reference to the CEFR to ensure that candidates have opportunities to demonstrate proficiency at the intended levels.

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Managing Director of British School in Egypt BSE

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### Teaching resources

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- Syllabuses
- Schemes of work
- Learner guides
- Discussion forums
- Endorsed resources

### Exam preparation resources

- Question papers
- Mark schemes
- Example candidate responses to understand what examiners are looking for at key grades
- Examiner reports to improve future teaching

### Support for Cambridge IGCSE

### Training

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- Enrichment – face-to-face or online
- Coursework – online
- Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications

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[www.cambridgeinternational.org/profdev](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/profdev)

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[www.cambridgeinternational.org/social-media](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/social-media)

## 2 Syllabus overview

### Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to enable students to:

- develop the language proficiency required to communicate effectively in Italian at level A2 (CEFR Basic User), with elements of level B1 (CEFR Independent User)
- offer insights into the culture and society of countries and communities where Italian is spoken
- develop awareness of the nature of language and language learning
- encourage positive attitudes towards speakers of other languages and a sympathetic approach to other cultures
- provide enjoyment and intellectual stimulation
- develop transferable skills (e.g. memorising, drawing of inferences) to complement other areas of the curriculum
- form a sound base of the skills, language and attitudes required for progression to work or further study, either in Italian or another subject area.

### Content overview

The subject content is organised in five broad topic areas (A–E below). These provide contexts for the acquisition of vocabulary and the study of grammar and structures. The study of these topic areas enables students to gain an insight into countries and communities where Italian is spoken. The five topic areas listed below are described in more detail in section 3.

- A. Everyday activities
- B. Personal and social life
- C. The world around us
- D. The world of work
- E. The international world

The syllabus gives students opportunities to develop and apply a wide range of foreign language skills.

Candidates will be expected to read and understand a variety of written and spoken texts on familiar topics. Candidates will be required to demonstrate understanding of the main ideas, opinions and attitudes, as well as select and extract relevant details and deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words from context.

They will also have opportunities to write in Italian on familiar, everyday topics, and to speak the language by taking part in everyday conversations.

#### Support for Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian

The School Support Hub is our secure online site for Cambridge teachers where you can find the resources you need to deliver our programmes, including schemes of work, past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports. You can also keep up to date with your subject and the global Cambridge community through our online discussion forums.

[www.cambridgeinternational.org/support](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/support)



## Assessment overview

All candidates take all four papers. Candidates will be eligible for grades 9 to 1.

### All candidates take:

<b>Paper 1</b>	Approximately 50 minutes
Listening	25%
40 marks	
Candidates listen to a number of recordings and answer multiple-choice and matching questions.	

Externally assessed

### and:

<b>Paper 2</b>	1 hour
Reading	25%
45 marks	
Candidates read a number of texts and answer multiple-choice and matching questions as well as questions requiring short answers.	

Externally assessed

### and:

<b>Paper 3</b>	Approximately 10 minutes
Speaking	25%
40 marks	
Candidates complete one role play and conversations on two topics.	

Internally assessed and externally moderated

### and:

<b>Paper 4</b>	1 hour
Writing	25%
45 marks	
Candidates complete one form-filling task, one directed writing task and one task in the format of an email/letter or article/blog.	

Externally assessed

Information on availability is in the **Before you start** section.

## Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

### AO1 Listening

- L1: understand the main points and key information in simple everyday material
- L2: understand clear speech on a range of familiar topics
- L3: understand the description of events and expression of ideas, opinions and attitudes in simple texts
- L4: identify and select relevant information in predictable texts

### AO2 Reading

- R1: understand the main points and key information in simple everyday material
- R2: understand authentic factual texts on a range of familiar topics
- R3: understand the description of events and expression of ideas, opinions and attitudes in simple texts
- R4: identify and select relevant information in predictable texts

### AO3 Speaking

- S1: communicate clearly and effectively in a range of predictable everyday situations
- S2: engage in conversations on familiar topics, expressing opinions and feelings
- S3: use a range of structures and vocabulary with reasonable accuracy
- S4: demonstrate some ability to maintain interaction
- S5: show some control of pronunciation and intonation

### AO4 Writing

- W1: communicate simple factual information clearly for everyday purposes
- W2: write simple phrases and sentences on a familiar topic
- W3: write simple connected texts describing events, experiences, opinions and hopes and ambitions
- W4: use a range of simple vocabulary and language structures reasonably accurately

## Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

### Assessment objectives as a percentage of the qualification

Assessment objective	Weighting in IGCSE %
AO1 Listening	25
AO2 Reading	25
AO3 Speaking	25
AO4 Writing	25
Total	100

### Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %			
	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4
AO1 Listening	100	–	–	–
AO2 Reading	–	100	–	–
AO3 Speaking	–	–	100	–
AO4 Writing	–	–	–	100
Total	100	100	100	100

## 3 Subject content

### Skills

The skills covered in the syllabus are outlined below.

#### Listening

- Understand short recordings dealing with everyday needs (e.g. simple transactions in shops, simple directions or instructions).
- Understand factual information and ideas from a range of sources (e.g. announcements, phone messages, news items, interviews, dialogues) on familiar topics.
- Understand descriptions of events, opinions, emotions, hopes and ambitions in simple texts (e.g. in radio broadcasts, interviews, dialogues).
- Identify main points, specific information and details on everyday topics (e.g. personal and family information, shopping, local area, employment, school, leisure activities).
- Identify main points, themes, opinions, ideas, emotions and attitudes in predictable texts (e.g. news reports, conversations, interviews, simple monologues).
- Deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words and expressions from the context.

#### Reading

- Understand short, simple texts (e.g. signs and notices in public places, such as streets, restaurants and bus/railway stations and airports).
- Understand authentic texts on familiar topics and situations (e.g. newspaper/magazine articles, email messages, blogs and letters).
- Understand descriptions of events, opinions, emotions, hopes and ambitions in simple texts (e.g. in articles, interviews or personal messages).
- Identify main points, specific information and details in predictable texts (e.g. advertisements, brochures, menus, timetables, instructions, messages).
- Identify main points, themes, opinions, ideas, emotions and attitudes in predictable texts (e.g. newspaper/magazine articles, simple plots of films or books).
- Deduce the meaning of occasional unknown words and expressions from the context.

#### Speaking

- Participate in short social exchanges (e.g. greet people, make and respond to invitations, apologies) and communicate on familiar topics to meet simple needs (e.g. order food and drink, simple transactions in shops, use public transport, ask and give directions, request information).
- Participate in unprepared conversations on familiar topics of personal interest or relevant to everyday life (e.g. family, friends, home environment, hobbies and interests, education, work, travel).
- Describe past events and experiences, hopes and ambitions and give brief reasons for opinions and plans.
- Communicate with reasonable accuracy, using a range of structures, tenses and vocabulary relevant to the given situation.
- Use simple connectors (e.g. and, but, because, then) to link a series of shorter discrete elements into a connected sequence of points.
- Use appropriate strategies to maintain interaction.
- Use features of pronunciation and intonation to convey meaning and attitude.

## Writing

- Fill in forms providing simple details.
- Communicate simple factual information in writing using everyday vocabulary and expressions.
- Write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors, relating to personal life, immediate environment and everyday topics (e.g. writing about a holiday).
- Write simple connected texts (e.g. email messages, articles) on familiar topics (e.g. plans and arrangements, likes and dislikes, family, home environment, hobbies and interests, education, work and travel).
- Describe past events and experiences, opinions, hopes and ambitions and give brief reasons for opinions and plans.
- Communicate with reasonable accuracy, using a range of structures, tenses/time frames and vocabulary relevant to the given situation.
- Use simple connectors (e.g. and, but, because, then) to link a series of shorter discrete elements into a connected sequence of points.

## Topic areas

Candidates will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the broad topic areas listed below. These provide contexts for the acquisition of vocabulary and the study of grammar and structures. Through the study of these broad topic areas, candidates gain insight into the cultures of countries and communities where Italian is spoken.

The sub-topics listed are provided as examples of what teachers may choose to focus on. They are examples only and are not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Topic areas</b>	<b>Sub-topics</b>
A	Everyday activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time expressions (e.g. telling the time, days, days of the week, months, seasons)</li> <li>• Food and drink (e.g. meals, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and seafood, snacks, drinks, cutlery and utensils)</li> <li>• The human body and health (e.g. parts of the body, health and illness)</li> <li>• Travel and transport</li> </ul>
B	Personal and social life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self, family and friends</li> <li>• In the home (e.g. rooms, living room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, furniture and furnishings, garden, household appliances)</li> <li>• Colours</li> <li>• Clothes and accessories</li> <li>• Leisure time (e.g. things to do, hobbies, sport)</li> </ul>
C	The world around us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People and places (e.g. continents, countries and nationalities, compass points)</li> <li>• The natural world, the environment, the climate and the weather</li> <li>• Communications and technology (e.g. the digital world, documents and texts)</li> <li>• The built environment (e.g. buildings and services, urban areas, shopping)</li> <li>• Measurements (e.g. size, shape)</li> <li>• Materials</li> </ul>
D	The world of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education (e.g. learning institutions, education and training, the classroom, learning tools, subjects, studying)</li> <li>• Work (e.g. jobs and careers, the workplace)</li> </ul>
E	The international world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countries, nationalities and languages</li> <li>• Culture, customs, faiths and celebrations</li> </ul>

## 4 Details of the assessment

All questions requiring written responses are to be answered in Italian.

**Dictionaries are not allowed in the examination.**

### Paper 1 – Listening

Approximately 50 minutes, including 6 minutes' transfer time, 40 marks

This paper consists of 37 multiple-choice and matching questions. Candidates answer all questions by selecting the correct option or options. Each question tests comprehension of recorded texts (e.g. dialogues, announcements, conversations). Candidates hear each recorded text twice. At the end of the test candidates will be asked to transfer their answers onto the separate answer sheet.

Centres must check the *Cambridge Handbook* for the year that candidates are taking the assessment. The *Cambridge Handbook* tells you when and how to access the audio material for each examination series.  
[www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

Teachers/invigilators must consult the relevant sections of the *Cambridge Handbook* about administering the listening examination and for details about rooms, equipment, guidance on acoustics and checking the audio material in advance.

#### Description of questions

##### Questions 1–8

<i>Assessment objective</i>	L1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to short texts and answer eight multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Announcements, phone messages, news items, or dialogues
<i>Total marks</i>	8

##### Questions 9–14

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	L1, L2, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a monologue or dialogue containing factual information and answer six multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Short monologues or dialogues
<i>Total marks</i>	6

##### Questions 15–19

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a conversation and match the names of people, places, items or activities with the correct statements.
<i>Text types</i>	Informal conversations
<i>Total marks</i>	5

### Description of questions (continued)

#### Questions 20–28

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a dialogue (conversation, discussion or interview) or, alternatively, two shorter dialogues (each with a different person, on a common theme) and answer nine multiple-choice questions with three options.
<i>Text types</i>	Conversations, interviews
<i>Total marks</i>	9

#### Questions 29–34

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a dialogue (conversation, discussion or interview) and answer six multiple-choice questions with four options.
<i>Text types</i>	Conversation, discussion or interview
<i>Total marks</i>	6

#### Questions 35–37

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	L2, L3, L4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates listen to a conversation/discussion or interview. In each question there are five options and candidates must select the <b>two</b> options which are true.
<i>Text types</i>	Conversation, discussion or interview
<i>Total marks</i>	6

## Paper 2 – Reading

Written paper, 1 hour, 45 marks

This paper consists of six groups of questions, each comprising a number of multiple-choice and matching questions, as well as questions requiring short answers in Italian. The number of questions in each group may vary in each examination session.

### Description of question groups

#### Question group 1

<i>Assessment objective</i>	R1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates match a series of short statements with the correct pictures.
<i>Text types</i>	Simple descriptions
<i>Total marks</i>	5

#### Question group 2

<i>Assessment objective</i>	R1
<i>Task</i>	Candidates match a series of short notices or signs commonly found in public places with an explanatory statement. The texts are all set in the same context.
<i>Text types</i>	Signs, notices, instructions, messages, advertisements
<i>Total marks</i>	5

### Description of question groups (continued)

#### Question group 3

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	R2, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer multiple-choice questions with three options on a short text.
<i>Text types</i>	Email, message, postcard or letter
<i>Total marks</i>	7

#### Question group 4

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	R2, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer questions on a longer text requiring short responses in Italian.
<i>Text types</i>	Email, message, letter or blog
<i>Total marks</i>	12

#### Question group 5

<i>Assessment objective</i>	R3
<i>Task</i>	Candidates match a series of descriptions of the requirements, interests or skills of different people with the correct description of places, events, services or activities. All texts are on a common theme.
<i>Text types</i>	Short descriptions, advertisements
<i>Total marks</i>	5

#### Question group 6

<i>Assessment objectives</i>	R3, R4
<i>Task</i>	Candidates answer questions on a longer text requiring short responses in Italian.
<i>Text types</i>	Articles
<i>Total marks</i>	11

## Paper 3 – Speaking

Approximately 10 minutes (plus 10 minutes of preparation time), 40 marks

Each speaking test lasts approximately 10 minutes, and is structured as follows:

- a warm-up section which is not assessed (approximately 30 seconds)
- one role play – candidates respond to five transactional questions to, for example, accomplish a task or obtain goods or services (approximately two minutes)
- two topic conversations – candidates respond to questions on each topic to share views, opinions and experiences (four minutes per topic conversation).

Both the role play and the topic conversations are set in predictable, everyday contexts and are based on the topic areas outlined in the syllabus.

During the preparation time, candidates study a role play scenario provided on a candidate card. They must be supervised under exam conditions. Candidates are not allowed to make notes.

The tests are conducted and marked by the teacher/examiner using the speaking assessment materials and assessment criteria provided. They are moderated by Cambridge International.

Speaking tests take place before the main examination series (see the relevant series' timetable). Before the speaking test period, centres will receive materials for the test. Teachers/examiners must allow sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the materials and procedures (see the *Cambridge Handbook* for details).

Cambridge International supplies a teacher/examiner booklet comprising instructions, assessment criteria and teacher/examiner scripts for the role plays and topic conversations. Candidate cards containing the role play scenarios are also supplied.

The teacher/examiner allocates a role play and two topic conversations to each candidate according to a randomisation grid provided in the teacher/examiner instruction booklet.

### **Administration of the speaking test**

Further information about the administration of speaking tests is provided in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment. For copies of the forms required for the speaking test as well as information about the deadlines, sample size and methods of submission, please refer to the samples database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples)

### **Internal moderation**

If more than one teacher in your centre is marking internal assessments, you must make arrangements to moderate or standardise your teachers' marking so that all candidates are assessed to a common standard. You can find further information on the process of internal moderation on the samples database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples)

You should record the internally moderated marks for all candidates on the Working Mark Sheet and submit these marks to Cambridge International according to the instructions set out in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment.

### **External moderation**

Cambridge International will externally moderate all internally assessed components.

- You must submit the marks of all candidates to Cambridge International.
- You must also submit the marked work of a sample of candidates to Cambridge International.

The sample you submit to Cambridge International should include examples of the marking of each teacher. The samples database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples) explains how the sample will be selected.

The samples database at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples) provides details of how to submit the marks and work.

External moderators will produce a short report for each centre with feedback on your marking and administration of the assessment.

## Speaking assessment criteria grids

### Role play

Each of the five role play tasks is assessed using the mark scheme below:

2	The information is communicated. Language is appropriate to the situation and is accurate. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions, etc.) are allowed.
1	The information is partly communicated and/or the meaning is ambiguous. Errors impede communication.
0	No creditable response.

### Topic conversations

When **both** topic conversations have been completed, give a mark out of 15 for **Communication** and a mark out of 15 for **Quality of Language**.

### Communication

Give a mark out of 15 for the candidate's performance in **both** topic conversations.

Mark	Level	Descriptor
13–15	<b>Very good</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responds confidently to questions; may occasionally need repetition of words or phrases.</li> <li>Communicates information which is consistently relevant to the questions.</li> <li>Frequently develops ideas and opinions.</li> <li>Justifies and explains some answers.</li> </ul>
10–12	<b>Good</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responds well to questions; requires occasional use of the alternative question(s) provided.</li> <li>Communicates information which is almost always relevant to the questions.</li> <li>Sometimes develops ideas and opinions.</li> <li>Gives reasons or explanations for some answers.</li> </ul>
7–9	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responds satisfactorily to questions; frequently requires use of the alternative question(s) provided.</li> <li>Communicates most of the required information; may occasionally give irrelevant information.</li> <li>Conveys simple, straightforward opinions.</li> </ul>
4–6	<b>Weak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has difficulty with many questions but still attempts an answer.</li> <li>Communicates some simple information relevant to the questions.</li> </ul>
1–3	<b>Poor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently has difficulty understanding the questions and has great difficulty in replying.</li> <li>Communicates one or two basic pieces of information relevant to the questions.</li> </ul>
0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No creditable response.</li> </ul>

## Quality of Language

Give a mark out of 15 for the candidate's performance in **both** topic conversations.

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>
13–15	<b>Very good</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accurate use of a wide range of the structures listed in the syllabus with occasional errors in more complex language.</li> <li>Accurate use of a wide range of vocabulary with occasional errors.</li> <li>Very good pronunciation, fluency, intonation and expression; occasional mistakes or hesitation.</li> </ul>
10–12	<b>Good</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good use of a range of the structures listed in the syllabus, with some errors.</li> <li>Good use of a range of vocabulary with some errors.</li> <li>Good pronunciation and fluency despite some errors or hesitation; a good attempt at correct intonation and expression.</li> </ul>
7–9	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory use of some of the structures listed in the syllabus, with frequent errors.</li> <li>Satisfactory use of vocabulary with frequent errors.</li> <li>Satisfactory pronunciation and fluency despite frequent errors and hesitation; some attempt at intonation and expression.</li> </ul>
4–6	<b>Weak</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited range of structures and vocabulary, rarely accurate and/or complete; frequent ambiguity.</li> <li>Pronunciation can be understood with some effort; very noticeable hesitations and stilted delivery.</li> </ul>
1–3	<b>Poor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very limited range of structures and vocabulary, almost always inaccurate.</li> <li>Poor pronunciation, rarely comprehensible; many serious errors.</li> </ul>
0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No creditable response.</li> </ul>

## Paper 4 – Writing

Written paper, 1 hour, 45 marks

This paper consists of a form-filling task, a directed writing task and an extended writing task in response to given contexts and prompts.

### Description of questions

#### Question 1

*Assessment objectives*

W1, W4

*Task*

Candidates fill in a form with single words or short phrases in response to a given context.

*Total marks*

5

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#### Question 2

*Assessment objectives*

W2, W4

*Task*

Candidates complete a directed writing task in about 80–90 words on a familiar, everyday topic.

*Total marks*

12

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#### Question 3

*Assessment objectives*

W3, W4

*Task*

Candidates choose between two tasks (an email/letter and an article/blog) and complete one of these in about 130–140 words.

*Total marks*

28

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## List of grammar and structures

The list of grammar and structures provides students with an indication of the grammatical knowledge they are expected to demonstrate in all of their assessments for IGCSE (9–1) Italian. The list is not intended to be restrictive.

<b>Articles</b>	definite, indefinite, partitive; definite article with titles and countries
<b>Nouns</b>	gender; singular and plural forms, including common and less common irregulars (e.g. <i>la mano, il cinema, il ditta, le ditta</i> )
<b>Negatives</b>	<i>non...ancora/mai/niente/neanche/nessuno/più/che; alcuno, nemmeno, nulla, affatto, non solo... ma anche, né...né</i> (R).
<b>Adjectives</b>	agreement, number and gender position and basic exceptions common irregular adjectives before nouns (e.g. <i>bello, buono</i> ) comparative and superlative, regular (e.g. <i>più/meno di/che, il più/meno, tanto...quanto, così...come</i> ); irregular (e.g. <i>migliore, peggiore; il migliore/peggiore</i> ); <i>molto + adjective</i> ; adding <i>-issimo</i> to the adjective demonstrative ( <i>questo, quello</i> singular and plural) indefinite (e.g. <i>ogni, qualche, alcuni, uno, qualcuno, qualcosa, ciascuno, ognuno, qualsiasi, parecchio, altro, tutto, alcuno; chiunque, altrettanto</i> [R]) possessive, with articles; exceptions (e.g. family members) interrogative (e.g. <i>che; qual/quale/quali; quanto/a, quanti/e</i> )
<b>Adverbs</b>	formation and position adverbs of time and place use of <i>ci</i> ( <i>c'è, ci sono, ci vado</i> ) comparative and superlative, including <i>meglio/peggio</i> interrogative, direct and indirect (e.g. <i>come, dove, quando, quanto, perché</i> ) common expressions of quantity (e.g. <i>abbastanza, mezzo, molto, poco, un po', tanto, troppo, quanto, quarto</i> ) common adverbial phrases (e.g. <i>a poco a poco</i> ) other common adverbs ( <i>bene, male, poco</i> )
<b>Pronouns</b>	subject, including <i>si</i> object, direct and indirect; position and order with infinitive, gerund and imperative reflexive demonstrative (e.g. <i>questo, quello</i> ; use of <i>ci</i> ) interrogative (e.g. <i>chi, che, che cosa, cosa, quale, quanto</i> ) relative (e.g. <i>che, il quale, cui, chi, quello che, il cui</i> ) disjunctive possessive indefinite (e.g. <i>nessuno, niente, ogni, qualcuno, qualcosa, qualche, uno, ognuno, ciascuno, parecchi, qualsiasi, qualunque</i> ) use of <i>ecco</i> with pronouns (e.g. <i>eccomi!, eccolo!</i> ) (R) use of <i>ne</i>

<b>Verbs</b>	regular and irregular forms of verbs, including reflexive verbs all persons of verbs, singular and plural negative forms interrogative forms imperative modes of address ( <i>tu, voi, Lei</i> ) gerund impersonal (e.g. <i>fa; bisogna + infinitive</i> ) verbs followed by infinitive, with or without preposition dependent infinitive (e.g. <i>far vedere</i> ) tenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• present and present continuous (<i>stare + gerund</i>)</li><li>• perfect (<i>avere or essere + past participle – including reflexive verbs and agreements</i>)</li><li>• imperfect and imperfect continuous</li><li>• pluperfect</li><li>• immediate future (<i>stare per</i> and use of present)</li><li>• future</li><li>• future perfect (R)</li><li>• conditional (all verbs, present; perfect tense [R])</li><li>• present subjunctive in commonly used forms</li><li>• past subjunctive + conditional (e.g. <i>se fossi ricco, comprerei...</i>), other past subjunctive (R)</li><li>• use of <i>se</i> + present/future (e.g. <i>se piove non andiamo/andremo</i>)</li><li>• passive voice (R)</li><li>• perfect infinitive (e.g. after <i>dopo</i>) gerund</li></ul>
<b>Conjunctions</b>	coordinating (e.g. <i>e/ed; ma; o, o...o; oppure</i> ) subordinating (e.g. <i>perché, poiché, visto che, se, anche se, quando</i> )
<b>Number</b>	all ordinal and cardinal numbers
<b>Quantity</b>	common quantities
<b>Time</b>	date time, including 24-hour clock, years uses of <i>da, fa, fra/tra</i> with perfect tense and imperfect tenses

## Vocabulary list

The vocabulary list provided is intended as a guide for teachers to assist in the planning of lessons and schemes of work. It is not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive and the assessment tasks will require students to understand and respond to words (and/or forms of words) that are not on the list.

Although the skill of deduction is not directly tested, students should be taught the skill of deducing the meaning of unknown words from the context on familiar topics.

Vocabulary is listed under particular topic headings but should be considered transferable, as appropriate, to the other topics.

Students are expected to be familiar with plural and feminine forms of nouns and adjectives where these are not given.

### Aggettivi comuni

accogliente	gentile
antico	grande, più grande, il/la più grande
bagnato	gratis
bello	importante
breve	impossibile
buono , meglio, il/la migliore	infelice
caldo	ingiusto
cattivo, peggiore, il/la peggiore	intelligente
comodo	inutile
cordiale	leggero
corretto	lento
di valore	libero
differente	lo stesso
difficile	magro
disponibile	maleducato
diverso	moderno
duro	morbido
educato	necessario
emozionante	negativo
enorme	noioso
esatto	normale
facile	nuovo
fantastico	ottimo
forte	perfetto
freddo	pesante
generale	piccolo, più piccolo, il più piccolo / la più piccola

### Aggettivi comuni (continued)

pieno  
popolare  
positivo  
possibile  
precedente  
prezioso  
probabile  
profondo  
pronto  
rapido  
recente  
ricco  
rumoroso  
sbagliato  
secco  
semplice  
severo  
sicuro  
silenzioso  
simile  
simpatico  
solitario  
stretto  
stufo  
stupido  
superficiale  
timido  
tipico  
umido  
utile  
vecchio  
veloce  
vero  
vivace  
vuoto

### Preposizioni e avverbi comuni

**Luogo**  
a  
con  
da  
da qualche parte  
dentro  
di fianco a, vicino a, accanto a  
dietro  
fuori  
intorno (a) / in giro  
invece (di)  
là  
per  
qui  
senza  
sopra  
sotto  
su  
tra

### Possibilità

di sicuro, sicuramente  
certamente  
forse  
probabilmente

### Frequenza

mai  
normalmente  
ogni giorno / quotidiano  
raramente  
sempre  
solamente/soltanto/solo  
spesso

**Preposizioni e avverbi comuni (continued)****Modo**

bene  
esattamente  
lentamente  
male  
molto  
piuttosto  
velocemente

**Enfasi**

davvero, veramente, proprio  
particolarmente  
specialmente

**Qualificativi**

(non) abbastanza  
appena  
così  
molto  
soltanto  
troppo / troppo poco  
tutto

**Numeri****Cardinali**

zero, uno, due, tre, quattro, cinque, sei, etc. cento,  
mille, fino a un milione

**Ordinali**

primo/a, secondo/a, terzo/a, quarto/a..., etc.

**Frazioni**

mezzo / la metà, un terzo, un quarto

**Altro vocabolario**

abbastanza  
alcuni  
circa, all'incirca  
diversi, parecchi  
entrambi, tutti e due  
il doppio (m)

**Numeri (continued)****Altro vocabolario (continued)**

il più  
in abbondanza  
la maggior parte  
la maggioranza (f)  
la minoranza (f)  
l'unico (m)  
meno  
molto  
niente  
numero (m)  
ogni, ciascuno  
più  
più o meno  
quantità (f)  
quanto/a/i/e  
quasi  
totale (m)  
troppo/a/e/i  
tutti, ognuno  
tutto  
una volta (f), due volte, tre volte

**Verbi comuni**

accadere  
accogliere  
affermare  
aiutare  
amare  
andare  
appartenere a  
arrivare  
ascoltare  
aumentare  
avere  
avere bisogno  
avvicinare  
bere  
calmarsi  
capire  
c'è / ci sono

**Verbi comuni (continued)**

cercare	piacere
chiedere	piangere
cominciare	portare
conoscere	potere
continuare	prendere
copiare	preoccuparsi
credere	presentarsi
dare	provare
descrivere	raccogliere
dimenticare	raccontare
diminuire	restituire
dire	ricevere
divertire, divertirsi	ricordare
domandare	ridere
dovere	riparare
entrare	ripetere
essere	rispondere
essere interessati a	ritornare
fare/disfare	riuscire a (fare)
fare cadere/cadere	sapere
fermare, fermarsi	scrivere
finire	sedersi
gridare	sembrare
guardare	sentire, sentirsi
incontrare	sistemare
incoraggiare	sognare
iniziare	sorridere
invitare	spingere
iscriversi a	stare
lasciare	strappare
leggere	succedere
mangiare	tirare
mantenere	trovare
mentire / dire bugie	unire / unirsi a
mettere	urlare
mordere	usare
muoversi	vedere
odiare	venire
organizzare	volere
parlare	
pensare	

**A Attività giornaliere****Espressioni di tempo**

a volte  
alla fine, finalmente  
all'improvviso  
ancora, tuttora, finora  
da  
di nuovo, ancora  
dopo  
finalmente  
fino a  
immediatamente  
innanzitutto  
mai  
mentre  
momento  
nel frattempo, intanto  
presto  
prima  
(la) prossima (settimana)  
prossimo / successivo  
quando  
sempre  
tardi  
(il tuo, il mio) turno (m)  
tutti i giorni / ogni giorno; tutte le settimane / ogni settimana; tutti i mesi / ogni mese

**Le ore**

all'una, alle due, alle tre, etc.  
e mezza / e un quarto / meno un quarto  
mattino (m) / mattina (f)  
mezzanotte (f)  
mezzogiorno (m)  
minuto (m)  
ora (f)  
orologio (m)  
pomeriggio (m)  
secondo (m)  
sera (f)

**I giorni**

domani  
giorno (m)  
ieri  
il fine settimana (m)  
la settimana (f), la prossima settimana, la settimana scorsa  
l'altro ieri  
oggi  
lunedì (m)  
martedì (m)  
mercoledì (m)  
giovedì (m)  
venerdì (m)  
sabato (m)  
domenica (f)

**I mesi / L'anno**

il mese (m), mensile  
la data (f)  
l'anno (m), annuale, una volta l'anno  
gennaio (m)  
febbraio (m)  
marzo (m)  
aprile (m)  
maggio (m)  
giugno (m)  
luglio (m)  
agosto (m)  
settembre (m)  
ottobre (m)  
novembre (m)  
dicembre (m)

**Le stagioni**

La primavera (f)  
L'estate (f)  
L'autunno (m)  
L'inverno (m)

## A Attività giornaliere (continued)

### Il cibo e le bevande – i pasti

antipasto (m)

cenare

cibo (vegetariano, vegano) (m)

dieta (f)

dolce (m)

fare colazione

fare una grigliata

pasto (m)

picnic (m)

portata principale (f)

pranzo (m)

spuntino (m)

### Il cibo e le bevande – frutta e verdura

albicocca (f)

ananas (m)

arancia (f)

banana (f)

carota (f)

cavolfiore (m)

cavolo (m)

cetriolo (m)

ciliegia (f)

cipolla (f)

cocco (m)

cocomero (m) / anguria (f)

fragola (f)

frutta (f)

fungo (m)

lampone (m)

lattuga (f)

limone (m)

mela (f)

melanzana (f)

melone (m)

patata (f)

peperone (m)

pera (f)

pesca (f)

pomodoro (m)

### Il cibo e le bevande – frutta e verdura (continued)

prugna/susina (f)

uva (f)

verdura (f)

### Il cibo e le bevande – carne, pesce e frutti di mare

agnello (m)

carne (f)

frutti di mare (pl)

hamburger (m)

maiale (m)

manzo (m)

pesce (m)

pollo (m)

prosciutto (m)

salsiccia (f)

### Il cibo e le bevande – spuntini

caramelle (fpl)

cioccolato (m)

macedonia (f)

panino (m)

patatine (fpl)

patatine fritte (fpl)

pizza (f)

toast (m)

torta (f)

yogurt (m)

zuppa (f)

### Il cibo e le bevande – bevande

acqua (f) (minerale, frizzante, naturale)

bevanda analcolica (f)

bibita (f)

caffè (m)

coca(-cola)

ghiaccio (m)

latte (m)

limonata (f)

succo (m)

tè (m)

**A Attività giornaliere (continued)****Il cibo e le bevande – altro**

aglio (m)  
burro (m)  
fagioli (mpl)  
farina (f)  
formaggio (m)  
gelato (m)  
marmellata (f)  
olio (m)  
pane (m)  
pasta (f)  
pepe (m)  
riso (m)  
sale (m)  
soia (f)  
tofu (m)  
uovo (m)  
zucchero (m)

**Il cibo e le bevande – posate ed utensili**

bicchiere (m)  
ciotola, scodella (f)  
coltello (m)  
cucchiaio (m)  
forchetta (f)  
padella (f)  
pentola (f)  
piatto (m)  
tazza (f)

**Il cibo e le bevande – aggettivi**

cotto  
crudo  
fresco  
piccante  
saporito

**Il cibo e le bevande – verbi ed espressioni**

avere fame  
avere sete  
bere  
cenare  
cucinare

**Il cibo e le bevande – verbi ed espressioni (continued)**

essere sazio/pieno  
fare colazione  
mangiare  
pranzare  
preparare la cena / il pranzo  
tagliare

**Il corpo e la salute – parti del corpo**

bocca (f)  
braccio (m)  
caviglia (f)  
collo (m)  
corpo (m)  
cuore (m)  
dente (m)  
dito (m)  
dito del piede (m)  
faccia (f), viso, volto (m)  
gamba (f)  
ginocchio (m)  
gola (f)  
mano (f)  
naso (m)  
occhio (m)  
orecchio (m)  
osso (m)  
pelle (f)  
petto (m)  
piede (sinistro, destro) (m)  
schiena (f)  
spalla (f)  
stomaco (m)  
testa (f)

**Il corpo e la salute – verbi ed espressioni**

respirare, respirare profondamente  
sentire gli odori  
toccare  
vedere

**A Attività giornaliere (continued)****Salute e malattie**

appuntamento dal dottore (m)  
cerotto (m)  
dentista (m/f)  
dottore (m)  
farmacia (f)  
infermiere (m/f)  
medicina (f)

**Salute e malattie – verbi ed espressioni**

ammalarsi  
andare in palestra  
avere la febbre  
avere l'influenza  
avere mal di (testa, stomaco, denti)  
avere un raffreddore  
cadere  
essere allergico a... / avere un'allergia  
essere di cattivo umore  
essere malsano / godere di buona salute  
essere stanco  
fare esercizio / ginnastica / sport  
farsi male a  
lesione / ferita (f)  
pulire  
rompersi (una gamba, un braccio)  
sdraiarsi  
stare male / essere ammalato  
tagliarsi (un dito)  
vomitare

**Viaggi e trasporti**

aereo (m)  
ambulanza (f)  
autista (m/f)  
autobus (m)  
automobile, macchina (f)  
bagaglio (m), valigia (f)  
banchina (f), molo (m)  
barca (f)  
bici(cletta), moto(cicletta) (f)  
biglietto (m) di (andata e ritorno / sola andata)  
binario (m) (del treno)  
direzioni, indicazioni stradali (fpl)

**Viaggi e trasporti (continued)**

fermata dell'autobus (f)  
ferrovia (f)  
mappa (f)  
passeggero (m), passeggera (f)  
ritardare / in ritardo  
taxi (m)  
traghetto (m)  
tram (m)  
treno (m)  
turista (m/f)  
ufficio informazioni turistiche  
viaggio (m)  
visita (f)  
volo (m)

**Viaggi e trasporti – verbi ed espressioni**

arrivare  
attraversare (la strada)  
camminare  
cercare  
dritto  
fare escursionismo  
girare  
guidare  
parcheggiare  
partire  
perdersi  
prendere (l'autobus)  
ritornare  
salire/scendere  
viaggiare, viaggiare in autobus / in treno, etc.  
volare

**B La vita privata e sociale****Saluti**

arrivederci  
buongiorno / buon pomeriggio / buonasera  
Ci vediamo! / A presto! / A domani!  
ciao  
Come stai? / Come sta? / Come va?  
Bene, grazie / Non tanto bene.  
devo andare  
grazie

**B La vita privata e sociale (continued)****Saluti (continued)**

per favore

piacere di conoscerti/conoscerLa

Prego?

scusa, scusi

**Esclamazioni**

Bello!

Che seccatura!

Interessante!

Peccato!

Prego!

**Inviti**

accettare/declinare un invito

Grazie, ma non posso. Possiamo fare un altro giorno.

invitare

Perchè non + verbo (andiamo)

Ti/Le/Vi piacerebbe (andare al cinema)?

**La famiglia ed i rapporti**

adolescente (m/f)

amico/a

bambini (mpl)

bambino/a

bebè, neonato/a

cognome (m)

compagno/a

cugino/a; cugini/e

divorziato/a

famiglia (f)

fidanzato/a

figlio/a

figlioccio/a

fratello (m) / sorella (f) (più piccolo/a, maggiore),

fratelli (pl) / sorelle (pl)

gemelli

genitori

gente (f)

giovane (m/f)

giovinezza (f)

infanzia (f)

l'anziano/a; gli anziani

**La famiglia ed i rapporti (continued)**

madre (f)

marito (m)

matrigna (f), patrigno (m)

matrimonio (m)

moglie (f)

nipote (m/f)

nonno/a, nonni

nozze (fpl)

padre (m)

parente (m/f)

ragazzo/a

scapolo/celibe (m); nubile (f)

signor, signora, signorina

sposare, sposato/a

tizio (m)

uomo (m), donna (f)

vicino/a

zio/a

**Descrivere l'aspetto fisico**

altezza

alto

baffi (mpl)

barba (f)

basso

biondo

calvo

capelli (mpl)

colore (m)

corto

età (f)

fine / spesso

liscio

lungo

occhi (mpl)

(portare) (gli) occhiali (mpl)

ondulato

portare/avere un apparecchio acustico

scuro

sesto, genere (m)

taglia (f)

voce (f)

**B La vita privata e sociale (continued)****Descrivere il carattere**

anziano  
arrabbiato  
attivo  
avidio  
bello, bellissimo  
brutto  
calmo  
carino  
cattivo  
curioso  
divertente  
famoso  
felice  
gentile  
giovane  
grasso, in sovrappeso  
grosso  
importante  
infelice  
intelligente  
interessante  
magro  
maleducato  
matto  
noioso  
pazzo  
piacevole  
pigro  
povero  
preoccupato  
scontento  
sensato  
serio  
sfinito  
sgradevole  
simpatico  
soddisfatto  
spiacevole  
spiritoso  
stupido  
tranquillo  
triste

**Verbi ed espressioni**

abbracciare, baciare  
avere  
amare  
arrabbiarsi  
chiamare, chiamarsi  
crescere  
essere di buonumore/malumore  
(essere) incinta  
morire  
nascere  
piacere  
piangere  
ridere  
scrivere (il tuo nome)  
sorridere  
vivere

**A casa – stanze e mobili**

anticamera (f)  
balcone (m)  
corridoio (m)  
finestra (f)  
garage (m)  
ingresso (m)  
mobile (m)  
muro (m)  
parete (f)  
pavimento (m)  
porta (f)  
sala da pranzo (f)  
scale (fpl), scala (f)  
soffitto (m)  
studio (m)  
vetro (m)

**A casa – il bagno**

asciugamano (m)  
bagno (m)  
dentifricio (m)  
deodorante (m)  
doccia (f)  
gabinetto (m)  
gel doccia (m)

**B La vita privata e sociale (continued)****A casa – il bagno (continued)**

pettine (m)

rubinetto (m)

sapone (m)

shampoo (m)

spazzola (f)

spazzolino (m) (da denti)

specchio (m)

**Il bagno – verbi ed espressioni**

fare la doccia / il bagno

lavarsi i denti

lavarsi il viso / le mani

pettinarsi/spazzolare i capelli

**A casa – il salotto**

cassettiera (f)

comò (m)

divano (m)

poltrona (f)

quadro (m)

salotto (m)

scaffale (m)

tappeto (m)

tavolo (m)

**A casa – la cucina**

bottiglia (f)

cucina (f)

lattina (f)

lavandino (m)

scatola (f)

**La cucina – verbe ed espressioni**

arrostire

bollire, far bollire

cenare

cucinare

cucire

cuocere

friggere

grigliare

mangiare

**La cucina – verbe ed espressioni (continued)**

mettere in freezer, congelare

pranzare

preparare il pranzo / la cena

scaldate

stirare

tagliare (a pezzi)

**A casa – la stanza da letto**

armadio (m)

camera da letto (f)

coperta (f)

cuscino (m)

guardaroba (f)

lampada (f)

lenzuolo (m)

letto (m)

**La stanza da letto – verbi ed espressioni**

alzarsi

avere sonno / essere stanco

dormire

fare un pisolino

riposare

sdraiarsi

svegliarsi

**A casa – le facende domestiche**

mettere a posto la casa

pulire

**A casa – il giardino**

albero (m)

fiore (m)

giardino (m)

muro (m)

parete (f)

pianta (f)

prato (m)

recinzione (f)

## B La vita privata e sociale (continued)

### Il giardino – verbi ed espressioni

coltivare  
fare giardinaggio  
piantare (fiori/verdure)

### A casa – elettrodomestici

altoparlante (m)  
aria condizionata (f)  
aspirapolvere (m)  
batteria (f)  
caricabatterie (m)  
elettricità (f)  
ferro da stiro (m)  
fornello (m)  
forno (m)  
forno a microonde (m)  
freezer (m)  
frigorifero (m)  
gas (m)  
griglia (f)  
lavastoviglie (f)  
lavatrice (f)  
orologio (m)  
radio (f)  
riscaldamento (m)  
sgabello (m)  
spina (f)  
sveglia (f)  
telefono (m)  
televisore (m)

### Elettrodomestici – verbi ed espressioni

accendere  
aprire  
chiudere  
fare la lavatrice  
informare / cuocere al forno  
portare fuori l'immondizia  
preparare la tavola  
riparare  
rompere  
sparecchiare  
spegnere  
spingere

### Elettrodomestici – verbi ed espressioni (continued)

tirare

### Colori

arancione  
argento  
bianco  
blu  
chiaro  
colore (m)  
giallo  
grigio  
marrone  
nero  
oro  
rosa  
rosso  
scuro  
verde  
viola

### Vestiti ed accessori

abito (m)  
anello (m)  
berretto (m)  
borsa (f)  
borsetta (f) / borsellino (m)  
calzini (mpl)  
camicetta (f)  
camicia (f)  
cappello (m)  
cappotto (m)  
cintura (f)  
collana (f)  
completo (m)  
costume da bagno (m)  
cravatta (f)  
divisa (f)  
felpa (f)  
giacca (f)  
gioielli (mpl) / gioielleria (f)  
gonna (f)  
golf (m)

**B La vita privata e sociale (continued)****Vestiti ed accessori (continued)**

guanti (mpl)  
impermeabile (m)  
jeans (mpl)  
maglione (m)  
moda (f)  
occhiali (mpl)  
occhiali da sole (mpl)  
ombrelllo (m)  
orecchino (m)  
orologio (m)  
pantaloncini corti (mpl)  
pantaloni (mpl)  
portafoglio, portamonete (m)  
sandali (mpl)  
scarpe (fpl)  
scarpe da ginnastica (fpl)  
sciarpa (f)  
stivali (mpl)  
tasca (f)  
uniforme (f)  
vestiti (mpl)  
vestito (m)  
zaino (m)

**Vestiti ed accessori – verbi ed espressioni**

Che taglia?  
è elegante  
è sportivo  
è troppo largo  
è troppo stretto  
indossare  
mettersi  
provare  
sta bene / non sta bene  
calza bene / non calza bene  
ti sta bene  
un paio di (calzini/scarpe/guanti)  
vestirsi / svestirsi, spogliarsi

**Il tempo libero – cose da fare**

andare a pesca  
andare ad un concerto / ad un festival di musica / a teatro

**Il tempo libero – cose da fare (continued)**

ascoltare musica (pop, classica, folk, rock)  
cantare  
dipingere  
disegnare  
fare alpinismo  
fare fotografie  
giardinaggio (m)  
guardare la tv / un film giallo / un film romantico / una commedia  
leggere

**Il tempo libero – strumenti musicali**

batteria (f)  
chitarra (f)  
clarinetto (m)  
cuffie (fpl)  
flauto (m)  
percussioni (fpl)  
piano, pianoforte (m)  
tamburo (m)  
tromba (f)  
violino (m)  
suonare (uno strumento musicale)

**Il tempo libero – sport**

allenare, allenatore (m)  
atletica (f)  
attrezzatura sportiva / completo da (tennis, etc.)  
badminton (m)  
bicicletta (f)  
calcio (m)  
campione (m/f)  
campo da calcio (m)  
campo da golf (m)  
campo da tennis (m)  
ciclismo (m), andare in bici  
correre / corsa, fare footing  
fare surf  
ginnastica (f)  
giocare  
gol (m)  
golf (m)  
hockey (m)

## B La vita privata e sociale (continued)

### Il tempo libero – sport (continued)

medaglia (f)

nuotare

palla, pallone (f)

pallavolo (m)

partita (f)

pattinare, fare pattinaggio

premio (m)

racchetta, (hockey) bastone

rugby (m)

scacchi (mpl)

sciare

squadra (f)

tennis (m)

tifoso (m)

vela (f)

yoga (m)

### Il tempo libero – verbi ed espressioni

andare a / andare in

fare foto

pareggiare

perdere (la/una gara; la/una competizione, una medaglia)

scrivere (poesie, una storia)

segnare (un gol / un punto)

vincere (la/una gara; la/una competizione, una medaglia)

## C Il mondo intorno a noi

### Continenti

Africa

America, Sud America, Nord America, America Centrale

Antartide, l'Artide

Asia

Europa

Oceania / Australasia

### Nazioni, nazionalità e lingue

nazionalità e paese di residenza

lingua madre e lingue straniere studiate

## C Il mondo intorno a noi (continued)

### La bussola

Est (m)

Nord (m)

Ovest (m)

Sud (m)

### Il mondo naturale e l'ambiente

agricoltura (f)

ambiente (m)

aria (f)

cascata (f)

cielo (m)

clima (m)

costa (f)

deforestazione (f)

deserto (m)

erba (f)

fiume (m)

foresta (f)

inquinamento (m)

isola (f)

lago (m)

mare (m)

montagna (f)

natura (f)

ombra (f)

onda (f)

paesaggio (m)

pietra (f)

polvere (f)

ramo (m)

regione (f)

riciclo (m), riciclare

riscaldamento globale (m)

risorse naturali (fpl)

sabbia (f)

sole (m), luna (f)

spiaggia (f)

stella (f)

terra (f)

vista (f)

vulcano (m)

**C Il mondo intorno a noi (continued)****Il clima e il tempo**

caldo (m), fa caldo  
 calore (m)  
 condizioni atmosferiche (fpl)  
 foschia (f)  
 freddo, fa/è freddo, freddissimo  
 gelo (m)  
 ghiaccio (m)  
 gradi (mpl)  
 grandine (f)  
 lampo (m)  
 nebbia (f)  
 neve (f)  
 notte (f)  
 nuvola (f)  
 pioggia (f)  
 previsioni del tempo (fpl)  
 sole (m)  
 stagione (f)  
 tempo (m)  
 temporale (m)  
 tuono (m)  
 umido  
 uragano (m)  
 vento (m)  
 sta piovendo / piove

**Animali**

cane (m)  
 cavallo (m)  
 coniglio (m)  
 elefante (m)  
 gatto (m)  
 leone (m)  
 mosca (f)  
 pesce (m)  
 ragno (m)  
 ratto (m)  
 scimmia (f)  
 serpente (m)  
 tigre (f)  
 topo (m)  
 uccello (m)  
 zanzara (f)

**Comunicazione e tecnologia – il mondo digitale**

applicazione (f), app  
 articolo (m)  
 blog (m)  
 cartella  
 cellulare / telefonino (m)  
 chat  
 chiavetta USB (f)  
 clic (m)  
 compilare  
 computer (m)  
 documento (m)  
 email, un messaggio di posta elettronica  
 file (m)  
 film (m)  
 fotografia (f)  
 gioco, video-gioco (m)  
 informazione (f)  
 internet (m)  
 marca (f)  
 messaggio, messaggino (m)  
 mouse (m)  
 notizie (fpl)  
 online, su internet  
 pagina web / internet (f)  
 parola d'ordine (f)  
 portatile, laptop (m)  
 schermo (m)  
 selfie (m)  
 sicurezza online (f)  
 sito internet (m)  
 social network (m)  
 software (m)  
 stampante (f)  
 tablet (m)  
 tastiera (f)  
 telefono (m)  
 touch-screen (m)  
 video (m)  
 vlog (m) / vlogger (m/f)  
 wireless / rete Wi-Fi / il Wi-Fi

**C Il mondo intorno a noi (continued)****Comunicazione e tecnologia – documenti e testi**

appunto (m)  
 articolo (m)  
 biglietto (m)  
 bolletta, fattura (f)  
 carta d'identità (f)  
 cartolina (f)  
 certificato (m)  
 depliant, opuscolo (m)  
 fumetti (mpl)  
 giornale, quotidiano (m)  
 guida (turistica) (f)  
 lettera (f)  
 libro (m)  
 lista (f)  
 modulo (m)  
 passaporto (m)  
 pubblicità (f)  
 rivista (f)  
 taccuino (m), block notes (m)

**Comunicazione e tecnologia – verbi ed espressioni**

caricare  
 cliccare  
 connettersi, collegarsi a internet / navigare su internet  
 copiare  
 fare una chiamata  
 inviare  
 mandare  
 postare  
 pubblicare  
 salvare  
 scaricare  
 spedire  
 trovare

**La città – edifici e servizi**

albergo (m)  
 appartamento (m)  
 ascensore (m)  
 biblioteca (f)  
 caffè, bar (m)  
 casa (f)  
 castello (m)  
 centro ricreativo (m)  
 cinema (m)  
 clinica (f)  
 comune (m)  
 dentista (m)  
 edificio (m)  
 entrata (f)  
 fabbrica (f)  
 fattoria (f)  
 garage (m)  
 hotel (m)  
 museo (m)  
 ospedale (m)  
 palestra (f)  
 piano terra / primo piano / secondo piano  
 piscina (f)  
 ristorante (m)  
 scuola (f)  
 stadio (m)  
 stazione dei treni (f)  
 stazione di servizio (f) / benzinaio (m)  
 teatro (m)  
 ufficio (m)  
 ufficio postale (m)  
 università (f)  
 uscita (f)  
 zoo (m)

**La città – area urbana**

aeroporto (m)  
 angolo (m)  
 autostrada (f)  
 città (f)  
 fermata del treno / dell'autobus (f)

**C Il mondo intorno a noi (continued)****La città – area urbana (continued)**

luogo (m)  
 mercato (m)  
 metropolitana (f)  
 paese (m)  
 paesino (m)  
 parcheggio (m)  
 parco giochi (m), area giochi (f)  
 piazza (f)  
 ponte (m)  
 posto (m)  
 quartiere (m)  
 rotatoria, rotonda (f)  
 semaforo (m)  
 stazione dei treni / degli autobus (f)  
 strada (f)  
 traffico (m)  
 via (f)

**La città – lo shopping**

aperto  
 aprire  
 banconota (f)  
 cameriere (m) / cameriera (f)  
 caro  
 carta di credito (f)  
 chiosco (m)  
 chiudere  
 chiuso  
 cliente (m/f)  
 conto (m)  
 economico  
 macellaio (m), macelleria (f)  
 mercato (m)  
 moneta (f)  
 negozio (m)  
 panificio (m)  
 prezzo (m)  
 resto (m)  
 ricevuta (f), scontrino (m)  
 saldi / in offerta  
 supermercato (m)  
 taglia (f) / numero (m)

**La città – verbi ed espressioni**

affittare (una bici)  
 comprare  
 fare la spesa / fare compere  
 pagare  
 portare indietro / ottenere un rimborso  
 Quanto costa?  
 reclamare  
 spendere soldi  
 vendere

**Unità di misura**

centimetro (m)  
 chilogrammo (m)  
 chilometro (m)  
 grado (m)  
 grammo (m)  
 litro (m)  
 metro (m)

**Dimensioni**

alto  
 basso  
 breve  
 corto  
 di medie dimensioni  
 enorme  
 grande  
 lungo  
 piccolo, piccolissimo

**Forme**

cerchio (m), rotondo (agg)  
 quadrato (m e agg)  
 triangolo (m), triangolare (agg)

**Materiali**

argento (m)  
 carta (f)  
 cotone (m)  
 lana (f)  
 legno (m)  
 metallo (m)

## C Il mondo intorno a noi (continued)

### Materiali (continued)

oro (m)

pelle (f)

pietra (f)

plastica (m)

vetro (m)

## D Il mondo del lavoro

### Educazione e formazione

alunno (m)

corso (m)

cortile (m)

dipartimento (m)

dirigente scolastico (m), preside (m)

educazione (f)

insegnante (m/f), (primaria) maestro/a, (secondaria, università) professore (m/f)

l'anno scolastico (m)

materia (f)

studente (m/f)

trimestre/semestre (m)

### Educazione e formazione – la scuola

asilo nido (m) / scuola materna (f) / asilo (m)

mensa (f)

scuola elementare (f)

scuola media (f)

scuola privata (f)

scuola superiore (f)

università (f)

### Educazione e formazione – in classe

astuccio (m)

banco (m)

campanella (f)

(un foglio di) carta (m)

colla (f)

dizionario (m)

gomma (f)

lavagna / lavagna interattiva multimediale (f)

libro (m)

penna (f)

quaderno (m)

righello (m)

## D Il mondo del lavoro (continued)

### Educazione e formazione – materie

biologia (f)

chimica (f)

educazione artistica (f)

educazione fisica (f)

educazione religiosa / religione (f)

fisica (f)

geografia (f)

informatica (f)

letteratura (f)

lingue straniere (fpl)

matematica (f)

musica (f)

scienze (fpl)

storia (f)

teatro (m)

### Educazione e formazione – lo studio

classe (f)

compagno di classe (m)

compiti (mpl)

domanda (f)

esame (m)

esempio (m)

esercizio (m)

istruzioni (fpl)

lezione (f)

orario (m)

progetto (m)

ricreazione (f) / intervallo (m)

risultato (m)

voto (m)

### Educazione e formazione – verbi ed espressioni

capire

chiedere

esercitarsi

essere bocciato

essere promosso

fare gli esperimenti

leggere

prendere appunti

ripassare

**D Il mondo del lavoro (continued)****Educazione e formazione – verbi ed espressioni (continued)**

rispondere

sapere

scrivere

spiegare

studiare

**Il lavoro – lavori e carriera**

agricoltore

architetto

assistente di volo

avvocato

cameriere

conducente/autista di autobus, tassista

dentista

dottore

falegname

fornaio, panettiere

idraulico

infermiere

ingegnere

insegnante / maestro (primaria), professore (secondaria, università)

interprete

macellaio

meccanico

muratore

parrucchiere

pilota

poliziotto

postino

segretario

soldato

traduttore

veterinario

vigile del fuoco

**Il lavoro – il posto di lavoro**

datore di lavoro (m)

ditta, azienda (f)

**Il lavoro – il posto di lavoro (continued)**

impiegato (m)

lavoro (m)

officina, bottega (f)

società, azienda (f)

stipendio (m)

ufficio (m)

**Il lavoro – verbi ed espressioni**

andare in pensione

disoccupato

essere licenziato

essere promosso

guadagnare

lavorare

prendersi le ferie / andare in ferie

trovare/cercare/perdere un lavoro

**E Il mondo internazionale****Cultura – usanze, fede, celebrazioni**

anno nuovo (31 dic), capodanno (m)

battesimo (m)

chiesa (f)

fuochi d'artificio (mpl)

giorno festivo (m) / giornata festiva / festa nazionale (f)

messa, cerimonia religiosa (f)

Natale (m)

occasione speciale (f)

Pasqua (f)

pellegrinaggio (m)

presepio (m)

religione, fede, credenza (f)

santo (m)

tempio (m)

**Cultura – verbi ed espressioni**

avere fede

celebrare

credere in

essere religioso

festeggiare

## 5 What else you need to know

This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

### Before you start

#### Previous study

We recommend that learners starting this course should have studied an Italian curriculum at lower secondary level or equivalent national educational framework.

#### Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses based on learners having about 130 guided learning hours for each subject during the course but this is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to local practice and their previous experience of the subject.

#### Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable. This syllabus is **not** available in all administrative zones. To find out about availability check the syllabus page at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse)

You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables](https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables)

You can enter candidates in the June exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

Private candidates can enter for this syllabus. For more information, please refer to the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* for the relevant series.

#### Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

- Cambridge IGCSE Italian (0535)
- syllabuses with the same title at the same level

Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) and Cambridge O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

## Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has a copy of this guide.

### Audio materials

The *Cambridge Handbook* tells you when and how to access the audio materials for each examination series. [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

### Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to one administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

### Support for exams officers

We know how important exams officers are to the successful running of exams. We provide them with the support they need to make your entries on time. Your exams officer will find this support, and guidance for all other phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle, at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

### Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. This is a linear qualification so candidates cannot re-sit individual components.

To confirm if an option is available to carry forward marks for this syllabus, see the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries* for the relevant series. Regulations for carrying forward internally assessed marks can be found in the *Cambridge Handbook* for the relevant year of assessment at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

### Equality and inclusion

We have taken great care to avoid bias of any kind in the preparation of this syllabus and related assessment materials. In compliance with the UK Equality Act (2010) we have designed this qualification to avoid any direct and indirect discrimination.

The standard assessment arrangements may present unnecessary barriers for candidates with disabilities or learning difficulties. We can put arrangements in place for these candidates to enable them to access the assessments and receive recognition of their attainment. We do not agree access arrangements if they give candidates an unfair advantage over others or if they compromise the standards being assessed.

Candidates who cannot access the assessment of any component may be able to receive an award based on the parts of the assessment they have completed.

Information on access arrangements is in the *Cambridge Handbook* at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide)

## Language

This syllabus is available in English only. The assessment materials are in Italian.

## After the exam

### Grading and reporting

Grades 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE (9–1).

9 is the highest and 1 is the lowest. ‘Ungraded’ means that the candidate’s performance did not meet the standard required for grade 1. ‘Ungraded’ is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate. In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (pending)
- X (no result)
- Y (to be issued).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

## How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

- to measure learning and achievement

The assessment:

- confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus, to the levels described in the grade descriptions.

- to show likely future success

The outcomes:

- help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful
- help students choose the most suitable course or career.

## Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievement candidates awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade descriptions for Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) Italian will be published after the first assessment of the syllabus in 2021. Find more information at [www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/igcse)

## Changes to this syllabus for 2022, 2023 and 2024

The syllabus has been updated. This is version 2, published September 2020.

There are no significant changes which affect teaching.

**You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.**

### Changes to version 2

<b>Changes to assessment (including changes to specimen papers)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have updated information on Paper 1 Listening.</li><li>• The duration is now approximately 50 minutes, including 6 minutes transfer time.</li><li>• Candidates will complete the question paper as they listen to the audio material and at the end of the test, they will be asked to transfer their responses onto the separate answer sheet.</li><li>• The numbering of the questions has changed, Question 15 has been split into 5 separate questions to ensure that candidates can record one correct answer for each part of the task.</li><li>• We have updated the specimen paper, mark scheme, transcript and audio material to allow you to practice this with your students before the first examination.</li></ul>
<b>Other changes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For Paper 1 Listening we have replaced the word CD with audio material, to reflect the use of new technology.</li><li>• For further information on when the audio material will be available and how to access them see the <i>Cambridge Handbook</i>. <a href="http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide">www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide</a></li></ul>

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2021 are suitable for use with this syllabus.



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