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Creating and sharing open educational resources (OER) through LanguageBox, a community-based repository

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The FAVOR project

➤ Finding A Voice through Open Resources (JISC funded,UK)

➤ Part-time or hourly-paid language tutors

➤ Sharing existing teaching and learning resources through online repositories such as LanguageBox

➤ Collaboration between UK universities: Southampton, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, Aston, Newcastle

Project challenges …

Part-time language tutors do not spend lots of time in the university; for some the only time spent there is for teaching (some tutors do not even have a desk and a computer).

It can be time-consuming to find in a language repository something that I like and that is suitable for my way of teaching.

…finding the time to modify resources, so that they can be used by other teachers to the best effect.

Making sure not to violate copyright laws is another challenge.

…getting materials to a publishable standard and daring to make them public!

... and project gains

...finding and exchanging ideas in a central place and beyond departmental boundaries is interesting.

...being able to develop other people's ideas/materials further and getting feedback or new ideas on how to use my own materials.

I think the exchange of ideas and different approaches has really motivated me to try out new things in my classes.

...Engaging in open practice made me realise that there is a lot to be learned online.

I now produce material that I can reuse over and over again and which I can also easily modify.

(It) has made me feel part of the university and also open practice has stimulated my interest in online resources.

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Welcome to Language Box

The Language Box is a new way of storing, managing and publishing your Language teaching resources on the web. Share handouts, exercises, podcasts, videos and anything else you can imagine!

Sign up for a free account, or take a look at what's already inside.

Recently uploaded resources

The Latvian alphabet

Introduction to the Latvian alphabet and spelling rules

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Christopher Moseley   Shared with: World

Latvian word jumble - furnishing the flat

Read more...

Languagebox Activities

Language Box is being used by participants in the Community Cafe project. This project is funded by the JISC and is working to create a collection of resources for use by community languages teachers across the UK. If you are a teacher of a community language, working in a supplementary school or Saturday school, please join the site and share your work!

LanguageBox and the FAVOR project

Italian tutor

University of Southampton

Biography:

I am a part time tutor at the University of Southampton. I have been teaching Italian in adult education, University and various Colleges for more than 10 years. Subsequent to obtaining a degree in Economics in Italy, I worked in the finance department of a multinational company and then in IT as a business analyst where I was involved in organising and delivering software training courses to company employees, in different parts of the world. Since moving to England I have developed my teaching experience through teaching Italian. I have recently been involved in the FAVOR Project (Finding a Voice through Open Resources) to share some of my existing resources and to create new ones to be uploaded to "Language Box".

Interests:

Italian culture, Ab-initio language learning and technology.

Affiliated Groups:

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Recipe: Tiramisù

Topic: Food
Grammar point: impersonal "si"

La ricetta del "Tiramisù"

Ingredienti:

Per la crema :
250 grammi di mascarpone
3 tuorli d'uovo
1 uovo intero
70 grammi di zucchero
50 ml di Marsala
1 cucchiaino di caffè in polvere.

Per i biscotti:
175 grammi di biscotti Savoiardi (2 pacchetti)
3 tazze di caffè
1 cucchiaio di zucchero
2 cucchiai di Marsala
2 cucchiai di cacao in polvere

Il Tiramisù è meglio se preparato il giorno prima.

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Description

Recipe of the Italian dessert "Tiramisù" + Grammar "si impersonal" + exercise with answers.

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Resource details

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Tags: favor, ukoer, beginners, grammar, impersonal si, recipe,

Ordering a drink in a bar: una bibita al bar

Al Bar
Ordina una bibita ed uno spuntino
Ordering drinks and snacks

Vocabulary

Una Birra

Un aperitivo

Un caffè

Un tè

Una spremuta

Una cioccolata e un cornetto

Un bicchiere d'acqua

Una bottiglia d'acqua

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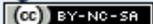
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Al_bar-Vocab+gramar+eser

Description

An integrated Italian lesson at beginner level involving images, grammar (the articles),functional language(how to order), exercises.

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Resource details

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Creators: Bianca Belgiorno

Tags: ordering a drink, favor, ukoer, grammar: the articles, role play, exercises

Languages: Italian, English

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Il/elle est comment?
Il/elle a les cheveux

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a. Longs
b. Raides
c. Bleus
d. Courts
e. Roux
f. Bruns
g. Frisés
h. Blonds
i. Verts
j. Noirs
k. marron

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Description

A powerwpoint introduction to describing people's faces in French using adjectives. Suitable for beginners, A1/2

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Resource details

Added By: Mrs Lucie Vowles

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Tags: french facial description, french adjectives, french grammar

Languages: French

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"Panico da esami"

"Panico da esami"

Introduction

Who has never suffered from "exam stress"? In a news article in Italian from "La Rebubblica" an Italian psychologist gives some advice on how to avoid anxiety caused by exam preparation. Will they work?

Objectives

In these activities you will test your ability to understand a news article learning some idiomatic vocabulary and some verbs involving emotions.

You will also do a quiz in Italian to find out if you are ready for the exam, accord to the italian psychologist.

The exam

Activity 1: Test your understanding of the article

Newspaper articles use a rich language and idiomatic words therefore they can be challenging to understand. It is better at first to read the article and try to understand the gist of it then read again looking up in the dictionary for some words that you think are important to understand the meaning of the article.

Instruction

Clicca sul link sotto per accedere all'articolo di "La Repubblica": leggi i primi tre paragrafi dell'articolo "Il panico si vince esorcizzandolo", rispondi alle domande in italiano e poi leggi i *feedback*.

Se vuoi sapere di più sul sistema scolastico italiano clicca qui: School System and exams in Italy

Articolo: "Il panico si vince esorcizzandolo"

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Cosa bisogna fare quando arriva il momento del panico?

Bisogna ...

Description

This is an online activity for Italian, which deals with the topic 'exam stress'.

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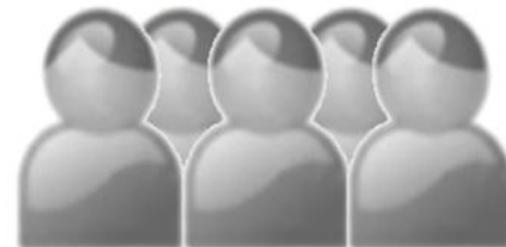
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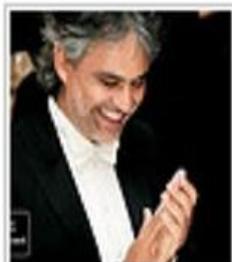
Una canzone di Andrea Bocelli

Introduction
Listening to Italian songs can be a good way to improve your listening skills and learn some Italian vocabulary.

Objectives
In this Learning Object you are going to listen a song from the famous Italian singer Andrea Bocelli and you will do some activities to test your ability to comprehend the song's words. You will also learn some vocabulary and particularly the present tense of some common verbs.

Andrea Bocelli

Activity 1: Ascolta Andrea Bocelli che canta "Canto della terra"
Clicca su questo link per ascoltare la canzone: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCrWxKoOhH8

Instruction
Ascolta la canzone quante volte vuoi e riempi gli spazi con le parole che mancano poi confronta le tue risposte con quelle del Feedback.

Si lo so _____ che io e te forse stiamo insieme _____ qualche instante. Zitti stiamo ad _____ il cielo alla _____ questo mondo che si _____ e la notte è già così _____ . già _____ . Guarda questa terra che... che _____ insieme a noi anche è buio. Guarda questa terra che... che gira anche per _____ a darci un po' di sole, sole,sole. My love che sei l'amore mio sento la tua _____ ed ascolto il _____ , sembra davvero il tuo respiro _____ che mi dai. Questo amore che sta lì nascosto in mezzo alle sue onde, a _____ le sue onde come una barca che... .Guarda questa terra che... che _____ insieme a noi anche _____ è buio. Guarda questa terra che, che gira anche per _____ a darci un po' di sole, sole. Guarda questa terra che... che gira anche per _____ a darci un po' di sole, sole, sole.

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Description

An online activity for Italian which involves listening to a song sung by Andrea Bocelli.

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La routine quotidiana - Verbi riflessivi

La routine quotidiana - Verbi riflessivi

Introduction

Reflexive verb in Italian are recognisable by the ending. *si* at the end of an infinitive indicates that the verb is reflexive: *alzarsi, vestirsi, lavarsi, truccarsi, radersi*.

Reflexive verbs form the present tense in the same way as non reflexive verbs but with the reflexive pronoun in front of the verb. Ex: io mi alzo, tu ti alzi, lui si alza etc.

Truccarsi

Daily routine

Objectives

In this Learning Object you will learn about italian reflexive verbs and you will practice them doing some activities about daily routine.

Activity 1: Scegli il pronome riflessivo

In this activity you are going to practice choosing the right pronoun for reflexive verbs.

Learn more about riflexive verbs looking at this presentation: Verbi riflessivi

Instruction
Riempi gli spazi con il pronome riflessivo corretto e poi leggi i feedback.

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La mattina ... sveglio sempre alle sette e mezza.

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Show Feedback

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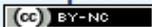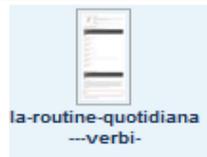
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Description

An online activity on the topic of 'daily routine' - for Italian.

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How to get involved in OER

➢ Join the LanguageBox community repository

➢ Create a professional profile

➢ Browse the site and 'bookmark' resources you like

➢ Try them out in your own teaching

➢ Share some examples of your own teaching and learning resources as open content (under Creative Commons licence)

➢ http://languagebox.ac.uk

Thank you for listening

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