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Topics

- The family extended: **nonni** and **zii**, in-laws and outlaws
- Family birthday parties and birthday presents
- Collectables: stamps, coins, telephone cards

Communication tasks

- Saying what you brought
- Saying what he likes and she likes
- Talking about your family tree
- Talking about birthdays
- Saying when and where people were born
- Talking about collecting things

Cultural information

- More about family life and celebrations in Italy
- An introduction to life in Sulmona
- An Italian in Argentina

Language points

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense of **-are** verbs
- **dove sei nato/a?**
- **gli/le piace/piacciono**

- the months of the year
- the years of the century
- more about possessives: family members with adjectives

Revision and reinforcement

- the present tense
- the immediate family
- identifying people: **questo/a è...**; **la donna a sinistra**
- agreement of adjectives
- possessives
- **mi piace, ti piace**
- numbers to 2000

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Topics

- Town and country
- A trip to the mountains
- The environment: living in harmony with nature
- Animals in the Italian wilderness
- The regions of Italy and their capitals

Communication tasks

- Comparing one thing or one person with another

- Talking in superlatives: 'the biggest', 'the best' etc.
- Talking about your region: the towns and the countryside
- Asking and telling how far one place is from another
- Asking and giving the population of a place
- Saying what you've heard
- Identifying some animals in the wild

Cultural information

- Sulmona and Scanno, two towns in Abruzzo
- **Il Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo**, the largest national park in Italy
- **Le regioni d'Italia e i capoluoghi**
- The population of cities in Italy

Language points

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense of **-ire** verbs
- comparatives
- superlatives
- the irregular verbs **dire** and **dare**

Revision and reinforcement

- plurals of nouns and articles
- ways of saying 'some'
- preposition + article
- **si può**
- **è vietato**
- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense of **-are** verbs

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Topics

- Costumes, colours and characteristics: more about what people wear and how they look
- A competitive world: winners and losers
- Nationalities and languages in Europe

Communication tasks

- Saying what you know
- Saying who you know
- Saying what you know how to do
- Asking and telling who played against whom
- Asking and telling who won and lost, who beat whom
- Talking about European nationalities and languages
- Booking a train ticket
- Talking about a local festival
- Talking about a champion team or individual

Cultural information

- **Il Corteo Storico di Sulmona:** a colourful historical pageant
- **La Giostra Cavalleresca di Sulmona:** a medieval jousting tournament

- **Una gita alla Costa Amalfitana**

Language points

- **il passato prossimo:** the perfect tense of **-ere** verbs, regular and irregular
- **le nazionalità e le lingue**
- the irregular verb **sapere**
- **conoscere**

Revision and reinforcement

- indefinite article: **un, una, un', uno**
- **bello** and **quello**
- **i colori**
- **il passato prossimo:** the perfect tense of **-are** and **-ire** verbs
- **volere, potere, dovere**
- times: morning, afternoon, 24-hour clock

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Topics

- More around town: more buildings, more sights to see
- Where you've been, what you've seen, what you've done

Communication tasks

- Saying where people are: next to, in front of, behind, at the top/bottom/end of
- Asking and telling where people come from
- Asking and telling what time people went out and arrived
- Asking and telling where people have been and what they have done
- Asking what someone would like at the bar
- Saying you have just had something at the bar
- Telling people how late they are
- Making excuses for being late
- Saying what was there
- Asking if something is still there

Cultural information

- A guided tour of Perugia
- Some holiday destinations in Italy
- **L'Ape operaia:** insect or institution?
- A trip to Pisa

Language points

- the irregular verb **venire**
- the perfect tense formed with **essere**
- the perfect tense of **nascere, crescere, essere**
- **eccolo/la/li/le!**
- nouns ending in **-ista**
- the many uses of **da**

Revision and reinforcement

- **il passato prossimo:** the perfect tense of **-are, -ere** and **-ire** verbs
- **vorrei**

- some uses of **da**
- **conoscere** and **sapere**
- telling the time

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Topics

- Back in town: ordering at the bar, shopping for presents
- Musical instruments
- **L'amore**

Communication tasks

- Saying how much (expensive) things cost
- Asking if you may try something
- Saying whether you know him, her, them
- Answering the phone, taking a message
- Making a date: arranging where to meet
- Arranging how to get there and back

Cultural information

- Another look at Perugia
- **Baci Perugia** – Italy's most famous chocolates
- **Portofino** and **la Riviera Ligure**

Language points

- the **Lei** verb form for formal address
- the personal pronouns **mi, ti, ci, vi**
- the personal pronouns **lo, la, li, le**
- the irregular verb **uscire**
- adverbs

Revision and reinforcement

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense with **avere** and **essere**
- **eccolo/la/li/le!**
- asking how much things cost
- numbers 1 000 000+
- **conoscere**

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Topics

- Clothes and jewellery shopping
- Getting ready for a party

Communication tasks

- Telling someone to try something on
- Asking someone's opinion
- Saying that something fits/suits
- Saying that something is too big, small, tight etc.

- Describing what someone is wearing
- Saying how long you have been doing something
- Saying where you've seen him/her/them
- Saying what you bought
- Asking where someone bought something
- Asking why someone doesn't buy something

Cultural information

- A flea market in Perugia
- **La firma** – how much is a designer label worth?
- **L'acquario di Genova**

Language points

- using **da** to say how long you've been doing something
- **lo, la, li, le** meaning 'it' and 'them'
- **mi, ti, ci, vi** with the perfect tense
- **lo, la, li, le** with the perfect tense
- imperatives
- use of **avere** in expressions where English uses 'to be'

Revision and reinforcement

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense with **avere** and **essere**
- **lo, la, li, le**
- **mi, ti, ci, vi**
- stating preferences
- **mi piace/piacciono**

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Topics

- Your daily routine
- Summer holiday activities

Communication tasks

- Talking about your daily routine: waking up, getting dressed etc.
- Talking about changing clothes
- Saying how you got there
- Arranging to go out to the movies
- Saying what sorts of things you like to do
- Suggesting different activities

Cultural information

- **Il lago Trasimeno**
- **Cinemaestate**: movies in the open air on the shores of the lake
- **Trasimeno in festa**: a program of summer activities on the lake

Language points

- reflexive verbs
- using pronouns with infinitives
- **ci** meaning 'there'

- **ne**
- **pensare a** and **pensare di**

Revision and reinforcement

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense with **avere** and **essere**
- the time, date, weather, seasons
- clothes
- modes of transport
- introducing people
- using **da** to say how long you've been doing something
- **lo, la, li, le**
- **mi, ti, ci, vi**

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Topics

- Summer sports

Communication tasks

- Asking how you do something
- Explaining how to play different sports
- Saying what you need
- Asking people if they enjoyed themselves
- Saying you enjoyed yourself
- Telling people to wake up, get dressed etc.

Cultural information

- **Il Centro Sportivo di Perugia**
- Holiday sporting clubs
- **Una visita a Venezia**

Language points

- the perfect tense of reflexive verbs
- reflexive imperatives
- impersonal **si**
- **nostro, vostro, loro**
- **per** + infinitive to express purpose
- the irregular verb **tenere**

Revision and reinforcement

- **il passato prossimo**: the perfect tense with **avere** and **essere**
- imperatives
- possessives
- **lo, la, li, le**
- **mi, ti, ci, vi**