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ELEMENTI GRAMMATICALI

Gli studenti dovranno dimostrare di conoscere le seguenti forme grammaticali:

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Verbs

Regular and irregular forms

Modals

can (ability; requests; permission)
could (ability; possibility; polite requests)
would (polite requests)
will (offer)
shall (suggestion; offer)
should (advice)
may (possibility)
might (possibility)
have (got) to (obligation)
ought to (obligation)
must (obligation)
mustn't (prohibition)
need (necessity)
needn't (lack of necessity)
used to + infinitive (past habits)

Tenses

Present simple: states, habits, systems and processes (and verbs not used in the continuous form)
Present continuous: future plans and activities, present actions
Present perfect simple: recent past with just, indefinite past with yet, already, never, ever; unfinished past with for and since
Past simple: past events
Past continuous: parallel past actions, continuous actions interrupted by the past simple tense
Past perfect simple: narrative, reported speech
Future with going to
Future with present continuous and present simple
Future with will and shall: offers, promises, predictions, etc.

Verb forms

Affirmative, interrogative, negative
Imperatives
Infinitives (with and without to) after verbs and adjectives
Gerunds (-ing form) after verbs and prepositions
Gerunds as subjects and objects
Passive forms: present and past simple



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Verb + object + infinitive give/take/send/bring/show + direct/indirect object

Causative have/get

So/nor with auxiliaries

Compound verb patterns

Phrasal verbs/verbs with prepositions

Conditional sentences

Type 0: An iron bar expands if/when you heat it.

Type 1: If you do that again, I'll leave.

Type 2: I would tell you the answer if I knew it. / If I were you, I wouldn't do that again.

Type 3: I would have told you the answer if I had known it.

Simple reported speech

Statements, questions and commands: say, ask, tell

He said that he felt ill.

I asked her if I could leave.

No one told me what to do.

Indirect and embedded questions: know, wonder

Do you know what he said?

I wondered what he would do next.

Interrogatives

What, What (+ noun)

Where; When

Who; Whose; Which

How; How much; How many; How often; How long; etc.

Why

(including the interrogative forms of all tenses and modals listed)

Nouns

Singular and plural (regular and irregular forms)

Countable and uncountable nouns with some and any

Abstract nouns

Compound nouns

Complex noun phrases

Genitive: 's & s'

Double genitive: a friend of theirs

Pronouns

Personal (subject, object, possessive)

Reflexive and emphatic: myself, etc.

Impersonal: it, there

Demonstrative: this, that, these, those

Quantitative: one, something, everybody, etc.

Indefinite: some, any, something, one, etc.

Relative: who, which, that, whom, whose



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Determiners

a + countable nouns
the + countable/uncountable nouns

Adjectives

Colour, size, shape, quality, nationality
Predicative and attributive
Cardinal and ordinal numbers
Possessive: my, your, his, her, etc.
Demonstrative: this, that, these, those
Quantitative: some, any, many, much, a few, a lot of, all, other, every, etc.
Comparative and superlative forms (regular and irregular): (not) as...as, not...enough to, too...to
Order of adjectives
Participles as adjectives
Compound adjectives

Adverbs

Regular and irregular forms
Manner: quickly, carefully, etc.
Frequency: often, never, twice a day, etc.
Definite time: now, last week, etc.
Indefinite time: already, just, yet, etc.
Degree: very, too, rather, etc.
Place: here, there, etc.
Direction: left, right, along, etc.
Sequence: first, next, etc.
Sentence adverbs: too, either, etc.
Pre-verbal, post-verbal and end-position adverbs
Comparative and superlative forms (regular and irregular)

Prepositions

Location: to, on, inside, next to, at (home), etc.
Time: at, on, in, during, etc.
Direction: to, into, out of, from, etc.
Instrument: by, with
Miscellaneous: like, as, due to, owing to, etc.
Prepositional phrases: at the beginning of, by means of, etc.
Prepositions preceding nouns and adjectives: by car, for sale, at last, etc.
Prepositions following (i) nouns and adjectives: advice on, afraid of, etc. (ii) verbs: laugh at, ask for, etc.

Connectives

and, but, or, either ... or
when, while, until, before, after, as soon as
where
because, since, as, for
so that, (in order) to
so, so ... that, such ... that



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if, unless
although, while, whereas

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