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"I would thoroughly recommend Elisa if you wish to learn Italian. I have been a student now for around 4 years. She is attentive and listens to your personal learning needs and adapts to meet those needs. She makes learning a language fun as well as instructive. Do try her lessons and I am sure you will find you improve enormously. I should add she is also very patient."(Gwenda McInnes)

"I have been studying Italian with Elisa for many years, which is a recommendation in itself. Elisa always tailors her lessons to the needs of her students and this, to me, has always been a bonus. Her teaching methods are extremely effective because she understands intuitively the strengths and weaknesses of her students in their 'learning journey' and adapts accordingly."(Pat Horn)

Elisa is a superb, gifted teacher. I had wanted to learn Italian for years and finally looked for a tutor online and found Elisa. What a lucky find! I visit her once a fortnight and my Italian is coming on by leaps and bounds. She is always well prepared with excellent resources, very clear and very lively and encouraging. Last week due to the current crisis I had a lesson via Skype. I am not great with technology but it was brilliant. I am confident now about this method of learning. Highly recommended."(Carole Lewis)

"Elisa is by far the best teacher I have had. Patient, kind and generous with her time, Elisa creates the right atmosphere for her students to learn. If you've been learning in a class or via an app, I recommend switching to one-to-one tuition as it will improve your understanding of the Italian language very quickly, and I would really recommend Elisa as your tutor." (Steve Carlton)

"Thank you for an excellent pronoun session. It has helped me a lot." (J.B)

"The course is well structured, but is also flexible so that our requests and preferences can be accommodated. It is informal, varied and uses techniques to make learning a language interesting and enjoyable." (J.P.)

"The course is entertaining with a broad coverage of topics and approaches to teaching." (J.S)

"I like the variety of teaching methods and subject matter. We read interesting articles and learn about the country rather than simply learning the language." (K.E).

"Elisa has been teaching me Italian at beginner level and I strongly believe that no-one could have done a better job. Elisa manages to achieve the almost impossible - making sure the lessons are informative, fun and effective whilst still providing the rigour to ensure that you improve after every lesson. I would whole-heartedly recommend Elisa to anyone wishing to learn to speak Italian" (Justin Stewart)

"Learning a new language can be a daunting experience. Elisa puts a lot of time and effort into her courses to make the experience as fun and stimulating as possible". (David Bliss)

"I enjoyed learning Italian with Elisa. She helped me with the all important pronunciation, and was patient with my halting attempts at conversation! I wish I had more time to do more lessons! but I do "get by" in Italy now!" (Felicity)

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"I met Elisa for the first time in February 2007 at a beginners' intensive course. From the start I found her to be a great teacher, always approachable, cheerful, patient and helpful. I had no knowledge of Italian at the start of the week but felt I had mastered many useful words and phrases by the end of the course. Learning is fun with Elisa as she uses a variety of teaching methods including role play, games and quizzes. Being an Italian (but totally fluent in English) she is also able to give an insight into Italian ways and culture which is an added bonus (and sometimes amusement!). I have now attended three of Elisa's courses and have enjoyed all of them very much as well as having learned a great deal. She has inspired me to take on a regular evening class in Italian to continue my learning and I am planning to enrol on a forth intensive course with her later this year. It is thanks to her that I now feel confident enough to speak when on holiday in Italy" (H.S.) "I found the refresher course very useful as it re-enforces previous lessons and courses. Elisa is very patient and takes time to explain in English and Italian what she would like you to do. I have never felt that I am too stupid to understand what is being explained and therefore I can progress in my own time and not feel hurried. This is very important as an older student as your confidence can be easily taken away when the lesson is rushed. I love having lessons with Elisa as she has a strong 'English' sense of humour and I can relate to what is being said. the lessons are always well prepared and with a few games they are enjoyable rather than a chore, in this way you can be happy and learn at the same time. (C.W.)

"Since attending your classes, I have become much more confident in Italian conversation, and virtually never speak English when on holiday in Italy, and I am also able to have quite lengthy discussions on various subjects. At present I am also following the Madeleine Kercher case on the websites of newspapers such as 'Corriere della sera'. As a side issue, I hope to be singing my third solo in Italian in May, Figaro's aria, from 'il Barbiere di Siviglia', probably not part of your remit, but it says a lot for the confidence instilled! I am beginning to think in Italian, rather than translate, which is a major step forward. Grazie molte!" (John Flint)

"I came under Elisa's wing as a mature student when I was required to learn modern and medieval Italian virtually from scratch for an examination at Cambridge University at undergraduate level. Before Elisa tutored me I had very little understanding of how the romantic language functions and no real idea of the challenges that are to be faced with learning, speak, write and read in a foreign language for the first time. Elisa's skills as a tutor proved exemplary. Her approach to lessons and tutorials is systematic which makes learning succinct and efficient. As a tutor Elisa adopts a very flexible approach to the education of her students listening carefully to their requirements and tailoring the course to suit their needs. As a result I was able to progress from only a basic understanding of Italian to a level where I am now able to read, write and speak Italian with a good degree of ability. Her interest in the development of her student helps to inspire confidence in areas of study which at times may seem daunting." (Mark Partridge)