

Syllabus B1 - Avanzato

Competences

Can **understand** the **main ideas of complex text** on both **concrete** and **abstract** topics, including **technical** discussions in his/her **field of specialisation**.

Can **interact** with a **degree of fluency and spontaneity** that makes regular interaction with **native speakers** quite possible **without strain** for either party.

Can **produce clear, detailed text** on a **range of subjects** and **explain** a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the **advantages and disadvantages** of various options.

Suggested structures, vocabulary areas, functions, pronunciation...

Skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing and interaction)

understanding humour in written and spoken English
 understanding a scientific text
 understanding and writing diaries, faxes and letters (job applications, apologies, complaints, advice...)
 skimming and scanning (newspapers, brochures, magazines, biographies, narrative...)
 understanding and writing imaginative or emotional texts (story, biography or dialogue...)
 understanding old-fashioned English
 recognising different styles of written English
 writing composition (opinion, headings, for, against...)
 separating fact from opinion in written texts
 listening for gist and for detail
 understanding colloquial language
 understanding fast speech
 talking and writing about emotions, reactions, events, hopes, regrets etc.
 reporting events (film/book review, current affairs.....)
 writing notes
 understanding and expressing opinions (advantages, disadvantages)
 understanding native speaker interaction (dialogues, conversation, anecdotes...)
 understanding professional long turns (speeches, talks, stories, radio programmes.....)
 interacting in social and professional situations
 adding emphasis
 expressing wishes and regrets
 making recommendations
 taking part in discussions and/or debate

Topic / Domains

daily life	education	environment
feelings	entertainment	current affairs
food and drink	language	society and change
house and home	travel	social behaviour
free time / sport and leisure	services	crime and punishment
shopping	jobs	technology
relations with other people	business	medical science
health and body	the arts and media	
personal information / stages in your life	clothes and fashion	
weather	books and publishing	
personality	advertising	

Pronunciation

understanding colloquial language

understanding fast speech - appropriate stress patterns and linking

intonation patterns (questions, echo questions, statements, agreeing and disagreeing, checking and confirming, emphasis...)

stress patterns, reduced speech, linking and intonation in longer turns

Structures

For this level you will need the following, plus the structures listed in the Syllabus for B1 - Proredito (see CLAV site):

overview of Present and Past verb forms

overview of the Perfect tenses

overview of the Continuous aspect

the Narrative tenses

used to, be used to, get used to

conditional Type 3

formal Passive constructions (It is thought etc.)

order of adjectives

thethe + comparative

gradable adjectives and adverbs

adverbial phrases

participle and infinitive clauses

modals of probability in the present and future

indirect questions

register

word building