First Year READING COMPREHENSION and Use of English 2024-2025

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**Aims and Objectives (level B1+/B2)**:

Students should be able to:

* understand the main points in straightforward texts on subjects of socal and cultural issues, and of personal or professional interest.
* understand articles, reports and reviews in which the writers express specific points of view.
* identify the main conclusions in texts which clearly argue a point of view.
* Answer in writing, in your own words, open-ended questions; answer multiple choice questions based on the text
* Explain in writing the meanings of words and phrases in the text
* Summarize and paraphrase information
* Examine, critically evaluate and discuss short essays written by learners of a similar level to their own, and in so doing learn to identify
* (i) common errors in vocabulary, grammar and syntax which should be avoided;
* (ii) which kinds of words, phrases, and grammar forms are too "simple" and therefore fail to demonstrate ability at the required level;
* (iii) some of the features of good and excellent writing that they can emulate and aspire to;
* (iv) how language skills are assessed in terms of "range" and "control" in relation to the CEFR levels.

**Method**:

* Provision of models
* Explanation/Analysis of models, interactive discussion
* Provision of reading and writing tasks
* Provision of guidelines for carrying out tasks
* Correction of and feedback on students’ written work

**Course requirements**:

* Attendance of lessons
* Participation in class discussion, active not passive learning
* Completion of reading tasks

**Course texts (First semester)**:

Lady Diana-Martin Bashir Panorama interview.

Oxford Bookworms Library:  ***History Of The English Language*** ISBN: 9780194233972 oppure 9780194638036

These titles can be ordered from: [www.libreriauniversitaria.it](http://www.libreriauniversitaria.it), [www.libraccio.it](http://www.libraccio.it), [www.hoepli.it](http://www.hoepli.it), [www.mondadoristore.it](http://www.mondadoristore.it), [www.amazon.it](http://www.amazon.it)

Selected extracts from Gavin Esler's (2021) *How Britain Ends: English Nationalism and the Rebirth of Four Nations*. (Second semester).

Recommended: *Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary*.

# Assessment

Continuos assessment, lettorato exam (see Sample Exam to be posted on my Unimc webpage in the 2nd semester).

**Schedule: I semester**

Week 1-5 (October 7-November 05)

Corso propedeutico for students (below B2 level), to attend Monday and Tuesday lessons (4 hours per week for 5 weeks)

Course for all students: Week 6-10 (November 11-December 19). Students may choose either Monday and Wednesday (or Monday and Thursday) or Tuesday and Thursday (or Tuesday and Wednesday) classes to attend (3 hours per week).

II semester: Please check my unimc webpage in January for start date, course timetable and material.