

A LEVEL LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS 6-9 APRIL 2010



Why languages?

Quite apart from the communicative benefits offered by the knowledge of foreign languages, there are many other advantages:

- Speaking a foreign language opens the way to understanding new cultures and finding out about other nations' ways of life
- The ability to speak a foreign language fluently increases your chances in the job market and opens up a whole spectrum of careers
- Statistically, language graduates have lower rates of unemployment than graduates of most other subjects, such as engineering, business and computing. Only medicine and law have lower graduate unemployment rates than languages
- The career opportunities open to linguists extend beyond teaching and translating. Over 80 per cent of language graduates go into the private sector where they use their language skills in well-paid jobs with exciting opportunities for travel or living abroad. Areas include business services, banking, finance or retail. The role played by the EU has seen the number of opportunities increase.

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TAKE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Are you:

- studying French, German, Italian or Spanish at AS or A2 Level?
- studying Russian at A2 Level?
- enthusiastic about using your language skills in different contexts?
- eager to improve your speaking, grammar and writing skills in real-life situations?
- interested in working with authentic resources and qualified native speakers?
- curious to find out what your language(s) can do for you?

If so, Westminster's A Level Language Workshops will help you take your language skills to the next level. Our annual workshops, which have successfully run for a number of years, are delivered by teaching staff who are experienced native speakers and focus on improving essential skills (speaking, grammar and writing). Our workshops are not syllabus revision classes, but offer you the opportunity to increase your fluency, accuracy, confidence and learning skills.

We are offering workshops in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish (see specific programmes, pages 6-14) from 6-9 April 2010. Separate classes for AS and A2 Level groups are available for French, German, Italian and Spanish (please note that for Russian we are offering A2 Level only).

How to book your place

Due to the generous support of the Routes into Languages initiative, we are able to offer courses free of charge. However, in order to reserve a place, a refundable £50 deposit (either cheque or postal order) is required. Please send this, together with a completed booking form (page 15) and stamped, self addressed envelope, to:

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The deposit will be returned to you on successful completion of the course.

Our workshops are popular – in 2009, some 200 students took part. Places are limited, so if you want to make use of this exciting opportunity, please book your place in good time and no later than 10 March 2010. Each workshop is limited to 15 students.

For further information please contact Dr Manuela von Papen m.von.papen@westminster.ac.uk

We are unable to process bookings by telephone.



- French is spoken by about 110 million people as a first language, by 190 million as a second language, and by about another 200 million people as an acquired foreign language, with significant numbers of speakers in 57 countries
- Nicholas Sarkozy is the sixth president of the Fifth Republic
- Lance Armstrong has won the Tour de France the most number of times: Seven.



- German is the most commonly spoken language in the EU and the second most commonly used language in the world of science
- With 82 million inhabitants, Germany is the biggest of all EU countries and shares borders with nine countries
- Over six million people visit the Oktoberfest every year.



- 1,950 Italian students are currently studying a degree in London universities. Italian is spoken by a total of 70 million native speakers
- €5 billion was spent on ice cream in 2009 in Italy
- Five Italian movies were nominated for a 2009 Oscar.



- Russia is the largest country in the world, covering 17.1 million square kilometres. This is 1/8 of the land on earth
- Only in Russia have there been two revolutions in one year: in February and October 1917
- In Moscow there are 100,000 families with the surname Ivanov.



- Spanish is the second most used language in international communication, and an official language of the UN and its organisations
- At the end of the 19th Century, 60 million people were Spanish speakers. Today, nearly 500 million people across the world speak Spanish.
- The Latin American countries are experiencing strong economic growth and they are becoming important commercial partners. Newly created Mercosur and the existing free trade agreements between South American nations and North America (ALADI, CACM, NAFTA, and G3) are expected to bring further growth to Latin American economies.

PROGRAMME

FRENCH A1

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: L'environnement

11am – 12.30pm	Welcome and introduction Speaking Skills: Personal information (individual/pair work) Grammar: Regular and irregular verbs
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading and comprehension: Environmental issues
2.30 – 3pm	Group exercise: The natural world
3 – 3.30pm	Listening exercise

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: L'éducation et le travail

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Present tense and negative forms of reflexive verbs
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading and speaking exercise: The world of work
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Listening exercise
2.30 – 3.30pm	Small group activity: Jobs and careers

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: La culture

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Past tense with "avoir" (passé composé), regular and irregular verbs
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading and comprehension exercise: National/International cultural events
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.15pm	Grammar: Past tense with "être" (passé composé, motion verbs)
2.15 – 3pm	Listening comprehension: Art and culture
3 – 3.30pm	Speaking exercise: "La Joconde"

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Les nouvelles technologies

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Future tense, regular and irregular
11.30am – 12.45pm	Reading and speaking exercise: New technologies; course evaluation
12.45 – 1.45pm	Lunch break
1.45 – 2.30pm	Listening exercise: Computers and society
2.30 – 3.30pm	Quiz

FRENCH A2

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: L'environnement

11am – 12pm	Speaking Skills: Personal information (individual/pair work)
12 – 1pm	Grammar: Past tense with "avoir" (passé composé), regular and irregular verbs
1 – 2pm	Lunch break
2 – 2.30pm	Reading and comprehension exercise: Climate change
2.30 – 3pm	Group exercise: The natural world
3 – 3.30pm	Listening exercise

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: L'éducation et le travail

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Past tense with "être" (passé composé, motion verbs)
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading and speaking exercise: The job market; Pair exercise: Practise some interview techniques
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Listening exercise
2.30 – 3.30pm	Small group exercise: Jobs and careers

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: La culture

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Future tense, regular and irregular
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading and comprehension: Paris exhibition (and questionnaire)
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2pm	Grammar: Futur antérieur
2 – 2.45pm	Listening comprehension: Contemporary culture
2.45 – 3.30pm	Speaking exercise: "La Joconde"

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Les nouvelles technologies

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: Conditional tense
11.30am – 12.45pm	Reading and speaking exercise: New technologies and youth culture; Blogs and web sites; Course evaluation
12.45 – 1.45pm	Lunch break
1.45 – 2.30pm	Listening exercise
2.30 – 3.30pm	Quiz

PROGRAMME

GERMAN A1

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: Jugend und Musik

11am – 12:30pm	Listening and Speaking Skills: Video and short texts, discussion Grammar 1: Nouns (Genders and Cases)
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Writing Skills
2.30 – 3.30pm	Group activity, learning skills

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Reisen, fremde Kulturen und Tourismus

10.30 – 11.30am	Reading and Listening Skills: Text, video, group activity
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 2: Prepositions, verbs + prepositions
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Writing Skills: Describing a picture
2.30 – 3.30pm	Speaking Skills: group discussion

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Literatur, Theater und Film

10.30 – 11.30am	Listening and Reading Skills: Video and texts
11.30am – 12.30pm	Creative writing and Grammar 3: Subordinate clauses, word order
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Speaking skills: Pronunciation practice
2.30 – 3.30pm	Group activity (performances), discussion

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Politik und Umweltschutz

10.30 – 11.30am	Group activity: Speaking skills, vocabulary expansion
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 4: Adjectival endings; Course evaluation
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Learning Skills and Quiz preparation
2.30 – 3.30pm	Quiz: A1/A2

GERMAN A2

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: Heimat und Fremde

11am – 12.30pm	Listening and Speaking Practice: Group Discussion; Grammar 1: Prepositions, verbs with prepositions and reflexive verbs
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading Skills: Text analysis
2.30 – 3.30pm	Writing Skills: Group activity

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Ausbildung und Arbeit

10.30 – 11.30am	Listening and speaking skills: Debate
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 2: The passive; Creative writing in groups
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion
2.30 – 3.30pm	Speaking skills: Group work/role play

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Welt und Umwelt

10.30 – 11.30am	Listening practice and writing skills
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 3: Personal pronouns, word order
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading comprehension, text evaluation
2.30 – 3.30pm	Speaking practice: Group work and presentation

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Vergangenheit und Zukunft

10.30 – 11.30am	Speaking and listening skills; Grammar 4: Adjectival endings
11.30am – 12.30pm	Revision of key grammar points; course evaluation
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Language learning strategies and quiz preparation
2.30 – 3.30pm	Quiz: A1/A2

PROGRAMME

ITALIAN A1

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: Backgrounds and biographies

11 – 11.30am	Presentiamoci! Grammar: Irregular verbs
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading skills: Text analysis and practice
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch Break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Speaking practice
2.30 – 3.30pm	Grammar: Question forms (practice)

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Dreams, Aspirations, Future Plans

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: uses of the future tense
12 – 1pm	Reading comprehension and vocabulary expansion
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3.30pm	Writing skills/group evaluation and discussion; Creative writing in groups (picture story/soap opera dialogue)

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Italy today

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: uses of the conditional
12 – 1pm	Team project: A new image for Italy
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3pm	Text evaluation and vocabulary expansion
3 – 3.30pm	Listening practice

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Europe Yesterday and Today

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: uses of “passato prossimo” and imperfect
12 – 1pm	Text analysis, vocabulary and listening; Course evaluation
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3pm	Creative writing: Picture sequence
3 – 3.30pm	Language learning strategies

ITALIAN A2

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: The Media

11 – 11.30am	Parliamo insieme! Grammar: Revision of indicative composite tenses
11.30am – 12.30pm	Reading skills: Text analysis and practice
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch Break
1.30 – 3.30pm	Italian Media: Text analysis/listening

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Popular traditions and tourism

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: uses of past definite tense
12 – 1pm	Text analysis/vocabulary expansion
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 2.30pm	Writing strategies and practice/group evaluation and discussion
2.30 – 3.30pm	Creative writing: publicity leaflet

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Italy: A changing society (1)

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: Uses of the subjunctive
12 – 1pm	Reading/listening: Giovani/famiglia/immigrazione
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3.30pm	Report writing, evaluation and editing

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Italy: A changing society (2)

10.30am – 12pm	Grammar: “Il periodo ipotetico”
12 – 1pm	Text analysis: La pubblicità, l’economia; Course evaluation
1 – 2pm	Lunch Break
2 – 3.30pm	Speaking skills: Italy’s image abroad; language learning strategies

PROGRAMME

RUSSIAN A2

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: Russia and Russian: Past and present, youth culture

11am – 12.30pm	Listening & Speaking Practice: Group Discussion; Grammar 1: Prepositions, verbs with prepositions and reflexive verbs
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading skills: Text analysis
2.30 – 3.30pm	Writing skills: Group activities

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Health, sport and fitness

10.30 – 11.30am	Listening and speaking skills: Debate
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 2: The passive; Creative writing in groups
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion
2.30 – 3.30pm	Speaking skills: Group work/role play

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: The world around us - tourism, environment

10.30 – 11.30am	Listening practice and writing skills
11.30am – 12.30pm	Grammar 3: Personal pronouns, word order
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Reading comprehension, text evaluation
2.30 – 3.30pm	Speaking practice: Group work and presentation

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Education and work

10.30 – 11.30am	Speaking and listening skills; Grammar 4: Adjectival endings
11.30am – 12.30pm	Revision of key grammar points, course evaluation
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Language learning strategies
2.30 – 3.30pm	Quiz

SPANISH AS

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: Past Events, Experiences and Biographies

11am – 12.30pm	Grammar: Pretérito indefinido; reading comprehension; speaking skills: What did they do?
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Vocabulary expansion and listening activities; speaking skills: Where and when you were the first time that...?
2.30 – 3.30pm	Task-based exercise based on the short film: "The struck" by Taron Lexton

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: Teenagers' diaries

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: "Pretérito imperfecto"; "Pretérito indefinido vs imperfecto"
11.30am – 12.30pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension
12.30 – 1pm	Speaking skills: The way we were...
1 – 2pm	Lunch break
2 – 3.30pm	Topic: Drugs; Film showing "María llena eres de gracia" by Joshua Marston

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Drugs

10.30 – 11am	Task-based exercise on the film "María llena eres de gracia" by Joshua Marston
11am – 12pm	Topic: Travel/tourism; Grammar: "Pretérito perfecto"; "pretérito indefinido vs perfecto"
12 – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension: "El camino de Santiago"; vocabulary expansion and listening activities
1 – 2pm	Lunch break
2 – 3.30pm	Topic: Cultural contrasts: travelling; Speaking skills Writing skills: story writing

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Future plans and projects

10.30 – 11.30am	Grammar: "Ir a and infinitivo and future. First conditional"
11.30am – 12.30pm	Speaking skills; course evaluation
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 3.30pm	Topic: Spanish culture; useful websites for learning Spanish; Quiz: How much do you know about Spanish culture?

PROGRAMME

SPANISH A2

TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010

Topic: The future

11am – 12.30pm	Grammar: Indicative and subjunctive; Speaking skills: Formulate hypothesis about the future
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30pm	Speaking activity. Express diverse grades of probability; Grammar: futuro simple and compuesto. Pretérito perfecto del subjuntivo
2.30 – 3.30pm	Vocabulary expansion and listening activities; Reading comprehension/text analysis: "Fair trade"

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2010

Topic: The Spanish Civil War

10.30am – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension, writing and listening about the Spanish civil war and the "maquis"
1 – 2pm	Lunch break
2 – 3.30pm	Task based exercise on the film "El laberinto del Fauno" by Guillermo del Toro

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010

Topic: Culture. Spanish cinema

10.30am – 1pm	Skills focus: Reading comprehension and speaking: Spanish cinema/Alejandro Amenábar; Task based exercises on the film "Mar adentro" Writing skills: Story writing
1 – 2pm	Lunch break
2 – 3.30pm	Film showing: "Mar adentro" by Alejandro Amenábar

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

Topic: Euthanasia

10.30 – 11pm	Review activity: "Mar adentro"; Speaking activity: Express opinions using structures with Indicative or subjunctive tenses
11am – 12:30pm	Task based exercise on text analysis and vocabulary expansion; Grammar: Expressing agreement/disagreement, enumerating arguments and highlight an opinion; course evaluation
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30 – 3.30pm	Oral skills: Debate; other languages spoken in Spain; listening and reading activities

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BOOKING FORM

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I would like to book a place for (please indicate)

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Please tick	French AS		Italian AS
	French A2		Italian A2
	German AS		Russian A2
	German A2		Spanish AS
			Spanish A2

Name:

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