

Reading activity

Instructions: Read the information and answer the exercises correctly.

a) Read the rubric, including the advertisement and notes.

You have seen this newspaper advertisement for a language school in your area, and you are interested in learning Italian. Look at the notes you have made, then write a letter to the director of the language school, asking for further information. Do not use any addresses. (120-180 words)

ITALIAN – Intensive course for beginners at Percelli's Language School. Organised trips to Italy. Contact Mrs Percelli, 423 Blackthorn, Rd. Tel. 171436

- *Intensive course:*
How long does it last?
How many hours a week?
Any classes on Saturdays?
- *Organised trips:*
To which cities?
Can we take friends/ family?

b) Read the letter and correct the mistakes in bold. (Hint: Check spelling, word accuracy, use of capital letters, or word order)

Dear Mrs Percelli

I am writing with reference to your advertisement in the *Daily News*, offering classes in **1) italian**. I am very interested in your intense course for **2) begginers** and would like some **3) furthest** information.

Firstly, I would like to know a little more about the course schedule. For instance, could you please **4) say** me how long **5) does the course last**, and how many hours a week it involves? I would also like to know **6) wether** there are classes on Saturdays.

In addition, I would appreciate **7) informations** about the organized trips **8) mentioning** in your advertisement.

I am interested to know which cities **9) will you visit**.

Could you also inform me if students are allowed to invite their friends and family to join them in these trips?

Thanking you for your time and **10) assistance**.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Wilson

c) Read the letter again and answer the following questions:

- 1) Has the writer included all of the necessary points from the notes in exercise a?
- 2) What style has the writer used – formal or informal?
- 3) Does the writer know the name of the person she is writing to?