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New Edition of **Buongiorno Italia!** to be Published in August 2005



Buongiorno Italia!, the highly-successful BBC Italian course for beginners, has been fully revised and updated in a new edition and will be available in all good bookshops from 4th August 2005 – or from your usual supplier.

Buongiorno Italia! is based on authentic conversations and interviews recorded in Italy, offering a unique introduction to simple, everyday language. The course is designed to meet the needs of both independent learners and those studying in a class. Divided into 20 short units, the book contains dialogues, language notes, and information about Italian society, vocabulary and practice activities. There is also a full reference section, including answers, grammar notes and a glossary. The audio offers the chance to develop listening and speaking skills, with real-life conversations, stage-by-stage pronunciation practice and further activities.

The new edition includes:

- the euro and up-to-date cultural information about life in Italy
- new, interactive audio exercises that tie the book and audio more closely together
- new dialogues and reading passages offering a different insight into modern Italy
- audio available on CD as well as cassette
- brand new sophisticated design in full colour making the course easier to navigate and more visually appealing
- new photos and illustrations

Available from 4th August:

- 304-page course book

(£12.99 ISBN: 0563 51945 2)

- CD pack – 3 audio CDs
(£20.99 ISBN: 0563 51946 0)
- Language pack – course book and three audio CDs
(£32.99 ISBN: 0563 51948 7)
- Language pack – course book and three audio cassettes
(£30.99 ISBN: 0563 51947 9)

Greek Language and People

Published in 1983, *Greek Language and People* has proved immensely popular with language tutors over the years and is still as successful as ever!

We are now planning to update the course, in the same way we have our other popular courses, such as *The French Experience* and *España Viva*. Below is an outline of the proposed update – we would be very interested to hear the opinions of tutors who have used or are using the course.

Please email your opinions to melanie.kramers@bbc.co.uk

Greek Language and People update:

General

Retain general content and structure, but:

- replace Drachma with the Euro and update cultural aspects
- update and re-record dialogues/activities in the book and on the audio material

Book

New design, illustrations and photos

Update and/or re-write content where necessary to reflect cultural changes, including the introduction of the Euro

Audio

Material available on CDs

New dialogues and activities to reflect cultural changes

Any other opinions and/or suggestions for the update would be gratefully received, as would other general feedback on how the course and the components are used in your classroom.

Japanese/Russian Language and People

BBC Languages are also planning an update of the successful Japanese/Russian Language and People courses. We are planning to convert the audio material on to CD and update the content and activities to reflect cultural changes where possible. We'd be very interested to hear the opinions of tutors who have used or are using either of these courses.

Please email melanie.kramers@bbc.co.uk

What's New in www.bbc.co.uk/languages

*** Adult Learners' Week 21-27 May 2005**

In order to mark the occasion, we'd like you to help us find the best interactive teaching idea. We're inviting tutors who use our site to submit their idea. You can then vote for the one you think is best.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/tutors/>

*** Penalty shoot-out language game** - European Champions final: Liverpool FC v AC Milan Wed 25 May
Answer some language questions and help Liverpool win the game

http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/milan_liverpool/index.shtml

*** Prize draw - Eurovision Tongue Contest 2005**

Congratulations to Greece for winning the Song Contest on Saturday. For your chance to win a BBC language pack of your choice and a CD single of the UK entrant, Javine, you're still in time to enter our multilingual quote quiz <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/eurovision2005/>

*** Intermediate audio magazines in French and Spanish: Le Mensuel/EI Mensual**

Keep your French or Spanish up to date with this year's Eurovision songs in French and Spanish. You can also browse our comprehensive collection of audio reports via grammar point or topic.

French: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news/index.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/index.shtml>

*** Talk French online video**

UK broadband users can now enjoy higher quality video. All users can also see the transcript at the same time as the video, as well as enjoy the new activities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/talk/>

*** Language programmes on TV**

Look up what's coming on BBC Learning Zone, BBC Two, overnight Monday to Tuesday, 1 - 6 am

http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ifi/learningzone/queryengine/?templatestyle=learning&config=learning&attrib_1=category_id;oper_1=%3D%3D;val_1_1=12;attrib_6=id;oper_6=%3D%7E;val_6_1=.;sort_1=date_long;sortsense_1=ASC;sort_2=time_start;sortsense_2=ASC;preferred_range_length=&page=2&pagesize=29

Get Talking Too, University of Southampton, Monday 27th June 2005

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Lecture Theatre C, Avenue Campus, University of Southampton

An event which aims to provide a focal point and meeting place for all involved in languages in Adult and Further Education. Workshops and presentations: key speakers to include Mick Webb of the BBC and Pauline Swanton of Network. Please direct any enquiries to pd2@soton.ac.uk:

Provisional Programme

10.00-10.30	Coffee and registration
10.30-10.45	Welcome and introduction
10.45-11.15	BBC languages online: video on the web Mick Webb, Editor, Languages, BBC Learning and Interactive www.bbc.co.uk/languages/
11.15-11.30	Coffee
11.30-12.45	BBC workshops: making use of online resources (rooms 2141 / 2143) Mick Webb, Editor, Languages, BBC Learning and Interactive
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-14.00	Plenary – question and answer session Mick Webb, Editor, Languages, BBC Learning and Interactive
14.00-14.30	Network: supporting languages in further and adult education Pauline Swanton, Comenius Network Manager www.cilt.org.uk/comenius/network/index.htm
14.30-15.30	ReActivate your language learning: non traditional language learning for adults Paula Davis & Alison Dickens, LLAS Subject Centre www.opendoor2languages.net/reactivate

Language World Conference and Exhibition

Another reminder that Language World 2005 will take place between 1-3 July at the University of Kent at Canterbury, only 90 minutes from London by rail. It is a unique event in the languages education calendar; it brings together teachers, students, policy makers, experts and enthusiasts from across educational sectors, giving them opportunities - professional and social, formal and informal - to meet, discuss and relax. The conference itself has plenary talks from key figures in languages education from both the UK and Europe, over 90 talks and workshops from which to choose and presentations by publishers and other commercial providers.

The theme for 2005 is Creating opportunities, don't miss out on this opportunity to join the biggest UK languages event. Alongside the conference will be the UK's largest exhibition of language teaching resources and equipment, running on 1-2 July. So come and see us on Stand 40 and take a look at our award-winning new *Get into French and Get into Spanish* interactive language series developed in association with the Cambridge University Language Centre. There will also be a special presentation by Susan Purcell on Saturday July 2nd where she will demonstrate both the CD-ROM and website. There are lots of other reasons why you should come and see us too including a brand new series of BBC Phrase Books & Dictionaries – and you will benefit too from a 30% discount if you buy or order *any* of our courses! And enjoy a glass or two of wine!

The full programme for the conference and exhibition is available online at <http://www.ALL-languages.org.uk> in the events section of the site. If you'd like to receive a copy by post, please email SheilaJ@ALL-languages.org.uk.

Language World 2005, Creating Opportunities
1-3 July, University of Kent at Canterbury
<http://www.ALL-languages.org.uk>

National Languages Forum

CILT, the National Centre for Languages will shortly be re-launching the National Languages Forum as a news service for those wanting to keep abreast of the key issues concerning languages in all sectors of society. This will comprise a short weekly bulletin from CILT and occasional additional news alerts.

The UK-wide service will cover national and regional news, including policy and funding announcements, language initiatives and services and results of the latest research.

To subscribe go to <http://www.mailbase.org.uk/lists/natlangs-forum>

Launch of the Languages Ladder

This week sees the launch of the Languages Ladder, a new scheme which for the first time gives learners of all ages and all levels of ability a chance to measure their achievements in languages against a single grading system. The creation of the Languages Ladder takes forward a key recommendation of the Nuffield Inquiry - the establishment of a national standards framework for languages - and fulfils one of three overarching objectives of the Government's National Languages Strategy for England – to introduce a recognition system.

The Languages Ladder uses 'can do' statements to measure learners' ability in the four main skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) at three stages (Breakthrough, Preliminary and Intermediate). Within each stage are small steps leading to grades which can be awarded by a teacher in the classroom. For example, someone with Breakthrough Grade 1 speaking would state 'I can say/repeat a few words and short simple phrases'. Advanced, Proficiency and Mastery stages will be introduced in the future. The scheme encompasses primary, secondary and adult learners and is currently available in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Punjabi, Spanish and Urdu, with an additional thirteen languages planned for 2006. Each skill area can be assessed separately, thus providing maximum flexibility as well as short-term motivational goals to encourage language learning.

Linked to the Ladder are qualifications provided through the Asset Languages assessment scheme. This offers a combination of teacher and external assessment and will count towards schools' performance table scores.

For more information on the Languages Ladder and on Asset Languages see the links below.

Asset Languages - www.assetlanguages.org.uk www.cilt.org.uk/edl/asset.htm
DfES - www.dfes.gov.uk/languages

And Sian Moore writes: This is a brilliant scheme. I have been involved in pretesting and the pilot in French with three local primary schools. the children's sense of achievement is immense and I'm really proud of

what they have achieved. I've just done the assessment and am now an accredited teacher at Breakthrough and primary level. One school is so impressed the whole school is doing French from year 3 to year 6 from September and we will definitely be using the scheme. Do contact me if you want to hear more about actually delivering the scheme on <mailto:siandmoore@hotmail.com>.

<http://www.aclearn.net/> Community Learning Resource

The Community Learning Resource website supports Adult and Community Learning (ACL) and provides information about the [extension of the National Learning Network \(NLN\) to ACL](#) and related [news](#), content and resources.

Our [Leadership and Management](#) area hosts the [NLN-ACL Strategy](#), as well as resources to aid you in your [NLN-ACL ILT/E-learning Strategy Development Process](#).

In [Learning Content](#), you can explore a range of e-learning resources, such as the [NLN Materials](#) and [Webquests](#), and access our [Resource Exchange](#). You can also find out about the [Technology to Enhance ACL](#) (TrEACL) funding and successful bids.

The [Technical Guidance](#) section includes updates on the [infrastructure](#) proposals for ACL, advice on ICT [hardware](#), and guidance on [technology and disability](#) related issues.

The [Skills Development](#) area focuses on the rollout of [E-Guides](#) across the ACL sector.

Keep in touch! The [Apollo](#) email discussion groups are for ACL providers who have, or are developing, e-learning materials for their learners. Why not [sign up](#) today?

European Day of Languages 2005

CILT, the National Centre for Languages, has pleasure in announcing plans for EDL 2005. In response to on-going concern about a gap in language skills, this year's campaign highlights the wide range of jobs where languages are an advantage, through its focus on an A to Z of languages and careers. CILT will be producing a range of free resources featuring 26 multilingual characters, including an Arabic-speaking astronomer and a zoo-keeper with Zulu.

CILT are pleased to announce that the organisation is joining forces with Asset Languages to make this year's European Day of Languages celebrations better than ever. As resources become available they will be added to the CILT website, which will be the hub for the UK EDL celebrations, please see www.cilt.org.uk/edl.

The European Day of Languages, marked annually across Europe on 26 September, is an opportunity for schools, employers, parents and local communities to join together in a celebration of linguistic diversity and the usefulness of language learning. The National Languages Forum was originally set up in 2001, the European Year of Languages, it is fitting, therefore that the first weekly bulletin of the new service announces the launch of the 2005 European Day of Languages campaign, a legacy of that special year.

New Learning for Older People **Exploring Curriculum for Later Life in the 21st Century UK** **Thursday 7 July 2005** **University of Luton** **Park Square, Luton LU1 3JU**

In March 2005 the Government launched its older people strategy *Opportunity Age: Meeting the challenges of ageing in the 21st Century*. The report spoke of the need to develop educational opportunities for older people "We will actively seek ways of opening up more opportunities for older people to learn". The strategy refers to the need for education and training for employability as well as the need to safeguard education for 'leisure, personal interest and community development purposes'.

This paper recognises the demographic changes taking place in our society which will mean more older people and less younger people and considers what policy developments will be required to assist older people live longer, more active and engaged lives. NIACE believes that curriculum issues are as important as funding and accessibility in bringing about the changes desired to increase and change the profile of older learners.

NIACE has been working on a range of curriculum issues for several years exploring their relevance to and for older people in the 21st century. With funding from the LSC we have been exploring the curriculum options available and needed for older people to better respond to the range of opportunities available for them to comment on and influence service provision. With the DfES we have been developing a 'Curriculum for Later Life', to see what new curriculum areas could have been developed and in what way existing curriculum areas could be adapted. In recent weeks we have been advocating the concept of a 'New

Opportunity for Older People' access course modelled on the principles behind New Opportunities for Women courses.

This conference presents an opportunity to learn more about these initiatives from the practitioners who have been working on the various strands, to consider the concept of a New opportunities in Later Life course to consider feasibility and to work with colleagues on the outlines of programmes delegates may wish to develop in their own localities, and to explore their increasing relevance in today's climate of demographic change and Government interest in older people.

The event is therefore relevant for all educational funders, policy makers and providers in all sectors working with older learners. It is of equal significance to older learners who may wish to comment on the value of their learning experience and what they feel to be appropriate curriculum developments.

For further information visit the NIACE website: <http://www.niace.org.uk/Conferences/NLOP.htm>

Or contact Gurjit Kaur on tel: 0116 2042833 <mailto:gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk>.

GCSE Bitesize

If your students have digital TV, they can see how their revision is going by taking part in our new daily bitesize interactive television quiz. The service will be available on Sky and Freeview from 18th April until 19th June. (The service is available all year round on Cable). If they play the interactive quiz on their TV, and get all the answers right, they'll be in with a chance to win a £15 music voucher. For more details visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/comp/>.

Organising Revision Classes for Year 11s?

Don't miss the new GCSE Bitesize Teachers' section packed full of mock exams, emailable tests and tips for organising revision classes. Mock exams are downloadable for Biology, English, [French](#), Geography and Maths with other subjects coming soon. Emailable tests for English, Biology, Business Studies and ICT are great for end of topic tests and revision. Teachers' Hotlinks give quick access to examining board specifications, teachers' forums and subject related websites.

Please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/teachers/>

BBC Primary & Secondary Television and Radio Programmes

Full details of all BBC Schools Radio and TV programmes for the Summer Term can be found online in the BBC Schools Programme Guide: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/guide/>.

Hindi & Urdu Language & Culture Websites

You might be interested in visiting the following sites which contain a wealth of information on the above:

http://search.asiaco.com/India/Society_and_Culture/Language/,

http://dir.123india.com/arts_and_culture/literature/, <http://langcent.man.ac.uk/olf/hi-urdlnk.htm>,

<http://www.columbia.edu/~fp7/>, http://www.islamicvoice.com/april.2003/t_a_t.htm, <http://www.languages-on-the-web.com/links/link-hindi.htm>, http://encyclopedia.laborlawtalk.com/Hindi_language,

<http://home.wlu.edu/~lubint/Links.htm>, <http://www.indianchild.com/culture.htm>,

http://www.becta.org.uk/teachers/teachers.cfm?section=1_3_2_2&id=3076%20,

<http://www.nvtc.gov/lotw/months/february/hindi.html>, <http://hindustan.net/Culture/Poetry/>,

http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/resabout/culture/7_languages/hindi.html, <http://pdg.org.pk/Culture-5.htm>,

<http://www.ub.uio.no/uhs/sok/fag/indoiransk/>, <http://www.lang.ox.ac.uk/langlinks/indivlangs/urdu.html>,

http://dmoz.org/Science/Social_Sciences/Linguistics/Languages/Natural/Indo-European/Indo-Iranian/Indo-Aryan/Hindi/, <http://link.lanic.utexas.edu/asnic/countries/india/>,

<http://www.languageinindia.com/feb2003/imtiazaglobal.html>,

http://directory.google.com/Top/Science/Social_Sciences/Linguistics/Languages/Natural/Indo-European/Indo-Iranian/Indo-Aryan/Hindi/,

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~flare/Reference/Hindi/hindi%20sites-1.htm>,

<http://ling.ucsd.edu/courses/ling19/ling19langdis/hindi.htm> and

<http://theory.tifr.res.in/bombay/history/people/language/urdu.html>.

And please remember BBC Languages publishes one of the most popular Hindi/Urdu courses in the UK.

You can get full details of *Hindi Urdu Bol Chaal* by visiting <http://www.bbclanguages.com/other/32.asp>.

BBC Northern Ireland Learning – Blaisín

In a specially combined KS1 and KS2 series of four radio programmes from BBC Northern Ireland, pupils are introduced to useful words and phrases in Irish. The engrossing adventures of Blaisín support language

learning in a natural and fluid way. Programmes are broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster MW 1341 on Tuesday mornings between 11.40am and 12 noon. Online support for teachers is available in the form of notes on the target words in both Irish and English. These are accompanied by imaginative ideas for activities. The range of learning abilities of pupils is taken into account, with particular accommodation made for children with learning difficulties. Please visit http://www.bbc.co.uk/ni/schools/4_11/blaisin.

Celtic Languages

www.bbc.co.uk has all your young learners need to start learning Gaelic, Welsh or Irish languages. Learning a language online can be fun and has the bonus of audio clips to help with pronunciation. There is a selection of sites below to help them get to grips with Gaelic, Welsh or Irish, from Colin and Cumberland which features all three languages to Blaisin, an Irish radio series and website for 7-11 year olds (see above). Please visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/colinandcumberland>, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learnwelsh> and http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag.

BBC World Class – A Reminder

Bring the world into your classroom with BBC World Class, a new initiative bringing the benefits of international twinning to schools across the UK. Come to the World Class website and we'll show you where to find partner schools overseas, resources to tie twinning into the curriculum or local schools with international links - bbc.co.uk/worldclass.

2005 – European Year of Citizenship Through Education (EYCE)

Please visit <http://www.coe.int/T/E/Com/Files/Themes/ECD/> for further information about the above.

Lancashire College Language Weekends & Summer Schools

Lancashire College in Chorley offers a programme of intensive language weekends and summer schools throughout the year. This is an exciting opportunity to practice your language skills with experienced and supportive tutors. The course will focus on communicating in the target language, consolidating aspects of the language you have learnt so far and encouraging you to use your skills as much as possible. Improve your knowledge and enjoy the sociable aspects of these courses. All levels, except for absolute beginners, are catered for on these courses, with levels being allocated different groups where possible, depending on the total number of learners attending.

French Weekend	15/07/05 to 17/07/05	Fri to Sun
French Weekend	11/11/05 to 13/11/05	Fri to Sun
German Weekend	29/07/05 to 31/07/05	Fri to Sun
German Weekend	25/11/05 to 27/11/05	Fri to Sun
Greek S/School	31/07/05 to 03/08/05	Sun to Wed
Greek Weekend	29/07/05 to 31/07/05	Fri to Sun
Greek Weekend	21/10/05 to 23/10/05	Fri to Sun
Greek Weekend	09/12/05 to 11/12/05	Fri to Sun
Italian Weekend	03/06/05 to 05/06/05	Fri to Sun
Italian Weekend	18/11/05 to 20/11/05	Fri to Sun
Russian Weekend	25/11/05 to 27/11/05	Fri to Sun
Spanish Weekend	12/08/05 to 14/08/05	Fri to Sun
Spanish S/School	14/08/05 to 19/08/05	Sun to Fri
Spanish Weekend	04/11/05 to 06/11/05	Fri to Sun

Intensive weekend courses usually run from 6:30pm on the day of arrival until lunchtime on the day of departure. Meals and refreshments are included in the price. Residential options and en-suite facilities are available. Detailed timetables are available on request. Rates are from £101 non-residential and £135 residential.

For further details, please contact the College on 01257 260909 or visit the College's website at www.lancashirecollege.com.

English Teaching Professional Live

23-24 September 2005 - Barbican Exhibition Centre, London
The Event for the English Teaching Professional

The first **English Teaching Professional** conference and exhibition will take place at the Barbican Centre London on 23-24 September 2005. The show will offer a 'live' version of the magazine and will combine sessions offering practical teaching advice, fresh ideas and tips, guidance for personal and professional development and so much more.

THE CONFERENCE

The conference offers a concise but high-quality range of sessions by some of the leading names in ELT (who also write for the magazine) and provides any teacher with a wide range of practical ideas and suggestions for personal and professional development. Spread over two days, each day will have two parallel streams of four sessions to inspire all involved in the field of English language learning and teaching.

Friday 23rd September	Room A	Room B
10.00 – 11.00am	Bill Bowler Graded Readers: Steps Towards Reading Autonomy F1	Sheila Thorn A New Approach to Training our Students in Listening F5
11.30 – 12.30pm	Michael Lewis But What do we Mean by Grammar? F2	Susan Norman Meditation – A Good State for Learning (and Teaching) F6
1.30 – 2.30pm	Scott Thornbury Speaking to Learn F3	Ian Badger The Changing World of Business English F7
3.00 – 4.00pm	Practical Uses of the Internet Russell Stannard F4	David Heathfield Speaking Spontaneously F8
Saturday 24th September	Room A	Room B
10.00 – 11.00am	Carol Read Developing Children's Language through Stories and Content S1	Jeremy Harmer Power, responsibility or imposition? How to Engage Students as Learners S5
11.15 – 12.15pm	How Multiple Intelligences Thinking Can Inspire the EFL Classroom Herbert Puchta & Mario Rinvolucri S2	Paul Seligson Trust your Instincts! The Case for More Intuitive, Spontaneous Teaching S6
1.00 – 2.00pm	Hugh Dellar Making the Leap from Grammar to Lexis S3	John Hughes Practical Activities for Teacher Trainers S7
2.15 – 3.15pm	Mario Rinvolucri Exercises for the EFL classroom drawn from NLP S4	Carol Read Control or Chaos? Managing Classes of Primary Children in a Positive Way S8

THE EXHIBITION

- The only exhibition of its kind in London, English Teaching Professional Live will be a single point of access to view, investigate and evaluate the range of goods and services offered for the ELT market.
- A convenient place to make informed purchasing decisions and an essential visit for all educational buyers.
- A forum for publishers, software developers, computer hardware providers, exam boards, language schools and agencies to reach this highly motivated group of teachers.

SPECIAL FEATURES WILL INCLUDE:

- Practical poster sessions - these twenty minute slots will be hosted by exhibitors to provide a mini-session for their advice, tips or ideas

- Specialist sections of the exhibition space to offer information on CV and career advice
- Professional Development Advice Centre
- Dedicated stand for book-signings and meet-the author sessions

PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

English Teaching Professional Live Event is being jointly organised by Educational Events and English Teaching Professional, an independent, practical magazine for teachers of English to speakers of other languages. A full promotional campaign will feature regularly in the magazine.

Contact: Eileen Freeman - Tel: +44 (0)20 8 445 5777 Email: eileen@educational-events.com for further details.

That's All For Now

We hope that the above information will be of real use to you. Remember that we want the E-Mail Club to provide you with the opportunity to let us know what you think about anything to do with us or language learning in general - and we look forward to hearing from you.