

Hindi level 1

How long does the course last?

3 x 10-week terms with 10 lessons per term. Lessons take place once a week and last 1.5 hours each. This gives a total of 45 hours' tuition.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with a general interest in Hindi. No prior knowledge of Hindi is required as the course is for complete beginners.

What are the objectives of the course?

To acquire basic language skills and to achieve the equivalent of A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), entry level of the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

By the end of the course you will:

- be able to communicate in very basic everyday-life situations, including greetings, daily activities, finding your way, telling the time and date, making simple purchases, ordering a meal, etc
- be able to understand very simple oral and written texts and ascertain specific information on simple topics
- have developed an insight into Hindi-speaking life, culture and society

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work according to a syllabus based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set optional homework tasks.

What course can I do next?

After completing all 3 parts of level 1, students should be able to join a level 2 class. Students who have only completed one or two parts of level 1 should join a False Beginners' class.

Course outline

Part 1

Topics

1. Alphabet – vowels and consonants -Pronunciation
2. To Greet and respond 1-name, nationality and occupation,
3. Formal and informal ways of addressing people
4. Introductions (to Introduce oneself and a friend)
5. Pleasantries
6. Basic emotions

7. Location 1
8. To ask simple questions
9. House objects 1
10. Family 1
11. Parts of the body
12. Numbers 1-20

Functions

1. Greeting / responding to greetings
2. Expressing gratitude and apology
3. Introducing oneself and a friend
4. Using pleasantries
5. Asking how people are
6. Expressing basic emotions
7. Ways of addressing people
8. Telling where things are
9. Asking and answering simple questions
10. Telling and asking about family

Grammar

1. Person –first, second & third
2. Personal pronouns
3. Demonstrative pronoun
4. Honorific addressing -**आप**
5. Postpositions 1
6. Interrogative sentences-who, what, where, when and why
7. Number
8. Gender
9. Possessive pronoun 1
10. Present tense- simple
11. Auxiliary verb
12. Common verbs
13. Sentence structure
Script- identifying, reading, writing and listening to vowels and alphabets.

Part 2

Topics

1. Revision of part 1
2. To greet and respond -colloquial
3. Daily routine
4. Times and meals of the day
5. Days of the week
6. In restaurant- food flavors
7. Quantity and quality
8. Location 2
9. Likes and dislikes
10. Vacation plans and wishes
11. House hold Objects 2- Colors and shapes.

Functions

1. Revision of part 1
2. Meeting a new neighbor
3. Talking about daily routines
4. Talking about weekly routine
5. Giving orders and making requests
6. Eating at a restaurant-1

7. Describing quantity and quality

Grammar

1. Revision of part 1
2. Present tense -imperfective
3. Present tense- progressive aspect
4. Possessive pronouns 2
5. To have -**के पास**
6. Imperative-commands –ordering and requesting
7. Oblique noun
8. Adjectives
9. Postposition 2
10. Interrogative- how कितना how much
11. Common verbs
12. Present tense- habitual aspect
13. Sentence structure- subject and verb conjugation
Script- Reading, writing and listening to vowels and alphabets- Simple words

Part 3

Topics

1. Revision of part 2
2. Vacations, plans and wishes
3. Likes and dislikes
4. To ask for thing-to want and need
5. Small conversations
6. Basic directions
7. In shop
8. Home
9. Fruits and vegetables

Functions

1. Revision of part 2
2. Expressing likes and dislikes
3. Expressing wishes and ability
4. Asking for things- needing and wanting
5. Speaking about daily life
6. Buying things
7. Describing house
8. Shopping
9. Eating in a restaurant -2

Grammar

1. Revision of part 2
2. Oblique Pronoun
3. Ownership -possessive revision
4. Adjectives
5. **चाहना & चाहिए** sentences
6. Interrogatives **कौन सा /सी/से**
7. Using -**कितना**
8. Postposition –adverbial
9. Verbs-**सकना, मिलना,मालूम होना**
10. Sentence structure- word order
11. New vocabulary

Learning resources

Textbook and exercise book:

- Textbook & CD pack: Teach yourself - Get started in Hindi, Absolute Beginner Course -Dr Rupert Snell ISBN 978 1 4441 7468 7

Students are expected to purchase their own textbook. An exercise book may also be recommended. The teacher will supply additional material, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers, and new media).

Recommended additional material:

Learn Hindi Alphabet- Activity Book –Riya, Pridhi & Dinesh Verma

Learn Hindi Vocabulary- Activity Book –Riya, Pridhi & Dinesh Verma

Online language learning resources

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0>

Independent Study

Research indicates that successful language learners revise new material and review their progress on a regular basis. The Language Resources Centre (LRC), situated in room K-1.072 in level minus one of the Strand Building, houses a wide collection of learning material including text and grammar books, magazines and newspapers, CDs, DVDs, and self-access e-learning language programmes.

During term time the LRC facilitates free speaking practice sessions as well as a range of workshops on language learning. For a list of topics and all dates and times, including the opening hours of the LRC, please go to the website: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/modern-language-centre/language-resources-centre.aspx#ad-image-0>