

Alignment to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Languages Other Than English

Voces® Nostra storia ~ Livello 4 ~ Unità 1

Nostra storia, Livello 4 is an interactive Italian curriculum framework that was created based on the principles of Acquisition-Driven Instruction and Comprehensible Input. This framework includes the vocabulary, themes, stories, and activities you need to create your custom Italian curriculum. *Nostra storia, Livello 4* will take your students through an Intermediate-Low level of proficiency and beyond. The standards-based, online program integrates communication and culture in a cohesive, all-in-one format accessible to students and teachers from any device.

This document illustrates how unit one in *Nostra storia, Livello 4* aligns to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Languages Other Than English. If you have any questions, call 1-800-848-0256 or email info@vocesdigital.com.

<i>Unità 1: In che cosa credi?</i>			
Knowledge and Skills			
1. Communication: The student communicates in a language other than English using the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The student is expected to:			
(A) Engage in oral and written exchanges of learned material to socialize and to provide and obtain information			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Interpersonal Speaking: <i>La vita domestica</i>	Speaking	I can talk about the importance of taking care of one's family and whether going to college is right for everyone.
<i>Racconto 3: Andiamo al Sud!</i>	Interpersonal Writing: <i>Un progetto per la classe d'italiano</i>	Writing	I can write about putting together a school project with a classmate.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpersonal Speaking	Speaking	I can talk about cultural identity in Italy and America.
(B) Demonstrate understanding of simple, clearly spoken, and written language such as simple stories, high-frequency commands, and brief instructions when dealing with familiar topics			
Section	Title	Mode	Can-Do/Description
<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	<i>Attività 1: Chi avrebbe potuto dirlo?</i>	Reading	I can read a story about going skiing in the Alps.
<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Perché sono sempre in ritardo?</i>	Listening	I can understand a video about whether Italians are punctual or late.
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	<i>Attività 1: Da falso a vero</i>	Reading	I can read a story about the implications of

			starting a family as a woman.
<i>Racconto 3: Andiamo al Sud!</i>	<i>Attività 1: Trova la parola giusta</i>	Reading	I can read a story about exploring new places.
<i>Storia: Luigi e Leo</i>	<i>Attività 1: Rispondi alle domande</i>	Reading	I can read a story about social anxiety.
<i>Storia: Luigi e Leo</i>	Interpretive Reading: <i>Che cos'è l'ansia?</i>	Reading	I can read an article about anxiety and mental health.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Ilaria</i>	Listening	I can understand what someone says about Italian stereotypes and food culture in Italy.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Chi sei?</i>	Listening	I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities. I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Interpretive Reading	Reading	I can read an article about common Italian behaviors according to foreigners.

(C) Present information using familiar words, phrases, and sentences to listeners and readers

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<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	<i>Attività 3: Le tue esperienze</i>	Writing	I can write about my own experiences with misconceptions and prejudice.
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	<i>Attività 3: Cosa ne pensi?</i>	Speaking	I can talk about the fundamental elements of a healthy relationship.
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Presentation Writing: <i>La Festa della Donna</i>	Writing	I can write about the importance of celebrating International Women's Day.
<i>Racconto 3: Andiamo al Sud!</i>	<i>Attività 3: Una lettera a Markus</i>	Writing	I can write a persuasive letter.
<i>Storia: Luigi o Leo</i>	<i>Attività 3: Le tue esperienze</i>	Writing	I can write about my own experiences with anxiety and discomfort.
<i>Storia: Luigi o Leo</i>	Presentation Speaking: <i>I pregiudizi</i>	Speaking	I can talk about the existence of prejudice

			and misconceptions in society.
<i>Ripasso e valutazione</i>	<i>La mia storia</i>	Writing	I can write an original story.
<i>Ripasso e valutazione</i>	<i>Raccontaci una storia originale!</i>	Speaking	I can tell an original story.
Integrated Performance Assessment	Presentational Writing	Writing	I can write about Italian stereotypes and describe my own cultural identity.
2. Cultures: The student gains knowledge and understanding of other cultures. The student is expected to:			
(A) Demonstrate an understanding of the practices (what people do) and how they are related to the perspectives (how people perceive things) of the cultures studied			
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<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Perché sono sempre in ritardo?</i>	I can understand a video about whether Italians are punctual or late.	
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>La Festa della Donna</i>	I can write about the importance of celebrating International Women’s Day.	
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Il mondo attraverso le foto: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta di Siena</i>	I can compare places of worship in Italy to those in my culture. I can talk about places of worship in my culture.	
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Panorama: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore a Firenze</i>	I can make comparisons between cultural products and practices to help understand perspectives using a variety of complex sentences connected with transitions.	
(B) Demonstrate an understanding of the products (what people create) and how they are related to the perspectives (how people perceive things) of the cultures studied			
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description	
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Ilaria</i>	I can understand what someone says about Italian stereotypes and food culture in Italy.	
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Chi sei?</i>	I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities. I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do.	
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Panorama: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore a Firenze</i>	I can make comparisons between cultural products and practices to help understand perspectives	

		using a variety of complex sentences connected with transitions.
3. Connections: The student uses the language to make connections with other subject areas and to acquire information. The student is expected to:		
(A) Use resources (that may include technology) in the language and cultures being studied to gain access to information		
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<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	<i>Attività 3: Le tue esperienze</i>	I can write about my own experiences with misconceptions and prejudice.
<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Perché sono sempre in ritardo?</i>	I can understand a video about whether Italians are punctual or late.
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>La Festa della Donna</i>	I can write about the importance of celebrating International Women's Day.
<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Interpersonal Speaking: <i>La vita domestica</i>	I can talk about the importance of taking care of one's family and whether going to college is right for everyone.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Ilaria</i>	I can understand what someone says about Italian stereotypes and food culture in Italy.
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<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Il mondo attraverso le foto: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta di Siena</i>	I can compare places of worship in Italy to those in my culture. I can talk about places of worship in my culture.
(B) Use the language to obtain, reinforce, or expand knowledge of other subject areas		
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<i>Racconto 2: Due amiche</i>	Presentational Writing: <i>La Festa della Donna</i>	I can write about the importance of celebrating International Women's Day.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Il mondo attraverso le foto: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta di Siena</i>	I can compare places of worship in Italy to those in my culture. I can talk about places of worship in my culture.
4. Comparisons: The student develops insight into the nature of language and culture by comparing the student's own language and culture to another. The student is expected to:		

(A) Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the student's own language and the language studied		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
<i>Racconto 2: Il vetro di Murano</i>	<i>Nota di grammatica: Il presente, il passato o il futuro</i>	Present, past, and future tense verb forms
<i>Racconto 3: Un eroe o un criminale</i>	<i>Vocabolario importante</i> Story script	Vocabulary
<i>Racconto 3: Un eroe o un criminale</i>	<i>Nota di grammatica: I superlativi</i>	Superlatives
<i>Storia: La fuga di Michelangelo</i>	<i>Nota di grammatica: Direct Object</i> Pronouns	Direct object pronouns
(B) Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the student's own culture and the cultures studied		
(C) Demonstrate an understanding of the influence of one language and culture on another		
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<i>Racconto 1: In ritardo!</i>	Interpretive Listening: <i>Perché sono sempre in ritardo?</i>	I can understand a video about whether Italians are punctual or late.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Ilaria</i>	I can understand what someone says about Italian stereotypes and food culture in Italy.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Intervista: Chi sei?</i>	I can investigate products and perspectives in my own and other communities. I can talk about my beliefs and someone who has different beliefs than I do.
<i>Ancora! Ancora!</i>	<i>Il mondo attraverso le foto: La Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta di Siena</i>	I can compare places of worship in Italy to those in my culture. I can talk about places of worship in my culture.
5. Communities: The student participates in communities at home and around the world by using languages other than English. The student is expected to:		
(A) Use the language both within and beyond the school setting through activities such as participating in cultural events and using technology to communicate		
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<i>Nella mia comunità</i>		I can use the Italian language both within and beyond my classroom to interact and collaborate in my community and the globalized world.
(B) Show evidence of becoming a lifelong learner by using the language for personal enrichment and career development		
Section	Title	Can-Do/Description
Can-Do Checklist		Setting personal language goals, self-assessment on Can-Do statements, and unit reflection

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