

Conversation topics:

- A self-introduction
- Talking about everyday life and activities
- Hobbies and interests
- How long have you practised / been practising a certain hobby?
- The meanings of songs
- The importance of friendship
- What do you do to relax?
- A debate on education and personal motivation
- A scene of nature that you like
- What is the purpose of fantasy in literature books?
- Do you like fantasy books?
- Difficult personality types
- Songs about slavery
- Expressing feelings, ideas and opinions

Conversation topics with the teaching assistant:

- English culture and traditions
- Education and school in England
- Music
- Household chores
- Food and ordering food in a restaurant
- Personality words

Language structure specifications: present perfect and present perfect continuous for duration; phrasal verbs; modals for making assumptions; likely; the passive voice for summaries; idiomatic expressions.

Learning English through films (viewing in English with English subtitles):

- "The Fellowship of the Ring", released in 2001, directed by Peter Jackson, based on the first volume of J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings"
- Group work: adaptation of a scene from "The Fellowship of the Ring"
- "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone", released in 2001, directed by Chris Columbus, based on the novel by J. K. Rowling
- Inventing dialogues: adaptation and dramatization of a scene from "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" with the invention of a new character
- "Troy", released in 2004, directed by Wolfgang Peterson
- "Django Unchained", released in 2012, written and directed by Quentin Tarantino

Developing skills:

- Improving pronunciation and intonation
- Using a rich vocabulary when speaking and writing
- An oral presentation: about me, about my family, about my friends, passions in my life, my favourite quotes, a song I like
- Description of pictures and personal comment
- Personal reading of a novel / book: themes, characters, summary of the plot and brief personal comment
- A PET listening practice test
- Learning the language of history in connection to the films “The Fellowship of the Ring” and “Django Unchained” and to the topic of slavery in the USA
- An oral presentation: a topic in connection to the film “Django Unchained”: slavery, Jesse Owens, films, songs, the evolution of music, civil rights, the South of the USA.

Strumenti: videos, films, songs, Easy Readers, online teaching material, photocopies.

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