

This is a learner diary that I would like you to use during this course. It has two main purposes:

1. to record what you think you learn during class, for example new vocabulary, a new expression, correct pronunciation, something new about verb forms, etc.
2. to record what you do in your free time to expose yourself to English, for example watch a movie in English, listen to the radio in English, write an email in English, etc.

Please try to add some information every day or every other day.

We will also sometimes use this diary for writing activities that I can then correct.

7/03/2014

Hi, it's Alessia Grani. This is my diary.

This morning I come to work by tram. It's a beautiful day, it's sunny and it's Friday!!

11/03/2014

Hi Sarah,

How are you?

Last Sunday, in the afternoon, I went to a Carnival party with my sons in a beautiful place: Villa Pisani (Stra), I suggest you (if you haven't already done it) visit it because it's a famous and historical Villa of the Riviera del Brenta. There were a lot of people and children in masks; it was very fun!

20/03/2014

Dear Sarah,

Last weekend, on Saturday I did cleaning at home and in the afternoon I accompanied one of my son to Scout and I went with my other son to a friend. On Sunday afternoon we went with our friends and their daughters to Mirano for a walk. Children played in an outdoor playground and then we ate an ice cream. Then we had dinner together and at last we returned at home.

20/03/2014

Group 1: 12.30-14.00

Dear Sarah,

We have a lot of problem with computer and headphones. In this moment Michele is here to adjust the situation. We haven't started the homework for this reason!

HOUR GLASS: clessidra

FIREPLACE: caminetto

RUG: tappeto

DISHWASHER: lavastoviglie

MICROWAVE OVEN: forno a microonde

SHELVES: ripiani

COOKER: piano cottura

KETTLE: teiera

CUPBOARD: armadio
SHELF: scaffale
FRIDGE: frigo
SINK: lavello
CHEST OF DRAWERS: como'
WARDROBE: armadio guardaroba
RADIATOR: termosifone
BEDSIDE TABLE: comodino
TOILET PAPER: carta igienica
SINK: lavandino (bagno) o lavello cucina
BATH: vasca
SHOWER: doccia
TOWEL: asciugamano (si pronuncia taul)
TOILET: water
WASHING MACHINE: lavatrice

Dear Sarah,

I choose to translate these words, that I find in the homework, because I didn't remember all of them and so I decided to write these!! I can also use these to suggest new words to my son who is studying the rooms of the house at school.

Bye

Alessia

Good morning Alessia! How are you?

Hi Sarah,

I'm ok thanks and you? We are trying, with Michele, to start with Google Hangouts

25/03/2014

On a typical day, I wake up at 7.00 a.m. and I get breakfast ready for my family; then we wash and get dressed. I leave at 8.00 a.m and my partner takes our sons to school.

I drive to the tram and catch the tram to work. I get to work at 8.45. I work as an administrative assistant and at the end of my working day I **come/go??** home. When I get home, I clean up the kitchen from breakfast, make the beds and go to pick up my sons from school. I haven't told you their names: Federico (7 years and a half) and Edoardo (3 year and a half)! I am always on the run, but I think you understand me very well :)... Then we go, if the weather is good, to some outdoor playground or we invite some friends to play (but it's not so easy because each child has sport or something to do with their parents). Then we go home and I prepare dinner!!

27/03/14

Dear Sarah,

How are you? I hope you're feeling better.. We are in the IT room and we are doing the tasks you've give us. We have the usual problems like last Tuesday with Google Hangouts and we have lost

many time..... However I and Viviana have our exercises and now we are writing in the diary.
For the Easter holiday we haven't currently programs.. It will be a surprise as the Easter Egg :)
In America you use to have Easter Egg?

01/04/2014

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/> : utile perchè fanno sentire anche la pronuncia

<http://www.wordreference.com/> : traduzioni (dizionario)

Objects where you work

03/04/2014

Topic: horseback riding

Objects	Verbs	Styles
gaiter	ride (a horse, an elephant, a bike, motorbike, motorcycle)	trot
fence/hurdle	straddle	gallop
riding boots riding jacket riding cap riding ring stalls paddock		clip?

Vocaboli nuovi

Penalty throw: tiro di rigore

Referee: arbitro

rubber (in inglese = gomma, anche eraser) (in americano = profilattico)

Dissertation= tesi di laurea

Relatives= parenti

Laurel wreath= corona di alloro

Le parti del corpo vogliono sempre davanti l'aggettivo possessivo (ex: your shoulder)

Preservatives: conservanti

Flour=farina, UNCOUNTABLE (KILO)

Flowers= fiori, COUNTABLE

SOME=UNCOUNTABLE

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	QUESTION
COUNTABLE	A/AN a lot of	A/AN, ANY many few	A/AN, ANY
UNCOUNTABLE	SOME much	ANY little	ANY

Do you have any flour? (sing) Nelle domande si mette sempre **ANY**
No, I don't have any flour.

Do you have any flowers?(pl)
No, I don't have any flowers

8/04/14

Pot: padella
Ladle: mestolo
Pot holders: presine
Lid: coperchio
Paper napkins: tovaglioli
Tissues: fazzoletti
Cups: Tazze
Dish towels: asciugino

Tuesday, april 15th 2014

Dear Sarah,

Today, in the IT room, we are only three: Alessia, Valeria and Viviana, few but good!!!

We are ready to plan our excursion for Easter Monday: our

destination will be Parco Giardino Sigurtà, in Verona.

Each of us going to bring something:

- Valeria: water, cookies and the necessary for the pic-nic
- Viviana: fruit and bread
- Alessia: ham, mortadella and cheese

We are going to meet us at the entrance of Highway A4 at 6.30 a.m. with our cars. Take direction to Milano and exit to Affi Lago di Garda Sud, direction Parchi del Garda.

We are going to arrive at 9.00 a.m. After buying the tickets, we have decided to rent bicycles to go around the park.

We are going to start to visit the Gothic Hermitage with the four ponds. Following the path we are going to stop to the Great Lawn for the pic-nic and a little rest.

After completing path we are going to give back the bicycles and come back home.

Bye bye

Alessia, Valeria and Viviana

E-mail:

Dear Sarah,

How are you? For Easter Monday I, Valeria and Viviana have organized an excursion to Parco Sigurtà, near Verona. Come with us?

Bye bye

Alessia, Valeria and Viviana

13/05/2014

Hi Sarah,

I'm sorry that I was not present in the IT ROOM at the last lesson, but I had some problem with my son. He was sick and we were also be in hospital..

However now is all ok and I hope that is the same also for you!

May the First:

The Labour Day or Labor Day is celebrated on 1 May of each year in many countries around the world to commemorate the efforts and achievements of the union movement by workers in the economic and social development.

The festival remembers the battles of workers, in particular those aimed at the achievement of a specific right: the daily working time set in eight hours.

Since 1990 union confederations CGIL, CISL and UIL, in collaboration with the municipality of Rome, organize a concert to celebrate May 1, aimed primarily at young people held in Piazza San Giovanni, from afternoon to night, with the participation of many musical groups and singers, and is followed by hundreds of thousands of people, in addition to being broadcast live by RAI.

About the Course...

Dear Sarah,

about the Course I think that it was very interesting about conversation and for learn new words about our work. I preferred the lessons in which you were present in the IT Room, I think that it was most useful to better understand and for comparing best.

You have a very nice way to teach and for me it was a good experience!!

Thank you very much!

Alessia