



Italian resources for prospective applicants

LinguaTute (www.linguatute.com):

- Private language and/or literature tutoring with tutors who have studied at Oxford or Cambridge.
- Oxbridge admissions support for language applicants – personal statement support, MLAT (admissions test) preparation, and mock interviews.
- Blog with language-themed articles.
- **FREE 30-minute trial lesson** with any one of our Oxbridge-educated language tutors!

Podcasts, Radio and News

- TED talk – how language shapes the way we think, Lera Boroditsky
- [Corriere della Sera](#) - Ultime Notizie
- [Rai](#) - Italian TV
- [LA7](#) - Italian TV
- [Rai PlaySound](#) - Italian radio
- [La Repubblica](#) – newspaper
- [La Stampa](#) – newspaper
- University of Oxford Podcasts:
 - ‘**Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages**’ – a series on various foreign literatures (French, German, Italian, Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese)
 - ‘**Linguamania**’ – general discussions of language

Suggested Reading

- *If this is a man/Se questo è un uomo* - Primo Levi
- *Family sayings/Lessico familiare* - Natalia Ginzburg
- *My brilliant friend* - Elena Ferrante
- *La coscienza di Zeno* - Italo Svevo
- *Sei personaggi in cerca d'autore, Così è (se vi pare)* - Luigi Pirandello

Linguistics

- *The Wonders Of Language Or How To Make Noises and Influence People*, Ian Roberts (2017) – one of the most accessible and well-written introductions to the study of linguistics (useful for learning linguistics terminology and beginning the study of linguistics by yourself).
- *Language: The Basics*, R. L. Trask (1999) – an accessible overview of language study and linguistics, both theoretical and practical (more of a general introduction to the questions raised in language study – e.g. how language works in the brain, why languages change, child language acquisition, etc.)



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Films

- *Ladri di biciclette* – Vittorio di Sica
- *La dolce vita* – Federico Fellini
- *La vita è bella* - Roberto Benigni
- *Benvenuti al sud* - Luca Miniero
- *La meglio gioventù* - Marco Tullio Giordana
- *I cento passi* - Marco Tullio Giordana
- *È stata la mano di Dio* - Paolo Sorrentino

Great general language books

- *Is That a Fish in Your Ear?* – David Bellos
- *Through The Looking Glass* – Guy Deutscher
- *The Language Lover's Puzzle Book* – Alex Bellos. The puzzles in this book are similar to the language aptitude test and extremely fun for those who enjoy linguistic puzzles!
- *The Etymologicon* - Mark Forsyth. Engaging and funny introduction to etymology (history of words)
- *Mother Tongue* - Bill Bryson. Great introduction to the history of the English language and linguistics.

Additional useful language resources

- **The Queen's College Translation Exchange** – hosts a multitude of events about translation and languages, including the **Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators** (takes places in Spring).
- **Creative Multilingualism** – Oxford-founded resource for linguists (the project has now ended but there is still lots of good info on the website!)
- **Oxford MFL blog** – Adventures on the bookshelf – organises a virtual book club.
<https://bookshelf.mml.ox.ac.uk/>
- Reading group for Year 12 and 13 students
(<https://www.cai.cam.ac.uk/access-outreach/resources-and-events/year-1213-reading-groups>)
- **Oxford Comparative Criticism and Translation** (<https://occt.web.ox.ac.uk/>)– hosts events and discussion groups on translation
- **Babel: The Language Magazine** – produces four issues annually on new linguistic research; the past, present and future of languages, and on the different uses of linguistics in the world.
- **UK Linguistics Olympiad** (UKLO.org) – competition for budding linguists to demonstrate their language skills (quite similar to the language aptitude test). The website also has lots of useful language resources and links!