

Conversational Hindi Fall 2007

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Course number:381.311

Days: Tuesday

Time: 6pm to 8.30pm

Instructor: Radhi R Datla

Week One: Sept 11

Bharat ke rajya aur prant

- Geography: Number of states and union territories, major cities
- Tourist attractions
- Means of transport
- Climate

Use a map or atlas and internet to get some info

Homework: You friend would like to visit some place in India. Suggest him/her a place and give the necessary information.

Week Two: Sept 18

Darshaniya sthal: Taj Mahal

- Learn to use causative verbs
- Make sentences in passive

Homework: Prepare to talk in the class on which monument you would like to see and its historic significance in brief

Week Three: Sept 25

Kahani: Bharat

- Compound verbs & Conjunct verbs
- Verb 'chalana'
- Compound verb in 'chalana'
- Constructions with 'bina' & 'bagair'
- Idiomatic expression in 'hi kya'
- Expression in 'raha jana'
- Expression in 'mano'

Homework: Write a small story using the grammatical constructions you have learnt in this lesson.

Week Four: Oct 2

Lekhak: Premchand

- Special conjunct verbs
- Idioms and Expressions.

Homework: Prepare a list of novels & short stories written by Premchand

Week Five: Oct 9

Andhon ki fehris & Birbal ki kicadi

- Conjunctive participles
- Emphatic particles 'bhi' & 'hi'
- Correlatives of negation
- Negation with verb in the imperatives

- Pairs of transitive and causative verbs
- The adverbial in V- *te hi*

Homework: Prepare to tell a story in the class that gives you a moral.

Week Six: Oct 16

Kavita: Jhansi ki rani

- Idioms and expressions

Homework: Memorize the poem and recite in the class

Week Seven: Oct 23

Tyohar: Diwali aur Holi

- Passive construction
- The indefinites
- The verb '*hona*'

Homework: Prepare to talk in the class about the festivals you celebrate and their significance.

Week Eight: Oct 30

Hindi Idioms & Expressions (Taken from the lesson '*naye mehman*')

Homework: Make a list of 15 idioms and give their meanings

Week Nine: Nov 6

Shabdkosh

- Suffixes and prefixes for word formation
- Basic vocabulary for: Medicine, Law, Public Health, International Affairs

Homework: Prepare to talk in the class using atleast 20 words in any one of the mentioned fields.

Week Ten: Nov 13

Samachar patro se: Topics to be selected 15 days ahead of the class from jagaran.com

Homework: Prepare for class discussion on the latest news coverage in India (Sources: jagaran.com, nai duniya.com)

Week Eleven: Nov 20

Filmi Duniya: Select a movie 15 days ahead (Topics in the class would include few important dialogues, songs & costumes)

Homework: Prepare to role-play your favorite scene from any movie you have watched.

Week Twelve: Nov 27

TV kee jhalkiyaa: Watch some popular shows and commercials from Hindi TV channels

Homework: Make a TV commercial for a product of your choice

Week Thirteen: Dec 4

Review and preparation for final exam

Week Fourteen: Dec 11

Final exam