



Letter to Ulpan Students

Welcome to the ulpan program run by the Department of Adult Education at the Ministry of Education. We are happy that you have joined us and wish you success in your studies. Ulpan studies are designed to teach you the various language skills that will enable you to function in Hebrew during day-to-day interactions in Israel in diverse situations and fields, and to facilitate your integration into the Israeli workforce, society and culture.



Ulpan studies

The ulpan curriculum, the teaching staff, and the ulpan director are selected by the Department of Adult Education. The ulpan staff is a team of skilled and professional teachers who specialize in teaching Hebrew as a second language and receive pedagogical training and support from the Department.

Ulpan is a 5-month, 500-hour program. During this time, we expect that you will learn approximately two levels of Hebrew.

The curriculum focuses on communication and covers all language skills with an emphasis on speaking.

The teachers use diverse educational techniques and incorporate the <http://ae.lms.education.gov.il> digital learning system as well.

The program includes an online newspaper in simple Hebrew called *Hadashon*, which is developed and updated continuously by the department and can be found at the following link:

<http://hadshon.edu.gov.il>.

During the course, tests and exams will be given in order to assess the students' learning and education level and to improve achievement. An exam will be given after completing a level.

Two exams are given at the end of the program:

A national written exam and an oral exam at four levels- A, B, C and D.

Students with attendance rates of at least 80% are eligible to take the exam.

Certificate and confirmation

After completing ulpan, you will receive a certificate indicating your level and grade in written Hebrew, and your level and grade in spoken Hebrew. In addition, you will receive a letter confirming your participation in the ulpan program. Students who take both the written and oral exams are eligible for a certificate.

Important! The confirmation letter is recognized for pension seniority in public institutions. For more information, see the Department of Adult Education website: <http://cms.education.gov.il/EducationCMS/UNITS/AdultEducation>

Ulpan student obligations

- Full attendance
- Active participation
- Completion of assignments
- Passing of exams

We wish you luck in your studies and a successful acclimation to Israel!

Level **A** Syllabus

This level of ulpan will teach you the basics of the Hebrew language.

You will learn approximately 600 words, noun patterns, verbs in the present and future tenses, number naming, and different types of sentences.

Speech

Short conversations on introduction, family and education, navigating space and time, traveling, healthcare, purchasing, and housing.

Use of different expressions: Requests, asking for information, thanks, apologies, expressing opinions, suggestions and recommendations, congratulations and good wishes, complaints, beginning and ending conversations.

Reading and understanding different types of texts

Conversations, short stories, informational texts, notes, forms, greetings, messages, titles, and short newspaper articles.

Listening and visual comprehension

Recorded conversations and stories, poems, messages informational texts, news and weather forecasts, video clips and television broadcasts in simple Hebrew.

Writing

Notes, text messages, forms, greeting and good wishes, and short stories.



Level **B** Syllabus

At this level you will acquire the foundations of the Hebrew language and expand your knowledge of the language.

You will learn approximately 500 words, noun patterns, verbs in past, present, and future tenses, and different types of compound and complex sentences.

Speech

Conversations on the following subjects: Family and education, navigating space and time, travel, healthcare, purchasing, housing, communication services, banking, employment, current events, people and places.

Use of different expressions: Requests, asking for information, thanks, apologies, invitations, expressing opinions, suggestions and recommendations, congratulations and good wishes, compliments, encouragement, complaints, accepting and rejecting and beginning and ending conversations .

Reading and understanding different types of texts

Conversations, stories, poems, informative texts, notes, forms, bills, signs, announcements, letters, invitations, greetings, messages, and short newspaper articles

Listening and visual comprehension

Recorded conversations and stories, Israeli poems and songs, instructions, messages, informative texts, recorded news items, weather forecasts, advertisements, video clips, and television broadcasts in simple Hebrew.

Writing

Notes, text messages, stories, short letters, forms, announcements, invitations, greetings and good wishes, and short descriptive texts.

Level C Syllabus

At this level you will improve and enhance your knowledge of the Hebrew language.

You will learn passive verbs in all tenses, adjectives, and different types of sentences.

Speech

Focusing on inter-personal communication, mass communication in newspapers, and theoretical-educational communication:

Asking for and providing information on different subjects, communicating in work interviews, in healthcare settings, and with the education system; describing places, objects and people; ordering items; expressing opinions; making suggestions and recommendations; and understanding your rights as employees and patients.

Reading and understanding different types of texts

Instructions, announcements, literature segments, research, newspaper articles; understanding information related to employment, schools, healthcare, current events, and cultural events; understanding instructions and guidelines from professionals, on signs and on websites.

Listening and visual comprehension

Stories, poems, recorded messages, news and television programs, discussions and lectures.

Writing

Questionnaires and forms, applying for jobs, and summarizing information from multiple sources.

Level D Syllabus

At this level you will enhance and develop your knowledge of the Hebrew language.

You will learn noun patterns, passive and active verb types in the present, past and future, and different types of sentences.

Speech

Sharing personal and general information on different subjects:

Types of work, objects, times, places, people, transportation, prices and bills; Conversations about news items, current events, hypothetical situations, healthcare rights, and employee rights, lectures on theoretical subjects.

Reading and understanding different types of texts

Understanding bills, pay slips, information brochures, instructions for operation and use, literature and research segments, drawing conclusions and understanding vocabulary based on context.

Listening and visual comprehension

News, lectures, television programs, films, and plays; information related to employment, education and healthcare.

Writing

Official and unofficial letters, describing personal and news events, expressing opinions on different subjects, filling in online questionnaires, and summarizing stories, lectures and texts.