

Elementary Gujarati
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By the end of the summer course, the students should be able to demonstrate intermediate mid level proficiency as defined by the ACTFL in speaking, writing, reading and listening Gujarati. In speaking, they should be able “to handle successfully a verity of uncomplicated communicative tasks in straightforward social situations;” in writing, they should be “able to meet a number of practical writing needs,” such as writing “simple communications, compositions, descriptions, and requests for information...based on personal preferences, daily routines, common events, and other topics related to personal experiences and immediate surroundings;”in reading, they should be able “to read consistently with increased understanding simple, connected texts dealing with a variety of basic and social needs;” and in listening, they should be able to “to understand sentence-length utterances which consist of recombinations of learned utterances on a variety of topics.”

Please see the detail about the ACTFL guideline at <http://www.sil.org/lingualinks/languagelearning/otherresources/actflproficiencyguidelines/content.htm>

Material:

1. Required text: (1) Beginning Gujarati part 1 and part 2 by Babu Suthar
2. Material to be provided: Handouts
3. Material available on line: (1) Gujarati-English learners Dictionary (<http://www.plc.sas.upenn.edu/gujarati/guj-engdictionary.pdf>), (2) Gujarati thematic Vocabulary (<http://www.plc.sas.upenn.edu/gujarati/gujarativocabulary.pdf>), (3) Gujarati parts-of-speech (<http://www.plc.sas.upenn.edu/gujarati/gujaratiwords.pdf>) and (4) Gujarati lexicon (<http://gujaratilexicon.com/>).
4. Software (for Windows only): (1) Tavultesof Keyman, (you can download 30 days light version from <http://www.tavultesoft.com/70/download.php>) (2) Gujarati Unicode keyboard (download from: <http://www.plc.sas.upenn.edu/gujarati/>).
5. Select audio and video clips from the Internet.
6. In addition to this, I will also provide papers written in English on Gujarati language and culture, the students will have to read them and discuss the main ideas in class

Structure/Schedule

Week	Day and Date	Topic	Handout ¹ and assignments
1 st week	June 13, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Gujarati language and culture 2. Gujarati script and sound I 3. Gujarati script and sound II 	
	June 14, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Gujarati script and sound III 3. Gujarati script and sound IV 	
	June 15, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Gujarati script and sound V 3. Gujarati script and sound VI 	Assignment 1
	June 16, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Gujarati script and sound VI 3. Gujarati numerals 	
	June 17, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Computing in Gujarati (Gujarati word processing) 3. Searching Gujarati-English dictionaries 4. Searching Gujarati material on the Internet 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gujarati keyboard chart 2. Gujarati websites
2 nd week	June 20, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Introducing yourself 3. Talking about family members 4. Talking about relatives 	Assignment 1 due, Assignment 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal pronouns 2. Gujarati nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs 3. Gender and number 4. Possessive pronouns 5. Present tense 6. Polite 'you' 7. Kinship terms
	June 21, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about things/objects you own 3. Talking about the electronic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alienability/inalienability in Gujarati 2. On Gujarati proper names by P. J. Mistry

¹ If you have any difficulty in understand a particular aspect of the Gujarati language, let me know at least two days in advance and I will prepare a special handout on it.

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	June 22, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about your house 3. Talking about your town 4. Talking about your country 	<p>Assignment 2 due Assignment 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part and whole relations 2. Reporting geographical facts
	June 23, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 1. Telling time 2. Days, months and year 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gujarati calendar 2. Discussion on Mistry's article
	June 24, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 4. Daily activities I 5. Daily activities II 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily activity verbs 2. Everyday verbs
3 rd week	June 27, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Expressing desires to do something 3. Expressing desire to have/to own something 	<p>Assignment 3 due Assignment 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expressing desire in Gujarati 2. Negation in present
	June 28, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Food habits (vegetarian/non-vegetarian) 3. Food liking and disliking 4. My hobbies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liking/disliking of food 2. How to insult in Gujarati a paper by Kashyap Mankodi
	June 29, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Introducing a friend to a another friend 3. Introducing your family members to a friend 	<p>Assignment 4 due Assignment 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrative pronouns 2. Echo-formation 3. Reduplication
	June 30, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about future activities/events 3. Talking about planned future activities/events 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future tense 2. Planned future 3. Discussion on Mankodi's paper²
	July 1, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Giving advise 3. Asking and giving directions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Various forms of imperative constructions in Gujaarti 2. Directions

² Discussion will be in English

			3. Negation in future
4 th week	July 4, Monday	Independence day	
	July 5, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about past activities/events I 3. Talking about past activities/events II 4. Talking about past activities/events III 	<p>Assignment 5 due Assignment 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Past (progressive) 2. Past (perfect) 3. Irregular past perfective forms 4. Negation in past
	July 6, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Domestic animals 3. Visiting a zoo (wild animals) 4. My favorite Birds 	<p>Assignment 6 due Assignment 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to talk about experience in Gujarati 2. 'h' in Gujarati
	July 7, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Inviting friends and relatives (in a party, for example) 3. Expressing ability and inability 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future imperative forms 2. Expressing ability in Gujarati
	July 8, Friday	<p>Mid-Term (08.30 to 10.30)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review 2. Inquiring about health 3. Comforting 2. Reporting death of a friend's father 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting death in various communities 2. Sanskritization and westernization, an article by Srinivas
5 th week	July 11, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about business I 3. Talking about business II 4. Talking about small scale industry 	<p>Assignment 7 due Assignment 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Causative verbs 2. Compound verbs 3. Abbreviation in Gujarati
	July 12, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Religious fasting 3. Dieting 3. Physical exercise 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emphasizing in Gujarati 2. Intensifiers
	July 13, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Receiving a guest 3. Showing a house 	<p>Assignment 8 due Assignment 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion on Srinivas's

			article
	July 14, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Announcing engagement 3. Reading matrimonial advertisements 4. Understanding wedding invitation cards 	
	July 15, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Giving and understating normative instructions ('must' and 'should' in Gujarati) 3. Understanding recipes 	1. 'must and should' in Gujarati
6 th week	July 18, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Scheduling an appointment with a doctor 3. Meeting with a doctor 4. Blood work, x-ray and other diagnostic practice 	<p>Assignment 9 due Assignment 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination in Gujarati 2. Writing paragraph 3. How to become polite in Gujarati, an article by Mankodi
	July 19, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Discussing school report card with a teacher 3. Discussing college admission 	
	July 20, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Bargaining 3. Buying fruits 4. Mango culture in Gujarati 	Assignment 10 due Assignment 11
	July 21, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Buying vegetables 3. Buying grocery 4. Renting house 	1. Discussion on Makodi's article
	July 22, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Festivals (Holi/Diwali/Navratri) 3. Visit to a Gujarati restaurant 	
	7 th week	July 25, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. On the railway station 4. In a commercial bank 5. In the post office

	July 26, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about literary 3. Talking about literary genres 4. Reading biography of a writer 	
	July 27, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz 2. Review 3. Talking about cultural events 4. Talking about religious events 	Assignment 12 due Assignment 13
	July 28, Thursday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Talking about climate and weather 3. Preparing for a travel 	
	July 29, Friday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Auspicious/Inauspicious signs 	
8 th week	August 1, Monday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Visit to an astrologer 3. Reading zodiac horoscopes 	Assignment 13 due Assignment 15
	August 2, Tuesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Funeral and etc 3. Expressing condolence 	
	August 3, Wednesday	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quiz and Review 2. Reporting death in Gujarati 3. Death rituals 	Assignment 15 due
	August 4, Thursday	Review	
	August 5, Friday	Final	

Grading:

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| 1. Quizzes (almost daily): | 10% |
| 2. Homework (two assignments per week): | 30% |
| 3. Midterm: | 30% |
| 4. Final: | 30% |

Total: 100%

Distribution of points for Midterm and Final:

Writing: 10

Speaking: 10

Listening: 10

Reading: 10

Grading scale:

100-92	A (Excellent)	83 – 80	BC (Intermediate)
91- 90	AB (Intermediate)	79 – 75	C (fair)
89 - 84	B (Good)	74-70	D (Poor)
69		F	