



## Beginners' French Plus

Getting on with speaking French

### Required starting level

Designed for post-beginner students with a rusty knowledge of French, this class is also a continuation of our Beginners' French course. At the start of the course, students are expected to be able to use the present tense and some grounding in the main French past tense. It is a practical and lively course to reinforce and build on past knowledge, improving your language skills and vocabulary through a variety of practical situations and interactions.

### Aims & working methods

Emphasis will be on speaking and listening as well as pronunciation in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. To introduce topics and expressions, short PowerPoint presentations may be used as well as audio recording or video clips. Role playing will help integrate new material and improve your communication in everyday situations.

Reading and writing activities for homework will also help reinforce and expand on the material used in class. Short writing assignments, in particular, will give you an opportunity to create scripts relevant to you and your interests. They will further develop the vocabulary you need to communicate clearly and confidently.

### Textbooks

There is no need to buy a course manual as Powerpoint presentations or internet links will be given to reinforce what was done in class

### What to bring to class

Bring yourself and let's get started! is the most important thing. However, a pen, paper, and one or two highlighters would be useful.

### Homework

There will be set homework, mostly involving some writing or listening. Suggested consolidation is to spend a few minutes per day revising or working on the topic/work done that week.

### Topic areas

Throughout the year, emphasis will be on pronunciation, vocabulary, speaking and listening practice, starting simply and gradually increasing your knowledge and confidence. Topics include (but are not limited to):

- Giving personal information and information about people
- Talking about work
- Ordering food and drinks
- More on Shopping
- More on finding your way around
- Exchanging information (questions and answers) and inquiring about events
- Making appointments and arrangements (in face to face conversation or on the phone)
- Politely requesting what you want (imperative, conditional present)
- Talking about the past (perfect and imperfect)
- Planning activities (immediate future and future)
- Travelling and public transport
- Booking and checking in at a hotel
- Visiting the pharmacy/doctor - medical stuff
- Culture: Paris, etiquette, awareness of regional customs and differences. Christmas and New Year Celebrations as well as special national days.

### Next Steps

The course runs for a school year over three terms. On completion of the course, you should be able to be confident in participating in everyday conversations with French speaking people. You may feel inspired to continue studying French and join the Improvers course the following year.