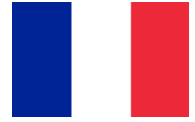




Intermediate French



Becoming fluent in French is now within your reach!

Required starting level

This course is intended for students with a good command of French and a working knowledge of the main tenses. It is suitable for people who want to consolidate and develop their listening and speaking skills with some reading and writing in a variety of topics, social situations and contexts. Upon completion, students will be able to express themselves fluently and confidently. A fun, effective and relaxed approach to becoming more fluent and speaking with anyone, anywhere in French!

Aims

To give confidence to students who feel their French is somewhat rusty and wish to re-visit and develop their knowledge of grammar. At the end of the course, you should feel confident about initiating conversations in your own terms with French native speakers.

Working methods/types of activities

- Most weeks, homework and notes are given out to review the lexical field or grammatical points explained or explored in class.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions and participate throughout the course.
- Press or Internet articles as well as audio and video materials, short stories or songs are often used as a starting point to a topic or grammar point to illustrate and reinforce knowledge
- Time is set aside for conversation and listening practice.

Textbooks

Although a dictionary and a grammar book are useful at this stage, you are not required to purchase any books. Advice will be given during the course.

Homework

Ideally, students should spend a couple of hours a week going over the notes given in class, doing the grammar exercises or other set homework, learning vocabulary, etc.

Topic areas

- Explanation of the timeline and revision of the main tenses
- Revision of daily routines
- Understanding the contents of written instructions in general use in French
- Stating the pros and cons of a situation/topic
- Expressing your opinions, ideas and points of view, agreements and disagreements, and preferences
- Introduction to connectors and complex sentence structures
- Talking about a film or a book you liked or a topic of interest for 10 minutes
- Seasonal and cultural topics, eg regions and their specialties and leisure activities, Mardi-Gras, Pâques, winter sports. Manners and etiquette. Inter-cultural perspectives.
- Describing your feelings and emotions with or without the use of the subjunctive.
- The many reasons why we use the subjunctive in French.
- Conversation practice and role plays to develop troubleshooting vocabulary and solve domestic problems and breakdowns.

Next Steps

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over two terms: an initial shorter term during the autumn, leading into a second longer term from January through to mid-May.

On completion of the course, you may feel inspired to continue studying French and join the Advanced course the following year.