



French Course Outline

Unit 1. Building the basics

Chapter 1. Greetings, Gratitude, and Goodbyes

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express Gratitude
- Greet People
- Make Small Talk with Strangers
- Say Goodbye
- Form Basic Sentences
- Learn First Person Singular and Second Person Plural Stressed Pronouns

Chapter 2. Do You Speak English?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask Where Someone Is From
- Ask Whether Someone Speaks a Language
- Get Someone's Attention
- Construct Negation
- Form Some Verbs in First Person Singular, Second Person Singular, and Plural
- Learn the Forms of the Definite Article
- Use the Preposition De

Chapter 3. Names and Introductions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone's Name
- Become Familiar with Names
- Introduce Yourself and Another Person
- Respond to Introduction
- Conjugate in the First and Second Person Singular and Second Person
- Use Possessive Adjectives

- Use Stressed Pronouns
- Use in the First and Third Person Singular and Second Person Plural

Chapter 4. Getting Around

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for Directions
- Get Help Finding Places Using a Map
- Identify Important Places and Facilities Around Town
- Understand Directions as They Are Given to You
- Learn to Recognize Noun Gender
- Practice Gender Agreement with Adjectives
- Recognize Gender Agreement of Articles
- Recognize Number Agreement with the Verb Estar

Chapter 5. Shopping and Payment

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for the Color of an Item in a Store
- Ask for the Size of an Item in a Store
- Count up to 99
- Deal with Currency
- Negotiate Basic Transactions in Stores
- Conjugate the Verb Avoir
- Conjugate the Verb Faire
- Conjugate the Verb Pouvoir
- Say "This" and "These" in French

Chapter 6. Drinks and Dining

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Gain Insight for French Food Culture
- Order Drinks and Meals



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- Order the Bill
- Understand Common Phrases Used at Restaurants
- Know the Different Forms of “What” in French
- Use the Verb in the Near Future
- Use Que and Qu’est-ce que in Questions

Chapter 7. Numbers and Currency

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for the Price of an Item
- Deal with Numbers Until Ten and Larger Numbers
- Discuss Payment Methods
- Handle Currency with Ease
- Ride a Taxi and Pay the Fare
- Conjugate the Verb Payer and Accepter
- Conjugate the Verb Vendre and Vouloir
- Count Using Ordinal Numbers
- Practice the Usage of Un and Une
- Use the Plural Form Des

Chapter 8. Getting Help

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accept or Decline Help
- Ask for and Offer Help
- Describe an Emergency Situation
- Gain Knowledge of Emergency Services
- Correctly Place the Object Pronoun in a Sentence
- Use the Preposition À with Definite Articles Le and Les

Chapter 9. What Does That Mean?

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask and Answer What a Word or Phrase Means or Says
- Communicate your Ability to Understand
- Request to Repeat or Slow Down
- Form the Comparative
- Use Qu’est-ce que and Qu’est-ce qui

Chapter 10. Languages and Communication

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask and Tell the Time
- Ask What Something Is
- Ask Whether Something is Right or Wrong
- Talk About Major Holidays
- Talk About the Date (Day, Month, Year)
- Correctly Use Partitive Articles Du, De la, and Des
- Understand and Use Il faut
- Use a Variety of Question Words
- Use Linking Words Alors, D’ailleurs, Peut-être

Unit 2. Expanding the essentials

Chapter 1. People and Animals

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Address Family Members Using Kinship Words
- Comment on Pets
- Describe People and Animals Physically



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- Talk About Personality Types
- Ask a Question: Intonation, Inversion, and Est-ce que
- Use Adjectives in the Masculine and Feminine Form
- Use Interrogative Pronouns Qui, Quoi, Où and Quand
- Use Possessive Adjectives
- Use Possessive Pronouns in the Singular Form

Chapter 2. At Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe What Color Something Is
- Refer to Furniture
- Refer to General Places
- Refer to Rooms and Locations in a House
- Use Location and Relational Words
- Correctly Position Adjectives
- Understand Prepositional Phrases
- Use Expressions with Avoir
- Use the Imperative Form

Chapter 3. Small Talk

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accept an Invitation
- Politely Decline an Invitation
- Share Likes and Dislikes
- Talk About Careers and Professions
- Talk About Hobbies
- Construct the Past Tense
- Form the Near Future Tense
- Know How to Use Savoir vs Connaître
- Understand the Use of C'est
- Use Some French Abbreviations

Chapter 4. Dating

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Inquire About Somebody's Habits
- Offer to Buy Somebody a Drink
- Start a Conversation
- Use Terms of Endearment
- Practice the Direct Object Pronoun Te
- Understand the Position of Adverbs in French
- Use Some Reciprocal Verbs

Chapter 5. Eating and Cooking

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express That You Do Not Like Something
- Refer to Food Preparation Processes
- Say You Like Certain Foods
- Talk About the Ingredients of a Dish
- Use Food Vocabulary and Measurements
- Construct the Imperative Form
- Form the Negation Pas de
- Learn the Construction + Infinitive
- Use the Direct Object Pronoun Me
- Use the Partitive Articles Du, De la, Des

Chapter 6. Weather and Landscape

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Offer to Do Something
- Talk About the Land
- Talk About the Seasons
- Talk About the Weather
- Use Proper Measurement for Temperature
- Construct the Near Future
- Understand Indirect Object Pronouns



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- Use the Pronoun Y
- Use Il fait and Il y a with Weather Expressions

Chapter 7. Shopping

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Express Quantities
- Express Your Needs and Wants
- Inquire About Store Hours
- Name Different Types of Stores
- Form the Expression Avoir besoin de
- Start Using the Future Tense
- Use Some Reflexive Verbs

Chapter 8. Banking and Post Office

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Invite Someone to Join You for an Activity
- Name a Few Shops and Businesses
- Use Basic Banking and Financial Terms
- Use the Post Office
- Express Necessity or Obligation with Devoir
- Use the Verb Aller with the Preposition À
- Use Quelque

Chapter 9. Leisure Activities

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Make Plans for an Activity
- Remind Someone to Bring Something
- Suggest Going Somewhere
- Understand the Imperative in the Negative Form
- Use the Conditional
- Use the Future

Chapter 10. Sightseeing

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About and Discuss a Famous Person
- Ask to See Famous or Local Places
- Offer to Do Something
- State an Idea
- Learn Another Use of Bien
- Use the Imperfect with Aller
- Use in the Conditional Tense as “Should”

Unit 3. Broadening boundaries

Chapter 1. Culture, Literature, and Art

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About an Art Event
- Say If You Are Familiar with Someone or Something
- Talk About Famous Local Authors
- Talk About Local Music
- Use the Recent Past with Venir de
- Use the Passé Composé with Avoir
- Use the Passé Composé with Être

Chapter 2. History

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About Wars or Other Important Events
- Discuss French Political Life Nowadays
- Talk About Local Historical Figures
- Learn About the Historical Present
- Use Adverbs of Time to Describe the



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- Order of Events
- Use Connective Words
- Use the Passé Composé with Être and Avoir

Chapter 3. At the Hospital

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe Feelings of Pain or Illness
- Name a Kind of Medicine
- Name Body Parts
- Respond to Medical Questions
- Construct the Future Tense
- Learn and Use as a Pronoun
- Review the Phrase Avoir mal à
- Use Reflexive Verbs in the Passé Composé
- Use Reflexive Verbs to Describe an Accident

Chapter 4. Express Thoughts and Feelings

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe or Explain Your Emotions
- Express Feelings
- Offer Sympathy
- Understand French Slang le Verlan
- Use Colloquial Negation Pas
- Use Some Interjections
- Use + Expressions of Irritation

Chapter 5. Higher Learning

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask What School Somebody Attended
- Discuss the Different Universities in France
- Express Pride
- Inquire About Field of Study

- Conjugate Verbs Ending in IER
- Use Irregular Superlative Forms with Adjectives

Chapter 6. Name Origins

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Origin of a Name
- Comment on Someone's Name
- Describe the Nature of a Guest's Visit
- Identify Your Relationship with Someone
- Use Various Expressions to Introduce Someone
- Combine Direct and Indirect Pronouns
- Conjugate the Verb in the Present Tense
- Construct the Imperfect Tense in French
- Use Direct Object Pronouns
- Use French Expressions as Question Tags

Chapter 7. Dietary Restrictions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask if Someone Wants to Taste a Food
- Ask Whether a Dish Contains Certain Ingredients
- Give Compliments on Food
- Talk About Hunger and Food Cravings
- Talk About One's Dietary Habits
- Construct the Subjunctive
- Place and Learn Adverbs
- Use the Partitive Articles Du, De la, Des

Chapter 8. Physical Descriptions

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Add Humor to a Situation



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- Describe Someone's Appearance
- Express Uncertainty
- Use Color and Furniture Vocabulary
- Learn Another Way to Say "Yes" in French
- Review the Position of French Adjectives
- Use the Imperative
- Use the Imperfect

Chapter 9.

Getting Ready for the Party

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Compliment Someone on Their Clothing or Appearance
- Express That One Event is Dependent on Another
- Say You Have to Verify Something
- Talk About Personal Care and Grooming
- Form the Imperative with Reflexive Verbs
- Learn the Near Future
- Practice the Imperfect
- Use the Present Subjunctive
- Use Time Prepositions

Chapter 10.

Sports and Fitness

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Comment on an Activity and Its Effects
- Discuss Sport and Exercise Habits
- Invite Someone to Join a Group
- Form the Present Subjunctive with Être
- Use Expressions of Time and Adverbs of Frequency
- Use the Present to Talk About Future Events
- Use Jouer à and Faire de with Sports Activities

Unit 4.

Continuing with confidence

Chapter 1.

Going Through Customs

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Interact with Airport Employees
- Present and Request Identification
- Respond to Security Questions and Commands
- Learn a New Way to Say "Please"
- Make Various Negative Sentences in French
- Talk in the Past with the and the Imperfect
- Use Possessive Adjectives

Chapter 2.

At the Hotel

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Check Into and Out of a Hotel
- Discuss Hotel Features and Services
- Express Future Desires
- Offer Help
- Speak Formal French
- Use Neutral On
- Use the Negations Ne...rien, Ne...aucun, Ne...personne, and Ne...jamais
- Use Être in the Passé Composé

Chapter 3.

Renting a Home

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Accentuate the Positive Aspects of a Living Space
- Discuss Features of Homes or Apartments
- Inquire About Possible Homes
- Outline Steps to Take Before Moving In



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- Conjugate the Verb in the Conditional
- Learn About Negative Infinitives
- Use Difficile/Facile à Versus Difficile/Facile de

Chapter 4. Utilities and Appliances

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for a Technician or Repairman
- Describe a Problem with a Utility or Appliance
- Discuss Setting up Utilities
- Establish a Time Frame for Services
- Give Contact and Billing Information
- Understand the Usage of Ce vs Ça
- Use Adverbs of Time and Temporal Words
- Use Plural Possessive Adjectives

Chapter 5. Choosing a School

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Schooling Options
- Discuss the Consequences of a Decision
- Mention Hearsay
- Talk About Features of Schools
- Place and Use Direct and Indirect Object Pronouns
- Understand the Difference Between Penser à and Penser de
- Use the Indefinite Subject Pronoun On
- Use the Reflexive Verb Se demander

Chapter 6. Emergency Situations

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Describe an Emergency Situation

- Express Fear and Urgency
- Request and Offer Emergency Aid
- Request and Provide an Address or a Location
- Learn Expressions of Time and Speed
- Use the Imperative Mood
- Use Qu'est-ce qui and Qu'est-ce que

Chapter 7. Household Chores

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Apologize and Ask for Forgiveness
- Ask Someone to Do a Chore
- Be Sarcastic in French
- Express Annoyance or Anger
- Give an Excuse
- Conjugate Stem-Changing Verbs
- Place Adverbs in a Sentence
- Use the Imperative Mood with Être
- Use with Household Chores

Chapter 8. At the Beauty Salon

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Beauty Salon Services
- Make and Ask About Appointments
- Request and Discuss Hairstyles
- Differentiate Between Aller chez and Aller à la/au
- Learn Different Ways to Say "Only"
- Use Inversion to Ask a Question
- Use + Infinitive with a Passive Meaning

Chapter 9. Making Plans

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Discuss Certain Obligations
- Discuss When Events Occur
- Remind Someone of an Event



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- Talk About a Person's Availability
- Conjugate in the Imperative Form
- Use Temporal Adverbs
- Use the Suffixes Ci and Là with Demonstrative Adjectives

Chapter 10.

At the Movies

Grammar & Conversational Goals

- Ask for an Opinion
- Describe Aspects of Movie Making
- Discuss a Movie or Acting
- Give a Contrary Opinion
- Construct Hypothetical Sentences with If-Clauses
- Form the Imperfect Tense
- Use Superlatives Followed by the Subjunctive
- Use the Adverbial Pronoun En





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