



## 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.