



Community Education Winter 2025

French for Beginners: Part II

Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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Course Description: This class is perfect for people who already know a little French and for students who have taken the French beginners. This course covers chapters 6 through 12 in “French in 3 months” by Ronald Overy and Jacqueline Lecanuet. This course will continue with pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and sentences. The conversation periods will be done a native speaker.

Learning Outcomes: *As a result of taking this course, students will:*

- Learn how to conjugate verbs in future, imperfect, conditional, imperative, reflexive tenses.
- Learn relative, demonstrative and possessive pronouns.
- Learn important modal verbs: pouvoir, devoir, vouloir, savoir.
- Learn comparative and superlative of adjectives and adverbs.
- Expressions: il y a, il faut, je voudrais.
- Learn useful words and phrases: to start a conversation with someone; to order at a restaurant; to ask for help; to make a reservation; to ask for directions; to talk about the weather.
- Read stories in French and answer the questions.

Course Schedule:

- Week 1:** Reviewing lesson 1 to 5. Essential word to start a conversation.
Conversation: Un touriste passe la journée à Boulogne-sur-Mer.
- Week 2:** Reviewing regular and irregular verbs. Comparative and superlative of adjectives and adverbs. How to politely order in a restaurant and how to get the check.
Conversation: Hélène prend des résolutions pour la nouvelle année.
- Week 3:** Conjugate verbs in the future tense. Learn useful prepositions and relative pronouns. Asking for help at the train station, post office, or other places.
Conversation: Une visite inattendue.
- Week 4:** Conjugate verbs in conditional tense. Expressions with: il y a, il faut, je voudrais. Distinction between savoir and connaître. Call for a reservation.
Conversation: Une veste à la mode.
- Week 5:** Conjugate verbs in the imperfect tense. Demonstrative and possessive pronouns. Quel temps fait-il?
Conversation: L'anglais en trois mois.
- Week 6:** Important modal verbs: pouvoir, devoir, vouloir, savoir. Useful conjunctions and adverbs of quantity. I would like to go...
Conversation: Le tunnel sous la Manche.
- Week 7:** Conjugate verbs in imperative and reflexive tenses. Useful pronouns (y, en, on).
Conversation: Une conversation téléphonique entre un graphologue et une jeune cliente.
- Week 8:** Review and discussion in French.

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

- French in 3 months by Ronald Overy and Jacqueline Lecanuet.

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