



Community Education Spring 2024

French for Beginners

April 11 – June 6

(no class April 25)

Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

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Course Description: Parlez-vous français? Enjoy this fun beginner's class which introduces students to French pronunciation, vocabulary, phrases, and conversational dialogues. Also perfect for those who want to brush up on their French, or are planning a trip. Recommended for ages 16 and over.

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

- Know how to pronounce French alphabet, vowels and consonants.
- How to introduce yourself in French and how to greet people in French.
- Learn basic expressions used in everyday situations.
- Learn the numbers, days, months, seasons of the year and how to tell time.
- Learn how to use the subject pronouns with verbs.
- Conjugate and memorize some important verbs.
- Determine the gender of nouns (masculine and feminine).
- Understand the three kinds of articles and making nouns plural.
- Learn how to use demonstrative, possessive adjectives and adverbs in sentences.
- Read simple sentences and learn more words.

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction, alphabet, pronunciation, elision & liaison, French greetings.

In first lesson, you will introduce yourself (in French). After you will learn how to pronounce French alphabet (in case you have to spell out a word). After alphabet, you will learn to pronounce vowels, consonants and also French sounds that require special attention. You will learn two elements: elision and liaison. You will learn appropriate French greetings and learn new words and key phrases.

Week 2: Addressing people, subject pronouns, present tense: verbs *avoir*, *être*, regular verbs *-er*, negative *ne_pas*

You will know how to address people (difference between *tu* and *vous*). You will learn the subject pronouns, present tense of verbs *avoir*, *être*, and regular verbs ending in *-er*. You will see how to use negation *ne_pas*. You will learn new words and new expressions.

Week 3: Numbers, days of the week, months & seasons of the year, what time is it?

In third lesson, you will learn cardinal, ordinal numbers, days of the week, months, seasons of the year and period of time. You will understand, *l'heure (Quelle heure est-il?)*. You will do some fun exercises.

Week 4: Three articles, masculine and feminine nouns, formation of the plural, regular verbs *-ir*.

The fourth lesson, you will recognize whether a noun is masculine or feminine, and which article to use with each gender and you will see the formation of plural. You will conjugate regular verbs ending in *-ir* in the present tense. And finally, you will read useful expressions and sentences.

Week 5: Adjectives, regular verbs *-re*, expressions using *avoir*, three ways asking questions, expression *c'est*.

In week 5, you will learn how to describe things with adjectives. You will conjugate regular verbs ending in *-re* in the present tense. You will recognize expression with *avoir*. You will learn three ways asking questions. You will see these four letters *c'est*. You will learn more words and more key phrases.

Week 6: Demonstrative and possessive adjectives, present tense of irregular verbs.

Week 6, you will learn how to use demonstrative and possessive adjectives. You will conjugate irregular verbs in the present tense. You will do fun exercises to practice conjugation.

Week 7: Adverbs and present perfect of regular and irregular verbs.

Week 7, you will know how to use adverbs. You will see the present perfect of regular and irregular verbs. You will do fun exercises to practice the material learned.

Week 8: Review previous lessons and discussion.

Final class, review, questions and conversation in French. Let's go for it.

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

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

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