

Languages For All Beginners 2 (False Beginners) Course Description

Course Length

This course runs for 2 x 10 weeks per academic year. Classes take place once a week and last 2 hours. Total tuition equals 40 hours.

Course Target

This course is aimed at students who have previously taken the Languages For All Beginners 1 course OR to students with some existing knowledge of French, equivalent to CEFR level A1.1 or DELF level A1.1 OR to students who have previously studied French to GCSE level (or equivalent).

Please speak to a tutor for further placement advice.

Course Objectives

To achieve level A1.2-A2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR) or level A1.2-A2 of the *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELF).

This course aims to revise basic French vocabulary and grammar that may have been forgotten and then to extend student knowledge and confidence.

By the end of this course, students should be able to communicate in basic day-to-day situations, including presenting themselves and their family, discussing places and people, telling the time, asking for and giving directions, and performing simple everyday activities.

By the end of the course, students should be able to understand and use simple grammatical constructions, including the present, past, and future tenses, the imperative, pronouns and adjectives.

Students should also have a clearer understanding of Francophone society and culture.

Course Teaching

This course focuses on communication, and practices all four skills: writing, reading, listening, and speaking.

Teaching emphasises an interactive approach, and students are encouraged to participate in group or pair work to practice their communication skills.

There is no assessment aspect involved in this course, but students are encouraged to complete short homework tasks when relevant.

Learning Resources

Students will use *Saison 1, Livre & CD & DVD* (Didier) and are asked to buy this book for the course.

Additional materials will be provided by the tutor in the classes.

Complimentary applications for mobile and tablet are also available from Didier.

Course Outline

Semester 1

Week 1, *Saison 1*, pp. 14-19

Introducing oneself and greeting others

Countries, languages, and nationalities

The alphabet

Verbs *être* and *s'appeler*

Ask and tell one's age

The use of *tu* and *vous*

Greet people in formal and informal situations

Numbers 1-69

Adjectives of colour and agreement

Week 2, *Saison 1*, pp.20-29

Definite and indefinite articles

Days of the week

Months of the year

Verb *avoir*

Emotions

Francophone personalities

Professions

Simple negation

Ask simple questions

Prepositions of place

Subject and tonic pronouns

Week 3, *Saison 1*, pp. 30-39

Ask about others

Numbers 70-1000

Prepositions of place

Simple negation

Definite and indefinite articles

Subject and tonic pronouns

Learn about France

Week 4, Saison 1, pp.42-47

Talk about accommodation

Describe places and people

Prepositions of place

Possessive adjectives

Gender and number of nouns and adjectives

Week 5, Saison 1, pp. 48-57

Describe accommodation

Describe people

Learn about Francophone regions

Week 6, Saison 1, pp. 60-65

Hobbies and free time

Express likes and dislikes

Adverbs of frequency

Time and daily routine

Pronominal verbs

Contracted articles

Week 7, Saison 1, pp. 66-75

Futur proche

Interrogative adjectives

Express preference

Francophone *fêtes* and traditions

Week 8, Saison 1, pp. 78-83

Francophone culture

Invite and organise activities

Talk about family and friends

Describe an event or outing

Demonstrative adjectives

Passé composé

Week 9, Saison 1, pp. 81-93

Passé composé

Imparfait

Describe clothing

Give a positive or negative review

Francophone culture

Week 10, Saison 1, pp. 96-101

Shopping and buying

Talk about food

Partitive articles

Negation

Imperative

Pronoun *en*

Semester 2

Week 11, Saison 1, pp. 102-111

Order in a restaurant

Give opinions

Write an invitation

Partitive articles

Negation

Imperative

Pronoun *en*

French *gastronomie*

Week 12, Saison 1, pp. 114-119

Francophone countries

Describe a town

Ask for and give directions

Pronoun *y*

Adjectives

Prepositions of place

Comparison

Week 13, Saison 1, pp. 120-133

Describe a town

Ask for and give directions

Pronoun *y*

Adjectives

Prepositions of place

Comparison

Week 14, Saison 1, pp. 136-141

Describe an object

Shopping

Imparfait

Passé composé

Pronouns *qui* and *que*

Week 15, Saison 1, pp. 142-151

Express agreement and disagreement

Expression obligation and interdiction

Sell and describe an object

Imparfait

Passé composé

Pronouns *qui* and *que*

Week 16, Saison 1, pp. 154-159

Describing changes

Passé récent

Futur

Express an aim

Week 17, Saison 1, pp. 157-169

Going to the doctor

Pronouns COD

Ask for and give an opinion

Talk about the weather

Futur

Week 18, Saison 1, pp. 172-177

Citizenship

The environment

Express interest and wish

Imparfait and *passé composé*

Depuis/pendant

Pronouns COI

Week 19, Saison 1, pp. 175-187

Conditionnel

Express dislike

Give advice

Week 20

Extra resources