



French Elementary Course Curriculum

Our French for Absolute Beginners course syllabus provides a first contact with the language for those students with no previous knowledge or studied it a long time ago. The syllabus is based on different topics that will help you get by when meeting French speaking people. At the same time, it introduces the workings and sounds of the language and it provides the necessary tools to enable students to make sentences from scratch.

Module # 1: Topics & Vocabulary:

➤ Topics:

- Greetings
- Alphabet + letters combination
- Nationalities and countries
- Jobs
- Numbers
- Giving personal details (address, telephone number, email, age)
- Filling a form
- Food and drinks
- Holidays in France and abroad
- Describing a city (jobs and places)
- Using a dictionary
- Review and practice level 1 vocabulary/grammar
- Talking about family, friends and celebrities
- Talking about oneself – key personal information + likes/dislikes
- Talking about hobbies
- Daily life – routines, habits, free time
- Days of the week
- Animals
- Telling the time
- Consumer goods – clothes, accessories, food
- Describing objects – shape, colour, size
- Talking about the weather
- Shopping
- Food and drinks
- Talking about prices

- Eating out – booking a table, ordering
- Eating habits
- Talking about future plans
- Talking about abilities
- Talking about life experience

Module # 2: Grammar:

➤ **Topics:**

- Nouns – feminine, masculine, singular, plural
- The verbs ‘être’, ‘avoir’ in the present tense
- Articles – definite and indefinite
- Adjective agreement in gender and number
- Verbs in ‘ER’
- Etre and Avoir
- Prepositions of place
- Il y a + Il n’y a pas
- Word order: sentence/question
- Key prepositions – à, dans, en, au, etc.
- Yes/no questions
- Possessive pronouns
- Revision ‘ER’ verbs
- The immediate past: ‘venir de’
- Negative sentences
- Key verbs: faire, aller, sortir, etc.
- Demonstrative pronouns
- Frequency adverbs
- Reflexive verbs in ‘ER’
- Question words (quel)
- Quantities
- Partitive articles: du, de la, des
- Near future : aller + infinitive
- Direct Object Pronouns : le, la, les
- Passé composé with être and avoir + past participles (regular/irregular)
- Verbs pouvoir and savoir
- Time words and phrases: depuis, pendant, il y a, etc.
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Module # 3: Cultural Content:

➤ **Topics**

- French food and drinks
- Eating etiquette
- French eating habits
- Famous French people
- French NGOs
- French cheeses
- French speaking celebrities
- French daily routine
- French brands and products
- Bruxelles
- Paris
- Cities of France
- French speaking countries
- French names
- Map of France

Module # 4: Skills Work:

➤ **Topics:**

- Lots of speaking/active practice
- Role-plays
- Lots of listening
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