



French I

Semester A Summary:

The goal of this course is to give the student basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through interesting and engaging activities. This course is organized into five topics including greetings, calendar, weather, time, and colors. The student will learn to talk about himself and other people, describe his surroundings, and use numbers for dates and times. The student will be introduced to regular verbs in the present tense and will practice simple grammatical structures in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is presented throughout the course to help the student understand the context of the language and the perspectives of the French-speaking world.

Semester A Outline

1. Bonjour

- Introduce yourself to someone and ask their name
- Ask how someone is
- Ask where someone lives
- Ask others for some basic information in real conversations
- Recognize and recite the French alphabet
- Spell words out loud using the French alphabet
- Use appropriate basic vocabulary to greet people at different times of the day
- Choose the right farewell for the situation
- Begin to learn about the complex nature of language
- Understand French culture and how it differs from ours
- Recognize the contributions that French-speaking countries have made to our world

2. Le Jour et La Date

- Talking about days of the week and months
- Expressing dates
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Using subject pronouns
- Numbers from 1-31
- Cultural aspects

3. Le Temps

- Talk about the weather
- Talk about the seasons
- Convert degrees from the Fahrenheit scale to Centigrade and vice versa
- Express possession
- Learn the indefinite articles
- Manipulate regular -er verbs
- Talk about what you wear in various situations
- Learn about Switzerland

4. L'Heure

- Talk about places in a town

- Talk about things to do in school
- Talk about things you do at different places in a town
- Manipulate some irregular verbs
- Manipulate regular -ir and -re verbs
- Learn to ask yes/no and information questions
- Learn about French-speaking Canada

5. **Les Couleurs**

- To describe yourself and others using etre and adjectives
- To describe things using colors
- That adjectives in French have different forms based on gender and number
- That most adjectives in French are placed differently than in English
- Additional people nouns
- How to talk about basic things that might be in your school, desk, or backpack
- How to talk about your school day
- About Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

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Semester B Summary:

The goal of this course is to continue to give the student basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills through a variety of activities. Throughout the course, the student will learn to talk about himself and other people, describe his surroundings, and use numbers for dates and times. The student will be introduced to irregular verbs in the present tense and will practice simple grammatical structures in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. In this course, the student will also begin to learn some complex grammar. Culture is presented throughout the course to help the student understand the context of the language and the perspectives of the French-speaking world.

Semester B Outline

1. **Les Endroits**

- Talk about your city or town
- Talk about additional stores or places in your town
- Describe where things are in relation to other things in your town
- Talk about things you do, like to do, need to do, want to do, or have to do
- Talk more about cognates
- Research and gather information about Quebec
- Understand more about cities in French-speaking countries

2. **La Famille**

- Talk about your family members
- Talk about your family members' birthdays and ages
- Review dates and numbers
- Investigate cultural practices in French families

- Learn possessive adjectives
- Research holidays in the French-speaking world
- Learn additional cognates
- Learn additional verbs and how they work in French

3. La Cuisine

- Talk about food
- Learn to order food and converse in a restaurant
- Learn the partitive article in French
- Learn additional factors in making a sentence negative in French
- Learn about dining habits in the French-speaking world

4. Les Pasetemps

- Talk about sports and leisure time activities in the French-speaking world
- Learn how to talk about what you like to do
- Learn the verb "jouer"
- Learn what activities you might be able to do in the French-speaking world
- Learn to talk about what games you like to play
- Learn to talk about how frequently you do activities
- Learn to stress pronouns and additional prepositions to use them with
- Learn additional cognate patterns

5. L'Ecole

- Talk about schools and school activities in the French-speaking world
- Learn to talk about your school day in more detail
- Learn to talk about your house
- Learn to talk about chores and responsibilities you have at home
- Learn to talk about your plans
- Review verb structures you have had this year in French
- Learn additional cognate patterns

6. Semester Exam

- Use culturally appropriate behavior for a special occasion
- Name a typical pet
- Use common restaurant phrases, including price and cost
- List favorite devices in a classroom survey