

A1 Level at CLE

Course content

Communication skills

- Introduce yourself and someone else
- Ask questions to someone
- Describe a person, a places and other things
- Talk about yourself, your tastes, your hobbies, your daily life
- Leave a message on a voicemail
- Give brief instructions
- Do some shopping
- Make an appointment, invite someone, accept or refuse an invitation
- Ask for some general information
- Talk about the holidays
- Talk about the weather
- Tell memories
- Talk about the future
- Understand people introducing themselves
- Understand and leave a message, a postcard, an invitation, a recipe...
- Understand simple instructions
- Analyse informations in order to make a choice: a menu, a touristic brochure.

Linguistical knowledge

Grammar

- Definite, indefinite and partitives articles
- French questions and interrogatives
- The negation
- French gender and numbers
- Possessive and demonstrative adjectives
- Time and space adverbs and prepositions
- Adverbs of frequency and quantity
- French verbs (including reflexive)
- Grammar tenses : present, the French "passé composé", near future and imperative

Vocabulary

The alphabet, numbers, nationalities, countries, politeness, professions, family, daily activities, colours, clothes, objects, furniture, the city, time and space orientation, the shops, the means of transportation, the food, national celebrations, holidays, the media, the weather, the accommodation.

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Your objective: A1 level of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

At this level, you will be able to understand simple sentences in daily life if people talk slowly and distinctively. You will know how to introduce yourself, describe your job, your family, your environment, your tastes, your habits or even tell some memories. You will also be able to fill in various forms and write postcards or small personal letters or notes. You will have acquired enough skills for simple and concrete needs.

Evaluation

Every Monday, you take a short test to check whether all the concepts studied the previous week have been assimilated. You are also evaluated on your participation in class, and on the written production work to be done at home each week.

You can also take a DELF A1 mock exam according to your requests.

Change of class, level

Depending on your progress and your results, it is possible to change levels during your stay. We don't want you to get bored in class if the course content becomes too easy or on the contrary if it is too difficult, we don't want you to get discouraged. Our first objective is that you progress with pleasure.

Advices

- Systematically try to reinvest what you have been taught in class when you speak with French people.
- Watch TV and movies with subtitles, listen to the radio, read the press even if you do not understand much.
- Use the internet to watch or listen several times to radio programs or tv shows.
- Have a vocabulary notebook in which you can write down every new word and try to memorize them daily or use an app for the same purpose.
- Pay attention to every word you can encounter in the city (in shops, on posters...).
- Do extra exercises of grammar and vocabulary on the Internet.
- Write a diary in French.

A1 textbooks used in class

- J-T Le Bougnec, M-J Lopes, L. Malcor, J. El Baraka. Inspire 1. Paris : Hachette FLE, 2020.
- M.N Cocton, E. Pommier, D. Ripaud, M. Rabin. L'atelier A1. Paris : Didier, 2019.

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To work on your own

Some applications

- **Babbel** (Android/Apple): Complete course for working with French.
- **Duolingo** (Android/Apple): complete course to work in French.
- **Conjugo Speed** (Android): a game of speed on French conjugation with a scoring logic that the player can constantly improve. It is composed of three short mini-games with progressive difficulty.
- **Conjugation** (Apple): Conjugation game to review verb forms in all tenses and modes you know. You can select specific tenses/modes.
- **Quizlet** (Android/Apple): creation of vocabulary lists with a series of fun activities to learn and memorize the lexicon.
- **SimpliMind** (Android/Apple): application that allows you to create your own mind maps.
- **Memrize** (Android/Apple): games to learn and memorize vocabulary.
- **Busuu** (Android/Apple): interactive vocabulary, dialog and test sections.
- **News in Slow French** (Android/Apple): Slow reading of news with transcripts, exercises and games.
- **France 24** (Android/Apple): Listen to news in French.
- **20 minutes** (Android/Apple): read the news in French.

A few websites

- <https://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/ecouter-nos-cours-de-francais>

Radio France Internationale offers you exercises to learn spoken French: introduce yourself to French with bilingual series.

- <https://apprendre.tv5monde.com/fr/exercices/a1-debutant>

A reference site for the French language and francophone culture. You will be able to work on the language with different activities but also discover the francophone culture with TV shows and reports in French!

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/> Try the BBC exercises: videos, audio recordings from beginner to B1 level.

- https://www.lepointdufle.net/ressources_fle/exercices-francais-A1.htm

Directory presenting a large number of resources in French as a foreign language, mainly in grammar.

- <http://www.bonjourdefrance.com/index/indexapp.htm>

Choose your level, click on the text you are interested in. When you move the mouse over an underlined word or expression, a small window appears: it contains details of vocabulary or grammar. For correction, you must send your answers.

- <http://gabfle.blogspot.fr/>

This blog offers authentic interviews of French-speaking people to listen to or read, with exercises, remarks on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

- <http://www.france.fr/>

Articles to get to know France better

- <http://www.languageguide.org/francais/>

Vocabulaire illustrated and registered.

- <http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/gr/>

French grammar explained in English. Each grammar point is followed by exercises.

- <http://laits.utexas.edu/fi/>

The University of Austin offers a very complete first year course with simple video sequences, recorded and translated vocabulary, grammar exercises, etc.