

FRENCH LEVEL 1 COURSE DESCRIPTION

The following is a broad outline of what will be covered in French Level 1. The course detail is explained in terms of language topics and grammar, i.e. what you can do with the language plus the main tenses and structures covered. Please note that the exact detail and order may vary depending on the choice of class, and particular needs of the group. At level 1, the tutor will assume **no prior knowledge** of the language.

Topic areas:

1. Introduce yourself to someone and give some basic information about yourself such as: where you live, what your nationality is, the languages you speak/understand, where you are from, what are your likes/dislikes/hobbies, etc.
2. Talk about other people and give the same kind of information about them as in (1) above.
3. Ask someone about who they are, where they are from, where they live, what are their hobbies, what they like/dislike, etc.
4. Count to 69.
5. Alphabet and spelling in French.

Main grammar points:

1. Present tense of regular **-er** verbs and of most common irregular verbs **être, avoir, aller, etc.**
2. Prepositions of location **à, au, à la, aux.**
3. Question words **est-ce que, comment, quel, où, etc.**
4. Stress pronouns **moi, toi, lui, eux, etc.**
5. Masculine / Feminine **le, la, un, une.**

By the end of the course, you should be able to communicate with a native French speaker who asked you the following questions:

Comment vous appelez-vous?

De quelle nationalité êtes-vous ?

Qu'est-ce qui t'intéresse ?

Quel est votre numéro de téléphone ?

Votre nom, comment ça s'écrit ?

Qu'est-ce que tu aimes faire le week-end ?

In trying to choose the correct level, you may have to balance what you know of the language (grammar, vocabulary, etc.) with your ability to speak it, since, depending on your personal history of learning the language, you may be stronger in one area than the other.