



A1 LEVEL

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What you should know by the end of this level

A1.1 UNITS 0, 1, 2

- Learn French basics and greetings
- Master self-introductions: age, occupation, origin, residence, languages spoken
- Prompt others for self-introductions
- Exchange contact information
- Seek and provide directions
- Understand and follow itineraries
- Navigate public transportation, including buses and subways

Recommended home study:
5-10 minutes

Main Grammar topics:

1. Auxiliary verbs: "to be" and "to have."
2. Definite and indefinite articles
3. Negation
4. Present tense
5. -er verbs
6. Special verbs: être, avoir, aller, prendre, descendre

A1.2 UNITS 3,4

- Comprehend and state opening hours
- Engage in shopping activities
- Place orders at restaurants or cafés
- Express preferences and dislikes
- Identify specific times of the year
- Offer opinions on clothing
- Discuss weather conditions
- Inquire about and convey sizes (clothing & shoes) or prices
- Describe objects and their functions

Recommended home study:
5-10 minutes

Main Grammar topics :

1. Indefinite quantities (articles and pronouns)
2. Adjective placement
3. Near future and recent past
4. Demonstrative adjectives
5. Special verbs: payer, faire, venir



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A1.3 UNITS 5,6

- Discuss daily routines and activities
- Inquire about and provide the time.
- Extend invitations & schedule appointments.
- Accept or decline invitations.
- Reserve appointments over the phone.
- Introduce your family and comprehend a family tree.
- Offer congratulations.
- Describe someone's physical appearance and personality.

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Main Grammar topics:

- Reflexive verbs
- Expressing frequencies
- Using the imperative mood
- Employing possessive adjectives
- Utilizing the past tense (le passé composé)
- Employing time indicators for the past and future
- Special verbs: pouvoir, vouloir

A1.4 UNITS 7,8

- Gather details about accommodations
- Comprehend the internal regulations of a building
- Establish guidelines for communal living
- Apologize via message
- Describe household issues
- Navigate booking websites
- Express preferences and uncertainties
- Draft a formal email and a postcard
- Convey feelings, emotions, and surprise

Recommended home study:
5-10 minutes

Main Grammar topics:

- Direct and indirect object pronouns (COD / COI)
- Expressing obligations and prohibitions
- Making comparisons
- Conjugating -ir verbs
- Describing past situations with the imperfect tense
- Special verbs: devoir, falloir



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Common European Framework of reference for languages (CEFR)

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- *You can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.*
- *You can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has.*
- *You can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.*

Self Led Learning Recommendations

We recommend you spend 5-10 minutes of self-led study, which involves:

- Homework,
- Reading over the material looked at in class
- Applying concepts seen in class to real-life situations. (e.g. to introduce oneself, to spell out names and to be able to give your phone number).