

# 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
- Talk about your hobbies
- Introduce your family
- Express your tastes

Recommended home study:  
5-10 minutes

#### Main Grammar topics:

1. Auxiliary verbs: "to be" and "to have."
2. Definite and indefinite articles
3. Prepositions before cities or countries
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
- Understand and follow itineraries
- Navigate public transportation, including buses and subways
- Ask for directions or give them

Recommended home study:  
5-10 minutes

#### Main Grammar topics :

1. Indefinite quantities (articles and pronouns)
2. Connectors such as "because", "but", "with", "without"
3. The imperative tense
4. Adverbs of frequency
5. Special verbs: payer, faire, venir, prendre

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### A1.3 UNITS 5,6

- Identify specific times of the year
- Discuss daily routines and activities
- Discuss weather conditions
- Describe objects and their functions
- Offer opinions on clothing
- Inquire about and convey sizes (clothing & shoes) or prices
- Inquire about and provide the time.
- Accept or decline invitations.
- Describe someone's physical appearance and personality.

#### Main Grammar topics:

- The near future tense
- Adjective placement
- Demonstrative adjectives
- Reflexive verbs
- Special verbs: pouvoir, vouloir, mettre,

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### A1.4 UNITS 7,9

- Gather details about accommodations
- Comprehend the internal regulations of a building
- Establish guidelines for communal living
- Apologize via message
- Describe household issues
- Book a hotel room
- Describe a landscape, a city or a country
- Write a postcard

#### Main Grammar topics:

- The past tense (le passé composé)
- Direct and indirect object pronouns (COD / COI)
- Expressing obligations and prohibitions
- Making comparisons
- Describing past situations with the imperfect tense
- Special verbs: connaître

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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).