

# Beginning Conversational French

## Getting Started

### Course Overview

Discover how easy it can be to learn common words and phrases for both leisure and business. This course makes pronunciation simple, with phonetic spellings for every word and phrase you need to learn. The course even includes audio, so you'll be able to hear and practice the language with little more than a click of your mouse! You'll also learn cultural tips in each lesson that will make you more comfortable in a foreign setting. After finishing this course, you'll be prepared to speak French in a wide variety of settings and situations.

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### Syllabus

#### Lesson 1: French Pronunciation

In this first lesson, you'll learn the basics of pronunciation. Good pronunciation will help you communicate with native speakers. First, you'll learn how to pronounce vowels. French uses the same alphabet as English, and the vowels are the same. Then we'll move on to the consonants. After that, you'll learn about stressing syllables and linking words together.

#### Lesson 2: Conversation Basics

In your second lesson, you finally get to use all that pronunciation in some real sentences. We'll start with some basic information and a few rules. Then we'll move quickly to common words and some easy sentences. Finally, we'll talk about essential phrases, and we will introduce numbers.

#### Lesson 3: Culture, Conversation and Conjugation

The third lesson explores French culture from museums to cathedrals while helping you build your sentence structure skills. The lesson provides the foundation for your conjugation knowledge combined with sightseeing highlights!

#### Lesson 4: Numbers

In the fourth lesson you'll learn numbers. We'll start off by reviewing what you've already learned. Then we'll move on to the teens and twenties. We'll keep going all the way to a billion! You'll also learn the days and months. Calendars are a little different in France, and you'll learn how to read them. You'll learn words for today and tomorrow. Next, you'll learn how to tell time in French. Time is important to travelers. You don't want to be late for the opera!

#### Lesson 5: Travel

Welcome to France! We're finally getting to the exciting part! In this lesson, you'll learn all about transportation. We'll start out at the airport. Then you'll learn words about taxis, buses, trains, and the subway. Knowing the weather is essential to travel, lesson 5 provides weather related vocabulary and useful phrases and a review of the metric system.

## **Lesson 6: Accommodations**

In this lesson, we're going to talk about lodging. You'll learn vocabulary and dialogues for all sorts of lodging options, including hotels, youth hostels and even castles! You'll also learn about requesting special items and information.

### **Lesson 7: Bon Appetit**

We're going to talk about food. First, you'll learn about different types of French restaurants. Then you'll learn general vocabulary about food and eating out. You'll also learn words for various beverages and how to discuss dietary preferences.

### **Lesson 8: Currency and Communications**

In the eighth lesson, you'll learn about currency and different types of communication. First, you'll learn about money in France. Then we'll move on to telephones, the mail, and technology.

### **Lesson 9: Shopping**

In this lesson, you're going to learn how to talk about shopping in French. First, you'll learn words that are used in all stores. Then we'll talk about souvenirs. You can't go on a trip without buying souvenirs! Next, you'll learn words for clothes and sizes. You'll also learn names for colors and lots of different kinds of stores.

### **Lesson 10: Entertainment**

In Lesson 10, you're going to learn French for lots of different forms of entertainment. We'll start with the movies and theatre. Then we'll move on to music and sports. Then we'll talk about sports from football to horseback riding. Finally, you'll learn about beaches, gardens, and parks.

### **Lesson 11: In Case of Emergency**

In this lesson, you're going to learn about emergencies. Hopefully you'll never need to use this lesson. Life is unpredictable, though. It's helpful to familiarize yourself with these words. Lastly, you'll learn exclamations!

### **Lesson 12: Putting It All Together**

In your final lesson, we'll start our review. We'll go over a few key points, such as pronunciation and linking words. You'll even get a little more practice on those cumbersome nasal vowels. Then, you'll learn how to make your own sentences. Next, you'll learn how to ask questions, and we'll cover a little sentence structure. Finally, you'll learn some useful expressions.

# Welcome to your course!

Start by taking an optional pretest, then continue with the course lessons, and a final exam. You may also see a Resources module that includes recommended materials.

Each lesson may include the following components:

- Lesson content
- Assignment
- Discussion area
- Quiz
- Resources for Further Learning

You can use the sidebar to access the lesson content, including the assignment, discussion area, and quiz within each lesson, as well as the final exam.

Want to see an overview of the entire course content? Click the Syllabus page within the Getting Started module. There you'll find a short description of each lesson in the course.

Questions? You can always reach out to your instructor in the discussion area! In fact, why don't you stop by the Lesson 1 Discussion Area now to introduce yourself?

## Accessing Lessons

Each lesson in this course will be released over six weeks. A lock icon indicates a lesson has not yet been released. To view the date when it will be released, simply hover over the lesson name in the sidebar and the date and time will be visible.

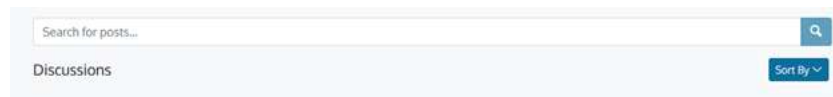
## Posting in the Discussion Area

This course can be highly interactive, but the level of that interactivity is controlled by you. It's going to be up to you to ask questions when you get stuck. Each lesson has a designated discussion area to post questions about your lessons.

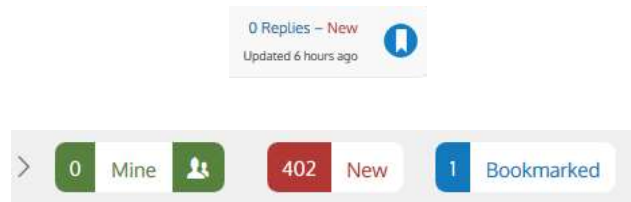
Your discussion area questions will serve as a challenge for your fellow students. Someone is bound to have an answer for you. Likewise, you should be able to find questions in the discussion area that you can answer. The discussion area will be open to you and your classmates 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Please try to visit the discussion area two or more times a week while the course is in session, and don't be afraid to participate!

Some notes on how to navigate the discussion area:

1. Discussion threads can get long. Use the Search tool to find relevant posts.



2. Is there a post you want to follow? Use the Bookmark feature, which allows you to save the post and access it quickly using the Bookmark filter next time you visit the discussion area.



3. Did you post something mistakenly? Use the Support link at the bottom of the page to contact Student Support for help.

## Note

If you leave the discussion area without submitting a post, it will be lost. If you're submitting a long post, you may consider writing it in a word processing document first and then copying and pasting it all at once when you're ready.

# Submitting Assignments

The assignments are designed to ensure that you are understanding and retaining the information being taught in the lessons. The assignments are not graded, but if you post the assignment in the discussion area, you can gain feedback for your assignments. If you would like to submit an assignment for a specific lesson and that lesson's discussion area is already closed, you can post in the next available discussion area.

## Note

Students enrolled in this course to obtain graduate credit or other continuing education units may have required assignments or projects.

# Submitting the Final Exam

To complete this course, you will need to pass the final exam on the first attempt. The final exam will test you on the main objectives of each lesson, so if you review the quizzes and achieve 100% on each of those, you're fully prepared for the final exam.

After the final exam is successfully completed, most schools will provide you with immediate access to your online Certificate or Letter of Completion from within the My Classroom area. If the school provides an online certificate through our system, you can return to the My Classroom page at any time in the future and access a copy of the certificate or a Grade Report under the heading titled "Previous Courses" after the classroom closes.

If you do not pass the final exam on the first attempt, you will not be able to obtain a Certificate of Completion. If you experience any technical issues during the Exam or have any other questions while taking the lessons, please click the Student Support link at the bottom of any page for assistance from the ed2go student support team.

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