French Basics - Beginner Notes

1. Alphabet & Pronunciation

A - 'ah' (ami), B - 'bay' (bebe), C - 'say' (ciel), D - 'day' (danse),

E - 'uh' (le), F - 'eff' (facile), G - 'zhay' (gateau), H - silent (homme),

I - 'ee' (ici), J - 'zhee' (jour), K - 'kah' (kiwi), L - 'ell' (livre),

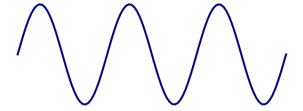
M - 'emm' (maman), N - 'enn' (non), O - 'oh' (rose), P - 'pay' (porte),

Q - 'ku' (qui), R - guttural (rue), S - 'ess' (soleil), T - 'tay' (table),

U - 'u' (lune), V - 'vay' (ville), W - 'doobluh-vay' (week-end),

X - 'eeks' (taxi), Y - 'ee-grek' (yoga), Z - 'zed' (zero)

Pronunciation Frequency Example



Example frequency graph to visualize voice modulation

2. Common Greetings

Bonjour - Hello / Good morning

Bonsoir - Good evening

Bonne nuit - Good night

Salut - Hi / Bye (informal)

Au revoir - Goodbye

A bientot - See you soon

Merci - Thank you

S'il vous plait - Please

3. Numbers 0-10

- 0 zero (zay-ro)
- 1 un (uhn)
- 2 deux (duh)
- 3 trois (trwa)
- 4 quatre (katr)
- 5 cinq (sank)
- 6 six (seess)
- 7 sept (set)
- 8 huit (weet)
- 9 neuf (nuf)

4. Al Pronunciation Guide

To practice, listen to the Al-generated audio and repeat aloud. Focus on stress and rhythm; keep your voice soft for 'e', stronger for 'a'.

5. Daily Practice Sheet

Date:
Word of the day:
Phrase of the day:
Handwriting practice (write each word 3 times):
Bonjour Bonjour
Merci Merci
Oui Oui Oui