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"WELCOME ON BOARD"

Hello everyone and welcome to this MOOC entitled "Spice up your English". My name is Marjorie. I'm an English teacher and a pedagogical advisor at the ULB. I give **advice** to teachers to help them teach better. My **mother tongue** is French but I learned English **a long time ago**. I'm **telling** you this **because I can use** my experience as a learner of the English language to help YOU learn English.

I am not alone in this adventure. I will invite other language teachers **throughout** the MOOC. Hugh, Jenny, Jennifer, Matthew and Julie will give you tutorials on resources for you to use online. Jennifer will help you with pronunciation and strategies for writing. Together, we hope to make this journey into English as fun and useful as possible.

So you know that the objective of this MOOC is to help you learn English. But how can you learn a language? Learning a language is like **cooking**! You need good ingredients, a recipe and spices to prepare a **meal**. In this MOOC, we are going to give you some basic ingredients to learn English: a bit of vocabulary, grammar bites and portions of pronunciation. I will also try to help you learn how to do things in English. And the last important thing is to **add YOUR pinch of salt** to personalize your learning and adapt it to you.

The main objectives of the MOOC are:

- To understand what a language is and how you **can** learn it
- To learn some basic grammar
- But **especially** to learn how to learn: to learn how to study better, how to study vocabulary, how to listen and how to read. - Finally, to learn how **to use online tools and resources** to continue learning after the MOOC.

We are going to **spend** 8 weeks together. **Of course**, it is impossible to **fully** cook or to **fully** learn a language in only 8 weeks.



In 8 weeks, it is possible to learn **the basics** and to learn how to use **tools and resources** to continue learning after these 8 weeks.

Each week, you will receive a different menu. The menu is **actually** a module with different sections: a section of vocabulary, a section of grammar, a section of pronunciation and a section about **skills**. These different sections will **contain** videos and texts and also activities to help you practice! At the end of the MOOC, you will have the possibility to take a test to receive the **proof** that you **followed** the MOOC until the end.

Each week, you will **watch videos** just like this one. You will have the transcripts, the text of the video, to help you understand the content. You can read them and listen at the same time but only for the first 3 modules. For each video, you will receive a glossary (words in English **translated into** French) with all the important words to understand. You will have access to these words in a **notebook**. I will give you more information about the notebook in the **next** section.

We will learn more about how to learn a language in module 1 but let me give you some **advice** now: you can only make progress **if** you work **regularly** and if you are active. Just like in cooking, you need regular practice and motivation to learn a language.

I am really excited about this MOOC and I hope you are excited too. Together, we will prepare great meals. I hope I will help you **keep** your motivation and help you become **successful learners**.

