

Elementary French – 101

This course requires no previous knowledge of French. In French 101 emphasis is placed on pronunciation, high-frequency vocabulary building, basic grammar, and conversation. Reading and listening materials, conversations and lectures have been selected to reflect culturally calibrated applications in the broad Francophone world today.

Objectives

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Produce and understand short, memorized phrases
- Ask questions or make statements with reasonable accuracy using memorized utterances
- Read isolated words and phrases, personal and place names, street signs, office and shop designations
- Write own name, nationality, address, etc., such as on a hotel registration form

Materials

French Now! Level 1 with Audio Compact Discs – August 1, 2013 by Christopher and Theodore Kendris; *Indicative* (amazon.com) price: \$21.45

Topics

WEEK#	FUNCTION	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY
1	The French Alphabet Pronunciation of letters	Phonemes Two-letter combinations Three-letter combinations	Simple words and phrases
2	Greetings Introductions Basic information exchange (name, origin)	The Gender of Nouns The Definite Article The Plural of Nouns Personal pronouns Simple sentence/question structure	Greetings A few country names Days of the week
3	Exchanging health information Introducing sb. to sb. else Thanks	Adjective Agreement The Indefinite Article Verb 'to go' — Present tense	Numbers 0-10 Months Seasons
4	Exchanging country info 'Where do you live?'	The Preposition à + Definite Article The Gender of Countries	More countries and cities Some French cities
5	Counting, using numbers Affirmative & negative answers	Questions with which; who Objects of verbs/ accusative	Numbers 11-100 Telling time
6	Address and phone information Occupation information	Negation Possessive adjectives. Verb 'to have'	Professions (masc., fem.) Numbers 101-1,000
7	Language information Family and personal information	Demonstrative Adjectives The Position of Adjectives The verb 'to do'	Languages Family situation Basic family tree
8	Exchanging price info 'How do we say... in French?' What does... mean?' Expressing liking and disliking Counting, using numbers	The Verb 'to know' & 'to buy' Masculine and Feminine Forms of Nouns and Adjectives 'aller' future + Infinitive Irregular feminine adjectives	Currency Numbers 2,000-1 billion Talking about calendar and dates Miscellaneous objects
9	Exchanging information about identity of other people Nationality Describing people Describing objects	Irregular masculine adjectives Partitive article Interrogative adjective 'quel' Comparison and contrast	Nationality nouns Adjectives for persons and objects