

BLS Course Programme

Language	Course Level
FRENCH	BEGINNER 2 (leading to CEFR Level: A1.2*)
Number of Sessions	Teacher's Name
8	GUILLEMETTE
Course Book	Prior Knowledge Required
NONE All course material provided	Students starting this course are expected to be reasonably familiar with the notion of gender and the definite/indefinite articles; the present-tense conjugation of regular verbs and essential non-regular verbs such as <i>être</i> and <i>avoir</i> ; basic negative and yes/no interrogative constructions. They should also be able to understand familiar words and phrases, greet others, and to write simple statements about themselves (e.g., personal information, likes & dislikes).

Course Aims

By the end of this course, students should be able to communicate in situations requiring simple and direct exchange of information on routine activities. They should be able to describe in basic terms matters relating to their background and their immediate environment. They should be able to read and understand sentences and commonly-used expressions relating to personal information and daily life, and to write simple statements about their everyday routines (e.g., starting the day, eating, commuting, shopping).

Learning Objectives

Topics / Vocabulary	Grammar / Constructions
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- Speaking about everyday activities (shopping, exercising, going to work, etc.)
- Speaking about your daily habits (e.g., morning routine, meals)
- Describing an ordinary day
- Identifying a person (physical features)
- Directions

- Consolidation of previously acquired knowledge (incl. the present tense, negative and interrogative constructions, the possessive and demonstrative adjectives)
- More or less: formulating comparisons
- Reflexive constructions
- The partitive article
- Extended negative constructions : *ne plus, ne jamais, ne rien*
- How to say 'to know': savoir versus connaître
- Transport mode
- The perfect past

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