

The subjects and topics will serve as communicative tools through which students will work on and discover the grammar and vocabulary necessary for the level chosen.

General French

Level descriptions for General French – A1

A1.1

In this course you will study Units 0, 1, and lessons 1 & 2 of Unit 2 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Presenting oneself and other people
- Formality in French (not all of us are rude)
- Forming simple questions and asking for information
- Asking for and giving directions
- Simple negation
- Masculine and feminine nouns
- Talking about likes and dislikes

A1.2

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 2, and Unit 3 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Question words and asking questions
- Giving the date and time
- Numbers and age
- Family
- Expressing preferences
- Daily routine
- Possessive adjectives

A1.3

In this course you will study Unit 4, and lessons 1 and 2 of Unit 5 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Speaking about the future
- Giving and responding to an invitation
- Giving orders
- Expressing agreement and disagreement
- Food and quantities
- Forming simple sentences about events in the past
- Transport and travel

A1.4

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 5, and Unit 6 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Talking about a problem and giving an explanation
- Weather (because in France it does more than just rain)
- Verbs of movement
- Comparing objects and people
- Shopping at a market
- Clothes
- Expressing necessity

A1.5

In this course you will study Unit 7, and lessons 1 and 2 of Unit 8 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Work and professions
- Introducing someone
- Letter and e-mail writing
- Describing one's pastimes
- Talking about memories
- Discussing film and cinema

A1.6

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 8, and Unit 9 of the Tendances A1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Describing different sports
- Giving an opinion
- Finding accommodation
- Furniture and household items
- Describing towns and urban areas
- Making an appointment

Level descriptions for General French – A2

A2.1

In this course you will study Units 0 and 1, and lessons 1 & 2 of Unit 2 of the Tendances A2 textbook. Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Following a recipe
- Dinner table conversation and vocabulary
- Preparing and talking about a party
- Discussing hopes and plans for the future
- Giving one's opinion about education

A2.2

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 2, and Unit 3 of the Tendances A2 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Discussing one's own education, successes and failures
- Talking about childhood memories
- Describing different schooling systems
- The job hunt; replying to a job posting
- Expressing wishes and giving advice
- Describing the workings of businesses, and job satisfaction

A2.3

In this course you will study Unit 4, and lessons 1 and 2 of Unit 5 of the Tendances A2 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Consulting newspapers and surfing the web
- Discussing crimes and disasters
- Writing about miscellaneous news items
- The political and administrative structure of France
- Talking about health problems and symptoms
- Doctor's appointments and the parts of the body

A2.4

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 5, and Unit 6 of the Tendances A2 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Talking about an accident, time and sequences of events
- Exercise and relaxation
- Suggesting and making plans
- Reading a menu and ordering in a restaurant
- Love and relationships
- Reserving tickets to a show

A2.5

In this course you will study Unit 7, and lessons 1 and 2 of Unit 8 of the Tendances A2 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Asking, giving, and refusing permission
- Standing up for one's rights
- Expressing similarities and differences
- Talking about a trip and travel plans
- Understanding geography and climates

A2.6

In this course you will study lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 8, and Unit 9 of the Tendances A2 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Comparing ways of life and discussing stereotypes
- Describing and learning about traditions
- Sharing responsibilities around the house
- Describing the personality, appearance, and behaviour of others
- Negotiating and haggling
- Social diversity in France

Level descriptions for General French – B1

B1.1

In this course you will study Unit 1 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving oral expression and spoken fluency
- Enriching vocabulary with synonyms
- Describing consequences using the conditional
- Expressing doubt, uncertainty, and possibility
- Giving opinions
- Talking about politics and the economy

B1.2

In this course you will study Unit 2 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving reading skills: devising the meaning of new words
- Talking about future events
- Persuading others
- Clothes and style
- Giving advice on bettering oneself
- Staying in shape; advantages and disadvantages of exercise
- Expressing fear and encouragement

B1.3

In this course you will study Unit 3 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Planning a trip and talking about key moments
- Giving instructions
- Getting around by car and writing an accident report
- Talking about previous actions in the past
- Modes of transport and traffic
- Giving advice on safety
- Understanding and writing reviews on tourist sites

B1.4

In this course you will study Unit 4 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving aural comprehension: distinguishing between similar sounding words
- Retelling a personal story and discussing the chronology of events
- Arguments and reconciliation
- Reported speech
- Dealing with difficult people diplomatically
- Pen pals and maintaining friendships through e-mail

B1.5

In this course you will study Unit 5 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving aural comprehension: working on intonation and homonyms
- Explaining causes, goals, and consequences at a higher and more nuanced level
- Ecology, biodiversity, and ecowarriors
- Non-profit organisations in France
- Appreciating a work of art
- Organising one's arguments in a debate

B1.6

In this course you will study Unit 6, and Lessons 1 & 2 of Unit 7 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving written expression: distinguishing between levels of formality; avoiding repetition
- Presenting one's career and professional life
- Communicating with colleagues in a professional environment
- Cultural differences in the workplace
- Discussing literature and genres
- Discussing historical events

B1.7

In this course you will study Lessons 3 & 4 of Unit 7, and Unit 8 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Improving written expression: key expressions for formal correspondence; structuring texts
- Board games and crafts in France (and pétanque, of course!); discussing rules and instructions
- Understanding and writing reviews and critiques of products
- Banking in France; budgeting and making transactions
- Being a savvy consumer and discussing new consumer trends
- Carrying out presentations and debates on the economy, consumers, and producers

B1.8

In this course you will study Unit 9 of the Tendances B1 textbook.

Subjects and topics covered will include:

- Presenting conflicting arguments in the same sentence
- Objecting to arguments
- Discussing politics
- Speaking about globalisation
- Showing approval, disapproval, and giving suggestions
- Talking about quantities with more nuanced and complex language

Refresher

This course is designed as a brush up of the A1 level, perfect for newcomers or current Conversation A1 students who wish to join an A2 general French class!

Conversational French

Our conversational French is perfect for students who have just completed a cycle of general French courses and need more oral practice before joining the next level. If you are a new student, come for a free placement test and let a teacher walk you through this timetable!

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