

French – Intermediate (b)

Who is the course for?

Those who have developed a degree of independence in their language abilities.
Those who have completed Intermediate (a)

What skills, knowledge or experience do I need to start this course?

You:

- Can compare and contrast ideas and describe change.
- Can talk about past experiences.
- Can describe objects in detail.
- Can understand and use polite requests appropriately.
- Can understand rules and regulations.
- Can read and get a general understanding of labels/information on everyday supermarket products
- Can recognise and generally understand simple written rules and regulations.
- Can read some and understand a CV or description of a person's life experience.
- Can write a simple set of rules
- Can write a variety of notes

What will the course cover?

You will be using the course book, **Access French 2 (New edition)** which covers topics including *Si jeunesse savait...*, *Une santé de fer!*, *A temps perdu...*, *Merci pour le cadeau* and *Tout travail mérite salaire!*. Each unit covers authentic texts, grammar, authentic dialogue etc. Above all, you will gain more confidence and independence in expressing yourself. We also aim to further stimulate your interest in and knowledge of the cultures of French speaking people.

What should I be able to do by the end of the course?

You will be aiming to:

- Handle the main structures of the language with some confidence.
- Demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary and use appropriate communicative strategies in a variety of social situations.
- Understand spoken and written language for gist as well as at a deeper level than for basic factual information.
- Produce written texts of various types.
- Develop an argument, describe and recount events orally and in writing.
- Use the language in a variety of contexts with a certain degree of independence.
- Have a degree of flexibility with the language to deal with the unexpected.
- Have an awareness of register expressed through language.

How is the course organised?

We use course books, handouts, worksheets; audio and videotapes, 'realia' (eg real menus etc). You will be encouraged to speak as much as possible in class, to work in small groups and pairs, to take an active part in your learning; and each lesson, to work on the four skills: listening (and understanding), speaking, reading and writing.

What extra study or practice is expected outside of the class?

Reviewing and learning what has been done in the class. Preparing for your next class (homework might be set). For best results, try hard to spend 15 minutes everyday doing some kind of language practice: listen to a tape, watch a video, read a bit, repeat, learn sentences/words by heart.

How will my progress be assessed?

You will be encouraged to assess your own progress with help from your tutor, who will monitor your achievements by question and answer, some written work, quizzes, questionnaires, games and more formal achievement tests.

What can I expect to go on to after this course?

If you are satisfied that you have managed well with this course and want to continue with higher level learning, French Upper-Intermediate (a)