

# Brush up your French (Beginners/Intermediate)

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**Tutor biography**

Amelie Chappaz is a native French speaker and her teaching qualification is internationally recognised. She is passionate about the French language and even more so about sharing it and inspiring others.

She has been teaching and tutoring in various settings including schools, enterprises and Adult Education contexts, and is thus used to adapting her lessons to various audiences from children to students, adults and senior citizens. She also teaches bilingual children at the French bilingual school Les Petits Caméléons based in Cambridge.

She is dedicated to developing the skills and abilities of her learners so that they have the opportunity to achieve to the best of their potential both in the written and spoken fields of the French language. Her lessons are therefore structured to include listening and reading comprehension, oral participation on a wide range of topics, as well as writing practices. Differentiation is key in her teaching practice. Modern technologies and a diversity of outstanding resources are offered to promote motivation and excellence.
Course programme

09:30 Terrace bar open for pre-course tea/coffee

10:00 – 11:15 Session 1 - First steps in France
- Introduction of the participants and ice-breaker.
- Assessment of participants’ levels
- Presentation of the course
- How to go to France? all the different ways to travel (train, plane, bike, etc…)
- French politeness, how not to make a “faux-pas”!

11:15 Coffee

11:45 – 13:00 Session 2 – Accommodation, food and shopping
- bookings
- arrival at the hotel
- having a meal (a snack or in a 5 star restaurant)
- I need to buy some souvenirs for my family and friends.
- regional specialities (linked to regions chosen)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Session 3 - Discovering two touristic regions
- What to do there?
- What specialties can I find there?
- Sharing (if possible) of participants’ experiences

15:15 Tea

15:30 – 16:45 Session 4 - Imagine a brochure (Working in small groups)
- Conclusion
- Discussion
- Feedback

16:45 Day-school ends
Course syllabus

Aims:
The aim of this course is to feel more confident in a French environment, to be able have a short conversation relating to holidays, bookings, buying something, going out etc…

Content:
The aim is to cover most topics needed when holidaying in France. The first step is to get there, so we will cover different ways of going (train, plane, bike etc…). The next step is to book a hotel, to be able to buy something in a shop, and to place an order in a restaurant. After all those essentials, the aim is to discover some regions of France in more detail. We will talk about 2 regions and will invite any of the participants who might know some regions of France to share their experience. The last part of the day will be to create a brochure to show what we have learned, detailing (inventing!) some restaurants, some famous tourist attractions and the best way to go there. This will be done in small groups.

Presentation of the course:
The day course, conducted entirely in French, will incorporate a number of different teaching methods such as class discussion, listening, small group work, teachers and peers observation and feedback.
The course will be supported by authentic videos and texts.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:
- Be more confident in speaking French
- Be able to conduct a number of transactional situations (making reservations, shopping, ordering food)
- Have an understanding of politeness and register as appropriate to different situations.
Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

No specific books required but browsing the internet about tourism, listening to French radio to get used to spoken French would be useful prior to the course.

Website addresses

http://www.haute-savoie-tourisme.org/ (tourism website)
http://www.normandie-tourisme.fr/ (tourism website)
http://www.tv5monde.com/ (news website)

http://apprendre.tv5monde.com/ (website to learn French, games and exercises)

www.europe1.fr (French radio)
www.franceinter.fr (French radio)

Additional information

Venue

Details of how to find Madingley Hall can be found on our website:
http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/who-we-are/how-to-find-the-institute

Refreshments

Tea and coffee and lunch will be provided. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies and have not already advised us, please inform our Admissions Team on ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk or +44 (0)1223 746262.

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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