

# SUMMER 2023

July 5 August 29



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## SUMMER 2023

JULY 5 – AUGUST 29

(HYBRID CLASSES: IN-PERSON or ONLINE)

8-week session – 1h40min per class – 15 learning hours

Tuition: from \$309\* (class materials included)

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### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

#### HYBRID CLASSES / CLASS MATERIALS / ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

- We are offering **HYBRID CLASSES\*** for the Summer session.

*\*(unless **specified** on our course catalogue)*

HYBRID means you may take the same exact course

IN-PERSON or ONLINE, your CHOICE!

No need to notify us, you may show up in person or online (via Zoom) ,  
this is your decision for the 9-week session. "La liberté, c'est de pouvoir choisir" ;-)

- If you do not know your level of instruction, we invite you to take our **free online placement evaluations**. (see homepage)
- Once enrolled, you will be receiving class materials (lesson plans in pdf format) and Zoom instructions **24 hours prior to your first class session**.

#### CLASS TUITION / DISCOUNTS / REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration period will be ending on **July 11** at midnight.

##### **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS**

**\$309** from **May 1 to 31** (\$20.60 per hour)

**\$329** from **June 1 to 17** (\$21.93 per hour)

**\$349** from **June 18 to July 11** (\$23.26 per hour)

Since we limit our classes to **10 participants maximum**, please **register EARLY** to enjoy early bird discounts, save your spot and avoid class cancellations.

#### REGISTRATION POLICIES

Since we limit our classes to 10 participants maximum,  
please **READ CAREFULLY** our school policies before signing up for a course.

Credits, refunds, NO EXCEPTIONS will be granted unfortunately.

**By signing up for one of our courses, you agree to abide by our school policies. Merci de votre compréhension!**

**<https://lef-learn-french.com/registration-policies>**





## **BASIC I CLASSES (A1 levels – from Levels 1 to 4)**

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**Recommended timeframe: 60 learning hours • Class codes 100**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these basic A1 levels, students can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

### **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCING YOURSELF • for Complete Beginners**

**101a Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan**

**101b Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 2:00-3:40pm / Daphné**

**101c Tuesdays, July 11-August 29 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

Bienvenue! In this first level of French, you will master French pronunciation, introducing yourself and someone else, conveying personal details (nationality, profession, hobbies, numbers, likes and dislikes), studying basic grammar (present tense of regular verbs in -ER, the irregular verbs *avoir* and *être*, interrogative forms, definite and indefinite articles) to be able to (basically) interact with... confidence! Your French journey begins here!

### **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 2 – DESCRIBING YOUR FAMILY & LIFE**

**102a Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 8:00-9:40pm / Daphné**

**102b Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 10:00-11:40am / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this second level of French, we will focus on describing our families, making a detailed physical description of a person and their personalities, talking about our daily activities, routine, time schedule and planning future events. We will study reflexive verbs such as *se promener*, *futur proche*, demonstrative and possessive adjectives, and finally we will explore cultural facets of France and of course Paris...*Bienvenue en France!*

### **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 3 - TRAVELING TO FRANCE • French for travelers**

**103a Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 12:00-1:40pm / Erwan**

**103b Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 6:00-7:40pm / Daphné**

**103c Thursdays, July 6-August 24 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan**

**103d Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 2:00-3:40pm / Erwan**

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In this third level of French, we will focus on traveling (booking a flight and buying an airline ticket), talking about vacation, leisure activities and the weather, purchasing items in stores, expressing feelings and emotions, and finally ordering food. We will study the present tense of irregular verbs such *aller* and *faire*, verbs of movement ending in -IR like *partir*, *sortir*, *venir* and idiomatic expressions with *avoir* « *j'ai besoin de, j'ai envie de...* » Welcome on board! France has never been so close!

## **BRUSH-UP COURSE BASIC A1 Levels 1-2-3 – REVIEWING THE BASICS**

**151a Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**151b Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**151c Thursdays, July 6-August 24 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**151d Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 2:00-3:40pm**

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You've studied French in the past but it's been a while and you fear you've forgotten more than you remember? Or you've taken the basic levels and you would like to consolidate what you've learned? This class is designed for you. We will review general concepts such as countries, professions, family, food, and the weather, while revisiting basic verb tenses and grammar (*présent and futur proche*). You will find our refresher courses to be, well, refreshing!



## **BASIC II CLASSES (A2 levels – from levels 5 to 8)**

**Recommended timeframe: 120 learning hours • Class codes 200**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these A2 levels, students can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate about simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

## **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 5 – GETTING AROUND PARIS • Séjour culturel à Paris**

**205a Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan**

**205b Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this fifth level of French, we will focus on cultural activities in Paris: at the tourist office, at the museum, at the opera, in a concert hall, at a stadium, at the restaurant, at a fashion show, in a retail store... We will be able to invite someone, make a reservation at the restaurant, attend cultural and sports events, go shopping, and talk about past events. We will review the present tense of the verbs *pouvoir, vouloir, devoir, le passé composé*, introduction to *imparfait*, verbs of communication, direct and indirect pronouns. We will explore cultural activities in Paris and French celebrations. « *Paris est une fête!* » E. Hemingway

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## **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 6 - STUDYING & WORKING IN FRANCE**

### **• Études, Professions et Emploi!**

**206a Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this sixth level of French, we will focus on education, professions and employment. We will focus on talking about education and studies, applying for a job, taking a French interview or hiring a candidate, writing a resume in French using its standards and making comparisons. We will review the present tense of irregular and –OIR verbs, the *passé composé* vs *imparfait*, *directs/indirect/En* and *Y* pronouns, and expression of duration (*depuis, pendant, pour, etc.*) « *Il faut travailler pour vivre et non pas vivre pour travailler...* » Proverbe

## **BRUSH-UP COURSE BASIC A2 Levels 4-5-6 • EXPLORING FRANCE**

**251a Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm**

**251b Tuesdays, July 11-August 29 / 10:00-11:40am**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this fast-paced course, we will review the present tense of irregular verbs (*savoir* vs. *connaître, pouvoir, vouloir, devoir*) and reflexive verbs as well as the *passé composé*, the *imparfait*, direct and indirect pronouns, and the expression of duration (*depuis, pendant, pour, etc.*). You will expand your vocabulary (transportation, housing, shopping, studies, work, and cultural activities in Paris) while improving your pronunciation – and having fun! « *Les meilleurs Américains meurent à Paris !* » O. Wilde

## **REGULAR BASIC LEVEL 7 – LIVING IN FRANCE • Cuisine, Santé et Loisirs!**

**207a Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan**

**207b Tuesdays, July 11-August 29 / 10:00-11:40am / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this seventh level of French, we will focus on gastronomy, health, sports and leisure activities. Upon completion of this level, we will be able to register and join a gym, talk about leisure activities, healthy lifestyles and food diet, make an appointment at the doctor's or at the dentist's, and buy prescription drugs at a local pharmacy. We will review the imperative form, past tenses (*passé composé* vs *imparfait*), the *future simple*, *En* and *Y* pronouns, and the adverbs of frequency (*souvent, toujours, jamais...*). « *J'ai décidé d'être heureux, c'est bon pour la santé.* » Voltaire

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## INTERMEDIATE I CLASSES (B1 LEVELS – from levels 9 to 14)

**Recommended timeframe: 250-300 learning hours • Class codes 300**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these B1 levels, students can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise while traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

### **BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 7-8-9 – UNDERSTANDING FRENCH SOCIETY & PEOPLE • Société et vie française**

**351a Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

Feeling like it's time for a review? In this class you will go beyond the basics and cover the *passé composé vs imparfait*, the *futur simple*, the *conditionnel présent*, and the pronouns *directs/indirects*, *en* and *y*. You will also work on your pronunciation and increase your vocabulary while discussing topics such as sports, health, new technologies, the media and social activities. « *Un esprit sain dans un corps sain* » Rabelais

### **REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 9 – MOVING TO FRANCE • Vie domestique et savoir-vivre**

**309a Mondays, July 10-August 28 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this ninth level of French, we will focus on describing our house or apartment, household chores and housework, paying bills and taxes, talking about properties, personal belongings, animals and home activities. We will also explore French « *savoir-vivre* » and good manners while focusing on the *conditionnel présent*. « *La politesse coûte peu et achète tout.* » Montaigne

### **REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 11 • DEBATING IN FRENCH (FRENCH NEWS) • Actualités, Presse et Médias**

**311a Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 12:00-1:40pm / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this eleventh level of French, we will focus on past tenses such as *passé composé*, *imparfait*, *plus-que-parfait* and *voix passive*! We will learn how to read and write articles in French, talk about news, and discuss current events through French newspapers, television and the radio. Come and voice your opinions...en français ! « *Savoir, penser, rêver. Tout est là.* » V. Hugo

## **BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 10-11-12 – IMMERSION IN FRANCE**

**351c Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 6:00-7:40pm**

**351d Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 12:00-1:40pm**

**Tuition: from \$309**

**(materials & membership included)**

In this fast-paced course you will review past and future tenses, the *conditionnel présent/passé*, the *subjonctif*, the *passif*, and the *pronoms relatifs simples* (*qui, que, où, dont*). We will also discuss topics of interest such as new technologies, the internet, social media, and the traditional media (television, radio and the press).  
« *Le vrai pouvoir, c'est la connaissance.* » F. Bacon

## **REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 13 • LOVING FRANCE & FRENCH CULTURE • Vie affective, Art et Culture**

**313a Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this thirteenth level of French, we will focus on talking about friendship and love relationships, entertainment, feelings and cultural activities (arts, cinema, theater, music, photography...) We will review all French tenses (from present to subjunctive), adjectives (*préfixes et suffixes*), regular and irregular adverbs (*-ment*), *le gérondif* (*en allant*), *les pronoms ce qui, ce que, ce dont*). « *Aimer ce n'est pas se regarder l'un l'autre, c'est regarder ensemble dans la même direction* » A. De Saint-Exupéry

## **BRUSH-UP COURSE B1 Levels 13-14-15 – FRENCH ARTS & CULTURE**

**351e Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 10:00-11:40am**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this class you will review and become more comfortable with the basic past tenses as well as the *subjonctif présent et passé*, the *conditionnel présent et passé*, the *gérondif*, and the *pronoms relatifs composés*. You will also discover current French words and phrases that you never learned before! Never feel rusty again !  
« *La mémoire fait toute la profondeur de l'homme.* » C. Péguy



## **INTERMEDIATE II CLASSES (B2 LEVELS – from levels 15 to 20)**

**Recommended timeframe: 350-400 learning hours • class codes 400**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these B2 levels, students can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.



**REGULAR INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 16 • COMME AU CINÉMA**  
**LEARN FRENCH THROUGH FILMS**

**416a Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 10:00-11:40am - ONLINE COURSE / Justine**

**416b Tuesdays, July 11-August 29 / 12:00-1:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

In this sixteenth level of French, we will focus on French cinema. We will be exploring the history of French cinema, watching French blockbusters, analyzing famous French movie directors and actors, improving our comprehension skills and reviewing at the same time all French tenses and *les pronoms relatifs complexes* (*lequel, auquel, duquel...*). « *Le cinéma est le septième art !* »

**BREAKING NEWS – PARLONS D'ACTUALITÉS • HOT OFF THE FRENCH PRESS •**

**450a Fridays, July 7-August 25 / 12:00-1:40pm / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

This course will guide you through understanding and discussing the latest world events, the news values and ethics of interpreting real-world issues. You will refine your oral comprehension skills through watching French news broadcasts, improve your reading skills by exploring the French press and master your written skills by writing your own articles. We will review grammar on an as-needed basis, but the focus will remain on DISCUSSING the news.

« *La culture ne s'hérite pas, elle se conquiert.* » A. Malraux

**LITTÉRATURE - LA DAME DANS L'AUTO AVEC DES LUNETTES ET UN FUSIL -**  
**Roman policier de Sébastien JAPRISOT (1966)**

**450b Wednesdays, July 5-August 23 / 8:00-9:40pm / Erwan**

**450c Thursdays, July 6-August 24 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (membership included)**

*La dame dans l'auto la plus blonde, la plus belle, la plus myope, la plus sentimentale, la plus menteuse, la plus vraie, la plus déroutante, la plus obstinée, la plus inquiétante des héroïnes.* "A classic noir suspense novel! Dany Longo is blonde, beautiful, disturbed, passionate and nearsighted. As she speeds through the south of France in a white purloined Thunderbird on an errand for her employer and his wife, she stops at a gas station to fill up the car, and walks off to the bathroom to wash her face. There an unknown assailant attacks her. Nothing is taken from her but her wrist is broken. When she complains to the manager of the station he tells her, bewildered, that she was at this same station at seven in the morning and that her wrist was already broken then. No one, including Dany herself, knows what is happening, where she is heading or why she is going there. Sebastien Japrisot ("A very long engagement") takes us on a brilliantly deceptive carousel ride! Come enjoy the suspense...

*Book: La Dame dans l'auto avec des lunettes et un fusil • Sébastien Japrisot • Editions Folio*

***Participants will have to order their own books (ISBN: 978-2070407637)***





## **ADVANCED I & II CLASSES (C1 / C2 LEVELS – levels 20+)**

**Recommended timeframe : 500+ learning hours • class codes 500**

**Learning goals:** Upon completion of these C1/C2 levels, students can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

### **CONVERSATIONS CULTURELLES • ADVANCED C1 / C2 • NEW TOPICS**

#### **LES 10 PLUS GRANDES PERSONNALITÉS DE LA CULTURE FRANÇAISE**

**650a Saturdays, July 8-August 26 / 12:00-1:40pm / Erwan**

**650b Tuesdays, July 11-August 29 / 6:00-7:40pm / Erwan**

**Tuition: from \$309 (materials & membership included)**

Join us this session to improve your conversation skills, expand your vocabulary and increase your knowledge about the **top 10 celebrities** that impacted French culture (arts, architecture, cinema, dance, gastronomy, history, literature, music, theater, philosophy and sciences). Through various materials and diverse activities (videos, movies, songs, articles, debates, presentations, games...), you will master *l'art de s'exprimer...* « *L'homme sans culture est un arbre sans fruit!* » Antoine de Rivarol

### **LE CERCLE LITTÉRAIRE • LES GRANDS PRIX LITTÉRAIRES • ADVANCED C2**

#### **• GRAND PRIX DU ROMAN DE L'ACADÉMIE FRANÇAISE 2022 •**

**"LE MAGE DU KREMLIN" de Giuliano da Empoli (2022)**

**650c Fridays, July 7-August 25 / 10:00-11:40am / Daphné**

**Tuition: from \$309 (membership included).**

On l'appelait le "mage du Kremlin". L'énigmatique Vadim Baranov fut metteur en scène puis producteur d'émissions de télé-réalité avant de devenir l'éminence grise de Poutine, dit le Tsar. Après sa démission du poste de conseiller politique, les légendes sur son compte se multiplient, sans que nul puisse démêler le faux du vrai. Jusqu'à ce que, une nuit, il confie son histoire au narrateur de ce livre...Ce récit nous plonge au coeur du pouvoir russe, où courtisans et oligarques se livrent une guerre de tous les instants. Et où Vadim, devenu le principal spin doctor du régime, transforme un pays entier en un théâtre politique, où il n'est d'autre réalité que l'accomplissement des souhaits du Tsar. Mais Vadim n'est pas un ambitieux comme les autres : entraîné dans les arcanes de plus en plus sombres du système qu'il a contribué à construire, ce poète égaré parmi les loups fera tout pour s'en sortir. De la guerre en Tchétchénie à la crise ukrainienne, en passant par les Jeux olympiques de Sotchi, Le mage du Kremlin est le grand roman de la Russie contemporaine. Dévoilant les dessous de l'ère Poutine, il offre une sublime méditation sur le pouvoir.

**Book: *Le Mage du Kremlin*, Giuliano da Empoli (Editions Gallimard - ISBN 13: 978-2072958168)**

**Please note that each participant will have to order their own books.**