

# GUIDELINES FOR LEARNING FRENCH AT THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

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# The Alliance Française

*The Alliance Française is the world's largest cultural network, with over 800 centres all around the world.*

The Alliance Française de Jersey, founded in 1996, is an apolitical, non-denominational, not-for-profit organisation which has the following aims:

- ✓ Teaching the French language
- ✓ Offering official exams
- ✓ Organising cultural events
- ✓ Promoting knowledge of French and Francophone cultures

We ensure that the services we offer are of excellent quality through an ambitious institutional development plan and the international Alliance Française quality control framework.

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## Our values

- ✓ **Exchanges** : We are passionate about exchanges, teaching and sharing our culture
- ✓ **Respect** : We seek to develop an environment which is respectful of differences, through dialogue, cooperation, tolerance and solidarity
- ✓ **Convivialité** : Togetherness, friendliness
- ✓ **Innovation** : We use the most up to date teaching methods to provide the most exciting experience



## Our teachers

- ✓ Are native French speakers and hold degree-level qualifications in teaching French as a foreign language.
- ✓ Are supported through class visits to guarantee continuous development of their teaching.
- ✓ Undertake regular training sessions to develop their skills.



# Our teaching approach

- ✓ An immersion in a French environment where students can learn inside the classroom and outside the classroom with cultural events.
- ✓ A variety of courses for all levels and to achieve different objectives : Progress, Practise, Discover.
- ✓ Classes delivered primarily through French by teachers who can offer additional explanations in English if necessary.
- ✓ Courses with a focus on communication, task based teaching to develop your self confidence and ability to interact in French.
- ✓ A differentiated approach which means the teacher can adapt to the needs of each individual student.
- ✓ Use of specialised technology and online resources to enhance the learning experience.



# Our commitments

Your teacher will :

- ✓ Support you, encourage you, correct your work and evaluate your progress.
- ✓ Speak as much as possible in French, to offer you an immersive experience and help you develop listening skills.
- ✓ Offer a programme adapted to the group level and the objectives of the course.
- ✓ Give homework in group classes to help you revise and practise at home.
- ✓ Use carefully selected materials which will be in French to aid immersive learning.
- ✓ Make cultural recommendations by presenting the cultural events and recommending books or DVDs.



- ✓ You can expect a professional and courteous attitude from all our staff
- ✓ We will promptly respond to your administrative or teaching-related queries
- ✓ We will take note of your remarks and suggestions through feedback questionnaires



## What we expect from students

- ✓ **Attend classes** as regularly as possible and notify your teacher in advance if you are going to miss a class.
- ✓ **Spend one or two hours a week** working on your French outside class time, especially for Progress Courses.
- ✓ **Complete any homework** set by your teacher.
- ✓ **Whenever you can, use French in class**, for example asking questions about vocabulary (e.g. Comment dit-on ... en français?).
- ✓ **Participate fully** in class activities, listen to others, and above all speak up!



## Keys for the best possible learning outcomes

- ✓ Be ready to make mistakes! Do not be afraid to speak up, mistakes are part of the learning process.
  - ✓ Ask for help whenever you are having trouble understanding something.
  - ✓ Make use of the library services : watching films and reading books will help you further your language skills.
  - ✓ Be prepared to work in pairs or small groups.
  - ✓ Be supportive to other class members and respect each other's pace of learning.
  - ✓ Be open to your teacher's methods and trust that they know what they are doing!
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