

A1 SYLLABUS

Where your French story begins

You are starting French from scratch, or almost. In 8 weeks of classroom practice and daily-life exposure in Paris, you will build a real relationship with the language: speaking it, and using it in short, simple conversations with confidence.

TARGET

CEFR A1

Complete beginners

DURATION

8 weeks

Onsite · Monday–Friday

GROUP SIZE

Max 10

Small-group immersion

By the end of the session, you will be able to...

Six communication activities, based on the CEFR (Council of Europe, 2021), describe what A1-level French looks like in real life.



LISTENING

Hearing and understanding

Understand familiar words and very basic phrases about yourself, your family, and your immediate surroundings — when people speak slowly and clearly.



READING

Understanding written text

Understand familiar names, words, and simple sentences — for example in notices, posters, menus, prices, or short ads.



SPEAKING

Expressing yourself orally

Use simple phrases to describe where you live, people you know, and basic situations from your daily life in Paris.



WRITING

Producing written text

Write short, simple messages — a postcard, a form, personal details — using familiar expressions and basic sentences.



SPOKEN INTERACTION

Two-way exchanges

Ask and answer simple questions, exchange basic information on familiar topics, provided the other person speaks slowly, repeats, rephrases, and is willing to help.



MEDIATION

Getting information across in French

Convey simple, predictable information from short signs, notices, or announcements — and use basic expressions to show interest or understanding.

THE FTC PARIS WAY

Max 10 students per class · **Teacher's notes** shared on Google Classroom to review and deepen the lessons · **Certified teachers** of French as a Foreign Language (FLE)

STARTING POINT · PRE-A1

A few words, maybe none

You have picked up some French through travel or apps, or you start completely from zero. You can recognise a few familiar words but cannot yet form sentences.



END OF SESSION · CEFR A1

Confident in everyday basic situations

You can introduce yourself, order, shop, ask for directions, and hold short conversations on familiar topics. Progress is evaluated using DELF A1 grids.

What you will actually do in class

The A1 program follows the *L'atelier+* method (Didier, 2022), aligned with the CEFR 2021. Below, the concrete communication objectives covered during the 8-week session — the real things you will practise and master.

MEETING PEOPLE & INTRODUCING YOURSELF

- Greet people, say goodbye, thank, apologise
- Introduce yourself and introduce someone else
- State your nationality and the languages you speak
- Ask for and give personal information (age, contact details)
- Talk about your tastes, hobbies, and preferences
- Describe people around you — family, friends, colleagues

GETTING AROUND

- Identify and describe places in the city
- Ask for and give directions, follow an itinerary
- Ask about and understand public transport information
- Talk about the weather and everyday conditions
- Describe and characterise everyday objects
- Make a date, agree or decline an invitation

HANDLING EVERYDAY LIFE

- Make simple purchases, ask for and give prices
- Order food and drinks in a café or restaurant
- Express quantities, measures, and simple amounts
- Talk about your daily routine and schedule
- Ask for and give the time, a date, or an appointment
- Talk about your plans for the coming days or weeks
- Describe a physical state — how you feel, what hurts

PRONUNCIATION & GRAMMAR IN USE

- Recognise and produce the rhythm of spoken French, linkings, liaisons, intonation and silent letters
- Use basic sentence patterns: questions, negation, articles, precision (*qui, que, où*)
- Conjugate and use the present tense, the near future (*aller* + infinitive)
- Recount simple past events using the *passé composé* and the *imparfait*

TEXTBOOK + WORKBOOK

L'atelier+ A1 — Didier (2022)

Modern, action-oriented CEFR-aligned textbook and workbook, **included in tuition fees**. Paper books + **digital edition** with audio, video, and extra online activities. Session notes and whiteboard summaries shared on Google Drive.

ASSESSMENT

End-of-session evaluation

2-day evaluation covering the 4 DELF A1 skills. Individual progress report with personal recommendation for your next step: A2, consolidation, or DELF preparation.

OTHER MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN CLASS

Three additional Didier titles on our classroom shelves, for in-class reference and guided exercises:

- **Grammaire essentielle du français A1** (Didier) — 44 lessons, 550 exercises, contrastive grammar in EN/ES/AR/ZH.
- **Phonétique essentielle du français A1/A2** (Didier) — 42 lessons, audios & videos for every sound of French.
- **Bonjour et bienvenue ! A1.1** (Didier) — all-in-one method for absolute beginners, with a strong focus on pronunciation.