STUDYWALKS · COURSE SYLLABUS

French 1 — High School Course

First-year French · units 1–15 of StudyWalks French Language, which prepares for the CLEP French Language exam

First-year French: the sounds and spelling of French, greetings and numbers, nouns and articles, the present tense, adjectives, getting around with aller and faire, food and quantity, daily routines, the passé composé and the imparfait, object pronouns, and commands and polite speech.

CREDIT LABEL	HOURS GOAL	STUDYWALKS LEARNING HOURS	SUGGESTED PRACTICE HOURS
1.0 credit	**120 h**	**18.5 h**	**101.5 h**
high school, one year of language study	the 1.0-credit convention	measured runtime plus assessment time	practice and speaking, logged by the parent

18.5 h StudyWalks (4.6 h of lessons, 9.5 h of lectures, 4.6 h of quizzes and exams) + **101.5 h** suggested practice logged by the parent = **120 h**. 335 lessons in 15 units.

French Language is two high school courses: **French 1** (units 1–15, 1.0 credit); **French 2** (units 16–27, 1.0 credit). Each is labeled one credit for a year of language study, with a 120-hour goal. StudyWalks supplies about 18.5 of those hours; most of the rest is practice the parent logs: speaking, listening, reading and writing in French. By StudyWalks hours alone, this part would be labeled 0.5 credit.

High school credit is granted by the homeschool parent under the state's rules. StudyWalks supplies the record: hours, scores and this syllabus. The credit label is a suggestion; the parent makes the final call.

Course contents

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
1	**Getting Ready: The Exam, the Course, and How French Works** The exam and this course · Introducing yourself and your subjects · The alphabet and spelling aloud · Look-alikes, gender and agreement	16	27 min
2	**Sounds and Spelling: Accents, Silent Letters, Elision and Liaison** Silent letters and the final e · The five accent marks · Letters that change their sound · Intonation, the mute e and the letter h · Elision · Liaison and the plural	22	39 min (2 parts)
3	**Hello and Who Are You: Greetings, Register, Subject Pronouns, Être, Numbers 0–69** Greetings, goodbyes and titles · The two words for you, and meeting people · The subject pronouns · The verb to be · Numbers to sixty-nine · Days, months and the date · Courtesy, the classroom and a first day	26	42 min (2 parts)
4	**Nouns, Gender and Articles** Gender and the definite article · The indefinite article · Nouns for people, endings and the plural · Plurals in x and irregular plurals · Pointing, and the negative · The article in general, and a classroom	20	36 min (2 parts)

Unit	Title and lecture topics	Lessons	Lecture
5	**The Present Tense of -Er Verbs, Negation and Questions** The regular verbs in e r · Stem changes · The negative · Yes-or-no questions · Asking for information · Register, and an apartment visit	24	42 min (2 parts)
6	**Avoir, Family and Possession** The verb to have · The family · The possessive adjectives · Possessives before a vowel and by ear · Age and the phrases with to have · Needs, wants and a family visit	20	34 min (2 parts)
7	**Describing People and Things: Adjectives, C'est and Il Est** Agreement and the four forms · Endings with their own patterns · Where an adjective goes · Meaning by place, and colors · C'est or il est · Nationality, and the unit together	22	39 min (2 parts)
8	**Getting Around: Aller, Faire, Weather, Places, the City, Time and Numbers 70+** The verb to go · À and de with the article, and places · The near future · The verb to do, the weather, and the map · Countries, transport and directions · The time and the numbers · Position, and the unit together	25	42 min (2 parts)
9	**-Ir, -Re and Irregular Present Verbs, Modals, Venir De** The regular verbs in i r and r e · Irregular verbs in i r · Irregular verbs in r e · Say, read, write, follow and live · To come, and the recent past · Want, can, must, and the unit together	24	41 min (2 parts)
10	**Food, Quantity and the Partitive** Meals and the partitive · Choosing the article · Foods, drinks and shops · Quantities and measures · At table and at the café · The restaurant, prices, and the day	22	38 min (2 parts)
11	**Daily Life: Pronominal Verbs, the Body and Health** The reflexive pronoun · Morning and evening · Negative, questions and infinitives · Idiomatic and reciprocal verbs · The body · Health, and the unit together	20	34 min (2 parts)
12	**The Passé Composé** Two parts, and the regular participles · Irregular participles · Around the auxiliary · Time words and the verbs that take être · Agreement, and the choice of auxiliary · Pronominal verbs, and the unit together	24	39 min (2 parts)
13	**The Imparfait and Telling a Story in the Past** Building the imparfait · Sounds and spellings · The first three uses · Choosing the tense · States and idioms of the past · Reading a story, and the unit together	24	41 min (2 parts)
14	**Object Pronouns: Direct, Indirect, Y, En, and Their Order** Direct object pronouns · Where the pronoun goes · Indirect objects · The past, and y · The pronoun en · Order, commands, and the unit together	24	40 min (2 parts)
15	**Commands, Requests and Polite Speech: Imperative, Il Faut, Savoir and Connaître** The imperative and its three forms · Irregular, negative and pronominal commands · Pronouns with commands, and directions · Necessity and advice · Two verbs for know · Polite requests, and the unit together	22	37 min (2 parts)

Assessment and grading

- **Unit quizzes.** 15 quizzes (units 1–15), 10 questions each, checked as the student goes, each answer with the lesson to review. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Mid exam.** 50 questions on units 1–13, drawn fresh each time and scored at the end with a breakdown by content area. Untimed; retakes are unlimited.
- **Final exam.** The French Language final (120 questions, 90 minutes, all units) comes at the end of French 2.

Suggested composite grade

Part	Weight
Unit quizzes 1–15 (average of best scores)	50%
Mid exam, units 1–13 (best score)	50%

Suggested letter scale

Letter	Composite
A	90–100
B	80–89
C	70–79
D	60–69
F	below 60

Suggested; the parent sets the grade and may count the speaking log and practice work too. A suggested completion standard: every unit quiz in units 1–15 taken and the mid exam passed at 70% or better.

Study plan

The 101.5 practice hours are spread over the units in proportion to each unit's StudyWalks time. Practice is where most of a language year happens. For each unit: replay the unit's dialogues and repeat every French line aloud (shadowing); make flashcards of its new words and review them daily; write five to ten sentences of your own with its grammar and have them checked; read or listen to easy French for 20 to 30 minutes (graded readers, children's books, songs or news in simple French); and speak with a person, such as a tutor, a native speaker or a language-exchange partner, recorded on the speaking-practice log. Log the time as you go.

Unit	Title	StudyWalks	Practice, suggested	Unit total
1	Getting Ready: The Exam, the Course, and How French Works	40 min	4 h 50 min	5 h 30 min
2	Sounds and Spelling: Accents, Silent Letters, Elision and Liaison	57 min	6 h 50 min	7 h 47 min
3	Hello and Who Are You: Greetings, Register, Subject Pronouns, Être, Numbers 0–69	1 h 3 min	7 h 35 min	8 h 38 min
4	Nouns, Gender and Articles	52 min	6 h 15 min	7 h 7 min
Lessons and lectures		**14 h 6 min**	**101 h 30 min**	**115 h 36 min**
Quizzes and mid exam (stated time)		**4 h 36 min**	**—**	**4 h 36 min**

Unit	Title	StudyWalks	Practice, suggested	Unit total
5	The Present Tense of -Er Verbs, Negation and Questions	1 h 2 min	7 h 25 min	8 h 27 min
6	Avoir, Family and Possession	51 min	6 h 10 min	7 h 1 min
7	Describing People and Things: Adjectives, C'est and Il Est	57 min	6 h 50 min	7 h 47 min
8	Getting Around: Aller, Faire, Weather, Places, the City, Time and Numbers 70+	1 h 2 min	7 h 25 min	8 h 27 min
9	-Ir, -Re and Irregular Present Verbs, Modals, Venir De	1 h	7 h 10 min	8 h 10 min
10	Food, Quantity and the Partitive	56 min	6 h 45 min	7 h 41 min
11	Daily Life: Pronominal Verbs, the Body and Health	51 min	6 h 5 min	6 h 56 min
12	The Passé Composé	59 min	7 h 5 min	8 h 4 min
13	The Imparfait and Telling a Story in the Past	1 h 1 min	7 h 20 min	8 h 21 min
14	Object Pronouns: Direct, Indirect, Y, En, and Their Order	1 h	7 h 10 min	8 h 10 min
15	Commands, Requests and Polite Speech: Imperative, Il Faut, Savoir and Connaître	55 min	6 h 35 min	7 h 30 min
Lessons and lectures		**14 h 6 min**	**101 h 30 min**	**115 h 36 min**
Quizzes and mid exam (stated time)		**4 h 36 min**	**—**	**4 h 36 min**

Unit times are the unit's lecture runtime plus its lessons at the course's measured average lesson length; totals can differ from the learning hours by rounding. In the family dashboard, log practice time under this course with its part chosen, so each part keeps its own total.

Speaking-practice log

A language is learned by speaking it with people. Aim for at least 30 minutes of conversation a week with a tutor, a native speaker or a language-exchange partner, in person or by video call. Count the minutes in the practice hours, and keep this log as the record.

For online tutoring or exchanges, the parent arranges the sessions, knows who the partner is and stays nearby; the student shares no address, school or other personal details.

Date	With (tutor, native speaker, exchange)	Minutes	What we talked about; new words	Parent

Total speaking minutes this page

Parent signature

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