

Tuesday Intermediate French U3A Nillumbik

Aims and Strategies

To have a goal of understanding spoken or written plain French.

To be able converse a little, at least a section of time we try to communicate in French only.

Group members to provide input and apposite comment, supporting each other.

Material that is presented for reading/discussion will be on practical issues.

Continue using up-to-date French news article "À la Une".

Reading articles etc. in class to improve fluency, speed.

Cartoons, French humour and satire as appropriate.

Useful conversational phrases, stratagems and vocab to be made available by the class facilitator.

Explore some common idiomatic expressions as used in everyday French.

Grammar only as necessary and relevant.

From the text, preparing some work before the lesson, used in class too.

The construction of sentences in French to be studied.

Some phonetic work, as required.

Some memorising of dialogue, a little written work, some film/book review work + songs that are easy to sing or understand will be occasionally shared.

To enjoy our French and our class get-togethers

Texts

1. "Colloquial French 2, The Next step in Language Learning" by Elspeth Broady (easy to access first of secondhand).

2. One grammar book is: Easy French Step-by-Step by Myrna Bell Rochester.

3. Dictionary: Smartphone apps like Larousse Eng/Fre are useful.

Level of the group: the below gives some guidance as to where most students start at:

<i>Listening</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Functions</i>
Understand simple utterances on routine topics	Respond to simple utterances but are unable to continue	Understand key words and headings but not the overall gist of long texts	Write simple notes and complete personal information on forms	Introduce yourself, other persons, places and things/ask questions about other persons, places and things/get information about accommodation/ book in/give and ask ages, times, days months, seasons, dates, telephone numbers/ask for and give directions/order drinks and snacks/accept and refuse offers

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Vive la langue Français!