

FRENCH UPPER-INTERMEDIATE (YEAR 5)

01. Who is this course for?

This course is designed to further develop confidence, and improve accuracy & fluency, across a range of tenses and in a variety of contexts. Activities will be varied and include use of the internet, recordings, video clips and films, newspaper and magazine articles and book extracts to reflect aspects of cultural & social life. All skills will be developed through individual, pair and group work.

02. What will I learn?

This course is designed to build and maintain fluency in the spoken language. The emphasis will be on oral communication and the active participation of the learner is essential. This course aims to develop confidence, and improve accuracy & fluency on a wide range of topics, presenting opinions and understanding those of others, on subjects such as current affairs, personal interests, cultural aspects as well as situations encountered when travelling abroad. Practice of complex and specialised language tasks in a wide variety of contexts will ensure that you are able to interact competently in most situations on your travels in Italy and when talking to native speakers.

03. How will I learn?

Your tutor will use a variety of learning materials such as practical activities, games, books and interactive Apps and websites. Your progress and achievements will be recognised and recorded throughout your course in a number of ways. For example: regular dialogue with your tutor, class activities including group, paired work, role play and language games, spoken and/or written exercises with feedback from your tutor.

04. What will I need to bring?

You will need a pen/pencil and paper for notes. You will be given an A4 folder to store handouts, notes, vocabulary and worksheets so please bring this to class each week. Details of course materials you may wish to purchase will be given at the first session. A dictionary could be useful but is not essential – please talk to your tutor.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

You should have completed a 'French Intermediate Year 4' course in your chosen language with us, or have equivalent knowledge by another means for example have a good working knowledge of the language at GCSE / GCE O level or who have reached this level by other means e.g. frequent visits to a country where the target language is spoken, and have some degree of confidence in discussing matters of general interest to them. A certain amount of time for self-study outside the class is recommended to progress steadily each week. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure about your level.

06. How will I be assessed?

This course will be accredited with the Skills & Education Group (SEG) Language Awards. You will not have any exams or tests though, as this award is assessed through general classwork / homework and classroom activities.

You will receive regular feedback from your tutor in different forms, and you will also be asked to complete and Individual learning plan (ILP) to record and measure your own progress.

07. What could I do after this course?

After this 'Upper- Intermediate – Year 5' class, you can progress on to our ' Intermediate Skills & Conversation (Year 6) ' classes which will continue your learning and knowledge of the language, and help you to improve.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. For fee-paying courses, if you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£27,976.16 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course for FREE, or at a 70% reduced fee cost. If your course is accredited (working towards a formal qualification) your course may be FREE if you earn under £25,750 before deductions. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk