

A month of French

Your challenge is to complete one task a day to develop your knowledge of French vocabulary, grammar and culture as well as improving your listening and reading skills and cultural knowledge.



<p>Jour # 1</p>  <p>Click on https://podcast.duolingo.com/french . Read the short blurbs before choosing a podcast to listen to. When you listen to the podcast, have a look at the transcript below to learn new vocabulary.</p>	<p>Jour # 2</p>  <p>Choose a French-speaking country (that isn't France e.g. Senegal) and find 10 fascinating facts about it. You could think about unusual traditions, foods or famous people. For a greater challenge, write your facts in French.</p>	<p>Jour # 3</p>  <p>Click on https://quizlet.com/180859861/sparkly-language-s-flash-cards/ and study this Quizlet set to develop your knowledge of sophisticated structures in French.</p>	<p>Jour # 4</p> <p>Click on https://www.1jour1actu.com/ to read a French news story and listen to a news podcast aimed at French teenagers.</p> 
<p>Jour # 5</p>  <p>Click on https://conjuguemos.com/verb/1 and practise your verb conjugation. Start with the present tense. Choose practice or games.</p>	<p>Jour # 6</p>  <p>Click on https://www.thefablecottage.com/french/blanche-neige to watch “Snow White” and other fairy tales in French. Remember to click on CC to get English subtitles or change them to French if you want to read and listen at the same time. Here is another link to more fairy tales and fables https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d95BUhnTZxQ</p>	<p>Jour # 7</p>  <p>Click on https://frenchtogether.com/french-short-stories/ and read the recent article on best French short stories to improve your French. Read the descriptions on the short stories and click on at least one free link for a short story that takes your fancy e.g. <i>La Nuit</i> by Maupassant http://maupassant.free.fr/textes/nuit.html</p>	<p>Jour # 8</p>  <p>Click on https://lyricstraining.com/fr/play/indila/derniere-danse/HGuRFTSVG#b7w!jleightholm and have a go at filling in the gaps as you listen. (Start with beginners' level and work your way up!)</p>
<p>Jour # 9</p>  <p>Find out about a famous French speaker – it could be an author, singer or figure from history. You could create a fact file or write a short biography, either in French or English.</p>	<p>Jour # 10</p>  <p>Click on https://quizlet.com/gb/346548121/100-useful-gcse-expressions-flash-cards/ and study this Quizlet set to revise and develop your knowledge of useful expressions in French.</p>	<p>Jour # 11</p>  <p>Click on https://www.1jour1actu.com/ to read a French news story and listen to a news podcast aimed at French teenagers.</p>	<p>Jour # 12</p>  <p>Click on https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html#Grammar and use the menu to practise your verbs.</p>

<p>Jour # 13</p>  <p>Click on https://www.1jour1actu.com/ to read a French news story and listen to a news podcast aimed at French teenagers.</p>	<p>Jour # 14</p>  <p>Click on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLmlUMA_bGiMWWgfDwfNDgw and watch some of the videos which explain key concepts to children in French. Slow these down if you need to or repeat them as some of them speak quite quickly.</p>	<p>Jour # 15</p>  <p>Click on https://top40-charts.com/chart.php?cid=11 and listen to the top 40 downloads in France this week. Create your own playlist of French songs.</p>	<p>Jour # 16</p>  <p>Research a weird and wonderful festival in France or a French-speaking country. Maybe you'll choose the Lemon festival (La fête du Citron) You could describe your chosen festival to a friend or family member.</p>
<p>Jour # 17</p>  <p>Click on https://thelanguageskitchen.com/tartiflette-poulet/ and practise your French and cooking skills together to make some delicious food like this one. The recipe is written as a parallel text in French and English. Take a photo of what you have made!</p>	<p>Jour # 18</p>  <p>Click on https://frenchtogether.com/best-french-movies/ and read the article about how to watch films with the aim of learning languages. This will prepare you for Day 27!</p>	<p>Jour # 19</p>  <p>Click on https://conjugemos.com/verb/1 and practise your verb conjugation. If you did the present tense last time, try something more challenging. Choose practice or games.</p>	<p>Jour # 20</p>  <p>Click on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoUWq2Qawqdc3-nRXKk-JUw and watch some of the Easy French videos. Use the subtitles to help you to understand new words and do not forget to write down anything you learn.</p>
<p>Jour # 21</p>  <p>Follow https://twitter.com/mrlowemfl and download his weekly "Bulletin à la une" (updated every week) Here is a link to all the bulletins he has made so far: https://mrlowemfl.com/a-la-une-french-magazine/ Read the texts, look up any vocabulary you don't know and complete the exercises at the bottom</p>	<p>Jour # 22</p>  <p>Click on https://lyricstraining.com/fr/play/stromae/papaoutai/HA9pBOe17A#!jsleightholm and have another go at Lyrics training. Stromae is extremely popular in the French speaking world and you may recognise some of his music if you play the video game "Just Dance".</p>	<p>Jour # 23</p>  <p>Research a controversial topic relating to France or a French speaking country. It could be whether the 35-hour French working week is still working for the French people or how strike action affects their daily lives. Try to make notes on both sides of the argument in either French or English.</p>	<p>Jour # 24</p>  <p>Create a Memrise account – your name or something that is very recognisable as you. You should aim to achieve 100,000 points by the first lesson! https://www.memrise.com/</p>

