



French Curriculum

Grade 7

Instructional materials:

Discovering French: (Bleu) by Valette and Valette, D.C. Heath & Co. 1993, audio and video recordings, transparencies, CD ROMs, supplementary readings

Focus:

To help each student attain an acceptable degree of competence in the skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. To present the language within the context of the contemporary French speaking world.

Introduces a basic vocabulary of over 2,000 words, stresses the present tense of regular verbs, commonly used irregular verbs, (avoir, aller, faire, être), an introduction to passé composé and free composition (oral and written) as well as the formal exercises presented in the textbook. Students participate in various activities such as role playing and audio-visual activities.

Expectations:

- **Listening Comprehension**
The student should:
 - understand an educated native speaker, speaking at normal speed, within limits of grammar and vocabulary studied

- **Speaking**
The student should:
 - speak with pronunciation and intonation acceptable to a native speaker.
 - ask and answer simple questions with grammatical accuracy and adequate fluency
 - demonstrate knowledge of rules for pronunciation.
 - be able to participate in a conversation or group discussion within the limits of grammar and vocabulary studied.

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Reading

The student should:

- read dialogs and paragraphs from the textbook with comprehension.
- read short stories, magazines, and comic books of an educational nature with comprehension

- **Writing**

The student should:

- use correct spelling and accents in written expressions.
- write on a topic, within limits of grammar and vocabulary studied, in a style acceptable to a native speaker.
- through projects, express oneself personally in writing within the limits of grammar and vocabulary studied.

- **Culture**

The student will:

- acquire some knowledge of the value system and behavior patterns of some French-speaking peoples.
- be exposed to the geography, culture, and history of the French-speaking world.

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Grade 8

Instructional materials: Discovering French (Blanc) by Valette & Valette. D.C Heath & Co. 1994, audio and video recordings, transparencies, CD ROMs, supplementary readings

Focus: To help each student attain an acceptable degree of competence in the skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. To present the language within the context of the contemporary French speaking world.

Builds to a vocabulary of over 2,500 words. Learning activities are similar to those of Grade 7 at a more advanced level and include student compositions and projects. Students learn to use the passé composé and imperfect tense of regular and irregular verbs. Additionally, students use supplementary reading materials and audio-visual materials.

Expectations:

- **Listening Comprehension**

The student should:

- understand an educated native speaker, speaking at normal speed within limits of grammar and vocabulary studied.

- **Speaking**

The student should:

- speak with pronunciation and intonation acceptable to a native speaker.
- ask and answer questions with grammatical accuracy and adequate fluency
- demonstrate basic knowledge of rules for pronunciation.
- be able to participate in a conversation or group discussion within the limits of grammar and vocabulary studied.

- **Reading**

The student should:

- read dialogs and paragraphs from the textbook with comprehension.
- read short stories, simple books, magazines, and comic books of an educational nature with comprehension.

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- **Writing**
The student should:
 - use correct spelling and accents in written expression.
 - write on a given topic within limits of vocabulary and grammar studied
 - Through projects, express oneself personally in writing within the limits of grammar and vocabulary studied
- **Culture**
The student should:
 - acquire some knowledge of the value system and behavior patterns of some French-speaking peoples
 - learn more about the history, culture, and geography of the French-speaking world
 - have the opportunity to attend French Tour