

BEGINNER

Students with no knowledge of French

A1**ELEMENTARY
USER**

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very simple statements relating to specific needs. Can introduce oneself or someone else and ask or answer questions about personal details, such as one's place of residence, friends and family, personal belongings, etc. Can hold a simple conversation if the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

A2**ELEMENTARY
USER**

Can understand individual phrases and common expressions relating to subjects of immediate concern, for instance simple information about oneself and one's family, shopping, one's immediate surroundings and work. Can communicate about simple routine tasks which require no more than a simple direct exchange of information on familiar subjects. Can describe in simple terms one's background and immediate surroundings and address subjects related to one's immediate needs.

B1**INDEPENDENT
USER**

Can understand the basic content of a complex text on a concrete or abstract subject, including a technical discussion in one's specialist field. Can communicate with sufficient ease and spontaneity in a conversation with a native speaker which does not involve effort on either side. Can express oneself in a clear, detailed manner on a wide range of subjects, pronounce an opinion on a topical issue and describe the pros and cons of different options.

B2**INDEPENDENT
USER**

Can understand a wide range of long and demanding texts and pick up on implicit meanings. Can express oneself spontaneously and fluently without too obviously having to grope for words. Can use language effectively and flexibly in one's social, professional or academic life. Can express oneself on complex subjects in a clear, well-structured manner, displaying a command of the organisation, articulation and coherence of the material.

C1**EXPERIENCED
USER**

Can understand a wide range of long and demanding texts and pick up on implicit meanings. Can express oneself spontaneously and fluently without too obviously having to grope for words. Can use language effectively and flexibly in one's social, professional or academic life. Can express oneself on complex subjects in a clear, well-structured manner, displaying a command of the organisation, articulation and coherence of the material.

C2**EXPERIENCED
USER**

Can understand without effort virtually everything one reads or hears. Can reproduce facts and arguments from different spoken and written sources, summarising them coherently. Can express oneself spontaneously with great fluency and precision, bringing out subtle nuances of meaning on complex subjects.