

## LASR French for Near Beginners

**TUTOR:** Dr Sophie Turner

**COURSE MATERIAL:** *Mobile A1, Livre de l'élève*, Editions Didier, 2013 (ISBN: 978 227 807 6550). This book is available from Blackwell's bookshop.

**ENTRY LEVEL:** A1 of the Common European Framework for Languages. After three terms, upon regular attendance, students should be able to perform at level A1+/A2 of the Common European Framework.

**COURSE CONTENT:** The course will follow the progression of the textbook *Mobile A1* which will be supplemented by other learning resources provided by the tutor.

Please note that the tutor may adapt the syllabus according to the overall level and pace of the class.

### MICHAELMAS TERM

This term, the tutor will select activities and lessons from the following chapters:

Unité 1 (Arriver en France); Unité 2 (Vie privée, vie publique); Unité 3 (Des goûts et des couleurs)

*Functions:*

Making contact, Greetings

Describing people

Asking and giving personal information

Expressing likes and dislikes

Talking about family

Talking about leisure activities and jobs

*Grammar:*

Genders; definite/indefinite articles; affirmative, interrogative and negative sentences; agreement and position of adjectives; verbs ÊTRE, AVOIR and -ER present tense; possessive and demonstrative adjectives.

*Cultural information:*

Using tu & vous; student jobs; French celebrities, social groups, cultural events in France; Paris; intercultural differences.

### HILARY TERM

This term, the tutor will select activities and lessons from the following chapters:

Unité 4 (À table!); Unité 5 (On s'installe); Unité 6 (Au fil du temps...)

*Functions:*

Talking about food

Going to a restaurant

Talking about the past

Describing/Looking for a house

Asking and giving the time

Talking about a daily routine

*Grammar:*

Partitive articles; expressions of quantity; imperative; revision of present tense; -IR verbs + reflexive verbs; perfect tense; prepositions with places; time phrases.

*Cultural information:*

French food habits; life and school rhythm; French lifestyle.

## TRINITY TERM

This term, the tutor will select activities and lessons from the following chapters:

Unité 7 (En ville!); Unité 8 (Nos sorties...); Unité 9 (Enfin les vacances!); Unité 10 (Travailler autrement)

### *Functions:*

Describing a place

Expressing feelings

Talking about the weather

Asking and giving directions

Going out

Booking (holidays)

Talking about health

Comparing past and present situations

### *Grammar:*

Demonstrative adjectives; question forms; near future; direct and indirect pronouns; relative pronouns; imperfect; comparisons; connectives; REVISION.

### *Cultural information:*

French cultural events; cinema; geography of France and its territories.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

### Level A1+/A2 of the Common European Framework for Languages

By the end of the academic year and upon regular attendance, students should be able to introduce themselves, talk about their tastes, give a short opinion on a subject, ask and understand prices, directions, etc. They should be able to write simple texts and to understand conversations or video/audio recordings on familiar topics. They will have developed communicative skills, increased their confidence and accuracy in both understanding and speaking the French language.

At that stage, students are generally able to understand simplified articles from newspapers, when a list of vocabulary is provided and some grammar explanations given.