

Transparent Language K-12 French Curriculum

French Curriculum through the Years

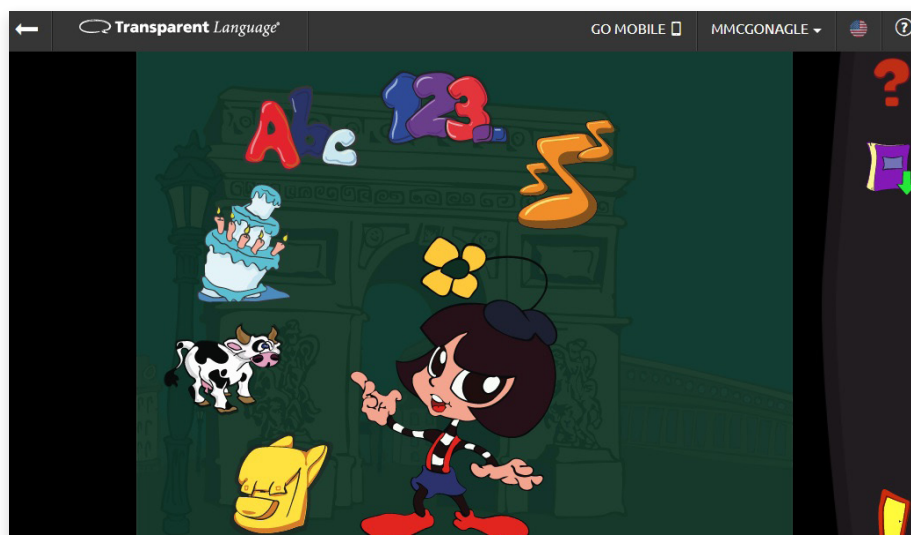
Starting language education much earlier in their academic careers can not only help students achieve greater proficiency but it also encourages global citizenship. Their ability to understand and integrate into other cultures and communities will help them succeed in the 21st century. Proficiency in French, which is spoken by more than 220 million people around the world, gives students a competitive advantage on college applications and—more importantly—opens many career and personal opportunities.

That’s why Transparent Language has designed age-appropriate French courses for students ranging from beginner elementary levels to more advanced high school learners. For those caught in the middle, the courses do not need to be completed in order.

KidSpeak

Appropriate for Age 6+

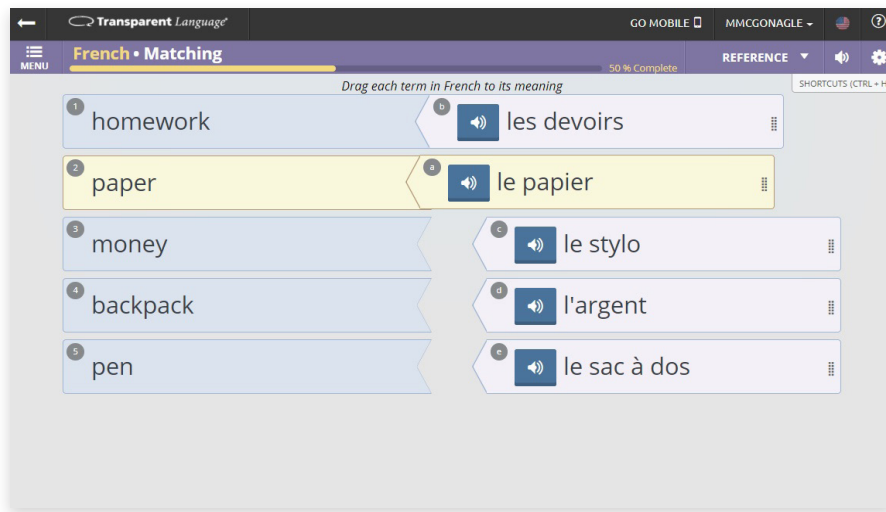
Designed for students age 6 and up, KidSpeak uses the successful immersion approach preferred for young children to teach French words and phrases suitable for the learner’s age, needs, and interests. More than 40 games, puzzles, and songs guide learners through the basics, along with a cartoon “friend” who speaks the language. The course introduces the basics of the language through an amusing assortment of fun, kid-friendly topics: the alphabet, numbers, greetings, animals, body parts, school supplies, birthday words, fruit and vegetables, addition and subtraction, how to tell time, and more.



Elementary Vocabulary

Appropriate for Grades 3-5

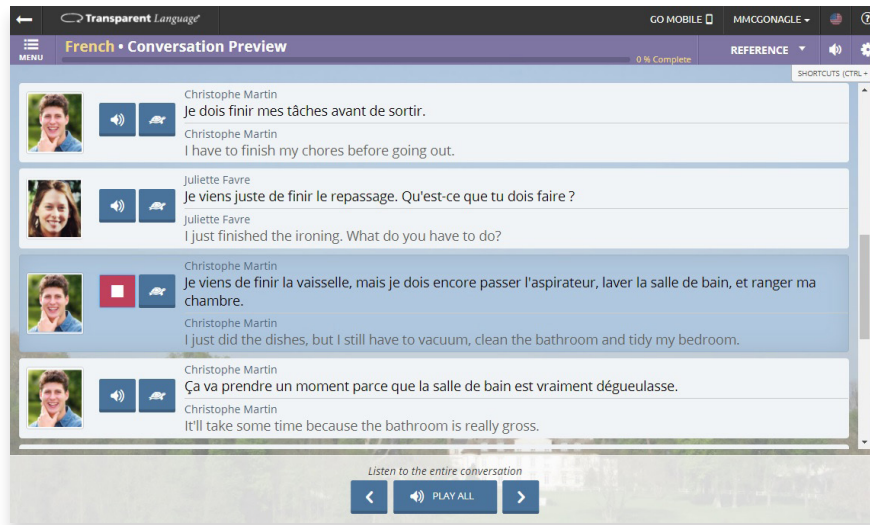
The Elementary French vocabulary lessons are intended for learners in grades 4-6. The lessons offer a sequence of learning steps, which present small French “chunks” that elementary learners can easily master in a short period of time. Each of the 3 levels in this course exposes learners to common, age-appropriate vocabulary topics. As learners move through each level, the topics are expanded with additional words and phrases that learners can use in daily conversation. Every level provides opportunities for learners to listen, speak, read, and write in French. The three Elementary French levels are also conveniently organized in 40-week segments, easily aligned to any school calendar. For pen and paper activities, learners have access to a companion workbook, complete with an answer key. This course is great for an elementary or early middle school looking to implement a beginner French program.



Teen Voices

Appropriate for Grades 6-9

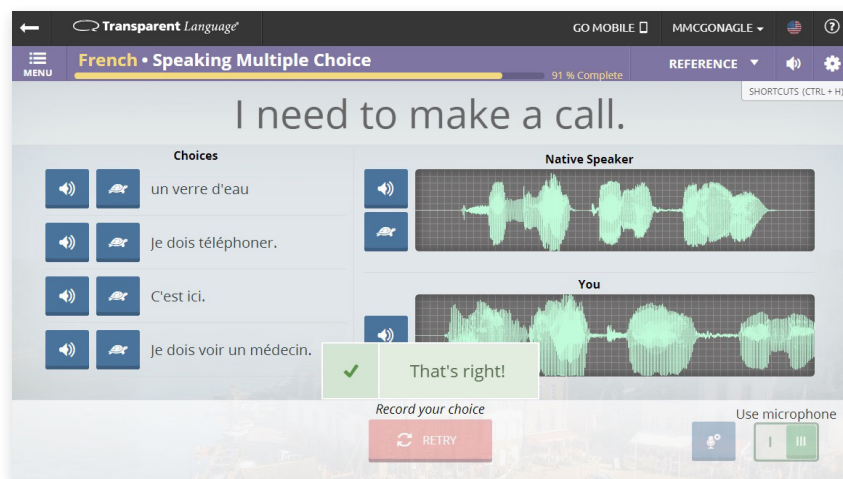
Teen Voices is also a 3-level course, but this one is intended for learners in middle school and high school. It can be used as a next step after the three levels of Elementary French, or as a more age-appropriate beginner course for grades 6 through 9. Learners in both traditional brick and mortar schools and those who are homeschooled will find a complete course focused on the everyday lives of a typical adolescent: typical school days, chores and responsibilities, organizing events, and job shadowing. The Teen Voices: French course follows the lives and stories of a series of native French speakers and includes culturally-rich reading passages in each unit. The course contains common vocabulary topics, functional grammar, and integrated culture. Learners have access to a workbook for additional grammatical, cultural, and lexical practice. Teachers also have access to an answer key for the workbook as well as a teacher guide that outlines how to conveniently implement the course in any school or schedule.



Conversations Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 1)

Appropriate for Grades 9-12

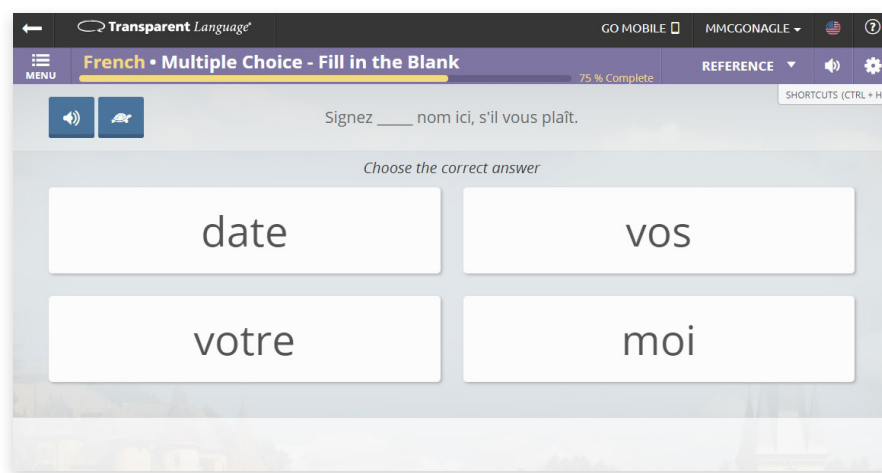
Another beginner-level option for high-school learners is the Conversations Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 1), which takes high school students on a travel adventure. This course is organized around ten common situations faced when traveling to a foreign country, such as: getting around the city, eating out, shopping, dealing with money, getting to know each other, and dealing with emergencies. Each lesson is based on a conversation and contains engaging and increasingly challenging activities that lead towards mastery of the words, phrases, and expressions required to understand and convey the basics for survival and to participate in everyday conversations. The course contains 8 units with 5 lessons each. The estimated time required to complete the course is 80 hours; each unit is 8 hours, and each lesson and assessment between 1.5 hours and 2 hours. A comprehensive student workbook and teacher answer key are included with this course.



Conversations Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 2 & Intermediate Conversations)

Appropriate for Age 18+

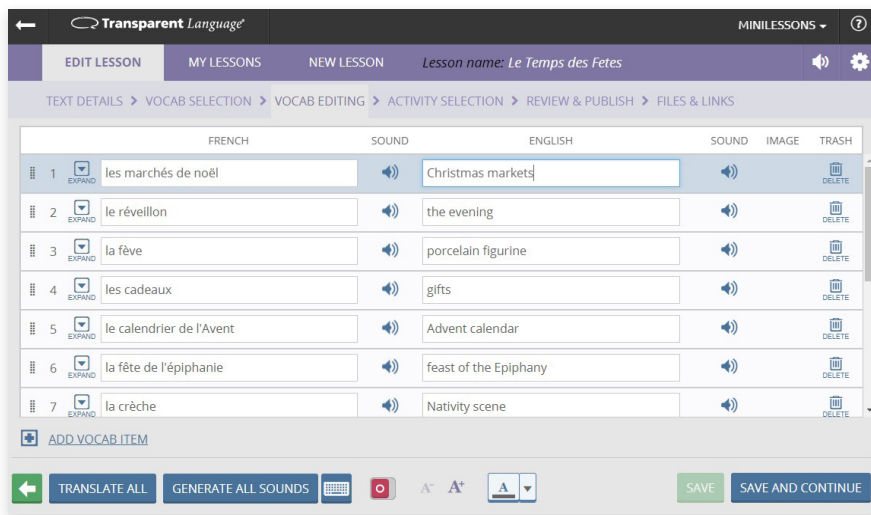
For students continuing their studies as young adults, the Conversation Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 2 & Intermediate Conversations) are designed to prepare learners to tackle daily life in French. These courses are the second and third levels (respectively) of the Conversations Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 1). Conversations Courses (Beginner Conversations Level 2) includes 8 units covering practical topics like filling in forms, running errands, and sharing a meal with friends. Conversations Courses (Intermediate Conversations) includes 8 more units covering situations like making appointments and settling in somewhere new. There are roughly 5 lessons per unit, each with a unique set of language usage skills, grammar skills, and cultural awareness goals.



Additional French Materials

For advanced students or learners who are not K-12 students, Transparent Language Online features numerous other French resources, including: a French alphabet course, hundreds of general vocabulary lists, business vocabulary lists, medical vocabulary lists, and a “Word of the Day” course covering a few hundred practical (and sometimes whimsical) words and phrases not typically taught in a textbook or course.

Looking for something specific? The lesson authoring features in Transparent Language Online for Education allows teachers to create their own content for any age level.



The Transparent Language Mission

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