



Converse in French: Fall 2023

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Time and location: Village of Heather Hills (1055 Forest Hill Ave SE), Thursdays, 7-8:30pm
September 21st - November 9th

Materials required:

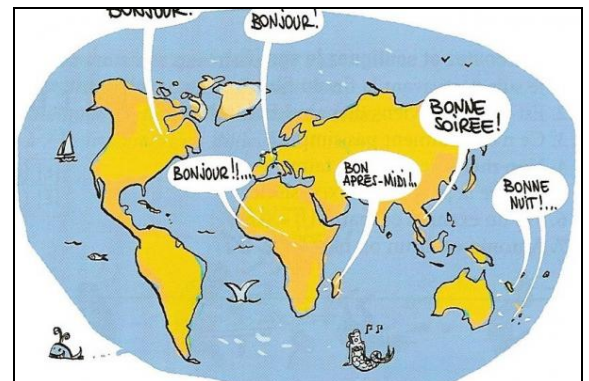
- Notebook or computer for taking notes
- Pen or pencil and a highlighter
- French/English dictionary (or use the WordReference app)
- Text: [Notre Monde Niveau 4 de Teacher's Discovery](#)

Course description: In “Converse,” students will continue to develop their oral competency and will spend time talking about themselves and their experiences. Conducted mostly in French, this class will focus on the art of conversation, including how to ask for clarification when you don’t understand, how to talk your way around a word that isn’t coming to mind, and how to be a good listener. If your French is good, but could be better, join us in this immersive experience!

Methods: In this course, our goal will be to acquire the French language. “Acquiring” a language is very different from “learning” a language. When you learned how to speak your first language, you acquired it naturally by listening to other people speak it around you for a long time-- not by memorizing it. Therefore, much of our class time will be spent using French (not English to talk about French), and the focus will be on listening and reading. These strategies are based on Dr. Stephen Krashen’s Input Hypothesis and a method he developed called TPRS (Teaching Proficiency Through Reading and Storytelling). If you have more questions about this method, please don’t hesitate to ask!

What I believe about language learning:

- That languages are best learned naturally through immersive practice. In the beginning of this process, listening and reading are very important because they help us gain confidence in our ability to speak and write.
- That our best learning experiences are built around strong relationships in a tight-knit community. There’s nothing I love more than learning in a relaxed setting with people who care for one another!
- That mistakes should be welcomed and celebrated! Please do not be afraid to mess up or ask for clarification. It helps me a lot as a teacher.
- That our classroom is a safe place for all students, where people of all backgrounds and lifestyles are welcome and respected.





jeudi le 21 septembre	First class - please purchase the textbook ahead of time if you can (see above) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions, catching up on news from the summer, course syllabus, introduction to text • Exercice: L'école en plein air
jeudi le 28 septembre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croyances personnelles - pages 5-15 • Audio for "Les idées préconçues d'Anne-Sophie" • Audio for "Aimer ce qu'on fait" • Exercise (no audio available) for "La voile islamique en France"
jeudi le 5 octobre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citoyenneté mondiale - pages 17-27 • Audio for "La bourse d'étude" • Audio for "Le cauchemar de Saïd" • Exercise (no audio available) for "Je suis Charlie"
jeudi le 12 octobre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode de vie - pages 29-32 • Audio for "L'oeil de Saint Lucie" • Audio for "Le grand prix de Monaco" • Exercise (no audio available) for "Parkour : le sport et la philosophie"
jeudi le 19 octobre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conscience sociale - pages 41-52 • Audio for "Le puits de Farida" • Audio for "L'ennemi invisible" • Exercise (no audio available) for "Écologie au Canada"
jeudi le 26 octobre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Découvertes et inventions - pages 55-66 • Audio for "Jean-Michel contre les cybercriminels" • Audio for "Le navigateur interplanétaire" • Exercise (no audio available) for "Les portables à l'école"
jeudi le 2 novembre	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langue et littérature - pages 69 - 81 • Audio for "Je suis belle comme je suis" • Audio for "L'artiste tatoueur" • Exercise (no audio available) for "Kreyol avisyen / Le créole haïtien"
jeudi le 9 novembre	Final party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tout le monde apporte quelque chose à manger ou à boire.

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