



Converse in French: Winter 2024

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Time and location: Village of Heather Hills (1055 Forest Hill Ave SE), Thursdays, 7-8:30pm
January 25th - March 19th or 21st (with the exception of February 15th)

Materials required:

- Notebook or computer for taking notes
- Pen or pencil and a highlighter
- French/English dictionary (or use the WordReference app on your phone)
- Text: [SOS Océan en Détresse](#) (\$9)

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 rather than memorizing verb charts or completing grammar exercises. 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 25 janvier	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 holidays, course syllabus, introduction to text
jeudi 1 février	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 1 et 2: pages 5-12
jeudi 8 février	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 3 et 4 : pages 13-23
jeudi 15 février	Pas de cours - je serai en Floride avec ma famille! 😊
jeudi 22 février	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 5 et 6 : pages 25 -28
jeudi 29 février	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 6 et 7 : pages 29-36
jeudi 7 mars	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 8 et 9 : pages 37-46
jeudi 8 mars	Please read before class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S.O.S. Océan en Détresse Chapitres 10 et 11 : pages 47-55
jeudi 14 mars	Devoirs TBD
mardi 19 mars OU jeudi 21 mars	Final party - extra session to make up for missed class in February (we will decide the date and time as a group) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tout le monde apporte quelque chose à manger ou à boire • Please note that this party sometimes takes place at someone's home - check email for updates



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