

Please note that The AF Glasgow is finalising its transition to a new book (Défi Actuel). The former book (Défi) is only used in a few classes,

Intermediate 5 | Course Description

Level: B1.5

Book: Unit 7 & 8.1

Dear Learners,

Welcome to Intermediate 5! This term, we will discuss environmental challenges, social activism, and global inequalities. You will develop skills to express concerns, explain causes and consequences, and make demands in French.

Communication Skills

- Talk about recycling and waste management.
- Give instructions.
- Discuss civic engagement.
- Explain the causes and consequences of an action.
- Express fears and concerns.
- Discuss inequalities.
- Talk about protest movements.
- Make demands and express dissatisfaction.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Expressing conditions.
- Expressing exclusion and inclusion.
- Expressing cause and consequence.
- Expressing fear or worry.
- Emphasising with "ce qui, ce que, ce dont".
- Expressing will or desire.

Vocabulary Development

- Waste management and recycling.
- Verbs related to civic engagement.
- Climate change.
- Natural disasters.
- Flora and fauna.
- Nominalisation (turning verbs into nouns).
- The sea and oceans.
- Inequality and social issues.
- Protests and anger.
- Verbs for making requests and demands.

This term will be full of thought-provoking discussions on sustainability, activism and social change. Let's make every conversation count!

Intermediate 6 | Course Description

Level: B1.6

Book: Défi 3 – Unit 8.2 & 9

Dear Learners,

In this final level of B1, we will explore complex social issues, including civic responsibility, human rights and equality. You will develop skills to express necessity, make hypotheses about the past and react to controversial topics in French.

Communication Skills

- Discussing incivility and social behavior.
- Defending your rights.
- Sharing uncertain information.
- Reacting to insults and conflict.
- Talking about sexism and gender issues.
- Making hypotheses about the past.
- Expressing reproaches and regrets.
- Expressing necessity.
- Discussing human rights and citizenship.
- Exploring values and civic engagement.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Present participle.
- Conditional tense (revision).
- Past conditional.
- Imaginary hypotheses in the past.
- Expressing necessity.
- Expressing anteriority and posteriority.
- Using “*n’importe qui / n’importe quoi*”.
- Subjunctive (revision).

Vocabulary Development

- Incivility and public behavior.
- Noise pollution and disputes.
- Sexism and gender equality.
- Slang and informal language.
- Politics and government.
- Human rights and solidarity.
- Racism and discrimination.

This term will challenge you to engage in deep discussions, debate sensitive topics and refine your French communication skills. Looking forward to our conversations!

Intermediate Revision | Course Description

Level: B1+
Book: None

Dear Learners,

Welcome to your B1 Revision Class! At this stage, you're becoming a more independent user of French. This session is designed to help you strengthen your grammar, vocabulary and fluency so you can confidently navigate real-life situations, express your ideas and participate in conversations on familiar topics.

What You Can Do at B1 (CEFR Level):

- Understand the main points when talking about familiar topics (work, school, hobbies, etc.) when standard language is used
- Manage most situations that might arise when travelling in a French-speaking region.
- Produce simple, connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest
- Describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions.
- Briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions plans or ideas.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Alternating between *passé composé* and *imparfait*
- Future and conditional tenses
- Use of *subjonctif présent* in common expressions
- Pronouns (COD, COI, *y*, *en*, possessive, demonstrative)
- Relative pronouns (*qui*, *que*, *où*, *dont*, *lequel*)
- Passive voice
- Expression of necessity and obligation

Please note that these grammar points are only a few examples of what might be covered. Your teacher is free to decide how much time to spend on each grammar point depending on the overall level of the class and their personal programme.

Communication Skills

- Sharing experiences and memories
- Giving and justifying opinions
- Making suggestions and giving advice
- Expressing feelings, emotions, and reactions
- Talking about familiar social, cultural, or current topics
- Describing hopes, ambitions, and future plans

This class is your chance to review and reinforce your ability to use French in everyday life and to express more abstract ideas clearly and confidently. It's the bridge between functional communication and deeper fluency, leading you into the B2 level.

Please note that the Tuesday evening B2 class works with a modified version of the programme available on page 31.

Advanced 1 | Course Description

Level: B2.1

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 1

Dear Learners,

Welcome to your first step into the B2 level! This module will focus on complex discussions around poetry, urban development, and the evolution of cities. You will refine your ability to express causes and consequences, avoid repetitions and use advanced structures.

Communication Skills

- Discussing and analysing poetry.
- Writing and composing a poem.
- Discussing beauty and ugliness in urban spaces.
- Expressing sensations and perceptions.
- Imagining the city of the future.
- Talking about urban planning and architecture.
- Discussing dystopian and futuristic literature.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Expressing cause.
- Avoiding repetitions.
- Expressing consequence.
- Using the neutral pronoun "le" .

Vocabulary Development

- Poetry and literary analysis.
- Urban life and architecture.
- Transformation and evolution.
- Beauty and ugliness in cities.
- City nicknames and their history.
- Prefixes for transformation: *re-* & *dé-*.
- Urban planning and technology.
- Prefixes *pan-* & *omni-*.
- Common expressions with "coin" and city names.

This module will help you develop advanced language skills, allowing you to discuss and debate urban transformation, express nuanced opinions, and appreciate the role of literature in shaping our vision of the future.

Advanced 2 | Course Description

Level: B2.2

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 2

Dear Learners,

At this advanced level, we will dive into complex topics related to agriculture, food production, and expressing nuanced opinions. You will develop the ability to analyze and judge situations critically, while mastering subtle grammar structures to express opposition, concession and subjectivity.

Communication Skills

- Discussing agriculture and farming.
- Making connections between texts.
- Expressing indignation and judgment.
- Providing solutions.
- Denouncing a situation.
- Expressing paradoxes.
- Talking about regional products and labels.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Opposition and concession.
- Impersonal structures.
- Using the pronoun "ça".

Vocabulary Development

- Expressing subjectivity.
- Agriculture and plants.
- Livestock farming.
- Absurdity.
- Familiar expressions.

This unit will challenge you to engage deeply with complex ideas about sustainability, food production, and social responsibility, while perfecting your ability to form and express sophisticated opinions in French.

Advanced 3 | Course Description

Level: B2.3

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 3

Dear Learners,

In this advanced unit, we will focus on the cultural and social aspects of beauty, the body, and the impact of physical appearance in society. We will explore various perspectives, using complex grammatical structures to express ideas clearly and discuss sensitive topics such as beauty standards, body image, and the influence of technology.

Communication Skills

- Discussing beauty standards and their evolution
- Describing someone's physical appearance
- Debating the importance of appearance and physical appearance.
- Exchanging opinions on the impact of technology on beauty standards.
- Debating the ethics of beauty standards.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Passive voice.
- The future anterior.
- Past tenses to narrate events and their consequences over time.

Vocabulary Development

- Describing the body and physical appearance.
- Beauty standards.
- Expressions with the body.
- Body, sport, technology, disability.
- Prefixes *dys-* & *trans-*.

This unit will provide you with the tools to talk about body image, the influence of media, and societal norms. You will learn to express opinions clearly and respectfully while engaging with advanced grammar structures and vocabulary.

Advanced 4 | Course Description

Level: B2.4

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 4

Dear Learners,

In this level, we will delve into complex social and emotional themes, focusing on love, relationships, and the way these are portrayed in media and in our daily lives. This unit will also cover advanced grammar structures such as double pronouns and indirect speech.

Communication Skills

- Tell love stories and anecdotes.
- Talk about romantic relationships and marriage.
- Discuss friendship and its dynamics.
- Make a declaration of friendship.
- Discuss love in films and TV shows.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Double pronouns (COD, COI, y & en).
- Reported speech in the past.
- Past conditional.

Vocabulary Development

- Love and endearing terms.
- Romantic rituals.
- Expressions of love.
- Qualities and flaws.
- Character traits.

In this unit, you will express emotions and ideas in a nuanced way, while refining your ability to communicate in complex and varied contexts. Let's enjoy exploring love in all its forms!

Advanced 5 | Course Description

Level: B2.5

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 5

Dear Learners,

Welcome to the next step in your French learning journey! In this unit, we will focus on work culture, career skills and the modern workplace. You'll also develop your ability to express complex ideas through grammar and vocabulary related to professional settings.

Communication Skills

- Discuss personal and professional competencies
- Analyse body language in discourse
- Talk about management styles.
- Ask formal questions in professional settings.
- Present a company.
- Discuss job interviews.
- Talk about work in literature.
- Debate the concept of "*Uberisation*" in modern work.
- Illustrate ideas with examples.
- Discuss meritocracy.
- Exchange views on frugalism.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Inversion in questions.
- Introducing facts and examples.

Vocabulary Development

- Competencies.
- Work and company-related terms.
- Job offers and interviews.
- Work-related expressions.
- Working conditions and precarious jobs.
- Success and business culture.
- Suffixes *-issime* and *-cratie*.

In this unit, you will refine your ability to navigate complex professional conversations, present arguments with clarity, and engage in debates about modern work culture and values. Let's get started!

Advanced 6 | Course Description

Level: B2.6

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 6

Dear Learners,

In this final stage of B2, you will dive deep into the world of art, craftsmanship, and discuss social issues with nuanced language. By the end of the unit, you will be able to express your opinions on art, describe various professions, and engage in discussions about success and personal skills. You will also be equipped to talk about controversial topics and events.

Communication Skills

- Expressing the manner and means of doing something.
- Talking about craftsmanship.
- Discussing a perfume.
- Talking about capacities and skills.
- Discussing art and artistic works.
- Giving an opinion about a work of art.
- Talking about current events and scandals.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Present participle and adjectival form.
- Expressing continuity, interruption and progression of an action.
- Comparison

Vocabulary Development

- Professions in art and craftsmanship.
- Success and achievement
- Skills and capabilities
- Painting and the art world
- Scandals and polemics
- Crimes and misdemeanours
- Comics and graphic novels
- The suffix *-cide*
- Colloquial expressions

In this course, you'll not only improve your technical language skills, but you'll also learn to express your personal views and opinions on art, success, and important social issues. Enjoy exploring the world of contemporary art, craftsmanship and discussing various professions.

Advanced 7 | Course Description

Level: B2.7

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 7

Dear Learners,

In this unit, we will explore the complexities of the French language, focusing on its difficulties, nuances, and expressive richness. You will enhance your ability to structure arguments, debate, and adapt your speech according to different contexts. You will also delve into gestures, mimicry, and stylistic devices that shape communication.

Communication Skills

- Discussing the difficulties of the French language.
- Arguing and structuring a speech.
- Engaging in debates and reacting to opinions.
- Discussing gestures and body language.
- Adapting speech to different contexts.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Past simple.
- Emphasising information.

Vocabulary Development

- French and other languages.
- Language difficulties.
- Debate and argumentation vocabulary.
- Gestures and mimicry.
- Language registers.
- Figures of speech.
- Expressions with "langue".

This unit will help you refine your speaking skills, making you more confident in debates, discussions, and everyday conversations. You will also learn to recognise different speech registers and adjust your language accordingly.

Advanced 8 | Course Description

Level: B2.8

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 8

Dear Learners,

In this unit, we will explore the world of games, toys, and the growing trend of *ludification* (gamification). You will learn to describe toys, explain game rules and discuss how games influence different aspects of life. We will also explore the concept of boredom, expressions related to it and how to use indefinite pronouns and expressions of purpose in French.

Communication Skills

- Discussing toys and their characteristics
- Explaining and creating game rules.
- Talking about *ludification* (gamification).
- Discussing boredom and apathy.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Indefinite pronouns and adjectives.
- Expressing purpose.

Vocabulary Development

- Toys and their market.
- Game-related vocabulary.
- Expressions related to games.
- Boredom and apathy.
- The suffix *-ification*

This unit will give you the tools to confidently discuss the role of games in education, entertainment, and daily life. You will also be able to express and explain game rules clearly, using precise vocabulary and grammatical structures.

Advanced 9 | Course Description

Level: B2.9

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 9

Dear Learners,

This unit focuses on *humour*—its different forms, cultural nuances and linguistic tricks that make us laugh. You will explore French comedy, satire and wordplay while also refining your ability to structure a logical argument and express conditions in French.

Communication Skills

- Discussing stand-up comedy.
- Playing with words and language.
- Emphasising or insisting on a point.
- Discussing humour techniques.
- Talking about satirical press.
- Debating humour and political correctness.
- Structuring an argument effectively.
- Expressing conditions.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Emphasising ideas.
- Logical connectors.
- Expressing conditions.

Vocabulary Development

- Jokes and riddles
- Humour and clichés
- Figures of speech
- Humour techniques
- Adjectives to describe humour
- Expressions with "rire"

Through this unit, you will refine your ability to analyse humour, understand cultural perspectives, and play with language. You will also gain confidence in structuring arguments and expressing nuanced opinions about humour in society. Let's learn with a smile!

Advanced Revision | Course Description

Level: B2+
Book: None

Dear Learners,

Welcome to your B2 Revision Class! At this advanced-intermediate stage, you're developing precision, fluency, and flexibility in your use of French. This session is meant to help you reinforce key grammar and communication strategies so you can express your ideas clearly, interact with native speakers confidently, and handle complex conversations.

What You Can Do at B2 (CEFR Level):

- Understand the main ideas of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics.
- Interact with a degree of fluency that makes regular conversation with native speakers comfortable for both parties.
- Express yourself clearly and in detail on a wide range of subjects.
- Participate effectively in debates, discussions, or formal exchanges of ideas.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Fine use of *subjonctif présent et passé*
- Past & future tenses
- Reported speech
- Passive voice in different tenses
- Advanced logical connectors for cause, consequence, concession
- Participial constructions
- Conditional and hypothetical structures
- Emphatic constructions

Note that these grammar points are only examples of what may be covered. Your teacher will adapt the class content depending on the group's needs and their own pedagogical approach.

Communication Skills

- Explaining abstract ideas clearly
- Justifying opinions with structured arguments
- Evaluating options and giving nuanced points of view
- Participating in debates or formal discussions
- Using a wide range of connectors to organise your discourse logically
- Managing different levels of language formality (registers)

This class will help you consolidate your ability to speak with ease, understand nuance, and present your ideas in a structured and convincing way. You're preparing for confident, sophisticated communication—and possibly even C1 level in the future!

Please note that the following descriptions apply only to the Tuesday evening B2 class.

Advanced 1 | Course Description

Level: B2.1 – Programme for the **Tuesday evening class**

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 1 & Unit 2.1

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Communication Skills

- Discussing and analysing poetry.
- Discussing beauty and ugliness in urban spaces.
- Expressing sensations and perceptions.
- Talking about urban planning and architecture.
- Discussing dystopian and futuristic literature.
- Discussing agriculture and farming.
- Making connections between texts.
- Expressing indignation and judgment.
- Providing solutions.
- Denouncing a situation

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Expressing cause.
- Avoiding repetitions.
- Expressing consequence.
- Using the neutral pronoun "le" .
- Expressing subjectivity.

Vocabulary Development

- Poetry and literary analysis.
- Urban life and architecture.
- Transformation and evolution.
- Beauty and ugliness in cities.
- Prefixes for transformation: *re-* & *dé-*.
- Prefixes *pan-* & *omni-*.
- Common expressions with "coin" and city names.
- Agriculture and plants
- Livestock farming

This module will help you develop advanced language skills, allowing you to discuss and debate urban transformation, express nuanced opinions, and appreciate the role of literature in shaping our vision of the future.

Advanced 2 | Course Description

Level: B2.2 Programme for the **Tuesday evening class**

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 2.2 & Unit 3

Dear Learners,

At this advanced level, you will develop the ability to analyze and judge situations critically, while mastering subtle grammar structures to express opposition, concession and subjectivity. We will also focus on the cultural and social aspects of beauty, the body, and the impact of physical appearance in society.

Communication Skills

- Expressing paradoxes.
- Talking about regional products and labels.
- Discussing beauty standards and their evolution
- Describing someone's physical appearance
- Debating the importance of appearance and physical appearance.
- Exchanging opinions on the impact of technology on beauty standards.
- Debating the ethics of beauty standards.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Opposition and concession.
- Impersonal structures.
- Using the pronoun "ça".
- Discussing beauty standards and their evolution
- Describing someone's physical appearance
- Debating the importance of appearance and physical appearance.
- Exchanging opinions on the impact of technology on beauty standards.
- Debating the ethics of beauty standards.

Vocabulary Development

- Absurdity.
- Familiar expressions.
- Describing the body and physical appearance.
- Beauty standards.
- Expressions with the body.
- Body, sport, technology, disability.
- Prefixes *dys-* & *trans-*.

This unit will help you perfect your ability to form and express sophisticated opinions in French. You will develop the language tools needed to discuss body image, the influence of the media, and societal norms, while learning how to clearly and confidently express your viewpoints.

Advanced 3 | Course Description

Level: B2.2 Programme for the **Tuesday evening class**

Book: Défi 4 – Unit 4 & Unit 5.1

Dear Learners,

In this level, we will explore complex social and emotional themes centered on love and relationships. We will examine how these themes are portrayed in films, television. Alongside this, we will strengthen your ability to communicate in professional contexts, such as job interviews and workplace relationships.

Communication Skills

- Tell love stories and anecdotes.
- Talk about romantic relationships and marriage.
- Discuss friendship and its dynamics.
- Make a declaration of friendship.
- Discuss love in films and TV shows.
- Discuss personal and professional competencies
- Analyse body language in discourse
- Talk about management styles.
- Ask formal questions in professional settings.
- Discuss job interviews.

Grammar and Sentence Structures

- Double pronouns (COD, COI, y & en).
- Reported speech in the past.
- Past conditional.
- Inversion in questions.

Vocabulary Development

- Love and endearing terms.
- Romantic rituals.
- Expressions of love.
- Qualities and flaws.
- Character traits.
- Competencies.
- Job offers and interviews.
- Work-related expressions.

In this unit, you will refine your ability to communicate effectively in a range of contexts, from storytelling and media analysis to workplace conversations. Let's enjoy exploring love, friendship, and communication in all their complexity!

The next steps of the Tuesday B2 programme will be available later.