



# DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR LEARNING FRENCH

## QUIZLET FLASHCARDS

- Levels 1-5

Practice the vocabulary used in the Coucou Course Books level by level and lesson by lesson with these interactive Flashcards. Find Coucou on Quizlet under [Coucou253](#). For more info on how to use this amazing tool, [click here](#).

## PODCASTS

(available through Podcast apps)

- For all levels

### Coffee Break French

Coffee Break French has several seasons catered to beginning, intermediate, and advanced French learners. The host, Mark, has an absolutely charming Scottish accent when he speaks in English, and his French is impeccable. You can listen to episodes where he coaches his student Anna or ones in which he travels around France and interviews native speakers. The podcast is free, but you can also buy supplementary resources.

<https://coffeebreaklanguages.com/coffeebreakfrench/>



## Talk in French with Frédéric Bibard

This podcast presented by French native Frédéric has 3 components. It begins with “the French cultural corner,” where he discusses aspects of French society including history, geography, and stereotypes. He then gives short vocabulary and grammar lessons. Episodes range in length from 15 minutes to an hour. More language-learning resources are available on the podcast’s website.

<https://www.talkin french.com/talk-french-podcast/>

## The French Experiment

The French Experiment website offers free French lessons and well-known stories for both children and adults. You can read along in either French or English as a native French speaker performs them.

<https://www.thefrenchexperiment.com/stories>

## Les voisins du 12 bis

This podcast produced by RFI is perfect for beginners. They created dialogues naturally including French and English at the same time within the story, so you will understand and learn during the actual conversation without being awkwardly interrupted to learn some vocabulary or grammar. Each episode also includes a transcription, a comic version to follow with images and even a little understanding quiz.

<https://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/apprendre-enseigner/langue-fran%C3%A7aise/les-voisins-du-12-bis>



## innerFrench

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<https://innerfrench.com/podcast/>

- Level 6 & up

## La Tête au Carré

This hour-long podcast releases new episodes every week. Experts converse in French on a variety of scientific topics. Subjects include pasteurization, the fragility of adolescents, and the revolution of leisure time. The episodes are long and contain advanced vocabulary so it might be helpful to slow down the podcast speed.

<https://www.franceinter.fr/emissions/la-tete-au-carre>

## Transfert

This addictive podcast is the perfect way for you to sharpen your listening skills by becoming familiar with a variety of French voices and accents. *Transfert* is the French equivalent of *The Moth*: one person recounts an intimate story from his or her life. The narratives are often about love, family secrets, or strange coincidences. Some of our favorite episodes include: "Jusqu'ou peut on aller pour devenir ami avec ses voisins?", "Savoir cerner les autres", "La personne en face", "Etes-vous vraiment la personne que vous pensez être?".

<https://www.slate.fr/audio/>



## Entre

Justine, a precocious 11-year-old, describes an element of her life in each episode. We learn about her friends and crushes at school, her future aspirations (she wants to have good grades in English class so she can go to Harvard), and we're reminded of how painful and exciting being a pre-adolescent can be. There's only one season of this podcast so far, but we're keeping our fingers crossed that they release the second one soon!

<https://louiemedia.com/entre>

## Le Tchip

The three hosts of *Le Tchip* are of Caribbean and African origins. They start each episode by talking about pop culture, and then proceed to discuss and summarize the important events of the week. Their conversations are focused around events in the black community, and are a great way to learn more about the French afropop experience.

[https://www.arteradio.com/emission/le\\_tchip](https://www.arteradio.com/emission/le_tchip)

## Affaires Sensibles

Each episode of this podcast is devoted to a different political, economic, social or cultural event of the second half of the twentieth century. The host, Fabrice Drouelle, introduces the story and then discusses it with a guest speaker. Their discussion is usually intertwined with film excerpts, reports, interviews, or music related to the subject.

<https://www.franceinter.fr/emissions/affaires-sensibles>



## Manger

Unsurprisingly, there's a plethora of French podcasts related to cooking. This one considers the questions: Why do we eat the way we eat? And what does this say about our society? Every first Friday of the month, Manger releases a new episode devoted to our dining, cooking, and food-related habits. We recommend this podcast for you if croissants are your *raison d'être*.

<https://louimedia.com/plan-culinaire>

## La Poudre

Feminist activist and journalist Lauren Bastide hosts this popular podcast. Its hour-long episodes consist of her interviews with inspirational women—often famous French authors or artists. What's great about this podcast is that it's made for an international audience and many of its episodes are dubbed in English. This means that you can enhance your learning experience by comparing the English and French versions!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/la-poudre/id1172772210>

- Level 5 & up

## Radio France

As France's public radio provider, Radio France offers an array of podcasts for every interest! Programs range from politics to news, culture, and music. Check out their website and discover something new:

<http://www.radiofrance.fr/espace-pro/podcast-radio-france>



## RFI Journal en Français Facile

This podcast is designed for intermediate and advanced learners of French. It's hosted by real French journalists who speak slowly so that their international listeners can understand them. Each episode has the most important news of the day in just under ten minutes. At the end of each episode, the hosts explain in detail at least one interesting word that they used during the broadcast. You can consult the free online transcript of the episodes if there are phrases you don't understand.

<http://savoirs.rfi.fr/fr/apprendre-enseigner/langue-francaise/journal-en-francais-facile>

## Français Authentique

This podcast introduces the listener to all sorts of cultural and grammatical elements of the French language. The episodes are quite short, and typically dedicated to one topic such as an idiomatic expression or a French song. The host, Johann, is a native French speaker, who speaks very slowly and tailors his podcast to non-native speakers. The episodes are free, but you can also pay to become part of the Français Authentique community (where you'll have access to many more resources).

<https://www.francaisauthentique.com/podcasts/>

## Le Franchise - Le Podcast Fluidité

This podcast/vlog is designed for intermediate and advanced learners. It covers numerous topics such as food, history, famous French historical figures, everyday life, and politics but also gives great tips and tools to enhance the learning process. The podcast is free but its author, Fabien Sausset also offers VIP content.

<https://podcast.lefranchise.com>



- Level 4 & up

## News in Slow French

This program presents current news topics in a conversational way and, as the name suggests, its hosts speak very slowly! Each episode is about 30 minutes long. More resources are available with subscription on their website:

<https://www.newsinslowfrench.com/french-podcast>

## French Today: Easy French Poetry

Become a literary master and improve your French at the same time with this poetry themed podcast! Teacher Camille reads a classic French poem twice, slowly the first time so you can repeat after her, and then at a more natural pace. Afterwards, she provides an interpretation of the text and some information about the author.

<http://www.frenchtoday.com/french-poetry-reading>

- Level 3 & up

## One Thing in A French Day

This is one of the longest-running French language podcasts on the web.

Episodes are released three times a week, are a manageable five minutes long, each focusing on an aspect of the host Laetitia's life. Laetitia is *une parisienne*, who talks about her daily life in the city of lights.

<https://onethinginafrenchday.podbean.com>



## Learn French with Daily Podcasts

Native French speaker Louis reports on a current and interesting topic in French. He then analyzes what he said explaining vocabulary words and certain expressions. Finally, he reads the transcript again at a regular speed. Each episode is about 5 minutes long.

<http://www.dailyfrenchpod.com/>

## STREAMING

### FranceChannel.tv

France Channel is 100% dedicated to French culture and brings together the largest diversified range of French programs, with the biggest selection of movies, series, documentaries and magazines, live shows, cartoons for kids and live, online broadcasting of France 24 international news channels, both in French and English.

\$7.99/month or \$79.99/year

**Coucou students get 10% off their monthly subscription with code "COUCOU10%!"**

<https://francechannel.tv>

## APPS

### Babbel

Each Babbel lesson lasts approximately 15 minutes and focuses either on vocabulary, a dialogue, or grammar. Lessons are often based around games and are great for students who don't have more than 15 minutes a day to spend on French outside of class. Babbel also offers a speech recognition feature that lets you practice pronouncing words.

<https://apps.apple.com/fr/app/babbel-cours-de-langues/id829587759>



## Duolingo (free)

This app turns language learning into a game. Match words, fill in phrases, and practice your pronunciation in order to level up. You can even compete with your friends. Each lesson you complete gives you points that go toward a daily goal. The app allows you to visualize your language mastery and practice weak skills as well. Lessons are about 5 minutes long and perfect for a subway ride or standing in line.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/duolingo-learn-languages-for/id570060128?mt=8>

## Mindsnacks (\$4.99)

This app focuses on conversational skills and vocabulary acquisition. It offers 50 lessons and 9 different types of games. Appropriate for all ages.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/learn-french-by-mindsnacks/id409947305?mt=8>

## FluentU French

This app takes a video-based approach to learning French. Video and audio content consist of movie trailers, tv show clips, and commercials that showcase French culture. Interactive subtitles allow you to learn vocabulary and translation in context. "Learn mode" allows you to answer multiple-choice vocabulary and translation questions.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fluentu-learn-language-videos/id917892175?mt=8>

## Memrise (free)

This app teaches French words and phrases by putting them together with creative and humorous pictures.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/memrise-learn-languages-free/id635966718?mt=8>



## Busuu (free)

With Busuu, you can have a language-learning pen pal and learn to speak like a French native. Your speaking exercises are evaluated by Busuu students in France if you grade someone else's homework in English. (Since there are over 90 million users around the world, it's easy to find a study partner!) Lessons include helpful tips on informal and local usage.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/busuu-learn-to-speak-spanish/id379968583?mt=8>

## LingQ (free)

YouTube polyglot star Steve Kaufmann created this app in order to bring together a community of language lovers. With the free version of LingQ, you'll have access to thousands of lessons which consist of small texts with accompanying audio. With the premium version, you can participate in one-on-one or group conversations, vocabulary quizzes, and a variety of other activities. The app is customized to your needs so you can choose the story or topic you're interested in. Some of our favorite stories include TED talks in French, Alice in Wonderland, One Year in France, The Foreign Language Institute French course, and The Little Prince.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lingq-learn-25-languages/id379385811?mt=8>



# WEBSITES

## WordReference

This website provides very comprehensive French-English and English-French dictionaries. Its Language Forum pages provide insights and opinions into finding translations for idiomatic expressions across the two languages.

<http://www.wordreference.com/>

## Frantastique

Frantastique sends you a 15-minute lesson every day that's based on a fun story. After watching a video that illustrates the story with audio and text, you study the story through interactive exercises. The site adjusts to your abilities, focusing on the gaps in your knowledge of French. Ultimately, you learn extremely efficiently because you don't waste time going over what you already know.

**!! SPECIAL COUCOU OFFER: 1ST MONTH FREE !! Use the following link to take advantage of the offer: <https://www.gymglish.com/partner/jpkajczkgn/4407>**

## Le Dictionnaire Multifonctions de TV5 Monde

This handy dictionary site will improve your vocabulary in a number of ways. It provides detailed definitions in French, and includes a conjugator, thesaurus, as well as English-French and French-English translations. There are also a number of games and quizzes available on the site to test your language skills and cultural knowledge!

<http://dictionnaire.tv5.org/dictionnaire>



## Lawless French

Experienced french teacher Laura Lawless created this site for French learners of all levels. You can find hundreds of lessons that include reading and listening comprehension. Lawless French has particularly good descriptions of grammatical concepts, including an amazing tool called the subjunctivisor.

<https://www.lawlessfrench.com/>

## LanguageGuide.org

Great website to practice conjugating regular verbs.

<http://www.languageguide.org/french/grammar/conjugations/>

## Reverso Context

Powered by Artificial Intelligence, Reverso Context is an application and website that provides translation based on resources from daily conversational sentences to movie scripts and literature. When using the application, you can see various suggestions based on the context of your subject matter, and then choose the most appropriate example for you. Your search history is also automatically saved, and you can even select your favorite words and expressions to practice for later!

<http://context.reverso.net/traduction/>



# Youtube Channels

- For all levels

## Damon and Jo's channel

French videos by a pair of friends who speak fluent French. They have a bunch of videos about language, travel, and their personal lives, but they have a few that are mini French lessons! Here are some potentially useful ones but feel free to venture around their channel:

- French Days of the Week
- How to pronounce the French "R"
- French filler words
- Say 70, 80, 90 in French
- Nos chansons préférées en français (in French with subtitles)
- Mots difficiles à prononcer en français (in French with subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DamonAndJo>

## Learn French with Alexa

Alexa explains concepts slowly in English and you can also watch her videos with French subtitles to add an extra layer to your learning. Another plus is that her videos are very short (normally about two minutes-long), so you can rewatch them easily to really master certain concepts. We highly recommend her pronunciation lesson series, which you can speak along with to work on your accent.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/learnfrenchwithalexa/videos>



## Comme une Française

The host of this channel, Géraldine, gives lessons in English about French grammar, vocabulary and culture. Comme Une Française (“like a French person”) also teaches you how to act more French in everyday situations and fit in when you travel to France. We recommend her video about understanding fast spoken French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLH7rCiAoWM&feature=youtu.be>. Other good choices are her video about French gestures and her series on French slang!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLH7rCiAoWM&feature=youtu.be>

## Français avec Pierre

Pierre often makes videos with his wife Naomi (who’s learning French) and even with his adorable children. All his videos are in French, so his channel is geared toward intermediate learners, but he explains things slowly and you can read a transcript while or after watching them. He also includes other free practice material and quizzes that go along with each episode.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVgW9ZQaGBk6fsiPgE2mYDg>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4xp8qHD1MDErkqxb1dPbA/videos>



- For advanced students

## Studio Bagel

Studio Bagel was created by a collective of French Youtubers and actors who make short, humorous films. You'll find a variety of different styles of humor and get to know some of France's most popular comic youtubers. You can sample one of their creative videos, about a "cliche inspector" here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_lz1Nc-AOY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_lz1Nc-AOY).

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StudioBagel>

## Natoo

You might already know France's two most famous male youtubers, Cyprien and Norman, but have you heard of Natoo, one of the most popular French female youtubers? Her comic videos are about everyday topics, but they often focus on feminist issues. She also has some catchy music and dance videos, and all of them come with English subtitles.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ptitenatou>



## Social Media Accounts

Like many others, you may spend a lot of time on social media. Not a problem! Here are some fun, educational accounts on Twitter and Instagram you may want to check out and follow. With all the time we spend scrolling through our feeds, it might be a great idea to follow some French learning resources as well. You will pick up many aspects of the language, from slang terminology to useful everyday phrases.

### On Instagram:

[@frenchwords](#): an account started by two Frenchies named Julien and Claire who love food, travelling, people, and of course, the French language! With [@frenchwords](#), you can learn quotidian French expressions while looking at beautiful snapshots of Paris.

[@talkinfrrench](#): Talk in French is dedicated to sharing useful French sentences along with slow pronunciations. For those who would like to brush up on their French accents, Talk in French was made for you! They even have a blog dedicated to French slang, or rather, *l'argot*!

[@frenchwordsjournal](#): started by a Marseille native named Julien Azaran, one of the founders of [@frenchwords](#), he provides gorgeous photos of his favorite parts of France along with short, journalistic “blog” descriptions about them.



[@learnfrenchlanguage](#): from French sites to icons, to giving short language quizzes, Learn French Language can be a helpful account to visit and brush up on some tricky grammar rules, while also staying updated with some of today's French culture.

## On Twitter:

[@frenchlanguage](#): Transparent French Language provides free learning resources and research-based software, while also including a great "Word of the Day" to enhance your vocabulary day by day.

[@LawlessFrench](#) also provides a "Mot du Jour" (Word of the Day) feature with great pronunciation, listening, and reading lessons with unique tools like "The Subjunctivisor," an interactive tool that will advise you on whether to use the subjunctive or indicative with more than 275 French verbs, expressions, and conjunctions. Note: JavaScript is required!

[@FrenchToday](#): learn French with over 100 hours of unique French audio lessons and audiobooks catering to all levels. It also provides descriptions and unique "photo tours."