

# Course Start

Course Start is independent learning you need to complete as a fundamental part of your introduction to the course. It should take you approximately 3 hours to complete.

Course Name	<b>IB French HL &amp; SL</b>
How this <b>Course Start</b> fits into the first term of the course	Introduction to the French speaking world - culture and traditions, celebrations and heritage
How will my <b>Course Start</b> learning be used in lessons?	It will be used in both the first lesson and conversation class as a way to speak and interact with class members
<b>Course Start</b> learning objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research a French speaking country: find out historical moments, famous people, beliefs, food, celebrations and traditions</li> <li>• Summarise key findings</li> <li>• Present findings in French - use Google Slides</li> </ul>
Study Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research / reading / summarising / presenting</li> </ul>

## Expectations for: French IB HL & SL

Our specification is: IB Diploma

<b>What this course involves</b>
<p><b>A typical week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 lessons a week - 3 hours</li> <li>• 30 mins conversation in small groups</li> <li>• 4 hours homework</li> </ul> <p>Students are also encouraged to watch films in French, listen to podcasts and read as much as possible.</p>
<p><b>Type of activities</b></p> <p>You will work and develop all 4 language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.</p> <p><b>Listening:</b> you will work with original recordings and answer questions both in English and French</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> you will read a wide variety of texts, from blogs to interviews</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> you will write short and long essays on a variety of topics</p> <p><b>Speaking:</b> you will take part and engage in class discussions and debates as well as role plays</p>

## Conversation classes

What are they like?

- In small groups with the language assistant
- Focus on fluency
- Grammar support
- Exam preparation

## Course Start French IB September 2025

### Bonjour tout le monde!

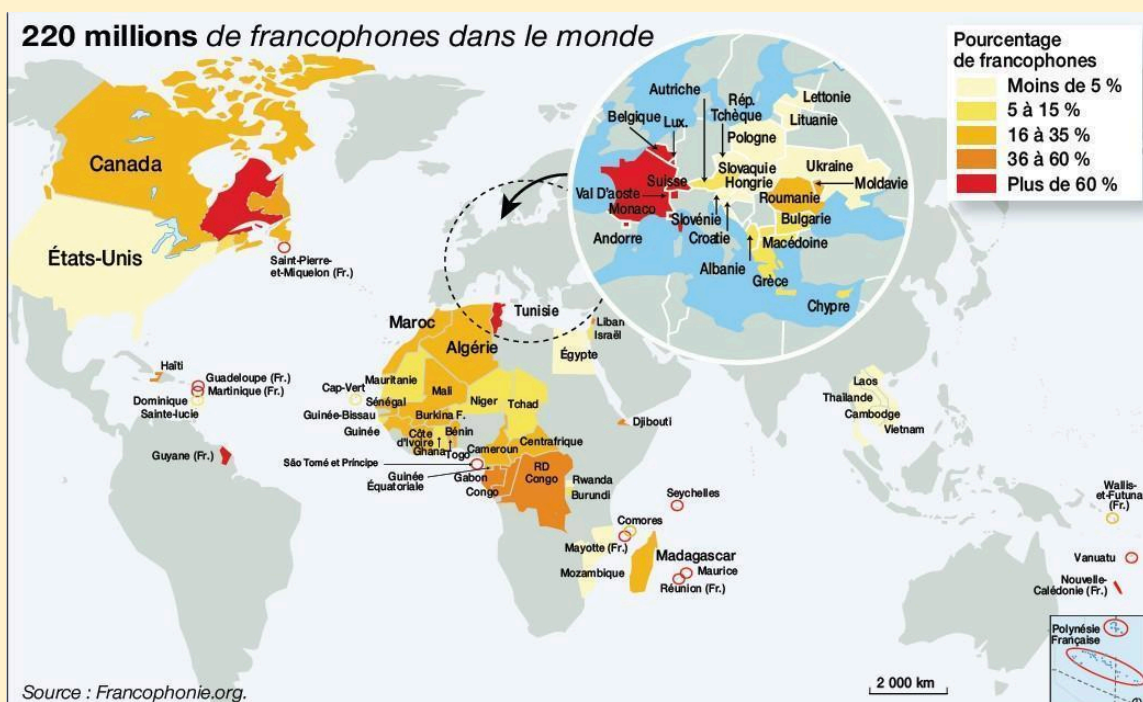
Here is what I would like you to do over the summer - it should take you about 3 hours, no more!

Choose a French speaking country (pick one on the map below), do some research about their culture, politics, traditions, beliefs, artists, famous landmarks....

Prepare a 2-minute presentation **in French** that you will share to a small group of classmates in your first French lesson. Make sure to include photos, songs, and facts in your slides.

I would recommend you use Google Slides instead of PowerPoint. Write your own notes. No copy and paste from Wikipédia please ☺

If you prefer, you could do a poster instead of a presentation, whatever you prefer!



**Bonnes vacances et à très bientôt ! Stéphanie**