



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	FRENCH IB HL & SL
How this Course Start fits into the first term of the course	Introduction to the French speaking world - culture and traditions, celebrations and heritage
How will my Course Start 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
Course Start learning objectives	• Research a French speaking country: find out historical moments, famous people, beliefs, food, celebrations and traditions • Summarise key findings • Present findings in French - use Google Slides
Study Skills	• Research / reading / summarising / presenting

Expectations for: the duration of the course

Our specification is: **IB**

What this course involves

A typical week

- 2 lessons a week - 3 hours
- 30 mins conversation in small groups
- 4 hours homework

Students are also encouraged to watch films in French, listen to podcasts and read as much as possible.

Type of activities

You will work and develop all 4 language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Listening: you will work with original recordings and answer questions both in English and French

Reading: you will read a wide variety of texts, from blogs to interviews

Writing: you will write short and long essays on a variety of topics

Speaking: you will take part and engage in class discussions and debates as well as role plays

Conversation classes

What are they like?

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

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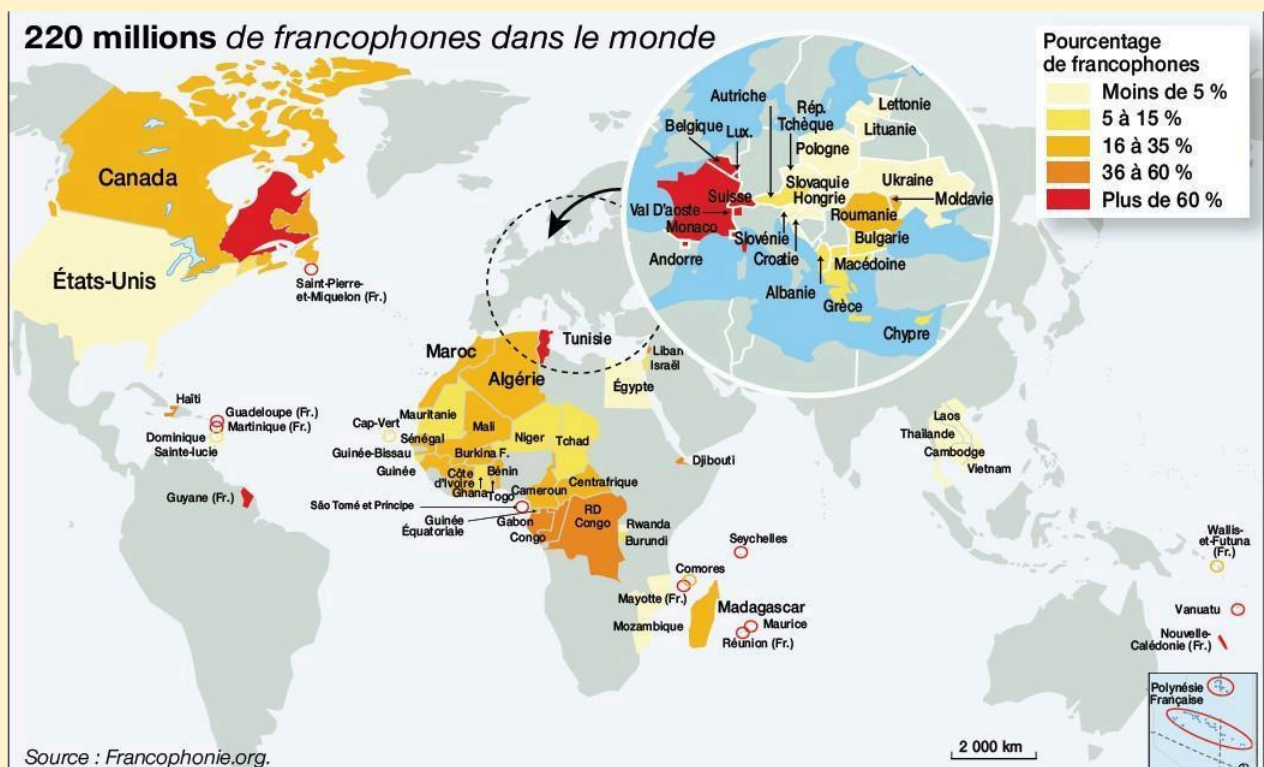
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Bonjour tout le monde!

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