



# **Training program**

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## 1. The Francolingo program

- 100% online with a live teacher
- Small groups (6 people maximum)
- One 2-hour class per week
- Complete program of 20 modules
- Modules aligned to the CEFR (see below)
- Each module lasts 8 weeks
- Preparation for DELF A1, A2, B1 and B2 certifications (see below)
- For students over 13 years old (registration must be done by an adult).

The Francolingo program has been designed by a native French teacher. It is in accordance with the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Learning, Teaching and Assessment, a document published by the Council of Europe in 2001, which defines the levels of proficiency of a foreign language in terms of competencies in different domains.

## 2. Organization of the training

### 2.1 Objectives

The main objective of the course is to facilitate communication and encourage each student to exchange with his interlocutors. Thus, throughout the course, the student will be invited to give his/her point of view and to express him/herself on various topics related to the French-speaking world. This training will help him/her to reinforce the basics of the language, practiced with the mother tongue teacher and other students, to acquire knowledge about the culture and important notions for his/her professional or personal objective. The student will focus on oral practice, while working on the acquisition of vocabulary, grammar and syntax. The ultimate goal of the course is to lead the student towards autonomy.

### 2.2 Prerequisites

No level of knowledge is required for module 1. However, to validate access to the following modules, it is necessary to check your level and/or take a placement test to ensure that the module is suitable for the student's objectives. The test is available free of charge at the following link: <https://francolingo.com/test-de-positionnement/>. The access to the registration page of a module depends on the results of the test..



Each level of the CEFR is divided into modules and the entire Francolingo method is spread over 20 modules, distributed as follows

- A1 : Beginner or discovery level, 4 modules
- A2 : Elementary or survival level, 4 modules
- B1 : Intermediate level, 6 modules
- B2: Advanced or Independent Level, 6 modules

All modules have a duration of 8 weeks, during which the student will have access to 8 online classes. The duration of the classes has been set at 2 hours because it shows optimal results in language learning and knowledge acquisition. Thus, a student who has passed an A1 level will have 64 hours of practice, an A2 128 hours, a B1 224 hours and a B2 320 hours.

Classes are taught by a native teacher and there is a maximum of 6 students per group. The courses aim at developing competences in all aspects of the French language: oral comprehension, written comprehension, oral expression in continuous or interactive situations, written expression.

## **2.4 Formative Assessment**

Each module includes a series of oral production activities aimed at the formative evaluation of the student. They are proposed in class under the supervision of the teacher, who measures the level of each student and can suggest reinforcement of knowledge if necessary.

In addition, the modules include reuse exercises that are automatically corrected in the Virtual Space (see below). These exercises are not compulsory and can be repeated several times, so the scores obtained are not final.

## **2.5 Summative evaluation and DELF**

Written production assessment activities will be proposed in each module. They will allow the student to apply his knowledge by writing a text of a length adapted to his level. These activities will be graded by the teacher and will contribute to the student's final grade.

The ultimate goal is to certify students' skills in preparation for the DELF, a diploma recognized worldwide.

More information about DELF <https://www.france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-tout-public?langue=fr>



A DELF exam is required to validate a module. It is a questionnaire to evaluate the knowledge acquired during the course and can only be taken once. The score recorded will be final and will be used to monitor the student's progress during the course. A minimum score of 70/100 is required to validate a module.

Distribution of the final grade :

- Oral production in the formative assessment 20%.
- Written production in the summative evaluation 20%.
- DELF type test of oral comprehension in the summative evaluation 30%.
- DELF-type test of written comprehension in the summative evaluation 30%.

If a student has a final grade lower than 70/100, he/she is invited to take a make-up exam. If the student does not have the required level, separate private lessons are offered.

## **2.6 Rules of good conduct**

The courses have a specific schedule determined at the beginning of the module, they are not made up. The student must be punctually present in class, and there will be no recuperation for tardiness or absences. However, after each session a recording of the class will be available to review the content of what has been covered. A 10-minute break is allowed during class.

The use of cell phones is not allowed.

Exercises are an essential part of the learning strategy. They are not mandatory but highly recommended.

## **3. Teaching resources**

### **3.1 Virtual space from Éditions Maison des Langues**

The entire Francolingo program is based on the Défi learning method from Éditions Maison des Langues. For the training to run smoothly, it is necessary to acquire this method in digital format, available at <https://www.emdl.fr/defi/>.

Students will be invited to create an account on the Espace Virtuel des Éditions Maison des langues. This is a platform where they will have access to the French method used for the module, as well as a wealth of resources to help them study and practise in a fun and engaging way. It is the learner's responsibility to register on the platform.



The assigned teacher will send an invitation to the learner to join the group to which he/she is assigned directly on the Virtual Space. After completing a course, the teacher will send a series of exercises to practice the knowledge acquired in class. These exercises are automatically corrected by the platform thanks to the correction set up by the method's editors. This allows learners to practice outside the classroom, without being held back by the teacher's absence, while continuing to receive comments and corrections. At the end of each activity, the learner will get a score to give them an idea of their success rate, and the results will be analyzed by the teacher in order to evaluate their progress in the chosen module with each class. Finally, the DELF exams and graded production activities are independent of the Virtual Space. They will be sent by email and the deadline for their completion will be explicitly indicated.

## **4. Equipment**

### **4.1 Zoom**

Francolingo courses are delivered on Zoom, an online conferencing platform. Zoom is the leading online conferencing platform on the market. The reason we use this platform for our virtual classroom is due to its reliability and stability, as it has been serving companies all over the world for ten years. Moreover, it not only allows teachers and students to interact with each other, but also to access essential tools (whiteboard, screen sharing, audio files...).

### **4.2 Virtual Classroom**

In our virtual classroom there is a maximum of 6 students per teacher. It is an interactive meeting where everyone can participate through chat, microphone, video and other interactive tools provided by the platform. The teacher will be in charge of sharing the didactic material on the screen and will guide the students through the different exercises adapting to the needs of each one.

### **4.3 Audio and microphone equipment**

Regarding the technical aspect of the course (since it is distance learning), it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the audio system and microphone are working properly and that the Internet connection is good enough to guarantee optimal communication with the teacher and other students during the course.

## **5. Accessibility**

### **5.1 Access to the course**



Access to the course takes place directly after placing the order on the [francolingo.com](https://francolingo.com) website. The student will receive a first email confirming his registration and containing the single-use link to connect to the online classes; it is the student's responsibility to keep this link.

A complex email system is set up to share the resources and links needed to follow the training. It is essential that you check your emails regularly to get the most out of your experience. Some email providers may classify Francolingo emails as spam, so it is up to the student to take the necessary steps to configure their email inbox to properly receive Francolingo emails.

## **5.2 Access to training for people with disabilities or reduced mobility**

Para las personas con movilidad reducida, nuestros módulos son accesibles en línea y no requieren que los participantes se desplacen.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el acceso a nuestros módulos para personas con discapacidad, puede ponerse en contacto con nuestro asesor en materia de discapacidad:

[benoit@francolingo.com](mailto:benoit@francolingo.com)

For people with reduced mobility, our modules are accessible online and do not require participants to travel.

If you have any questions about access to our modules for people with disabilities, you can contact our disability advisor: [benoit@francolingo.com](mailto:benoit@francolingo.com)

## **6. Why learn French ?**

French is, with English, the only language spoken on the 5 continents. It is estimated that there are 300 million speakers worldwide. Currently, French is an official language in 29 countries, the best known examples being France, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Haiti. It is the fourth most spoken mother tongue in the European Union.

Historically, the French language has been one of the leading languages in the world of business, science and literature. It has also been the accepted language of international diplomacy for centuries and its continued importance is guaranteed by its status as the official language of the United Nations, NATO, the World Trade Organization, the EU and the International Olympic Committee. On a global level, French is one of the most important languages for the judicial system and is used as a negotiating language in many international and local courts and human rights institutions.



The French-speaking world allows many entrepreneurs to develop their activities abroad without having to speak English. In fact, French-speaking countries now account for 15% of the world's GDP. French is the second business language in Europe and the fifth most spoken in the world.

**We wish our future learners success in their project and a lot of fun in their learning of French! For more information, please contact us by email: [bonjour@francolingo.com](mailto:bonjour@francolingo.com)**