

The Mary Ward Centre

Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Stage 1b FRENCH Evening course

Stage 1b. is for students who have completed a 30 hour course, or who have an equivalent knowledge of the language acquired by self-study, travelling or contact with French speakers.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can:	Yes	No
1.	pronounce French correctly;		
2.	introduce yourself and say where you are from, what your occupation is, where you live, what languages you speak, say you have/haven't children, brothers or sisters, French friends;		
3.	ask people this information about themselves;		
4.	talk about other people (same information);		
5.	count and understand numbers accurately;		
6.	understand spelling in French and spell your name in French;		
7.	order drinks and snacks and ask for the bill;		
8.	ask and say where places or town buildings are (e.g. near, far, next to, opposite, at the end of, on the right/left, etc.);		
9.	understand and give simple directions to a location (e.g. cross the road, turn, take the first/second on the right, straight on, etc.);		
10.	give a very simple description of a place, a house, a person;		
11.	ask and tell the time and enquire about opening and closing times;		
12.	make a reservation telling the time, the day of the week, the precise date;		
13.	enquire about prices, times meals are served and facilities at a hotel;		
14.	say what you want to do and where you want to go;		
15.	buy food specifying the weight and quantities;		
16.	understand, when spoken slowly and clearly, simple requests, statements and questions within the above topics;		
17.	understand very simple texts with the help of a dictionary;		
18.	write very simple texts (e.g. a postcard, a shopping list), fill in forms.		
	Total		

A total number of **15 Yes or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join Stage 1b course.

If the total number of **Yes** is **10 to 15**, you could visit the class, bring this Questionnaire and speak with the Tutor. You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitors Pass.

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Stage 2a evening course FRENCH

Stage 2 is for students who have completed a Beginners course (50-60 hours) or for people who would like to brush-up and extend a basic knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can:	Yes	No
1.	order a meal and get the bill		
2.	ask for and give directions		
3.	find out what there is to do and see in a town		
4.	find out about train/bus/plane timetables, book a ticket and if necessary, reserve a seat.		
5.	book a hotel room, find out about facilities, mealtimes, price of the room and give your name.		
6.	understand announcements in a station etc. about changes to travel times and platforms		
7.	introduce yourself and give general information about where you are from, nationality, job etc		
8.	understand weather reports		
9.	go shopping and ask for precisely what you want, weights, colours etc.		
10.	say what you did yesterday (ex: I visited the Louvre).		

If you are able to do the above and your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, can join Stage 2a.

If you are uncertain, you could visit the class, and speak with the Tutor. You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitor's Pass.

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Stage 2b FRENCH evening course

This course is for students who can deal with confidence with the majority of the points required to join Stage 2a (see **Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Stage 2a**) and, in addition, with the topics listed below.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you know:	Yes	No
1.	the difference between regular and irregular verbs, especially in the present tense?		
2.	how to form the perfect tense		
3.	when to use the perfect tense		
4.	how to form the imperfect tense		
5.	when to use the imperfect tense		
6.	when to use qui and que/qu'		
7.	what a demonstrative pronoun is		
8.	know and understand the rule on adjectival agreement		
	Total		

If you are able to do the above and your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, can join Stage 2b.

If you are uncertain, you could visit the class, and speak with the Tutor. You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitor's Pass.

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Stage 2b Continuation FRENCH evening course

This course is for students who can deal with confidence with the majority of the points required to join Stage 2a (see **Self-Assessment Questionnaire for Stage 2a**) and, in addition, with the topics listed below.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you know:	Yes	No
1.	the difference between the future simple and the immediate future		
2.	how to form and use the conditional		
3.	how to form and use the pluperfect		
4.	how to read short articles in the French press or literature		
5.	would like to find out what the passive and subjunctive look like and when they are used		
	Total		

If you are able to do the above and your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, can join Stage 2b.

If you are uncertain, you could visit the class, and speak with the Tutor. You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitor's Pass.

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Beginners 1B daytime FRENCH

French 1b) is for students who have done Beginners 1a) and want to carry on improving their knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can in very simple terms :	Yes	No
1.	Know the French alphabet and numbers		
2.	exchange greetings and introduce yourself;		
3.	ask for things and information;		
4.	tell the time;		
5.	make reservations (hotel, travel, restaurants);		
6.	buy tickets (theatres, travel, museums);		
7.	Ask and understand directions		
8.	Talk about leisure activities		
9.	Talk about health, aches and pains		
10.	Send and receive invitations		

A total number of **8 Yes or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join the Stage 2 daytime course.

If you are unsure about your level you could visit the class.

It is also a matter of pace and fluency, as well as confidence, and the Tutor will advise you.

You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitors Pass

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Beginners 1C daytime FRENCH

French 1C) is for students who have done Beginners 1B) and want to carry on improving their knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can in very simple terms :	Yes	No
1.	Talk about house and home		
2.	Talk about home interiors		
3.	Talk about work		
4	Talk about professions		
5.	Understand when spoken slowly and clearly, simple requests, statements and questions within above topics		
6.	Understand the main points of a simple text (with the help of a dictionary		
7	ask people information about themselves – jobs, number of children, leisure activities		
8.	give a very simple description of a place, a house, a person;		
9.	talk about every day actions (get up, leave, go, arrive, return, work, eat, read, go out, sleep, etc.);		
10.	talk about what you do in your free time and about the things you like and dislike, ask other people the same sort of things;		

A total number of **8 Yes or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join the Stage 2 daytime course.

If you are unsure about your level you could visit the class.

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Stage 2a) daytime course FRENCH

French Stages 2a) is for students who have completed a Beginners course 1a), 1b), 1c) (50-60 hours) or for people who would like to brush-up and extend a basic knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can:	Yes	No
1.	exchange greetings and introduce yourself;		
2.	ask for things and information;		
3.	tell the time;		
4.	make reservations (hotel, travel, restaurants);		
5.	buy tickets (theatres, travel, museums);		
6.	use the telephone in a very simple way;		
7.	buy food (prices, amounts, weight and measures);		
8.	socialise with friends/colleagues in very simple terms;		
9.	order food and drinks;		
10	Say what you and others are going to do		

A total number of **8 Yes or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join the Stage 2a daytime course.

If you are unsure about your level, you could also visit the class.

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Stage 2b) daytime course FRENCH

French Stages 2b) is for students who have completed a Beginners course 1a), 1b), 1c) (50-60 hours) or for people who would like to brush-up and extend a basic knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can:	Yes	No
1.	Say what you and others did (have some familiarisation with the past tense)		
2.	Describe fairly accurately your aches and pains to a chemist/doctor		
3.	Understand when spoken slowly and clearly simple requests, statements, and questions on specific topics		
4.	Understand fairly accurately articles, texts, newspaper articles etc.		
5.	Write fairly accurately shopping lists, small compositions, small presentations		
6.	apologise, giving reasons, for being late or having/not having done something;		
7.	talk about travel arrangements and plans using the future tense;		
8.	answer questions and describe actions using pronouns;		
9.	understand /respond to, and give simple orders or requests;		
10	express obligation in personal or general terms;		

A total number of **7 or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join the stage 2b course.

If you are unsure about your level, you could also visit the class.

It is also a matter of pace and fluency, as well as confidence, and the Tutor will advise you.

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Stage 2c) courses FRENCH

This course is for students who have completed stages 2a) and 2b) and want to improve their level and fluency of the language.

	Tick Yes if you:	Yes	No
1.	express possession;		
2.	follow the essential points of a simple conversation when spoken normally and clearly. You do not understand native speakers if they speak very quickly;		
3.	understand the essential things in simple texts dealing with topics of general interest, with the help of a dictionary;		
4.	write short assignments (e.g. a simple biography, a letter confirming your travel arrangements and plans, a description of what you normally do in your job), taking into account that at this stage it is expected that you make grammatical and spelling mistakes.		
5.	Talk fairly accurately and confidently about travel arrangements on the phone, in writing		
6.	Say groceries you want to buy, what you have bought		
7.	Say who does what at home		
8.	Use adjectives to describe a home		
9.	Understand figures and percentages		
10	Name some household electrical items and talk about D I Y		

If you have answered **Yes** to most of the above questions, and your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, this indicates that you can join the stage 2c) course.

If you are unsure about your level, you could also visit the class.

It is also a matter of pace and fluency, as well as confidence, and the Tutor will advise you.

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Stage 3 daytime course FRENCH (all terms)

This course is for students who have completed at least two years of recent study or have an equivalent knowledge of the language.

	Tick Yes if you are fairly confident that you can:	Yes	No
1.	Understand & can cope if the whole class is in French, with some repetition & explanation		
2.	Have a conversation about daily topics; describe a picture or a photograph depicting a scene from every day life, talking about the place, the circumstances, the weather and the people;		
3.	Say what you and others did yesterday, on your last holiday or will do / would do (be familiarised with the past, future and the conditional);		
4.	Use a reasonably wide vocabulary;		
5.	Reply and initiate a conversation with short correctly structured sentences although you are not always fluent, when trying to express something you make mistakes and cannot always find the words for what you want to say;		
6.	Understand the gist when reading short articles and willing to extend in that direction;		
7.	Enjoy sharing aspects of Francophone culture-art, songs, etc.		
8.	Cope with short video films with supporting materials and explanations in French;		
9.	Enjoy making short contributions for self-expression.		
	Total		

A total number of **7 or above**, if your judgement of your language ability is fairly accurate, indicates that you can join the stage 3 course.

If you are unsure about your level, you could also visit the class.

It is also a matter of pace and fluency, as well as confidence, and the Tutor will advise you.

You must check with Reception that there are places available in this course and ask them for a Visitors Pass