

Alliance Française Illawarra : Beginners' Course

Le nouveau taxi 1

Le Nouveau Taxi! (2009 edition) is a popular course with updates and inclusions to ensure easy access to French for beginners. The DVD-Rom that comes with the text provides video, audio and interactive activities. A workbook accompanies the text, allowing students to reinforce class activities at home.

The text has a graded and thematic approach and emphasises practical French. Taxi 1 equates to the recommendations of the *Conseil de l'Europe* and covers Level A1 of the CECR (*Cadre européen commun de référence pour les langues*). It is a sufficient preparation for the tests of the DELF A1 and the DILF (available at the *Alliance Française de Sydney*).

The text has 4 aspects: thematic presentation, functional language, emphasis on communication and action oriented language. Grammar underpinning the course is always functional to the aims of each lesson.

Course content

Unit 1 Meetings

Lesson 1 Welcome. Greetings. Asking names.

Lesson 2 Who is it? Identifying people.

Lesson 3 How are things? Talking to someone. Asking and giving name, address and phone number.

Lesson 4 Corresponding. Talking about tastes.

Vocabulary

numbers, nationalities, countries, polite forms.

Grammar

present tense 'to be', 'to be called', 'to go', 'to have', masculine and feminine nouns and adjectives, definite and indefinite articles, prepositions with towns and countries, "which/what?". Regular 'er' (e.g. parler) verb patterns.

Unit 2 Portraits

Lesson 5 Finding objects. Naming, showing and situating objects.

Lesson 6 ID portrait. Expressing possession. Indicating colours.

Lesson 7 Shopping. Locating an object. Asking and indicating prices. Expressing a taste.

Lesson 8 The artists' nook. Finding and pointing out people.

Vocabulary

colours, objects, furniture, clothing.

Grammar

Plurals, prepositions of place, question forms, emphatic pronouns, negation, adjective agreement, possessive adjectives, "this / that", present tense verbs.

Unit 3 **Where is that?**

Lesson 9 Flat for rent. Finding a place on a map.

Getting information about a place. Describing a flat.

Lesson 10 Which way do I go? Asking and giving directions. Using transport.

Lesson 11 Have a good trip! Situating places on maps. Giving advice.

Lesson 12 Marseilles. Describing Marseilles.

Vocabulary

Towns, places, location, means of transport.

Grammar

Emphatic pronouns, prepositions with nouns, questions with 'where', commands. Verb 'to have/take' (present), adverb 'there', article + noun+ adjective. Use of 'on' (one / we). Present tense verbs 'er', 'ir', 're'.

Unit 4 **Life's rhythm**

Lesson 13 A one way ticket. Asking and giving the time. Dates.

Polite ways of asking.

Lesson 14 In London. Asking and giving professions.

Placing things in a time framework.

Lesson 15 Sunday morning. Daily routines and activities. Talking about sport.

Lesson 16 A day in the life of Laure Manaudou. Daily patterns.

Vocabulary

Professions, daily activities, sports

Grammar

Question forms (when/what). Verbs 'to leave' 'to make', 'to read', 'to write', 'to play' (present), gender of nouns, reflexive verbs, revise present tense verbs.

Unit 5 **Everyday life**

Lesson 17 Shall we make crêpes? Asking and expressing needs.

Quantity expressions with food. People's habits.

Lesson 18 What are they like? Past events. Opinions.

Lesson 19 Dear Léa. Talking / writing about past events.

Asking about an event and its duration.

Lesson 20 Festivals and special days. Memories and recollections.

Vocabulary

Food, drinks, parties and festivals.

Grammar

Partitive articles, verbs 'to eat', 'to drink' (present), past tense (perfect) with transitive and intransitive verbs, 'for'+ amount of time.

Unit 6 Living with others

Lesson 21 That's not allowed. Asking, giving and refusing something.

Saying what is forbidden.

Lesson 22 Advertisements. Wishes and know-how. Obligations.

Lesson 23 What shall we buy for them? Suggesting gifts.

Agreeing or disagreeing with an idea.

Lessons 24 The ideal candidate. Understanding advice.

Vocabulary

professional communication, skills.

Grammar

Verbs 'to want', 'to be able (can)', 'to know', 'to be necessary' (present tense), future tense (near future), pronoun objects.

Unit 7 I love it, I like it, I don't like it, it's ok

Lessons 25 Survey. Expressing tastes and preferences. Frequency and intensity.

Lesson 26 Leaving Paris. Expressing an opinion. A counter opinion.

Lesson 27 I can't wait for the holidays! Tastes. Giving advice.

Lesson 28 The French on holidays. Preferences.

Vocabulary

Leisure, holidays.

Grammar

Verbs in present, past and future tenses, negation (no longer), 'why' and 'because', 'lots of', 'too much' plus nouns, reflexive verbs in present, past and future tenses, pronouns in commands.

Unit 8 Everyone's talking about it

Lesson 29 City child. Reporting recent events. Connecting past states and habits.

Lesson 30 News items. Past events. The circumstances surrounding an event.

Lesson 31 My first experience of love. Situating events in time.
Expressing a goal.

Lesson 32 The Citroen 2CV and other symbols.

Vocabulary

Media, expressions of time

Grammar

Imperfect tense (was/were/used to), the recent past, usages of the imperfect and the perfect, 'in order to' (plus infinitives), past participles.

Unit 9 We'll see

Lesson 33 Good weather. Forecasts. Probabilities and certainties.

Lesson 34 Future projects. Intentions. Situating in time.

Lesson 35 Desire for change. Expressing conditions.

Lesson 36. Eat bread! Expressing hypotheses.

Vocabulary

Weather, housing.

Grammar

Simple future tense (regular and irregular verbs), near future, 'if...' 'when...' expressions.

We offer beginners' classes at different levels, depending on whether you are a true beginner or if you have previous experience and knowledge of French. If you want to have a look at the text or chat about which class to choose, please contact the class coordinator.

Teachers use *Le nouveau taxi 1* to structure their lessons but add other materials and resources to provide varied lessons that hopefully meet the needs of all students, are fun, enjoyable and stimulating.

Our classes occur once per week (from 7pm-8.30) in semesters that last 15 weeks each. Beginners' classes start in February and again in August each year. Refer to the webpage for specific dates and costs.