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French Language Learning Resources on the Web

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The Internet offers limitless opportunities to learn about the language and culture of France. These sites are very useful to complement your classroom instruction. Bonne navigation!

Académie Française : Dire, ne pas dire

L'Académie Française, sous forme de blog, propose une fois par mois des rappels sur des points difficiles mais courants de la langue française : Emplois fautifs, néologismes & anglicismes, extensions de sens abusives etc.

Apprendre et enseigner avec TV5

The international cable provider of French television, TV5, has prepared some excellent study guides for learning French through television programs. Click on Langue française, then "Apprendre et Enseigner": includes "Parler français avec TV5", "Parlons français, c'est facile" "Funambule" and Première Classe (for beginners) and other resources, such as Sept jours sur la planète, an excellent program for students and teachers of French. Website includes online exercises working with current events, dossiers for teachers, apps for your smartphone and much more.

- BBC: The French Experience http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/ Online lessons (Real Audio/Shockwave) for upper and intermediate students
- Bonjour de France http://www.bonjourdefrance.com/
 Online journal for language students, created by the Azurlingua School of Nice and the CIEL (Centre international d'Etudes des Langues) de Brest.
- Canal rêve http://babelnet.sbg.ac.at/canalreve/regie
 Canal rêve is the French as a Second Language television channel. Each program corresponds to a particular unit of French language learning.
- CAVILAM et le plaisir d'apprendre http://www.leplaisirdapprendre.com/activites-en-ligne/ Outstanding site produced by the Cavilam language school in Vichy, France. Although this is a site for teachers of French, it is useful for students as well.
- Discours & Méthode online school http://www.frenchclasses.com
 Downloadable lessons and magazines for use with your computer and lessons by phone with real teachers in France.
- E.L. Easton languages online http://eleaston.com/french.html Index of individual websites providing online language learning opportunities such as activities, flashcards and quizzes.
- La France bis http://www.lafrancebis.com/

Clear and fun online dictations about current French culture and lifestyle. Each activity comes with comprehension questions. Videos and links to other French learning sites are also available.

- iTunesU http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu
 Download educational exercises from the top colleges right onto your iPod.
- Jeu de l'oie http://jeudeloie.free.fr

Learn French while having fun by choosing your level of French and a theme that interests you.

Language Guide http://www.languageguide.org/french/readings/

Readings from basic to advanced with audio and translation.

Learn French at About http://french.about.com/

A clearing house for language learning resources with dozens of topics, tests, and links to language learning products and services.

• Lexique FLE http://lexiquefle.free.fr/learn-french.htm

Aimed at absolute beginners. Learn basic vocab through clickable images and find free downloadable activities

Mángo! http://www.mangolanguages.com/

Learn a new language with this interactive database that provides step by step lesson plans for 38 different languages. Connect with your NYPL account at http://www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases/mango-languages

Phonetique http://phonetique.free.fr

Work with the International Phonetic Alphabet to learn the sounds of French. Includes listening exercises, tongue twisters, and more.

Plango !

This new phone APP allows you to purchase (@\$5.99) and store on your portable phone the extremely popular "Essentials" programs produced by the Bien-Dire team of Lyon, such as "the Good Pronunciation Guide" "Se présenter" and "Authentically French expressions". You can also download Champs-Elysees audio programs. Learning French is truly "à la portée de main"!

• Le point du FLE http://www.lepointdufle.net

Easily find free resources for learning and teaching French.

Polar FLE http://www.polarfle.com

French taught through a murder mystery, with interactive exercises that provide clues for the solution of the murder, while at the same time reviewing grammar and vocabulary.

Radio France International Langue française

http://www.rfi.fr/lffr/statiques/accueil apprendre.asp

News in easy French, keywords in the news, and listening exercises.

■ Think Language online magazine http://www.thinklanguage.com/french/

New and engaging articles every month to increase fluency and grammar. Read online or print for easy use away from your computer. For French Students of all ages and levels, French for Travelers, Business or Workplace French, and of course French Teachers.

• Vous voulez rire ? http://www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/clicnet/rire/index.html
Interactive site dedicated to humor, with lesson plans and activities, presented by Carole Netter of Swarthmore College

Pour les jeunes

• The Internet Picture Dictionary http://www.pdictionary.com/french

A dictionary for middle through high school kids, with words grouped by topics, such as animals, colors, etc. There are also fun and challenging "Flash cards" and "Fill-in-th-blank" sections.

The Language Factory http://www.language-factory.co.uk/

Designed to teach kids language through song, rap and rhyme.

Little Explorers Picture Dictionary

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/french.shtml

One of the best ways to help kids learn French is to provide them with pictures of the words. This dictionary is designed for K-3.

And don't forget the language-learning opportunities provided by the online versions of radio, television, newspapers, magazines and online chat rooms:

Television

• **TF1** <u>www.tf1.fr</u>

Canal Académie http://www.canalacademie.com/

Radio

You may find an extensive index of live radio and television broadcasts at http://www.comfm.com/ or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of radio stations in France

RTL http://www.rtl.fr
 RFI http://www.rfi.fr
 France Inter http://www.franceinter.fr/

Of interest to language learners

All Things French http://melbelin.com/AllThingsFrench.html

A collection of French songs, films, videos, images, language lessons and more created by a student of the French Institute Alliance Française.