

**French Fluency Accelerator**  
**Foundational workshop #2**

# **Finding the ideal French resources for YOU**

## Table of content

Scarcity vs abundance	p3
Goals for this workshop	p4
Main keys	p4
3 simple questions to select resources	p5
Categories of resources and how to find them	p6
The three types of resources you absolutely need	p6
1) People to practice with	p6
2) Vocabulary learning system	p7
3) Audio or video content for passive practice	p 8
More types of resources you might want to use	p 9-10
Some resources to check out (with links)	p 11

# Scarcity vs Abundance

Many French learners

- have no one (or hardly any one) to speak French with.
- use resources that are inefficient or not fun, because they believe it's as good as it gets.

If you've been through workshop #1, you now have a very clear idea of what you need to learn to become the French speaker that you want to be, and a Roadmap to get you there.

However you might still have no idea of how to find the appropriate resources - or if these resources even exist. So you may be tempted to make do with what you have in terms of resources. This is not ideal. Today we are solving this issue.

## **A shift in mindset**

Not so long ago, it was normal to try and make do with what we had, even if it was poorly suited, because we may not get anything better. These times are over.

We live in a time where there is an overabundance of resources to help you achieve this, readily accessible from the internet. All you need is to know where to look.

Unfortunately, we still tend to operate like we did before the internet, just because we've been programmed to do so.

# Goals for this workshop

- ➔ Realize that you have access to plenty of French resources.
- ➔ Know where to look to find them.
- ➔ Quickly identify which resources are the right ones for you.

## Main Keys

**There is an abundance of French resources** (if you know where to look!)  
**YOU get to pick the ones that work for you.**

Any resource you use need to fulfil these two criteria:

- you like it.
- it helps you get closer to your ideal French skills (as defined in workshop 1).

## 3 simple questions to select your resources:

For each resource, ask yourself:

### 1) Is it helping me get closer to my French learning goals (as laid out on your Roadmap)? Is the topic relevant?

✓ yes = move to next question

⊘ no = discard

### 2) Is it boring?

⊘ yes = discard

✓ no = move to next question

### 3) How adapted is it to your current level?

😱 too hard —> Use for passive practice (in the background) only for now

😂 too easy —> Keep using it for passive practice only if it makes you feel good. Recommend it to beginners in our facebook group 😊

😊 just right = somewhat challenging. You feel that you can learn a lot from it.

—> you can use it for your focused study.

# Categories of resources and how to find them

## The 3 types of resources you absolutely need:

- 1) People to practice with
- 2) A vocabulary learning system
- 3) Audio or video content for your passive practice.

### 1) People to practice with

Who can you practice French with?

If you don't know anyone yet, how will you find this person?

Write down your ideas in this space

 Also see the pdf "ultimate guide to language exchange"

## 2)Vocabulary learning system

➡ **Use only ONE system**

- **Select one of these options:**

Vocabulary notebook

Flashcard app

➡ **Quick tips on how to learn vocabulary:**

Be VERY mindful of the words you write in there. Maximum 10 words per day.

Remember from workshop 1: you want to learn as little French as possible.

**Choose the most relevant words to learn now.**

➡ Also see the pdf "how to use a vocabulary notebook" (the guidelines in that pdf are also useful in an app)

### 3) Audio or video content for passive practice

Daily French bath: your brain naturally learns the language that surrounds you. Make sure that you are surrounded by French daily to activate this function in your brain.

✓ movies ✓ YouTube videos ✓ series (Netflix) ✓ podcasts ✓ radio ✓ music (songs)

More time spent listening to French = more French in your brain.

➔ Use the e-course "Time for language learning" to find when you can put some French in your life without hindering your existing schedule.

#### How to find resources you'll love:

➔ Search for what you'd like to find in French in the search bar

In google:

"Chaine YouTube YOUR TOPIC IN FRENCH"

"Podcast YOUR TOPIC IN FRENCH"

In Youtube:

"YOUR TOPIC IN FRENCH"

⚠ You may need to deactivate the "auto-translate function".

➔ Jot down your ideas for topics to look for, for your daily French bath.

## More types of resources you might want to use

Circle or tick the resources you want to look into & jot down your ideas.

- A grammar book

Grammaire progressive du français niveau débutant.

- Books for French learners

What level would you start with?

Look up "Livres en français facile LEVEL" in your country's Amazon.

- Apps

- Switch language settings on your phone / softwares/ website

- Places (offline)

- Online spaces

## Some resources you might want to check out:

### **Movies**

[a list of "100 best French movies"](#)

[another, very different list of "100 best French movies"](#)

### **Podcasts**

[A list of French podcast, that includes history, astronomy, science and more](#)

[A very different List of French podcasts, including society and cinema](#)

### **International information**

[TV5 Monde](#)—a French TV channel with lots of videos about international subjects, including humanitarian issues, especially in French speaking countries. They have a website dedicated to [TV5 monde Afrique](#), featuring content created in Africa, there are [several series you can watch online](#).

### **News:**

[News in slow French](#) (also available as an app)

[Journal en français facile](#) (10 minutes daily news)

[France 24](#)

### **Website and apps to find tutors or language partners:**

[Italki](#) - [Preply](#) - [Tandem](#) - [Amikumu](#)