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Lesson 1

LA FRANCE / France

<http://www.france.learningtogether.net/region.html>

You are planning to go to France for a few months. Familiarize yourself with the geography of the country and its regions (**les régions**). Go to this website and play the game while learning the geography of France. On the left, click on the name of a region and drag the green circle to the corresponding region. This activity has a timer. Try as many times as you wish.

Lesson 2

PARIS

<http://www.paris.fr>

You have just arrived in Paris and you can't wait to visit the city. Go to the official Paris website and check the page « **Tourisme** ». Make a list of 3 fun things to do this month in Paris. Locate where these places are in the city. Then find out if these visits and activities are free (**gratuit**).

Lesson 3

LA SNCF / THE NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY

<http://www.sncf.com>

You are in Grenoble and you have a 2-week vacation during which you want to travel to Paris. You want to travel by train. Go to the **SNCF (La Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer)** website to organize your trip. How long is the trip? Which train can you take? Is it a direct trip? What are the price options for a round-trip train ticket between Grenoble and Paris?

Lesson 4

L'OPÉRA DE PARIS

<http://www.operadeparis.fr>

You want to go to the opera soon. Go to this website and check which operas are playing this month. Find one show that you want to see. Answer the following questions: What is the name of this opera? Who are the main performers? What is the story (**le sujet**)? What are the ticket prices (**les tarifs**)? What are the dates (**dates des représentations**), the hours (**les horaires**), and the duration of the show (**la durée du spectacle**)?

Lesson 5

LA RECHERCHE D'UN EMPLOI / JOB SEARCH

<http://emploi.manpower.fr>

You are looking for a job in Paris. You want to work in a small company as a secretary (**secrétaire**). You are looking for a job which would require you to speak French and English. Go to this website which lists job ads (**les annonces d'emploi**) and find the job you want. What is the job description? What would your responsibilities be? What is the exact title of the position? What kind of profile should the perfect candidate have?

Lesson 6

LE FESTIVAL DE CANNES / THE CANNES FESTIVAL

<http://www.festival-cannes.fr/en.html>

Go to the official website of the Cannes Film Festival. Read about the last festival or the upcoming festival. What are the dates of the festival? Pick one or more films that appeal to you.

Lesson 7

LES RESTAURANTS / RESTAURANTS

<http://www.restoaparis.com>

You want to invite a new friend for lunch at a neighborhood Parisian restaurant. Check the website to find a restaurant. You do not want to spend more than 40 € per person. Check the prices for appetizers (**les entrées**), entrees (**les plats**), for desserts (**les desserts**), and see what kind of wine (**les vins**) they offer. Which subway line will you have to take to get there?

Lesson 8

LES HÔTELS À PARIS / HOTELS IN PARIS

<http://www.hotelparis.com>

You live in Paris and your parents are coming to visit you for a week. Your studio is too small to have them stay with you. Check online to find a hotel for the week in Paris for less than 100€ per night.

Lesson 9

LA POSTE / THE POST OFFICE

<http://timbres.laposte.fr>

You are writing postcards to your friends who live in the south of France to let them know how much you are enjoying your stay in Paris. You are about to go to « **le bureau de poste** » but you want to check the variety of stamps that the post office is offering these days. You go online to choose your stamps. What is the price for a postcard stamp? What is the current price for a regular letter?

Lesson 10

LA MÉTÉO / THE WEATHER FORECAST

<http://www.meteofrance.com>

How is the weather this week in France? Go to the national weather website and check the weather in the different regions. What is the weather today in **Bretagne**? In **Auvergne**? In **Languedoc-Roussillon**? In **Alsace**? To get the vocabulary in French on the weather, click on « **Légendes des pictogrammes** » at the bottom right of the map.

Lesson 11

RECETTES DE CUISINE / RECIPES

<http://www.delices-defrance.com>

You have invited friends over for dinner tonight and you want to make a « **gâteau au chocolat** » (chocolate cake) for dessert. Go to this website and find the recipe for this dessert. What ingredients will you need? How long will it take you to make this cake? Try to find a video showing you how to make a « **gâteau au chocolat** » on this website.

Lesson 12

LE MONDE

<http://www.lemonde.fr>

Read the French press today. Start with the newspaper **Le Monde** and check their website. What are the major news stories of the day (**les actualités**) ? Check their international news and try to find an article relating to the country where you live. Make a list of any words you do not know so you can look them up in your dictionary later.

Lesson 13

LE MUSÉE DU LOUVRE / THE LOUVRE MUSEUM

<http://www.louvre.fr>

You are planning to go to the Louvre museum on Saturday. Check online to see what exhibitions the museum has this month. What are the museum hours? What is the price of the admission ticket? What is the museum address? How do you get there by subway (**en métro**)?

Lesson 14

LYON

<http://www.lyon.fr/vdl/sections/fr>

You are invited to spend three days in **Lyon**. You just bought your train ticket. You want to explore the city online before leaving. Go to the official website for the city of **Lyon**. What can you do in **Lyon** this weekend?

Lesson 15

LA TÉLÉVISION FRANÇAISE / FRENCH TV

<http://www.tv5.org>

Go to this website and check the latest world news (**l'actualité mondiale**). Click on **Informations** on the left. On the next page, click on the tab « **Le JT** » (**Le journal télévisé**): you can watch and listen to the whole news program (**Toute l'édition**) or pick and choose one news item listed in the menu on the left. Also, on the main web page, you might want to check the latest film trailers in France by clicking on « **Cinéma** » section, then « **Les bandes-annonces de la semaine** ». Choose one trailer (**bande-annonce**) that you find interesting.

Lesson 16

LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR

<http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com>

Go to the website of one of France's most read magazines, **Le Nouvel Observateur**. Choose and read one article from one of these topics : **International, Politique, Société, Environnement, Économie, Social, Sciences** or **Sports**. Make a list of any words you do not know so you can look them up in your dictionary later.

Lesson 17

LE CENTRE POMPIDOU / THE POMPIDOU CENTER

<http://www.cnac-gp.fr>

You want to go to the **Centre Pompidou** this Saturday and spend a few hours there. Go to their website to see all the cultural activities that the museum is currently offering. Which activity is most interesting to you? How will you get to the museum? What is the closest subway station?

Lesson 18

UN GRAND MAGASIN / A DEPARTMENT STORE

<http://www.printemps.com>

You want to go shopping for some clothes for yourself and a birthday present for your best friend. You decide to go to a department store tomorrow, but you want to check the store online first. Go to the website of the **Le Printemps** and see if you can find the clothes you want and a birthday present for your friend. How much will you have to pay in euros for these? How many **Le Printemps** stores are there in Paris? Where? How can you get to the store located on the « **boulevard Haussmann** »? Be sure to click on "Main French Site" on the top right corner of the home page!

Lesson 19

UNE COMPAGNIE AÉRIENNE / AN AIRLINE COMPANY

<http://www.airfrance.fr>

Summer is here and you are making plans to travel. From Paris, you want to go to London and spend a week there. Find the best deal for a round-trip flight (**un vol aller-retour**) and a week stay in a London hotel. Try your search by clicking the « **Vols + hôtels** » tab.

Lesson 20

GOOGLE EN FRANÇAIS / GOOGLE IN FRENCH

<http://www.google.fr>

You are now ready to do any research you want in French. Go to the French version of Google and search for your favorite topic. Enjoy!