

Ideas for Primary Grades

The Advantages and Disadvantages of Starting Young

- Readiness in younger children
 - Sooner or later? Which is better?
- How to avoid student burn-out
 - Don't try too much!
 - Emphasize oral proficiency and skills mastery

Objectives for the Primary Grades

- Provide an introduction to the French language and French language appreciation
- Help students to feel comfortable with hearing and speaking French

Practical Lesson Ideas

- Follow kindergarten model
- Use an oral conversational approach, rather than a grammar based approach
- Use number games to drill numbers randomly
 - Finger game
 - "Salut!"
 - Concentration
 - Review math facts
 - Pull a number out of a hat and make up a number sentence in French to equal it
 - SORRY!/DESOLE!
- Bulletin boards
- Pictionary
- Hot potato
- Simon dit
- Songs

Nallenart Resources for Primary Grades

- L'Art de DIRE*** with CD
- J'étudie avec Mimi*
- Nallenart Wordless Books with CD: *Ma famille, La ferme*
- Online Resources
 - Nallenart.org <http://nallenart.org>
 - Club Mimi <http://www.clubmimi.com/>
 - French 4 Homeschool <http://www.french4homeschool.com/>
 - Wikipedia in French
 - Project Gutenberg <http://www.gutenberg.org/>

What can I do to make my children more comfortable with learning French?

Ideas for Junior Grades and Beyond

Objectives for the Junior Grades and Middle School

- Learning to read in French
- Becoming comfortable with speaking French
- Building vocabulary
- Introductory grammar

Practical Lesson Ideas

- Have ready access to a good French-English Dictionary
- Build French lessons based on other topics that you may be studying
- Follow areas of interest (soccer, basketball, animals, cooking)
- Assign theme projects: booklets, posters, oral presentations
- Write letters to penpals, athletes, or the prime minister of Canada
- Play number games to drill numbers randomly
 - Finger game
 - "Salut!"
 - Concentration
 - Review math facts
 - Pull a number out of a hat and make up a number sentence in French to equal it
 - SORRY!/DESOLE!
- CLUE
- SPELL and SPELL
- SCRABBLE
- Pictionary
- Hot potato
- Use the radio and television
- Field trips: Museums
- Poutine party
- Use the Bible
 - Canadian Bible Society resources
 - Memorize Bible verses in French
 - Compare names of Bible books and characters
 - Photocopy passages of Scripture to read and translate
- Favourite videos:
 - Many DVDs come with a French language option
 - Some have French in them already:
 - Beauty and the Beast, Hunchback of Notre Dame, Henry V

Nallenart Resources for Junior Grades and Middle School

L'Art de lire series

Mots cachés

Mots croisés

Mots en méli-mélo

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What ideas will I use next week to make French class fun?

Ideas for High School

Objectives for High School

- Build upon existing understanding of grammar and structures
- Increase vocabulary
- Build writing skills by practicing various styles of writing
- Provide an introduction to French literature

Practical Lesson Ideas

- Invest in a good French-English dictionary
- Listen to French whenever you have the opportunity
- Watch DVD's in French
- Put together themed projects to build vocabulary
 - Research something that is interesting
 - Make a book
 - Put together a power point presentation and present it for a group
- Write a story in comic book form
- Write a screenplay in French
- Take advantage of online resources
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Nallenart Resources for High School

L'Art d'ÉCRIRE is based on the Core French Curriculum Guidelines for Grade 9 in Ontario. Along with grammar and vocabulary, L'Art d'ÉCRIRE has a strong theme of self discovery. Students are encouraged to examine their dreams, goals, personalities, and strengths through personality tests, career quizzes, and writing.

The course also takes an initial look at some of the enduring classics of French literature such as the play *Cyrano de Bergerac* and the novels of Jules Verne.

The L'Art d'ÉCRIRE CD rom contains:

- **L'Art d'ÉCRIRE** - Digital Teacher Key as pdf
- **L'Art d'ÉCRIRE** - Sound Files as mp3's

What can I do to increase my child's French language skills?