

# Antibes Teens Syllabus & Questions

## Elementary level Syllabus

	GRAMMAR	COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS	ACTIVITIES & TEACHING AIDS
Wk 1	Evaluation Test ER verbs The auxiliary « ÊTRE » The negative form The adjective The interrogative form (1) Definite/indefinite articles The auxiliary AVOIR IL Y A (there is / are) Partitive articles The IR and DRE verbs Possessive adjectives AVOIR / ÊTRE	Introducing oneself / Introducing others Greeting / taking leave / welcoming Gathering simple information Telling simple things about oneself Describing people, objects, places Expressing likes / dislikes preferences Expressing a mood / a sensation	Comic strips : description of characters and invention of dialogues Game : discovering the photo Game : the game of professions Tests : Are you in love? nervous? romantic? Crosswords the portrait game
Wk 2	Common irregular verbs Faire / prendre / aller / venir / pouvoir / vouloir Pronominal verbs (reflexive) The interrogative form Stressed pronouns Futur tense with « ALLER » Demonstrative adjectives « Je voudrais » (I would like) Verbs + infinitive form Aller à - y / venir de - en	Locating Asking politely / answering Thanking / apologizing Identifying characters and things Asking for / giving information Speaking about one's obligations, occupations and activities Ordering Agreeing / disagreeing Expressing obligation/ capacity Proposing / offering something	Game : « ni oui, ni non » Writing a postcard to a friend Yves Montant's telegram Game : « the fortune teller » The astrological signs (zodiac) Making a recipe Skits : - approaching someone from the opposite sex - ordering at the restaurant - interviewing a star A French song
Wk 3	The « passé composé » with « AVOIR » The interrogative form (3) The « passé composé » with ÊTRE / the recent past The negative form : « ne plus, ne pas, ne rien, ne jamais, etc ... » The negative with partitive articles / Adverbs    The imperative form	Talking about past events Questioning someone (an interview) Expressing quantity Expressing a desire, a need, politely Giving orders Comparing things	Telling a story from a story board, a comic strip Advertisement pictures Game « the police officer » or the « alibi » : telling a crime Game « dictate the picture » or « blindman's buff »
Wk 4	Indirect speech Direct pronouns Possessive pronouns Indirect pronouns Demonstrative pronouns Imperfect past (imparfait) Imparfait / passé composé (comparing uses)	Reporting speech Expressing time, duration Situating in time « Faire faire » (have something done) Asking for a service / for help Advising Speaking of the past Narrating an event / a story	The telephone game « bouche à oreille » Skits (sale representative, telephone) Writing to the problem column Creating stories (with the first sentence imposed or based on excerpts of a book or film) A French movie Creating a T.V. news program in groups (use of the camcorder)

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## Advanced level Syllabus

	GRAMMAR PROGRAMME	THEMES	ACTIVITIES & TEACHING AIDS WEEK
Wk 1	Evaluation Test Past tenses (narrations) « Le passé composé » « L'imparfait » (imperfect) Plusperfect tense Conditional as future of the past Sequence of tense Directs and indirect object pronouns Indirect speech	Les 15-25 year-olds in France French mentality French cinema The French song	Creating questionnaires, surveys, interviews (live practice) Use of French social comic strips (ex : « Tendre Banlieu » by Tito, Reiser, Bretecher, Wolinski) à Creating a story based on some given data Use of advertisements ( Sony) A comic action packed film « Les Fugitifs » with G.Depardieu et P. Richard and exploitation à French songs by : P. Bruel, W. Sheller, Bashung, J. Dutronc,
Wk 2	The imperative Subjunctive : - after conjunctions - after specific verbs Relative pronouns: « QUI - QUE - DONT - OU - LEQUEL- DUQUEL » Expressing opposition The passive form	Unemployment and young people Foreigners in France Holidays: how to enjoy them best? Humour and French comics Comic strips	Text: getting old gracefully? Articles from the press Creating a T.V. commercial (with camcorder) Song : « Je m'appelle Henri » from D. Balavoine Game : telling a story with first and last sentences imposed Role plays (a nudist beach in your town, the elevator breaks down) Video clips of comedians Activities in town (interviews prepared in advance) Text of comic strips : Franquin, Sempé, Wolinski, etc ...
Wk 3	The conditional Hypothetical sentences Consequence expression The present participle The gerund	Today's Europe and young people Boys and girls (flirting) Ecological concerns The Mediterranean region	Are you ready for Europe? (questionnaire + texts) Test: « Are you a lady/man killer or don juan? » Yves Montant's telegram Comic strip : « La drague » (Reiser) Game: Guessing a character (« si c'était... » = « if it were... ») Song : M. Le Forestier « Le frère » Your ecological I.Q. Debate: creating employment / protecting Nature ? Creating a T.V. news programme in groups (with a camcorder)

This is a standard program for the advanced level. It can be modified according to the length of stay, the students levels (themes, grammar, etc ...)

# Your Questions answered

CESA has been offering French courses in Antibes for teenage students for many years and we have dealt with numerous parental/student questions in that time. We enclose the answers to some of the questions we hear. If you have others, please let us know. We are always happy to talk about the programmes so that you feel your understanding of the course is complete before you decide to book a programme.

## How are the French courses organised?

The French school organises courses for young people offer a teaching method adapted to the needs and wishes of teenager students: French grammar (20% of the course) is immediately put into practice to allow each student to progress quickly. Fun and creative activities are organised, often in small groups to stimulate conversation (some locations include the opportunity for students to converse with the local people through taking surveys and asking questions). The study of the French language and regional culture is approached through the exploration of real-life documents and topics of interest to the young audience.

## How is the first day organised?

You will be greeted at school by your group leaders on Monday at 8.45am. In the morning, after having met your group leaders and organisers there is a visit of the city with other young students. The school staff will also provide you with the programme of that week's activities.

At 1.30pm, you will take a written and oral test (alone with a teacher), which will allow us to determine your level of French and assign a class to you. Your name, the number of your classroom and the first name of your teacher will be posted the following morning in the school hall.

## How will the weekly schedule look?

Monday morning: presentation of the group leaders and teachers, visit of the city

Monday afternoon: evaluation test to determine your level of French (written and oral)

Every morning of the week: Standard French class lessons

Every afternoon of the week: activities, excursions or intensive courses (Tuesday and Thursday)

Evenings: themed activities, games, video, Pub, Disco, barbecue

## Is it possible to book courses only?

Yes it is. Please discuss your requirements with CESA staff.

You can also book meals and activities as a supplement to your French tuition (whilst living with your family nearby).

## Who will my teacher be?

Your teachers are all specialised in teaching young people. They all meet the criteria of teaching standards required in Europe. They all are graduated of French universities.

## Is there a certificate or diploma at the end of my courses?

A certificate is awarded to every student at the end of their stay. Progress is carefully evaluated and recorded.

## Can I be in the same class as a friend?

Yes, if you both have the same level of French.

## Do I need to bring my own school material?

You will need to bring a pen and a notebook (or a binder).

## What are the nationalities of the other students?

80% are European (mainly German, Spanish Italian and English speakers)

20% other nationalities

## What is the average age of the students?

11% of our students are aged under 15yrs

89% are aged 15-17yrs

## Will I share a room with someone the same nationality?

To help you practice your French language outside the classroom, we try to accommodate you in a room with students of nationalities and mother tongues different from your own. Of course we cannot guarantee that the other student will not also speak your language.

## Can I share my room with a friend?

Yes, if you request this upon booking.

### How are the host families selected?

The Accommodation Officer makes all the arrangements and the same person has held this post for the past five years. Families are visited once a year and are subject to a report. They have a contract with the school. Their majority of host families have been working with the French school for many years. We select host families which meet the standards and criteria for both students and their parents/legal guardians.

### Will there be children in the host family?

It is possible that your host family has children, but this can never be guaranteed. Some hosts are divorcees or older people, who no longer have children living at home.

### How far from the school will I be accommodated?

For those who are accommodated on campus, courses are held on the campus in July and August. In Antibes at other times of the year the students on campus will have to travel to the school site for lessons. A shuttle bus is arranged to take them to classes in the mornings. For students living with a host family or in a residence, your accommodation will be no more than 30 minutes by bus from the school. Please note we cannot guarantee you an accommodation just a few minutes away from the school.

### Can I choose my residence?

You may state your preference, however we cannot guarantee that you will be accommodated in the residence of your choice. The French school aims to get the best balance of age, gender and nationality in each campus and this will always take priority.

### Will I need a visa to study in France?

For any information regarding visas, passports and authorizations to stays in France, please consult a French consulate or embassy in your country. If you hold a European passport there is no need for a visa. If in doubt, please discuss this with CESA staff.

### Do I need any insurance?

European students, remember to bring (or get) an EHIC (European Health Insurance card).

You will also need a civil liability insurance. Most private travel insurance will cover students travelling on their own. If in doubt, please contact the CESA staff.

### What happens if I suffer from allergies or illness?

Please speak to your group leaders, they will help you. There are procedures in place in the school and on campus. The school staff have dealt with a wide variety of situations over the year and are very helpful.

### How should I dress?

Consult the weather before leaving (the sun will generally be shining). To attend courses, please wear clothes suitable for the classroom. Think of bringing a sports outfit for activities and sailing or beach friendly clothes.

### Can I bring valuables with me?

Closets lock with padlocks, but please avoid bringing valuable belongings. The French school will not be responsible for loss or theft. We'd love to say that none of the students would steal from you, but sadly you must consider the possibility rather than risk loss of personal property.

### Are there vegetarian or gluten free meals?

There are no special meals for vegetarians, but the food provided is diverse and offer vegetarian dishes. Vegetarians choosing to live with a family accommodation will be placed in a family which accommodates vegetarian students.

Gluten free dietary requirements can also be catered for, but there is a supplement as this is rarely required and far harder for the school to cater for (EUR 195.00 per week). Please make sure you tell CESA staff if either dietary requirement apply to you, when you book.

### What activities and excursions are offered?

Plenty. The French school's group leaders arrange activities in the afternoons and evenings. In the afternoons: sports or themed activities, boat or bus excursion, sailing, etc... In the evenings: video, Pub, discotheque, barbecue, etc... See the examples below to see what the school offers.

Water Activities:

Games around or in the swimming pool, under the supervision of the French group leaders.

Activities: Water Polo, Races, Surf Board Challenge, Rope Challenge.

+ Sailing Programme one afternoon and Beach visits

Cafe Games:

Games are organised by the cafeteria, each evening.

Penalty kicks, darts, quiz, Lotto / Bingo – all arranged by the group leaders.

#### Parties:

Welcome Party:	The group leaders introduce themselves to the students
Ibiza Disco party:	Costumed Dance party with a theme
Casino night:	Students organise their own casino, with games tables.
Cabaret night:	The show is put together by the students and the group leaders
The Fury Party:	Musical challenges
Tarzan vs Jane Party:	Games in teams (boys versus girls)

#### Visits and Excursions

Half-day:	Cannes, Monaco & Antibes
Full-day:	Marineland

#### Kiosk Activities:

Various activities offered at extra cost – to be booked and paid for once in Antibes

All events are supervised by school group leaders and take place in free timetable slots in the programme. A different suggestion is offered by the group leaders each week.

Laser Game / 2 rounds:	Approx 20.00 €
Karting / 3 rounds:	Approx 25.00 €
Mini Golf / 3 rounds:	Approx 20.00 €
Inner Tubing / 3 rounds:	Approx 15.00 €
Quad Biking / 1 hour:	Approx 60.00 €
Horse Riding / 2 hours:	Approx 35.00 €
Paint Balling / 300 paintballs:	Approx 35.00 €

#### Evening events

Antibes at night:	Approx 5.00 €
Magic World/Theme Park:	Approx 5.00 €

#### What sports will I be able to enjoy?

The school staff will arrange a variety of activities (some at extra cost): football (soccer), volley-ball, sailing, or go to the School Kiosk and you can book one of the following: golf, go-karting, bowling, horse riding, etc....

#### Can I drink alcohol?

Alcohol consumption is strictly forbidden on the residence and campus premises. If these rules are abused, students will be subject to restrictions (for example, cancellation of the authorization to go out). Parents will be informed of all excesses and if it is deemed necessary a student will be sent home at parental expense.

#### How will the students be supervised?

An inspection of the rooms is made every morning. In the evenings, a professional night security guard verifies each student's authorization to go out. There is always one person at the residence or campus gate during the afternoons and nights.

#### How do I decide on whether to give my child Going Out Permission?

Almost every student has the parental permission to go out. Those who don't have permission often feel isolated from their peer group. Talk to the CESA staff if you have concerns about this. We've helped parents with this before and will be happy to discuss the matter with you.

#### How much pocket money should I take?

We recommend 80 to 100 Euros per week. Some students are used to handling more money than others. Budget for more if you wish to participate to additional activities arranged through the Kiosk. Sample prices are quoted under school activities for your information.

#### How can my parents contact me?

Those accommodated in residence or with a host family can be reached by phone during meal times. In case of an emergency, please contact the school or call CESA and we can email/phone the school on your behalf.