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The French language links the cultures of 57 countries around the world. French is the official and as well as the working language of all major international organisations: the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, and the Council of Europe. What is more, 200 million people across five continents speak French; a further 90 million learn French all over the world.

Why do so many people learn French?

There are multiple reasons:

- family tradition
- school requirement,
- college/university projects,
- work purposes,
- desire to read the great works of French-speaking authors,
- understanding and appreciation of movies, theatre, opera,
- travelling and exploring the many sides of France, as 80 million other visitors do each year.

Whatever the reasons may be, French is perceived as the language of culture and opportunity.

*“From A1 to C2 – from ‘me’ to ‘others’:
beginning with a limited view focusing
on yourself, you pass levels dealing
with family and business contexts, and
eventually start understanding the world.
Each level encompasses the previous one.”*

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Le DELF – Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française

Le DALF – Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française

DELF and DALF are the official diplomas for learners of French as a Foreign Language, awarded by the French Ministry of Education through its intermediary, Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques (CIEP). The diplomas are issued in more than 174 countries throughout the world and are internationally recognised. They certify the level of linguistic competence and are particularly valued in the professional world.

Worldwide recognition

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Les diplômes qui gagnent.

The DELF and DALF diplomas focus particularly on the communicative aspect of the language. Obtaining a diploma signifies mastering a modern, up to date language at a certain level, thus providing a useful tool for university purposes, the business environment or leisure activities.

“ When I arrived in Geneva, I devoted myself to improving my French. I wanted to find a job. In order to do so, I needed a goal, a challenge to meet. This is why I decided to aspire for the B2 diploma, since it offers many advantages: upon passing the exam, I can enroll at a university and follow courses in French in the areas I enjoy.”

Ladina

“ French is the language of love and reason, a beautiful language, both rich and melodic. But French is also an analytical language that allows structured thinking and develops a critical mind, which is very useful in discussions and negotiations.”

Silvio

“ DELF is useful for non-French natives. When you are looking for a job, employers demand a good level of French, even if you work in an environment where a different language is spoken most of the time. DELF is the ticket to life in the French-speaking world.”

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