“The DELF and DALF evaluation forms facilitate our aim for objectivity and our task as evaluators. The goals are clear and precise, and the learners have a specific pathway ahead. They are much more aware of their progress, as the competences that need to be attained are well-defined.”

Nicole Angel, Ifage Genève

You are a teacher. You teach French as a Foreign Language.

Why prepare learners for DELF and DALF exams?

What advantages do they offer teachers?

By encouraging your students to practice oral and written skills, your classes will become more active, dynamic, and livelier. The scale descriptors of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) will support you in defining your teaching objectives and assessing language proficiency in terms of DELF and DALF levels.

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The Levels at a Glance and our Advice

Understanding, Speaking and Writing

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) has developed a set of common reference levels in descriptive scales, thus providing a useful tool for schools and teachers when setting a level system for their language courses. At the same time, the framework informs learners about the standards to be attained at successive stages of language training. The descriptive scales detail general linguistic competences (comprehension, expression, interaction, and mediation) for each level.

How to read the CEFR? To help you navigate through and interpret the CEFR levels, here is a short description of the key terms:

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The DELF and DALF diplomas are aligned to the CEFR. The approach is action-orientated, meaning that the examination method is specific to set goals in order to ensure task completion. The CEFR views learners of a language as members of society who may wish to accomplish tasks in a given set of circumstances, in a specific environment, and within a particular field of action.

Our Advice

- Use an official FLE (teaching French as a Foreign Language) method to prepare learners for the different DELF and DALF levels. All of the available study material can be used for direct or indirect DELF and DALF exam preparation.
- Practice all linguistic skills (listening, reading, writing, and speaking) in each teaching unit to ensure best results.
- It is important to make learners aware of the types of exercises, the required know-how, and the task format within the DELF and DALF exams.
- Acquaint learners with the varying test types. Online mock exams or sample tests in the DELF and DALF preparation material alone do not prepare for the exams sufficiently.
- In the DELF A1, A2, and B1 exams, there is a listening part and a reading part including a set of questions relating to several authentic texts. Include multiple resources and audio material as part of your class exercises. Ensure varying sources of audio material are used, such as radio broadcasts and short conference sequences, thus enriching the training material for these levels.
- Ensure that learners develop effective time management.
- Advise learners to read exam instructions carefully.
- Familiarise learners with the evaluation criteria during in-class oral and written exercises.
- Make learners aware of non-verbal aspects of the oral exams.
- Ensure learners are provided with detailed information on exam content and duration.

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