

# French Resource – Week 3

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Salut! I hope everyone has had a great start to the semester! My name is Macy Scott, and I am the Master Tutor for French. Please let me know if you need absolutely anything at all as we progress through the semester. Additionally, if there are concepts that you are continuously working on in your FRE 1301 course that you do not see on my resources, PLEASE let me know so I can add it to my next resource! I am here to help prepare all of you to have the best, most prepared study sessions as you prepare for upcoming quizzes and exams. If there is anything I can do to best serve you, do not hesitate to reach out! ☺

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- Manners/Greetings
- Countries
- Nationalities
- Definitive articles

## **WEEK THREE:**

Listed below are some of the concepts that students in FRE 1301 will be learning the week of *February 1 - 5*:

1. For reviewing manners/greetings—

Continue to use French as much as possible in your daily lives with friends, roommates, etc. to get familiar with these introductory ideas. Casually ask yourself if you know today's date. Practice the language by asking your roommate if they have a pencil. Verbally spell out your name (all of this in French, of course!). By using relevant conversations that coincide with the subjects you're learning, your verbal and written skills will improve! Additionally, ask a French tutor to practice all of these example conversations with you.

Remember, elementary French is a fast-paced class that moves to many different concepts that greatly differ from each other. It is important, especially during the beginning of the semester, to **build the concepts on top of each other**. As you study, do NOT completely forget to brush up on concepts that you might have been studying last week.

2. Countries, continents, and nationalities—

Thankfully, the names of places around the world in French are extremely similar to English, so you should not have many issues memorizing them. The **tricky** part is making sure you use the right prepositions. Here is a quick chart that you can use to memorize *les continents*:

<b>Continent</b>	<b>In French</b>
Africa	<i>Afrique</i>
Antarctica	<i>Antarctique</i>
Asia	<i>Asie</i>
Australia	<i>Australie</i>
Europe	<i>Europe</i>
North America	<i>Amérique du Nord</i>
South America	<i>Amérique du Sud</i>

(*Les Continents*—Source: [www.thoughtco.com](http://www.thoughtco.com))

Here’s a link to an awesome website that has all the correct spellings of countries (because I know they are super hard to remember sometimes!!). ThoughtCo is one of my favorite websites for French tips, and I will definitely reference their site a lot over the next few weeks! The link below includes a very long list of *les langues* and *les nationalités*. You should find this helpful as you study the spellings and pronunciations of these countries, nationalities, and languages.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/french-vocabulary-countries-nationalities-and-languages-4079488>

### 3. For definite articles (le, la, les)—

Because you have been attending French classes for a few weeks now, you have probably heard “le,” “la,” and “les” used many times by your professor and peers. Here’s an overview of when to use definitive articles in French! In English, we use the word “the” to describe...basically anything. In French, there are many forms for the word “the,” but it changes depending on whether the noun it’s describing is masculine, feminine, or plural.

ENGLISH: **The** boy.

FRENCH: **Le** garçon.

ENGLISH: **The** girl.

FRENCH: **La** fille.

ENGLISH: **The** children.

FRENCH: **Les** enfants.

Vocabulaire	
<i>les articles</i>	
<b>DEFINITE</b>	• <b>le</b> → <b>the</b> (masc.sing.)
	• <b>la</b> → <b>the</b> (fem.sing.)
	• <b>l'</b> → <b>the</b> (m/f + voyelle)
	• <b>les</b> → <b>the</b> (m/f pl.)
<b>INDEFINITE</b>	• <b>un</b> → <b>a/an</b> (masc.sing.)
	• <b>une</b> → <b>a/an</b> (fem.sing.)
	• <b>des</b> → <b>some</b> (m/f pl.)

*(Les Articles—Source: pinterest.com)*

When you practice your oral skills at home or with a tutor, if you are unsure (which is TOTALLY okay!!), be sure to utilize a French online dictionary! This is a great resource to use as you study at home and practice familiarizing yourself with the language.

To brush up on definite articles, there is an AWESOME YouTube channel entitled “Learn French with Pascal.” Y’all, Pascal is super amazing. When I was learning French, I used to watch his videos all of the time. Here is the link to his very informative video on definite articles (and he has a beautiful French accent!):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NukTD7A81uY>

That’s all for week three! Please let me know if you have any questions. ☺