

How to study French

1. Write the word or phrase three to five times over.
 - You can write masculine words in blue and feminine words in red.
2. Make up flash cards with the word on one side and definition or the foreign word on the other.
3. Divide a sheet of paper in two and put the word on one side and definition or the foreign word on the other.
 - Fold in half to study one list or the other.
4. Keep a vocabulary list of your own! You should date all new entries. Doing this on a computer can be fast and efficient and is very helpful come exam time.
5. Have family members or friends quiz you. Practice spelling the word or phrase to them.
6. Develop a habit of spending five to ten minutes each night after dinner or before bed reviewing old words and working on new ones. This really pays off! (this is the best way to study!)
7. Look at the word and see if there are any ways you can find to help make spelling the word easier. For example Rockford is made up of two words: rock and ford. Or, don't a rock at dad's Ford truck! You can be creative! Only you know what can help you remember difficult words or phrases.
8. Most of all, however you do it! Study! Knowing and expanding on the language you are working on is the key to growing in your communication skills and being successful in the job world!

9. Say the word out loud several times so you hear it. Remember, typically you only pronounce the end of the word if it ends in C, R, F or L... The constants in the word careful.
10. Use sticky notes for difficult words. Write the word on the note and then stick it where you will see it often such as a bathroom mirror.

Tips to take Exams

Know what kind of problems are on the exam (Multiple choice, short answer) and how to approach them.

- Multiple choice: you will need to know more detailed information and be able to rule out your other choices. Always read through all the options before selecting your answer.
- True/False: Read very carefully. The parts of the statement must be all true or the entire statement is false.
- Short answer: Always write in complete sentences and be sure you answer the question.
- Essay: Organize your thoughts before you begin writing about the topic. Develop and outline first so you cover every part of the question.

Look over the whole exam before you take it. As you write the exam be aware of information in questions that may help you to answer another question.

*Write helpful information that you might need at the top of the test at the very beginning: formulas, lists, dates, memory aids, ect.

Budget your time so you have enough time to do all the problems on the exam and time to go back and check your work.

*get enough sleep and eat before taking exams so you can think clearly.

*remember that your exams count for part of your FINAL grade for the semester.