

O FRENCH: ECHANGES ANIMES

Each week, the class discusses the pros and cons of a topic of interest, based on materials intended for native speakers. The selected readings or videos supply both authentic language models as well as insight into how native speakers view the subject at hand. Each reading or video includes explanations of key words and cultural references, and is provided to class members one week prior to each class session. Since the goal of the course is to promote a lively exchange, improve speaking skills and expand students' knowledge, a relaxed and accepting atmosphere is crucial. Topics may be chosen from the following broad themes:

- The arts
- History
- Science and technology
- Health and well-being
- Language and culture
- Society
- Current events and trends
- Travel and adventure
- Modern dilemmas

TOPIC EXAMPLES:

- The World Cup 2022 – Qatar accused of human rights violations
- The art of translation – challenges and pitfalls
- Co-ed education in France
- What is a life well lived? A fisherman tells his story
- Keeping warm in the winter of 2022: impacts of the war in Ukraine
- Honorary doctorates – even Mussolini still has one