

## **O French: Focus on Fluency**

This class is conducted entirely in French, using definitions, pictures, and mime to ensure understanding. Each session is centered on a selected theme. One week prior to the next session, participants receive a reading which provides information about the subject, serves as a springboard to discussion, and presents an authentic model of language, sentence structure and culture. An accompanying vocabulary list in French and proposed discussion questions allow class members to organize their thoughts in advance. Brief grammar and vocabulary pointers are provided as questions or difficulties arise during class and are intended to encourage accurate, clear, and idiomatic use of French. Supplementary materials include songs, poems, and games. Topics are drawn from the following broad areas:

Society and contemporary life

Current events

Government

The arts

History

Science and technology

Language and communication

Cultural comparisons and norms

### SAMPLE TOPICS FROM FALL 2022

French gastronomy recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage

Remembering the French cartoonist Jean-Jacques Sempé

Why is Canada responsible for the shortage of Dijon mustard?

Staying safe in severe weather – common myths about lightning

Videos of prison inmates go-karting provoke anger