

Here is a structured **curriculum for intermediate-level (DELF B1) French learners**. This plan is designed to cover a 12-week period, assuming 2–3 hours of instruction per week, with additional self-study tasks.

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## **Week 1–2: Review and Strengthen Foundations**

**Objectives:** Revisit A2-level grammar, vocabulary, and conversation skills to ensure a strong base for B1.

**1. Grammar Review:**

- Present tense (irregular verbs)
- Passé composé vs. imparfait
- Reflexive verbs and pronominal verbs in the past
- Introduction to future tense (futur simple)

**2. Vocabulary:**

- Daily life: Routine, family, hobbies
- Travel and tourism

**3. Speaking Activities:**

- Roleplay: Booking a hotel or explaining a travel experience
- Guided conversations about weekend plans using past and future tenses.

**4. Listening:**

- Audio clips from daily life contexts (e.g., buying groceries, traveling)

**5. Writing:**

- Short emails or informal messages
  - Journaling in past and present tenses
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## **Week 3–4: Developing B1 Skills**

**Objectives:** Learn new tenses, expand vocabulary, and develop more fluid communication skills.

**1. Grammar:**

- Futur simple vs. conditionnel présent
- Relative pronouns: *qui*, *que*, *où*, *dont*

- Introduction to subjunctive (basic use)
  - 2. **Vocabulary:**
    - Health and well-being
    - Media: TV, news, and social media
  - 3. **Speaking Activities:**
    - Debate practice: Discussing health habits or trends
    - Expressing opinions using “Je pense que,” “À mon avis...”
  - 4. **Listening:**
    - News reports or podcasts (slow French like "News in Slow French")
    - Comprehension of informal and formal contexts
  - 5. **Writing:**
    - Describing a health habit or daily routine in detail
    - Summarizing news articles
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## Week 5–6: Argumentation and Storytelling

**Objectives:** Focus on expressing ideas, narrating events, and introducing argumentation skills.

- 1. **Grammar:**
  - Plus-que-parfait (past perfect)
  - Hypothetical phrases: *si* clauses (present + future / imparfait + conditionnel)
  - Pronouns: *en* and *y*
- 2. **Vocabulary:**
  - Jobs and careers
  - Social issues: Environment, education
- 3. **Speaking Activities:**
  - Roleplay: Job interview simulation
  - Discussing environmental habits or educational reforms
- 4. **Listening:**
  - Documentaries or TED Talks in French (simplified B1 versions)
  - Focus on understanding tone and nuances
- 5. **Writing:**
  - Writing a short story about a past event using multiple tenses
  - Composing a formal email for a job application

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## Week 7–8: Interaction and Cultural Awareness

**Objectives:** Build cross-cultural skills and explore French-speaking cultures.

1. **Grammar:**

- Advanced use of subjunctive (expressing emotions, doubt, and necessity)
- Indirect speech in the past

2. **Vocabulary:**

- Arts and culture: Cinema, music, literature
- Celebrations and traditions in French-speaking countries

3. **Speaking Activities:**

- Discussing your favorite film/book
- Comparing cultural traditions between your country and France

4. **Listening:**

- Songs (e.g., Stromae, Angèle) with gap-fill exercises
- Movie clips or trailers

5. **Writing:**

- Review or critique of a film or book
  - Email invitation to a cultural event
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## Week 9–10: Preparing for DELF B1 Tasks

**Objectives:** Practice real-life tasks and exam-oriented exercises.

1. **Grammar:**

- Consolidation of all tenses and pronouns
- Advanced linking words: *cependant*, *néanmoins*, *ainsi*

2. **Vocabulary:**

- Technology and innovation
- Urban life vs. countryside

3. **Speaking Activities:**

- Simulating DELF oral topics (e.g., describing a problem and proposing a solution)
- Arguing pros and cons of living in a city vs. countryside

4. **Listening:**

- DELF B1 listening practice exams
- Real-world listening: Weather reports, interviews

5. **Writing:**

- Formal letters: Complaints, suggestions
  - Structured essays on common topics (e.g., environmental challenges)
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## **Week 11–12: Mastery and Mock Exam**

**Objectives:** Refine skills, build confidence, and simulate real-life applications.

1. **Grammar:**

- Troubleshooting common errors
- Consolidating all skills

2. **Vocabulary:**

- Recap and thematic revision

3. **Speaking Activities:**

- Mock DELF oral test: Describe a picture, present an argument, respond to prompts
- Roleplay: Everyday life situations (shopping, navigating a crisis)

4. **Listening:**

- DELF B1 audio comprehension tests
- Complex audio, such as dialogues with background noise

5. **Writing:**

- Full-length DELF B1 practice essay
  - Writing formal and informal letters
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## **Resources:**

- **Books:** *Alter Ego + B1, Grammaire Progressive du Français - Niveau Intermédiaire, Vocabulaire Progressif du Français - Niveau Intermédiaire*
- **Websites:** TV5 Monde, Français Facile, Duolingo Stories
- **Podcasts:** News in Slow French, InnerFrench
- **Apps:** Quizlet for vocabulary, Anki for flashcards

