

Summary of the comments received in the evaluations of part-time group French language training to Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions employees (March 2016)

What I like most about this training is:

#	Response
1.	to provide a structured way to learn/maintain French to enforce discipline in taking time out for learning French to provide active engagement in a small class setting
2.	Teacher is good, forces people to participate in a pleasant atmosphere. Mixes casual conversation with lessons on grammar. The lesson is often inspired by our mistakes, so it is obviously relevant.
3.	I enjoy being in a learning environment with my colleagues. It takes the pressure off and makes it more fun.
4.	The opportunity to speak, discuss, refute, and practice my French during our class time. Our teacher, Honoré, encourages conversations in class, asks interesting/philosophical questions that allows for opportunities to practice formulating ideas in French and expand our vocabulary. He is very helpful in correcting mistakes and providing background information on a topic when someone doesn't understand a concept. I find this approach extremely helpful in learning French!
5.	The teacher is the best French teacher who I have had.
6.	Engaging everyone in practicing/ conversation
7.	It is facilitated by a language teacher who is practiced in adult education. Lessons are structured, but informal enough to allow us to practice our conversational French (a great benefit, in my view).
8.	My French usage is corrected and improved.
9.	Regular meetings; significant amount of group discussion with immediate constructive feedback
10.	The conversational style constantly tests our ability to use the concepts taught in class
11.	Acquisition of French language proficiency
12.	The educator is very good at teaching concepts and provides useful ways to explain nuances in the language. He is very positive and easy to work with.

What I like least about this training is:

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1.	sometime have to skip classes due to other work priorities
2.	Not enough. I'd be willing to do more on my own time.
3.	The scheduling is difficult. I don't want to miss class, but I have missed quite a few because of mandatory divisional meetings and being out of the office.
4.	None.
5.	Starts with a few examples and does not explain the general rules much.
6.	I can't think of anything bad to say. I suppose the training would be even more useful if the teacher incorporated a few more financial sector or Government of Canada terms; however, learning general terms and expressions is likely more useful at my stage anyway.
7.	Not always being able to attend because of conflicting meetings.
8.	Insufficient/unstructured basic grammar instruction. Not necessarily a deficiency of the course since this is a short course. Also not clear if this was among the objectives/parameters of the course - although this was my expectation.
9.	the timing of the classroom sessions was not discussed with participants beforehand and so some sessions will have to be missed due to scheduling conflicts

Do you have any other comments?

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1.	Wish there would be more material/hang-outs for students to take away Wish there would be a bit more review/refreshment on basic grammar rules
2.	I really enjoy the training and the instructor, I just wish the scheduling was flexible somehow.
3.	The approach Honoré takes in teaching these classes promotes a congenial environment and encourages participants to "search" for the right answers to communicate ideas effectively. I always leave our classes looking forward to the next one!
4.	None.
5.	Honoré is a great facilitator and teacher and I think I will continue to enjoy these lessons.
6.	In-house, structured focused training on writing and/or spoken fundamentals of French grammar would be very useful. So far, the course appears to have focused on a couple of areas that seem to require attention. While very beneficial, I would find a grammar "basics" course prior to this course would have been helpful.
7.	I appreciate the opportunity to improve my skills.

