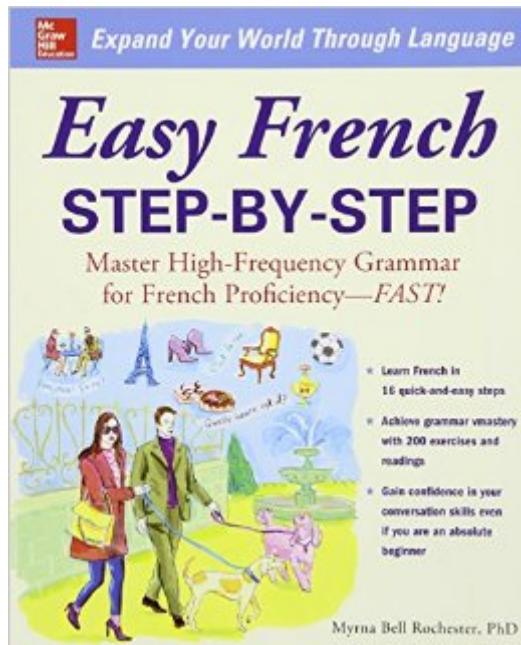


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# Easy French Step-by-Step



## Synopsis

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As a French tutor and French native, I love this book. It teaches all aspects of the French language: Conversation, Grammar, Vocabulary and includes excellent Exercises (with answers in the back). I recommend it highly to everyone, both beginners and those wanting to perfect his or her skills.

I love this book. It is easy to read and it is easy to carry. I use it as a reference book because I have never taken French before. Sometimes when I am unable to understand, the authors' explanations are simple and easy to read. I really like the book. I also have the Spanish one, and I like it too.

Hello. I have had this book for a few months now. I would like to say that it has been a big help. First of all, I'm a junior in high school who's taking French and desperately needed a study guide. Well this was it. What I love about this is all the exercises that it comes with. Every chapter has around 12 sections of exercises where you get to practice what you have acquired the few pages before.

Thanks to this book (and summer tutoring), I have learned enough French that I was able to skip second year of French at my school. Some important notes: If you don't know anything about the French language, you'll find this book a hard one (Even though it's a Step-by-Step self study guide). For one thing, there is not a book in the world that can ever teach you the pronunciation needed. As for me, I had my French teacher give me a whole summer of French tutoring for free. That really helped with correct enunciation. I would recommend to the absolute beginner (especially those who are monolingual) to get in contact with mentor to help explain the difficult part of pronunciation. As you may or may not know, 80% of French words have mute endings that might or might not get pronounced depending on the next syllable. You really want someone to guide you if you're a beginner. Also, before you dive into this book, understand these few concepts: (First List)- Verbal Aspects- Verbal Tenses- Verbal Moods (especially the subjunctive)- Direct Objects- Indirect Objects- Antecedent- Relative clauses- Verb Valency If you have a curious mind (like the one I do) Google and learn the following: (Second List)- Why does French have grammatical gender?- Why does every adjective have to agree in number and in gender with the main noun? You see, by learning the things in the first list, I was better able to grasp the difficult aspects required to speak any language (Pun intended). Believe it or not, verbs are like rocket-science. They are really hard to understand unless you practice them everyday. This book doesn't cover the items in the first list very well. I recommend you look them up before beginning this book. The second list, you curious minded folks, is not actually going to help you learn any French nor make this book a better read. (Yes, you read that right.) Instead, this list (the 2nd one) will help keep you from getting discouraged of learning French. By knowing and acknowledging the fundamental principles driving Romantic languages, you'll understand why French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and many other languages have abstract nouns with sex (chairs have boobies? doors are chicks now?) that we, English speaking folk, find so foreign yet so enticing. (Yes, in French, the chair you are sitting on is female and the door as well. Treat them nice!) To conclude, I recommend this book. Who wouldn't, n'est pas? [neh-pAH]

Folks, don't believe the Rosetta Stone's out there! The truth is, NOBODY really "learns" language naturally except for children. It is possible to learn French just by spending \$15 dollars on this book and another \$10 on a French-English dictionary- I suggest a pocket Collins French School Dictionary on-the-go. The best way to learn any language properly is through GRAMMAR. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but you cannot learn any language without hard work. This book actually teaches you French through reading, writing, and speaking. You need to actually WORK HARD

though to learn. Strengths:-Lots of original exercise in the book to constantly practice what you learned-Explains grammar in easy in fun ways-You truly do learn step by step, and apply what you learn to new rules one step at a time-Your brain won't explode with too much information since you can effortlessly do at least a chapter a week, which means 16 chapters in 16 weeks. So 16 weeks and French is yours! Or if you want you can do 2-3 chapters a week, so 4-8 weeks and French is yours. Weaknesses:-You need to use a French-English dictionary to support the learning materials in this book when you forget words-You cannot learn any language "Fast" as the title of the book says, unless you call 4-16 weeks "fast." The time it takes for you to learn French will depend on how good you are with language and how much time you are willing to spend. Still, I think this book is worth the buy.

A great book to get you started with French. Learn the vocabulary and grammar and then go for some reading practice, eg. with A B C Petits Contes (French Edition) and Nouveaux Contes de FÃ©es pour les Petits Enfants: Fairy Tales in French (French Edition).

This is a great book! Yes, you will learn French up to an intermediate level if you complete the book. It builds upon itself with each lesson and new chapter. I just don't understand the negative reviews. You need to give the book a chance. Each Chapter has constant reviewed words in it and difference breaks for vocabulary study. I highly recommend it! If you are dedicated to learning French, use a notebook, and use Google Translate(or another source) for checking your pronunciation.... you will be a pro. I also recommend using your notebook to write regular sentences and conversation that you use and hear every day and then practice translating them and speaking them in French. Challenge yourself.... ask yourself questions in French. YOU WILL LEARN FRENCH AND BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATION. You have to try to succeed. It really is not that hard. Good luck.

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