



Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning French (4th edition), The



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Series: The Complete Idiot's Guide

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Type: Pratique du français – French study and practice (PRA)

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Language: English

Physical description: 1 book (385 pages) + 1 CD-ROM

Summary of Content: This resource is especially designed for English-speaking beginners willing to study the French language on their own. The book and interactive CD-ROM provide the basic vocabulary and grammar needed to communicate in everyday situations. Each chapter offers useful vocabulary lists, some grammatical explanations in English, pronunciation tips and exercises with answer keys. French grammar is limited to the essentials. Common verb tenses in the indicative and subjunctive modes are introduced throughout the book. The book is divided into 5 parts: part 1 (“The Bare Basics”) introduces the basics of pronunciation and elementary terms, phrases and common idioms; part 2 (“Travel Time”) provides phrases and useful information regarding traveling in a French-speaking country; part 3 (“Fun Time”) focuses on vacations, leisure time, shopping, eating out; part 4 (“Time Out: Problems”) provides the basic vocabulary needed to handle common problems and emergency situations; and part 5 (“It’s Time for Business”) focuses on useful terms and phrases to conduct business (banking, stock market, buying or renting property, use of technologies). Verbs charts, French to English and English to French dictionaries and an Index in English are contained at the end of the book. The CD-ROM contains the full-text of the book

and provides supplemental exercises, pronunciation tips and cultural information

Level: Basic User (level 1): A1

Public: FLE learners, Adults with no or limited knowledge of French

Teaching suggestions: Useful resource to help beginner students memorize vocabulary, as a supplement to workbook exercises or in a conversation course for faux-beginners. Can supplement some of the lessons contained in Connexions1 and 2.

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