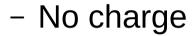
Français interactif

Free

- No charge
- Usually available through download.
- Modifications may not be made to materials without permission.
- "Free as in beer"







- Definitely available through download.
- Modifications may be made to materials, specific requirements depend on type of copyright used by original publisher.
- "Free as in speech"



- Technically speaking, Français interactif is free, but not open-source.
- A new companion project will bring an open-source dimension to the textbook.
- Published by the Center for Open Educational Resources & Language Learning at the University of Texas-Austin.
- Similar texts are available for other languages through COERLL.

- Free first-year
 French textbook.
 - Attractive graphics
 - Ancillary materials including online exercises, videos, listening tracks, vocabulary pronunciation guides, and podcasts



Detailed grammar explanations are on accompanying website.

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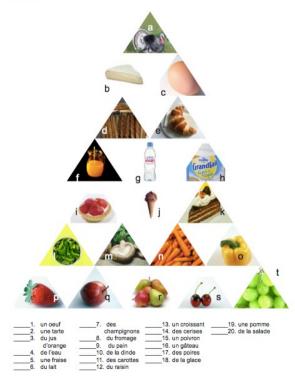
Exercice 3. Quelle photo va avec chaque mot?

NOTE CULTURELLE

D'habitude au petitdéjeuner on prend un croissant (ou du pain avec du beurre et de la confiture) avec du café au lait ou du chocolat chaud. Les Français ne mangent jamais d'oeufs ou de jambon le matin. On boit aussi du jus de fruit. Certains gens préfèrent les céréales. En général, les Français aiment les repas structurés, en famille ou avec des amis, qui durent assez longtemps. Il n'est pas rare de passer trois ou quatre heures à table le dimanche après-midi. Pour manger correctement, il est nécessaire de prendre son temps et de diversifier sa nour-

Le repas de midi

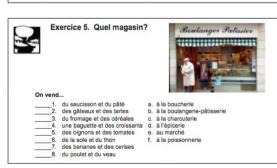
Le repas de midi est traditionnellement le repas le plus important de la journée. Souvent, les magasins, les banques, et les bureaux de poste sont fermés entre midi et deux heures. A quatorze heures, les restaurants ferment et le service recommence vers vingt heures. D'habitude, les Français ne prennent pas le dîner avant vingt





Décidez avec un partenaire quand les Français prennent les aliments suivants.

Exercice 4. Les repas.



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home, please go to he Français interactif ebsite. Read the following grammar points n Tex's French Grammar and complete all Texercises which you will turn in to your .1 determiners:

de l'ail (m.) de l'eau (f.

Partitive articles are

used before mass nouns. They express quantities that are indivisible

or cannot be counted.

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If students prefer, the entire collection of grammar pages may also be downloaded in PDF format.



The text, and especially the grammar website (pictured here) contain many references to geographical locations in Texas and use a group of Texas-inspired characters in the exercises.



- The Français interactif
 website offers an organized
 page of resources for each
 chapter that provides
 relevant cultural, vocabulary,
 phonetics and grammar
 resources.
- Cultural resources are not limited to readings. There are alsovideos (some professionally produced and many subtitled), Internet activities and songs.

 One of the few drawbacks to this arrangement is the lack of a dedicated online forum for students to complete and submit assignments (both written and oral).

 We (the French program) have started to remedy this problem by uploading grammar exercises for each of the *FI* chapters to Schoolshape, the online language lab website that we started using last year.

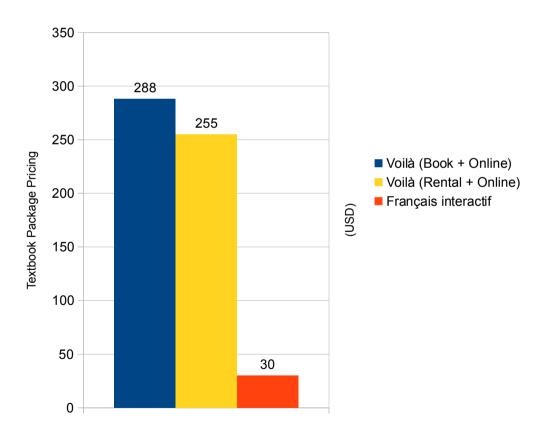




- Switching to this text has brought immediate savings to students.
 - Even if students choose to purchase a printed copy of the textbook, it only costs about \$30.
 - All the related online materials and other ancillary resources are free of charge.

Textbook Cost Comparison

First-Year French (MSU-Mankato)



For a single class of 30 students, this is a potential savings of over \$7,500!



- Students consider textbook costs when taking courses. Even a little effort on our part can create a lot of goodwill.
- Working with open educational resources presents interesting possibilities for customization that simply would not be possible otherwise.
- In the coming weeks and month, a bill will be introduced to the MN Legislature that will, if passed, fund an entire set of initiatives to help promote development, improvement and adoption of open-source textbooks, courseware and other open educational resources.
- This is very similar to and has been to some extent modeled on a program that has existed in California since 2001.

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- Voices for Openness in Language Learning
 - http://sites.la.utexas.edu/voices/ (featuring my friend Georges)
- Français interactif
 - http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/
- COST (California Textbook Initiative)
 - http://www.opensourcetext.org/