



Introduction Baby Stage

Coucou la communauté des *French learners* !

Je vais maintenant parler en anglais pour vous expliquer l'approche du *Français naturellement* et la série de vidéos spécialement pour les débutants ou les « bébés ! »

I am now going to speak in English to tell you more about the approach to acquire French the natural way.

I have carefully designed a series of videos for beginner learners. Those videos are for total beginners to more advanced beginners who want to review the basics. I have called this series ***Baby Stage***.



Why? Because when you were a baby, you probably don't remember it but you could not speak. Before you ever spoke your first word, you spent a **large amount of time**, in fact all your waking time, **hearing** your first language spoken to you. **You listened to the people around you**. Your parents and caretakers would talk to you a lot but you could not respond with words. They would talk to you in a way you could understand the gist of what they were saying. They would speak to you in a **comprehensible** way. This is the first stage of the language acquisition process.

And exactly the same process applies to any other languages. **Your brain is wired** to acquire any languages this way. You first need to **LISTEN before being able to speak**. You need to listen with the intent **to understand**. When you understand what you hear, your brain is acquiring the new language. It is a **subconscious** process. I am pretty sure you don't remember practicing nor memorizing your first language when you were a baby? That is because your brain subconsciously absorbed and acquired the new language.

Remember, we are talking about language **acquisition** here, NOT language learning. The goal is to acquire French so that it stays in your brain **forever**.

That is why in this series of videos, I am **only** going to speak in French. I am going to speak

French only and the subtitles of the videos will be in French. I am going to speak French slowly and I am going to use gestures and drawings on the board to help you understand what I am saying.

Your only « job » is to **try to understand** what I am telling you. NOT to understand everything, but to understand the gist of what I am saying (like when you were a baby!) No need to translate word to word in your head, no need to repeat what I am saying. Remember, speaking will come naturally later when your brain is READY.

In this series of videos, you are going to build a strong foundation. You are going to acquire the **most frequent** French words and structures used in everyday conversations. These super words and expressions will allow you to communicate in the greatest number of contexts. They will also help you understand the general gist of most conversations. They are **super useful!**

In each video, you will first listen to the **key structure** being explained to you. You will then watch a story which uses this key structure **in context**. After you have watched the video, you can **read the story script** which includes a glossary of the key words and expressions used in the story. But remember, there is NO need to memorize those words because you will hear them again and again in the next videos!

You will also find a list of **other stories** suggestions which you can read and listen to. **The more you hear French, the more you understand, the more you acquire French.**

Sit comfortably, listen, read, try to understand, ENJOY.

Happy Baby Stage! Happy French acquisition!

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