

THE ROSETTA STONE FRENCH COMPUTER PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET

The computer program I am using is called The Rosetta Stone, and it is very comprehensive. It was designed for schools so it can handle numerous students at one time, and can be tailored to meet their various needs. Students young and old can get a great education in the French language by doing The Rosetta Stone program over whatever time period suits them. Some people can complete the entire program in 2 years; others will want to make it their whole 4- or 5-year high school language course. Children may want only to get a basic introduction to the language; adults may want to refresh the training they took decades before.

The Rosetta Stone "offers a powerful method for fast and effective language learning on CD-ROM.... Using the recorded voices of native French speakers and thousands of real-life photographs, the Rosetta Stone program recreates the natural process of learning language. Words rapidly become associated with objects and ideas in a context where meaning is clear and reinforcement is immediate. Innovative multimedia technology and proven teaching methods make this possible."

The Rosetta Stone program consists of 19 units, split between 2 levels. Each unit contains 10-12 lessons—so it has 210 lessons altogether. Each lesson is presented in several different ways to teach Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. There are 9 existing tutorials* that you can choose among for each lesson in order to learn each new set of words and phrases in depth. You will want to do at least 3 - 5 tutorials for each. The three minimum tutorials include 1 Listening and Reading (a combined approach), 1 Speaking*, and 1 Writing. If possible, you should also do 1 Listening and 1 Reading before doing the Speaking* exercise. At the end of each tutorial there is a test. The proficiency levels of the tutorials have been set at two points: beginning tutorials are set at 70% correct, and standard tutorials are set at 80% correct. When you pass the test (with either 70% or 80%), you are immediately taken to the next tutorial in the programmed sequence. (*The speaking exercise is not a tutorial, strictly speaking; you may work at specific words in it until you are satisfied with your achievement. It can be done at any point and as often as you feel ready to work on it.)

At your first appointment you may take a free trial run to see how the program works and find out if it suits you, then we will design your course of study together and sign a [simple contract](#). The Student Management System will guide you through your designed course automatically and I will use it to monitor your progress and generate reports. We can re-design your course of study at any time if you find you are learning the material more quickly or more slowly than anticipated, or if you wish to change the emphasis from one skill type to another.

I can seat up to 3 students at a time between Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening each week. I would prefer to have students on a regular weekly or monthly schedule but appointments may be booked one at a time. Adjustments can be made if/when necessary, as long as alternate time slots are available. Contact me at least 24 hours prior to the appointment or as soon as possible and leave a message at 969-9698 when these changes need to be made. [Use e-mail or contact form, if you like.](#)

Cost is \$3.25 per hour; cash only, please, if you are paying as you go. Receipts available upon request.