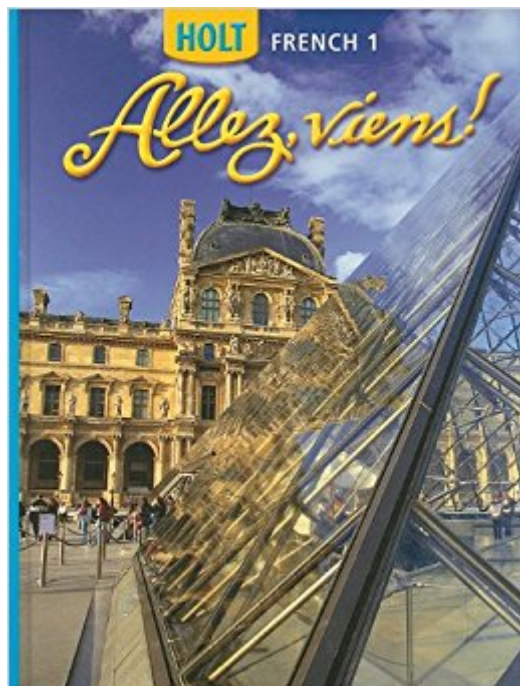


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Great French textbook to help my student learn French along with Rosetta Stone. Rosetta Stone helps with the pronunciation and this textbook helps with the understanding of what the verbs are and how the verbs work. Great Textbook.

The earlier review from a teacher was very helpful in identifying some weaknesses in the text. This reviewer also noted that teens would probably relate well to this text. From my child's experience with the book, I agree. The text makes the French language approachable and interesting. I hope my child's excellent instructor can make up for some of the confusions about grammar that might result from the text. The accompanying workbook is very helpful.

Fast delivery. Book arrived as described by seller (like new). Holt makes great language books for middle school and high school students. I highly recommend their series over any others.

The book was as expected. It was used but in good condition. I'm enjoying learning French.

For my French class

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Bought this for 8th grade french. Came as promised. Clean copy. No highlighting inside. Truly beats paying big bucks for a brand new one.

This textbook series seems to be the best available French textbook series at this time. It is proficiency-based (rather than mastery-based). Students are provided with an abundance of colloquial vocabulary for topics of interest to young people. I find that my students are more willing to engage in conversation than with the older-style methods. The strong points of this series are the recycling (of vocab and grammar) and the reading program. The reading program consists of a reader and a workbook. The reader includes short readings using vocab students won't know, but challenges them to figure out what they need to know, reflect on what they figured out, and make strategic decisions about what is not necessary to know. The workbook includes excellent lessons focused on specific reading strategies. The reading exercises in the textbook itself are not as good. The weak points in this program include the vocabulary presentations. Vocabulary is often presented for the first time to inexperienced students without accents, and without definitions for many items. For example, when students learn school vocab they see a picture labelled "Lycee Voltaire" (no accents) but they aren't told that "lycee" means high school. Other problems are often presenting/using adjectives only in masculine form, and introducing vocab phrases that involve advanced grammar and ignoring or over-simplifying the grammar that will have to be re-learned properly later. The first chapter in particular tries to introduce too much too soon, but the pace of the rest of the book is relatively even. Given the choices for French textbooks aimed at teens, this is a good one. But there are many weaknesses that could be improved upon. Overall, I feel my students will learn a great deal of French and francophone culture from this book, and have fun doing it.

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