

LANGUAGE

This month: Learn the vocab relating to hunting and fishing, and test yourself with our favourite puzzles



Get the vocab: *crever*

Literally meaning 'to puncture' or 'to burst', this word crops up in many phrases. It is a slang word for 'being exhausted' or 'dying', and *crever de faim/froid* means 'to be starving/freezing'. If something is described as *à crever de rire*, it means that it's 'hysterically funny'.

LITTLE LEARNERS

Do you have young children and are keen to teach them French? Little Bilingues is a website aimed at supporting parents who don't know where to start. The website offers advice about bilingualism as well free content to help children aged two to seven learn French while improving the knowledge of their mother tongue. The colourfully illustrated eBook *Adventures at the beach - À la mer* is available to download for free alongside activity sheets, and *I don't know what to wear - Je ne sais pas quoi mettre* costs £1.69 to download. Both books can be purchased in hard copy format for £6.99 each.

www.littlebilingues.com



Internet learning

Named after a rare language spoken in Cameroon, busuu.com is a language-learning website with an innovative approach, giving users the opportunity to practise French via video-chat with native speakers. Lessons start at basic level through to upper-intermediate with diverse topic areas, from phrases needed to describe yourself, through to politics and environmental issues. There are images and audio files to assist learning, as well as multiple choice and writing exercises. Most of the content is free, but there is the option of upgrading in order to gain access to additional functionalities and more material, starting at €14.99 for one month (€69.99 for 12 months). As well as the website, there is an app for smartphones and tablets available from Google Play and the Apple App store.

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My French language tip

TV and radio really work even if it is on in the background as it tunes your ear in and gradually adjusts your listening skills. Reading some of a newspaper daily, particularly your local one, also helps and encourages you to become part of the community by attending events, etc, which is of course the best way to learn.

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