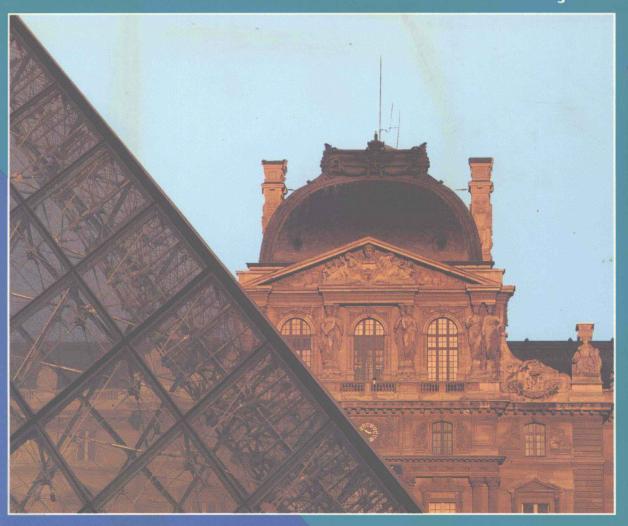
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Ensuite, Cours intermédiaire de français, deuxième édition is a complete program for intermediate French courses, aimed at building students' proficiency in all four language skills—reading, writing, listening, and speaking—and at enhancing their knowledge of the cultures of French-speaking people. The student text places readings—both literary and from the popular press—at the core of each chapter.

The Ensuite Program

- ♠ Ensuite is based on authentic materials for reading and listening, and authentic tasks for writing and speaking. Through the readings in the student text and the listening passages in the laboratory program, students not only learn to understand "real" French, they are also exposed to a wealth of information about the ideas, interests, and values of the Francophone world.
- ◆ Ensuite focuses particularly on the processes of reading, writing, listening, and speaking. In sections called A première vue, Avant d'écrire, and Avant d'écouter (lab program), it offers students step-by-step strategies to develop these skills.
- ◆ Ensuite is built on a functional syllabus. Grammar and vocabulary are introduced not as ends in themselves, but as a means to communication. Communicative functions, such as asking for and getting information, telling a story in the past, or comparing, are the building blocks of each chapter, and each function is recycled several times throughout the course to bring students from partial to full control.
- ◆ Because one of the assumptions behind *Ensuite* is that students learn most thoroughly by *doing*, the text gives students many opportunities to work on

- activities in small groups, where there is a genuine exchange of information. The activities are lively and proficiency-oriented. Both oral and written, they have been designed first and foremost to spark students' interest, to encourage them to explore their own ideas and to react to those of their classmates.
- ◆ In each of the main sections of *Ensuite*, students are called on to develop critical thinking skills. Rather than merely studying material they are given, the text calls on students to be active learners. They learn to analyze, draw analogies, infer, deduce, and interpret, whether dealing with readings, grammar concepts, or conversational situations.
- ♦ When used with the Cahier de laboratoire et d'exercices écrits, Ensuite provides plenty of controlled grammar and vocabulary practice to give intermediate students the basic skills necessary for freer communicative activities.

New to this Edition

- ♠ A totally new grammar presentation. Via the new Déduisez/Vérifiez format, grammar sections present structures inductively, requiring students to participate actively in the learning process. First, students observe the structures in context; second, they are led to infer on their own how those structures work in French; third, they verify their hypotheses and learn more details about the concept. Quick self-check exercises in Essayez! enable them to verify comprehension immediately and pinpoint where they need more study. This approach makes it possible to save most class time for communicative practice.
- ◆ Eight readings are new to this edition.
- ◆ Pre-reading sections (formerly Avant de lire) have been streamlined and tasks simplified. Students are now given two kinds of pre-reading preparation: A première vue presents global reading strategies such as anticipating content and skimming for the gist, and Le langage contains brief tasks focusing on the language of the texts. Le langage teaches students skills such as guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words based on context and analyzing the structure of a sentence.
- → The book has been shortened, and now ends with a brief summary unit the aim of which is to recycle essential functions.
- ◆ Marginal notes in the new Instructor's Edition will make Ensuite easier to use in class. They contain suggestions for presenting material and conducting activities; they also provide additional activities and cultural information.

Teaching for Proficiency

Foremost among the underlying organizational principles of *Ensuite* are the proficiency guidelines developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and based on standards long used by the United States government and armed services. The guidelines identify four major levels of linguistic development. These levels and their subdivisions are as follows:

Superior Advanced High Intermediate High Intermediate Mid Intermediate Low Novice High Novice Mid

Many instructors have learned to use this terminology to measure students' oral proficiency. The notion of proficiency can also be applied to reading, writing, and listening. Ensuite provides a wide variety of contexts and activities aimed at simultaneously developing students' proficiency in all four skills. Proficiency goals are inherent in the sequence of grammar presentation. Those structures most needed by learners at the lower proficiency levels are treated first and recycled frequently, while more demanding structures are added and spiraled along with the simpler ones as the text progresses.

The authors have made three key assumptions about the development of oral proficiency. First, most students at the beginning of the second year of college language study (after a summer hiatus) would prove to be at the lower end of the ACTFL scale (Novice High or Intermediate Low) if tested in an oral interview. Second, a reasonable goal for second-year students would be the middle range (Intermediate Mid or Intermediate High). Third, students should be exposed to the structures needed to achieve the highest levels (Advanced High to Superior), even though such achievement is not likely after two years of language study.

Equivalent levels of proficiency for the other three skills are equally desirable, but the four skills will not evolve at an equal pace. Students generally can read and understand at a higher level than that at which they can speak. Ensuite aims to provide an opportunity to develop all four skills, although such development must necessarily depend on the ability and effort of the individual.

Before beginning work on *Ensuite*, the authors identified the following ten basic language functions, the mastery of which is necessary to progress up the ACTFL scale.

- 1. asking and answering questions
- 2. describing in present time
- 3. narrating in present time
- 4. surviving a simple (predictable) situation
- 5. describing in past time
- 6. narrating in past time
- 7. describing and narrating in future time
- 8. surviving a situation with a complication (an unpredictable situation)
- 9. supporting opinion
- 10. hypothesizing

Each unit of the text targets one or two of these functions, progressing from the simplest (1 and 2) to the most difficult (9 and 10).

Organization of Ensuite

The text consists of six units of three chapters each, and a brief summary unit. Each of the six main units is introduced by thematic, often visual, materials (advertisements, magazine clippings, photos) designed to spark students' interest and to provide general information about the unit's contents. This section should allow students to activate background knowledge about the targeted theme and functions. Instructors may wish to use it as an informal pre-test to pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of the class.

Each chapter has four main sections: **Paroles, Lecture, Structures,** and **Parécrit. Paroles** presents the essential vocabulary of the chapter. Many of the words will be familiar to students; the activities in **Paroles** have been created to help students activate them. This section sets the stage for the reading and grammar-related activities to follow.

Each **Lecture** section consists of a reading and, to help students read authentic materials with greater comprehension and enjoyment, a set of general reading strategies and specific work on language issues. An introduction to the readings provides cultural and thematic information. Follow-up activities verify comprehension of the reading and relate it to students' own experiences.

Structures presents grammar points illustrated by examples, often related to the reading. All grammar presentations are given in English to make it possible for students to prepare that section of the chapter on their own, but French is the language of the guided activities that appear throughout the section. The activities that conclude **Structures** are based on pair or group work, and always include at least one role-play. Such activities put the grammar to work in realistic contexts. Captions and questions that accompany realia and visuals add to these activities.

Par écrit focuses on writing. It offers general strategies for good writing, including ways to come up with interesting ideas, anticipating the reader's expectations, and useful techniques for organizing a descriptive or narrative passage. Pre-writing tasks help students take the first step toward writing the essay proposed in the section. Essay topics are genuine writing tasks, not oral exercises made into writing assignments. This section focuses specifically on the writing skill, which is sometimes overlooked in textbooks built upon communicative activities.

Program Components

The Ensuite package also contains an Instructor's Edition of the main text, a Cahier de laboratoire et d'exercices écrits, computer materials for the student, a Tapescript, an Instructor's Manual and Test Bank, an optional Instructor's Resource Kit, color slides, and videos.

The Cahier de laboratoire et d'exercices écrits and its accompanying tape program contain several types of material. The workbook offers basic, controlled written grammar and vocabulary exercises to supplement the interactive material in the student text. Students can correct most of these exercises themselves, using the answer key at the back. The workbook also includes six supplementary readings; these are interviews with French speakers from various walks of life, talking about diverse topics relating to the theme of the unit. The intent is to provide additional reading practice and to give students a greater understanding of the people whose language they are learning. The laboratory program also contains authentic interviews different from those in the workbook, as the basis for listening comprehension activities in a section called **A l'écoute.** Guided by pre-listening and post-listening tasks, students hear brief excerpts from unscripted conversations. The aim is to teach them, through a step-by-step process, to understand natural spoken French. In addition, the laboratory program builds listening and speaking skills via pronunciation practice and discrete-item practice of the chapter's vocabulary and grammar.

The Instructor's Manual and Test Bank offers theoretical and methodological commentary on using the program and on teaching for proficiency with the text. It also contains guidelines on developing exams appropriate to the proficiency-oriented classroom, and a complete exam for each unit.

The optional **Instructor's Resource Kit** is coordinated chapter-by-chapter with the student text. It provides transparency masters for grammar review exercises, realia from the student text enlarged for ease of use, new realia thematically related to each chapter, and optional activities and role-plays.

The computer materials for student use with *Ensuite* include MHELT 2.0 (the McGraw-Hill Electronic Language Tutor), containing all the single-

response answers from the student text in a new format that is easier to use, and **Jeux communicatifs**, computer games in French for students.

Several sets of color slides of both France and the Francophone world can be used with this edition of *Ensuite*.

Video materials, both scripted and authentic, are available for use with Ensuite.

To obtain more information and prices for the supplemental materials available with *Ensuite*, please get in touch with your local McGraw-Hill sales representative.

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