

<p>LEVEL 4 Unit 1 Lesson 1</p>	<p>Looking for an apartment</p>
	<p>WHAT YOU WILL LEARN</p> <p>How to say you are looking for an apartment: <i>je cherche un appartement</i></p> <p>How to say what you want</p> <p>How to talk about what floor it is on: <i>au cinquième étage</i></p> <p>Ordinal numbers</p>
<p>Video dialog</p>	<p>FR_19_1.flv</p> <p><i>M1 Bonsoir messieurs dames.</i></p> <p><i>M3 Bonsoir monsieur.</i></p> <p><i>M1 Bonsoir.</i></p> <p><i>M2 Je te présente Delphine ... Delphine, Pascal.</i></p> <p><i>F2 Bonsoir.</i></p> <p><i>M1 Bonsoir, enchanté. Je peux vous offrir un verre?</i></p> <p><i>F2 Merci, c'est gentil, on a déjà commandé.</i></p> <p><i>M2 On m'a dit qu'il va y avoir une exposition de tes photos à New York.</i></p> <p><i>M1 Oui, j'y vais à la fin du mois. Une pression, s'il vous plaît.</i></p> <p><i>M3 J'arrive.</i></p> <p><i>M1 Je cherche un appartement et Mélinda m'a dit que tu pourrais peut-être m'aider.</i></p> <p><i>M2 Oui, pas de problème. Qu'est-ce que tu cherches?</i></p> <p><i>M1 Quelque chose de pas trop cher.</i></p> <p><i>F2 À Paris! Ça va pas être facile!</i></p> <p><i>M1 Ça n'a pas besoin d'être grand.</i></p> <p><i>M2 Je vais voir ce que nous avons.</i></p> <p><i>F2 Il y a un appartement libre dans notre immeuble.</i></p> <p><i>M2 C'est un petit studio au cinquième.</i></p> <p><i>F2 Ce n'est pas cher parce que l'ascenseur est toujours en panne!</i></p> <p><i>M1 Les escaliers, c'est bon pour la santé! On pourrait le voir?</i></p> <p><i>M2 J'ai des photos à l'agence. Je vais te les montrer.</i></p> <p><i>M1 Parfait.</i></p>
<p>English transcript</p>	<p>Pascal: Good evening everybody.</p> <p>Waiter: Good evening.</p> <p>Pascal: Good evening.</p> <p>Hugo: This is Delphine ... Delphine, Pascal.</p> <p>Delphine: Good evening.</p> <p>Pascal: Good evening, pleased to meet you. Can I buy you a drink?</p> <p>Delphine: Thank you, that's very kind, but we have already ordered.</p> <p>Hugo: I've been told that there's going to be an exhibition of</p>

	<p>your photos in New York.</p> <p>Pascal: Yes, I'm going at the end of the month. A draft beer, please.</p> <p>Waiter: Coming up.</p> <p>Pascal: I'm looking for an apartment and Mélinda told me that you might be able to help me.</p> <p>Hugo: Yes, no problem. What are you looking for?</p> <p>Pascal: Something not too expensive.</p> <p>Hugo: In Paris? That's not going to be easy!</p> <p>Pascal: It doesn't have to be big.</p> <p>Hugo: I will see what we have.</p> <p>Delphine: There's an empty apartment in our building.</p> <p>Hugo: It's small studio on the sixth floor.</p> <p>Delphine: It isn't expensive because the elevator is always out of order.</p> <p>Pascal: Stairs are good for you. Could I see it?</p> <p>Hugo: Yes, I've got the pictures at the office. I'll show you them.</p> <p>Pascal: Great.</p>
Cultural tip 1	<p>In France, apartments can be referred to as F1, F2, etc. (or T1, T2, etc.): this indicates the number of rooms other than the kitchen and bathroom. So an F2 is a one-bedroom apartment (one bedroom, one living room) with a separate kitchen and bathroom.</p> <p>This is the language real estate agents use, but in everyday conversation, you would use the words <i>studio</i>, <i>deux-pièces</i>, <i>trois-pièces</i>, etc.</p> <p>Most people know the size of their apartment in square meters, so you often see ads giving both the number of rooms and the floor area, e.g., <i>appartement de type F3, 70 m²</i> (two-bedroom apartment, 70 square meters).</p> <p>FR_19_1_CN1.jpg</p>
Cultural tip 2	<p>Studio apartments are very common in France. They usually have a separate shower room, but the kitchen area is part of the living space. Students and young professionals tend to live in studio apartments rather than sharing bigger apartments with others.</p> <p>FR_19_1_CN2.jpg</p>
Cultural tip 3	<p>On the first floor</p> <p><i>au premier étage</i> – on the second floor</p> <p>It is often shortened to <i>au premier</i>: <i>J'habite au premier.</i> – I live on the second floor.</p>

	<p>Watch out: although <i>premier étage</i> literally means “first floor,” in the US it corresponds to the second floor.</p> <p>The floor that is called “first floor” or “ground floor” in the US is known in French as <i>le rez-de-chaussée</i> (literally “street level”).</p> <p>FR_19_1_CN3.jpg</p>
<p>Questions on video</p>	<p>Focus on Comprehension</p> <p>Watch the video. Read each question and select the correct answer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After Pascal greets Hugo and Delphine, what does he offer them? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> a bottle of beer <input type="radio"/> a draft beer <input checked="" type="radio"/> a glass 2. How does Delphine reply to this offer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> she'd love a drink <input checked="" type="radio"/> thanks, but they have already ordered <input type="radio"/> Delphine says the drinks are on her 3. What does Hugo say someone has told him about Pascal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Pascal is a photographer <input checked="" type="radio"/> he has an exhibition in New York <input type="radio"/> he has an exhibition in Paris 4. When does Pascal say the exhibition will take place? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> at the end of he month <input type="radio"/> next week <input type="radio"/> the week after next 5. What does Pascal tell Hugo he is looking for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> a big house <input type="radio"/> somewhere to hold an exhibition <input checked="" type="radio"/> an apartment 6. What does Hugo say about that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> that's no problem <input type="radio"/> it's quite a problem <input type="radio"/> it's very difficult in Paris 7. What does Pascal say he wants his apartment to be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> big and light <input checked="" type="radio"/> not too expensive <input type="radio"/> on the first floor