Preface

How often have you tried to integrate French films into your first-year French course and found the language too difficult for your students to comprehend? How many times have you been disappointed by the French videos offered with other textbooks? Would you like your students to watch a French film that they can actually understand, and one that will help them learn about French language and culture? If so, this program is for you!

The *Débuts / Le Chemin du retour* Program: What Is It?

The textbook, *Débuts*, and the film, *Le Chemin du retour*, are a completely integrated film-based introductory course for learning French language and culture.

A two-hour feature-length film, *Le Chemin du retour* is the story of a young television journalist, Camille Leclair, and her pursuit of the truth about her grandfather's mysterious past. Through Camille's quest, students learn language and culture in the functional context provided by the story.

Unlike other textbook/video programs in which the video component is thematically, functionally, or grammatically driven, and thus self-consciously pedagogical, this program has been developed so that the textbook is a complement to the film. The film narrative is what drives the scope and sequence of vocabulary and grammar, the presentation of culture, and the development of reading and writing. This does not mean, however, that these items are presented in a random fashion. Rather, the screenwriter worked within the authors' pedagogical framework *but did not let it limit* his creative expression. He did a wonderful job of writing a good story while still honoring the major steps in learning the French language.

The textbook/film package grew out of the authors' conviction that language learning is more than just learning skills: it is also a process in which understanding of culture must surely occupy a central position. Therefore, *Débuts* and *Le Chemin du retour* emphasize the importance of cultural awareness and understanding, not only of the French culture, but also of the student's own culture.

Equally important, the authors strongly believe in the principles of communicative competence. *Débuts* gives students a solid foundation in the structure of the language, stressing acquisition of high-frequency grammar, vocabulary, and functional language. In addition, students come to view listening, reading, and writing as active tasks, requiring meaningful interaction as well as high-order cognitive processing.

The Goals of the Program

The overall goal in *Débuts* is to move students toward communicative competence while guiding them toward intercultural sophistication. Included in this framework are the following student objectives:

- to communicate orally and in writing in natural-sounding French and in culturally appropriate ways
- to read with comprehension both informational and literary texts taken from authentic French sources
- to understand French when spoken by a variety of people using authentic speech patterns and rates of speed
- to increase awareness and understanding of cultural institutions and culturally determined patterns of behavior
- to develop critical-thinking skills as they apply to language learning
- to link language study to broader and complementary discipline areas

Cultural Competence

Débuts had its origins in the desire to provide students with a stimulating, culturally rich set of tools for the acquisition of French. Cultural content was thus a central concern in the devising of the plot of *Le Chemin du retour*, and it has been integrated into every section of the text. Through the film, students have the opportunity for intensive exposure not only to the language and communicative habits of French speakers, but also to the visual culture of objects and nonverbal communication and to the auditory culture of music and the sounds of everyday life.

The approach to culture in *Débuts* is content-based. Themes treated in the sections specifically devoted to culture derive from the film but consistently move students toward the big questions of culture, stimulating them to consider matters that are of concern to all people, whether or not they ever travel to the French-speaking world. The authors have made culture a "hook" in this program, to generate interest in longer-term language study and to place the study of language and culture within the larger context of a humanistic education. The cultural content of *Débuts* aims to be thought-provoking and to expand students' horizons beyond simple "travelogue" facts toward understanding the roots of cultural differences.

The National Standards

With its integrated, multifaceted approach to culture, *Débuts* exemplifies the spirit of the National Standards* of foreign language education. By watching the characters in the film perform routine tasks and interactions and by grappling with complex issues of history and identity, students are exposed to a multiplicity of products, processes, and perspectives.

Through the presentation of functional language, role-play activities, and personalized activities, as well as an emphasis on listening comprehension, *Débuts* emphasizes **communication**. Documents, readings, and other exploratory activities help students make **connections** between their study of French, other discipline areas, and their own lives. As for **culture**, the *Regards sur la culture* and *Synthèse* sections in the textbook provide sustained opportunities for hypothesis and analysis, inviting students to make connections between beliefs, behaviors, and cultural artifacts. Ample opportunities are also provided for cross-cultural **comparisons** in the follow-up activities to the *Regards sur la culture* and *Synthèse* sections. Finally, web-based and experiential activities allow students to explore the many types of **communities** inherent in the French-speaking world.

New to the Third Edition

In response to feedback about the second edition of *Débuts*, we have made the following changes to the new edition:

- Vocabulary has been revised to help students move beyond discussion of the film, *Le Chemin du retour*, to related contemporary topics. For example, common university courses are now presented earlier, in Chapters 1 and 2. In Chapter 19, a new vocabulary section on protest and peaceful change has been added to supplement the current presentation on World War II and the Resistance. Other new, expanded, or updated vocabulary topics include technology (Chapter 13), the immigrant contribution to French culture (Chapter 15), ecology and other environmental issues (Chapter 18), and job hunting (Chapter 20).
- Grammar activities have been revised throughout to provide more opportunities for partner work and meaningful student interaction. In the *Instructor's Edition*, new input activities have been introduced into each chapter to allow for an immediate check on student aural comprehension of new grammar points.
- In order to provide more exposure to the Francophone world in both cultural and social contexts, we've added eight new readings in this edition. New topics include nonverbal communication (Chapter 3), Tunisian holidays and celebrations (Chapter 5), Swiss youth fashion (Chapter 6), healthcare in the Francophone world (Chapter 9), and Malian music (Chapter 21). We have also included the lyrics to three songs about the Francophone experience: "Jolie Louise" from Québécois composer Daniel Lanois (Chapter 2); "Réveille," Zachary Richard's ode to the Acadian expulsion of the French and their exodus to Louisiana (Chapter 11); and Jean-Jacques Goldman's "Ton Fils," a moving ballad about the immigrant experience in France (Chapter 20).
- In conjunction with these new textbook readings, a playlist of songs has been created in iTunes[†] to coordinate with the *Débuts* program and give students still more exposure to the vast diversity of music and culture in the Francophone world.
- Notez bien! and Pour en savoir plus marginal boxes, along
 with the Regards sur la culture section, have been revised
 throughout to include new social developments,
 technological advancements, and updated statistics.
- The **Visionnement 1** section of previous editions, which provides previewing activities for each episode of *Le Chemin du retour* as well as vocabulary needed for

^{*}Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century (1996, National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project). The standards outlined in this publication were established by a collaboration of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF), the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG).

[†]iTunes is a trademark of Apple Inc.

comprehension of the story, has been renamed À l'affiche (*Now Playing*). The **Visionnement 2** section is now called À **revoir** and can be found on the *Débuts* website along with postviewing activities from the workbook.

• Finally, this edition of *Débuts* features a fresh, modern design inspired by French film magazines.

Le Chemin du retour

Structure of Le Chemin du retour

Le Chemin du retour is available in a Director's Cut version that is the uninterrupted, full-length feature film. The Instructional Version of the film, however, divides the story into a preliminary episode, twenty-two story episodes, and an epilogue. Except for the **Épisode préliminaire**, which introduces students to the concept of learning French through film, each episode of Le Chemin du retour follows the same three-step format.

- Students watch and participate in on-screen previewing activities.
 - **Vous avez vu...** Scenes from previous episodes are used to remind students about main events in the story that will help them understand the new episode.
 - Vous allez voir... New narrative introductions of several important moments in the upcoming episode give students an idea of what they will see and hear in the episode. When expressions from the textbook feature Vocabulaire relatif à l'épisode appear, they are highlighted in the subtitles. Multiple-choice and True/False questions allow students to focus their viewing.
- 2. Students view the complete episode.
- Students watch and participate in on-screen postviewing activities.
 - Vous avez compris? Scenes from the episode are used in a variety of multiple-choice and true-false activities to help students verify their comprehension of the main ideas and the plot of the episode they've just viewed. Students who didn't understand an important point as they viewed the episode will find they understand more after doing these activities.
 - Langue en contexte A transition back to the textbook, this section identifies for students the language functions and structures they will learn about in the textbook. Appropriate scenes from the film are subtitled in French and the targeted grammar and vocabulary are highlighted in yellow.

Using Le Chemin du retour in a Classroom Setting

The film, *Le Chemin du retour*, can be used as the foundation for a classroom-based beginning French course at the college level. As such, it offers several options for implementation. For example, an instructor may

- use the textbook, Débuts, and the film in class, assign most
 of the material in the Workbook / Laboratory Manual for
 homework, and follow up selected homework activities
 with discussions in class.
- use only the textbook in class, and have students view the film episodes at home, in the media center, or in the language laboratory.
- use the Student Viewer's Handbook with the film either by itself or to accompany other print materials.

Options for Using Le Chemin du retour

The film, Le Chemin du retour, can also be used

- in a distance learning course.
- as an offering for adult or continuing education students.
- as the foundation for French courses at the high school level.
- as a supplement to beginning, intermediate, or advanced courses, at all levels of instruction.
- as a resource for informal learning.
- as training materials for French-language classes in business and industry.
- as a significant addition to library movie collections.

Cast of Characters



Camille Leclair A young television journalist who searches for the truth about her grandfather's past.



Mado Leclair Camille's mother, who fears the truth and wants to keep her father's history hidden forever.



Bruno Gall Camille's cohost on the morning television show "Bonjour!".



Rachid Bouhazid A new reporter at "Bonjour!" who, with his family, must adjust to a new life in Paris.



Louise Leclair Camille's grandmother, who encourages her granddaughter to pursue her quest for the truth.



Martine Valloton Producer of "Bonjour!" who has to risk her job to support Camille's determination to find out about her grandfather.



Hélène Thibaut A journalist from Quebec, and friend of Bruno and Camille.



David Girard Historian, friend of Bruno, who researches information about Camille's grandfather.



Alex Béraud A musician who plays in the Mouffetard Market. Friend of Louise, Mado, and Camille.



Sonia Bouhazid Wife of Rachid and mother of their daughter, Yasmine.



Jeanne Leblanc A woman who knew Camille's grandfather during the time of the German occupation of France.



Roland Fergus A man who worked with Camille's grandfather during the German occupation and who holds the key to the truth.

A Guided Tour of the Textbook

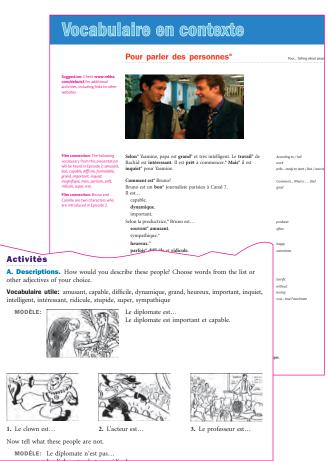
Débuts, the textbook, is clearly organized and easy to use. The chapters are coordinated with the individual episodes of the film. Each of the twenty-two main chapters consists of the following self-contained teaching modules, which maximize flexibility in course design. The preliminary chapter, containing a slightly different structure, introduces students to basic vocabulary and provides an overall framework for using the film.

Chapter Opener

Chapter learning goals prepare students for what is to come in the chapter and in the accompanying movie episode.

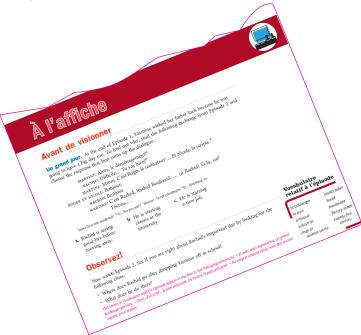
Vocabulaire en contexte

Thematically grouped vocabulary is presented in culturally informative contexts with drawings and scenes from the movie. It is accompanied by activities that promote vocabulary development.



À l'affiche

This section provides pre- and postviewing activities that supplement those found on-screen in the movie episode, as well as vocabulary needed for comprehension and questions that focus students' attention on what to watch and listen for in the story.



Après le visionnement

A. Quel travail? (Which job?) Now that you have watched Episode 2, match each job Person you saw in the film.









- d. un journaliste français e. une journaliste français

B. Qu'est-ce qui se passe? (What's happening?) Complete the summary of Episoby filling in the blanks with the appropriate word from the list of useful vocabulary. Vocabulaire utile: béret, Camille, Canal 7, content, émission, médaillon, Montréal, pain

Rachid arrive à _____!. Martine, la productrice, _____² ses nouveaux* collègu

Rachid arrive à _____. Martine, la productrice, _____ ses nouveaux* collègues, Rachid travailler* avec ______ se Bruno.
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Structure

Three grammar points per chapter are introduced through clear and concise explanations and examples from the movie. Grammar points are accompanied by a wide range of practice, from controlled and form-focused to open-ended and creative communicative activities.



The verbs devenir (to become) and revenir (to come back, return) are conjugated like

Mais elle revient pour parler à But she comes back to talk to Rachid.

2. To express where a person is coming from, use venir de.

Remember-The preposition de contracts with the masculine and plural defi Rachid vient du bureau. Nicole et Martine viennent de la régie.

3. The construction venir de +i infinitive means to have just done something. This is sometimes referred to as the immediate past. Martine vient d'arriver.

Martine vient de trouver le médaillon. Hélène (has) just arrived.

Martine (has) just found the la

Activités

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 4. Mitaçais habite a Tobjos Elle — du Ispon.

 5. Linda et Ford habitent à Montréel. Its — du Canada.

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 6. Vous habiter à Berlin. Vous — d'Allemagne.

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- B. A Canal 7. Complete these sentences with a form of the verbs venir, revenir, and devenir.
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 3. s[s]elene du Canada, D'où est-ce que to Rechtif.

 4. El Camille et toi, d'où est-ce que vous Brunofs.





The chapter culminates in a synthesis section, which alternates between cultural presentations and readings, many of which are song lyrics and literary selections. Prereading strategies and postreading comprehension activities help students develop reading skills. A writing activity (À écrire) follows in the Work-

book / Laboratory Manual.

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ociale et on continue à célébrer la famille (fête des tort⁵ de généraliser.

Other features

Langage fonctionnel

This feature provides useful phrases for carrying on conversations in particular situations.

Vocabulaire relatif à l'épisode

Unfamiliar vocabulary items needed for comprehension of the episode are provided in À l'affiche.

Notez bien!

These marginal notes highlight important details about grammar and vocabulary that students are expected to learn.

Pour en savoir plus

These marginal notes contain optional information about culture, vocabulary, and grammar.

Program Components

As a full-service publisher of quality educational products, McGraw-Hill does much more than just sell textbooks to students; we create and publish an extensive array of print, video, and digital supplements to support instruction on your campus. Orders of new (versus used) textbooks help us to defray the substantial cost of developing such supplements. Please consult your local McGraw-Hill representative to learn about the availability of the supplements that accompany *Débuts*.

Books and Multimedia Materials Available to Adopters and to Students

Student Edition

The *Débuts* textbook is correlated with the individual episodes in the film, *Le Chemin du retour*, and contains vocabulary presentations and activities; pre- and postviewing activities; grammar explanations and practice activities; songs; cultural, historical, and literary readings; and pre- and postreading activities.

Le Chemin du retour

- **Director's Cut:** The full length, uninterrupted two-hour film is available on DVD. The **Director's Cut DVD** version can be viewed with or without French subtitles.
- Instructional Version: This version, available on DVD and on the Centro website (www.mhcentro.com) divides the film into 24 episodes and includes onscreen pre- and postviewing activities. From the main menu of the DVD, instructors may choose to watch the episode with or without the pre- and postviewing activities.

CourseSmart eTextbook

CourseSmart is a new way to purchase the *Débuts* eTextbook. At CourseSmart you can save up to 50% off the cost of a print textbook, reduce your impact on the environment, and gain access to powerful web tools for learning. CourseSmart has the largest selection of eTextbooks available anywhere, offering thousands of the most commonly adopted textbooks from a wide variety of higher education publishers. CourseSmart eTextbooks are available in one standard online reader with full text search, notes and highlighting, and email tools for sharing notes between classmates. For further details contact your sales representative or go to www.coursesmart.com.

Workbook / Laboratory Manual

The Workbook / Laboratory Manual Part 1 (Chapters P–11) and Part 2 (Chapters 12–Épilogue) accompany the textbook. Each chapter is divided into sections that follow the organization of the main textbook. Each section, as appropriate, may contain both workbook and laboratory activities. All chapters provide practice in global listening comprehension, pronunciation, speaking, vocabulary, grammar, reading, writing, and culture.

Audio Program

For use with the laboratory activities in the *Workbook / Laboratory Manual*, the audio CDs offer 13 hours of listening, oral communication, and pronunciation practice. The Audio Program also contains the Vocabulary Audio CD, which is the recorded version of the end vocabulary for each chapter. The complete Audio Program can also be accessed on the *Débuts* website (www.mhhe.com/debuts3).

Centro

Available to all those who purchase the Quia online Workbook / Laboratory Manual, Centro (www.mhcentro.com) is a new and exciting one-stop website that brings together all the online and media resources of the Débuts program. The Quia online version of the workbook is identical in practice material to the print version, and has many added advantages, such as self-correcting exercises and the integration of the audio program into the activities. In addition to the online Workbook / Laboratory Manual, the Centro website also offers access to the Instructional Version of Le Chemin du retour and to the Online Learning Center website. Instructors will find an easy-to-use gradebook and class roster system that facilitate course management. They also get convenient access to all of the Instructor Resources.

Online Learning Center

A complete learning and teaching resource center for both students and instructors, this website (www.mhhe.com/debuts3) includes additional practice for each vocabulary and grammar section of each chapter and offers supplementary cultural readings and web-based activities that extend students' knowledge of the cultural topics introduced in the textbook.

In the previous edition, **Visionnement 2** was divided up between the main text and the *Workbook / Laboratory Manual*. In the third edition, these previewing and postviewing cultural activities have been brought conveniently together in the Online Learning Center, in the interactive section entitled **À revoir.** In addition, the **Dossier culturel** section, previously located in the *Workbook / Laboratory Manual* has been placed with the **Dossier culturel** activities that were already online. The Online Learning

Center also includes the maps from the book, an online tour of the filming locations for *Le Chemin du retour*, and an iTunes playlist. Instructor resources include the Instructor's Manual, the Audioscript, the Filmscript, the Testing Program, the Online Picture File, and Powerpoint presentations of grammar and vocabulary for each chapter.

Instructors have full access to all content via the Instructor's Edition link on the home page of the Online Learning Center website. Please contact your local McGraw-Hill sales representative for your password.

Student Viewer's Handbook

Ideal for those courses in which *Le Chemin du retour* is used to supplement textbooks other than *Débuts*, the Handbook offers a variety of pre- and postviewing activities for use with the film.

Books and Multimedia Materials Available to Adopters Only

Instructor's Edition

The Instructor's Edition is identical to the Student Edition except that it contains annotated suggestions, cultural information, additional vocabulary, as well as activity extensions and variations.

Online Instructor's Resources

Instructor's Manual

The Instructor's Manual provides additional background information on the film, a tour of the Paris and Marseille locations from the film with neighborhood maps as well as sample lessons, syllabus planning, and scheduling suggestions. It also includes general teaching suggestions, chapter-by-chapter teaching suggestions, and an Answer Key for the Student Edition activities. New to the third edition is a chapter of supplementary games and activities, with their accompanying handouts. In addition, instructors will find helpful suggestions for using the film as well as episode summaries in English and French.

Testing Program

The Testing Program consists of two sets of tests for each chapter of *Débuts*, as well as quarter and semester exams. An audioscript is provided for the Listening Comprehension section of each test.

Audioscript

The Audioscript, which contains the complete recording script of the Audio Program, can be downloaded from the Instructor's Edition of the Online Learning Center.

Online Picture File

The Online Picture File contains stills from the film designed to stimulate conversation in the classroom.

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