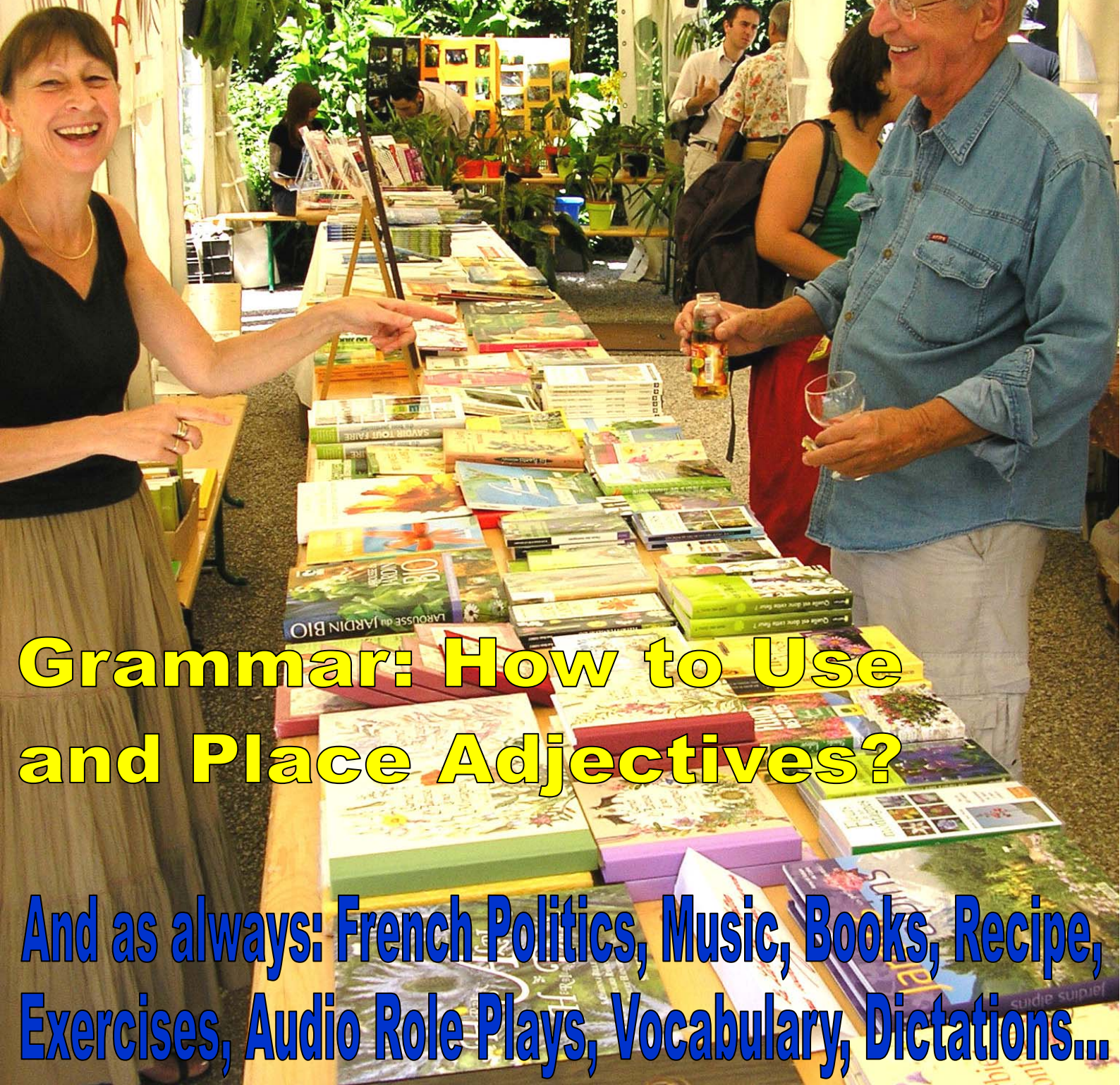


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Learning a Language: Breaking the Fear Barrier



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Éditorial

It is fear that, in most cases, provokes wild animals to attack humans who get too close to their nests. It is out of fear that people vote for populists, fascists and extremists of every kind. Politicians play up the theme of fear to make security measures their number one political slogan in their attempt to appeal to the voting public. It is fear that makes people reluctant to open their doors to foreigners. And it is out of fear that foreigners all-too-often shy away from making meaningful contact with the inhabitants of their adopted country.

We at *French Accent Magazine* don't for a minute think that we should allow the terribly negative emotion of fear, so carefully perpetuated by governments, dominate the world. Closing our doors and minds is never a good solution to our existential problems, and can only diminish our capacity to confront life as it is and as we would wish it to be. Getting to know, understand and respect each other, being open to dialogue and discussion, is a much more healthy and intelligent way of acting than adopting an attitude of withdrawal and seclusion. It is the same for people who live in a foreign country as exiles or expatriates. And we speak from experience, as we have all been faced with similar situations.

The best way to adapt to a new country, France for example, and to get to learn the language is to break the fear barrier, to never hesitate to approach the locals and try to exchange a few words and phrases in French with them, to start a dialogue. We devote the dossier of this month's issue to this simple attitude, which is a proven tool for success, as the testimonies of those who have put it to the test can confirm. When you learn French, as difficult it may seem to you and no matter how badly you express yourself, don't be afraid to speak, and even to involve the French in your learning process! You will be surprised to see how responsive and positive they will be, and how fast your knowledge of the language will improve. We also give you in this dossier a few tips on how to improve your chances of learning the language, once you have eliminated from your thinking every feeling of fear, the foremost barrier to any improvement.

And, as in every issue, we offer you easy grammatical explanations, scenarios on daily life and conversation in France, amusing articles on the evolution of the language, or on French politics, and on cultural aspects of life in the country, such as music, books, stories. And food, of course, one of the most important subjects of conversation for the French!

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