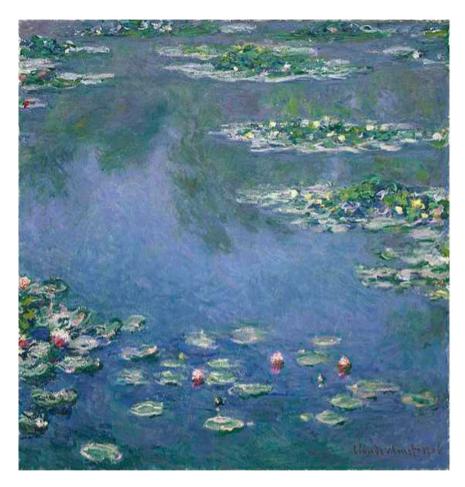
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iLrn online exercises: guide

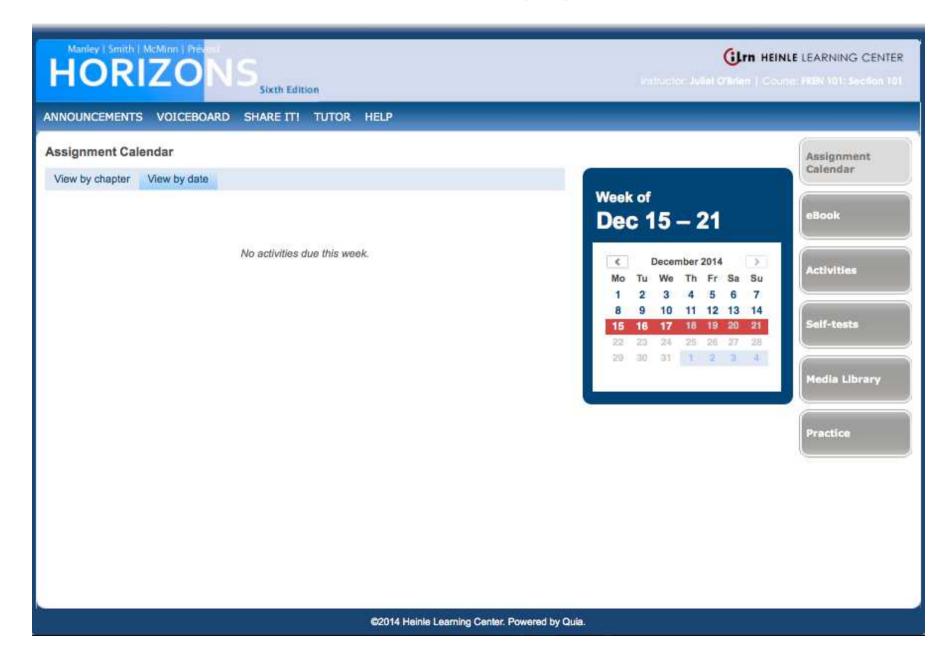
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Go to iLrn and log in

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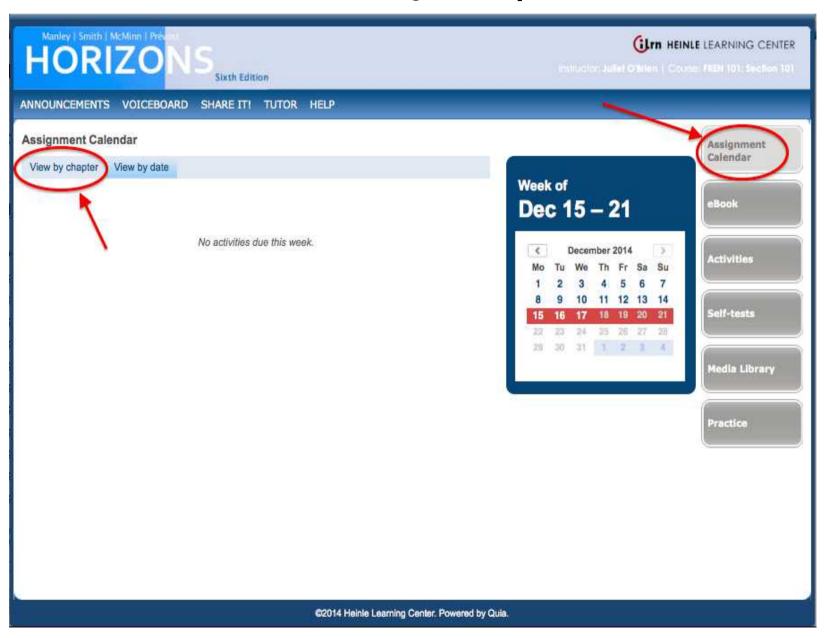


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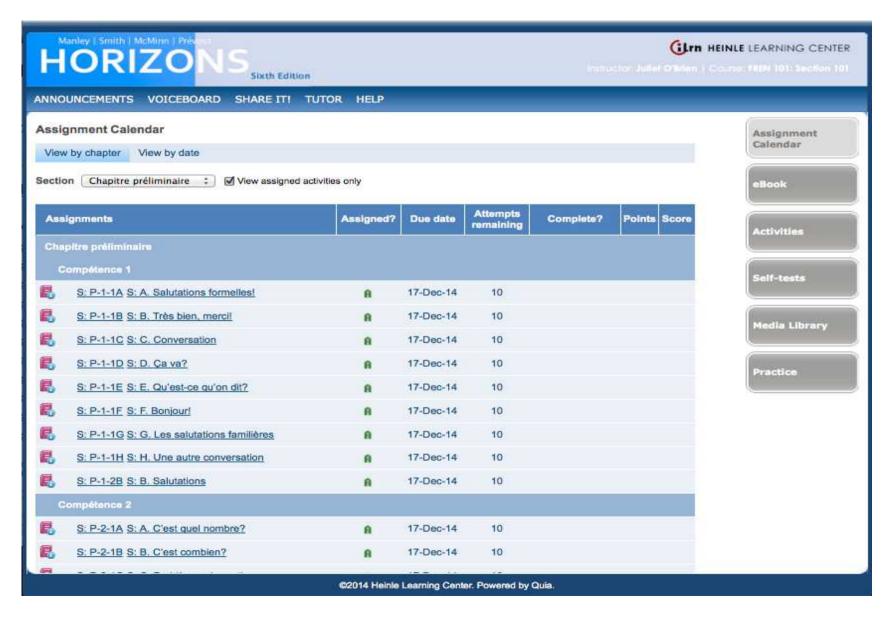
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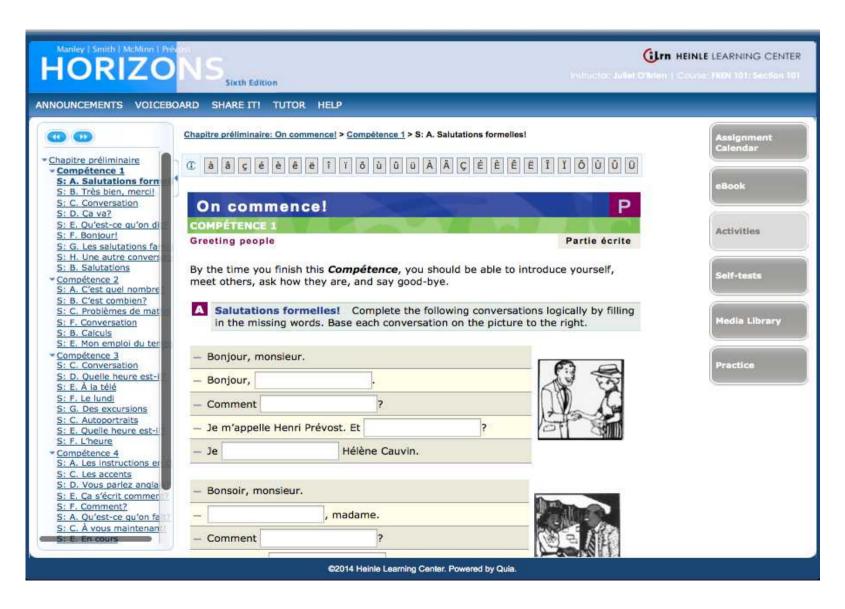
Select "assignment calendar" + "view by chapter"



You will see something like this...



Clicking on an exercise's name opens the exercise in "activities":

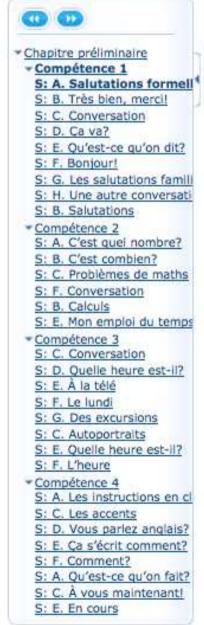


So: it's easiest to go directly to "activities"...

 The menu on your left allows you to select a specific exercise, or all exercises on a compétence, or on a whole chapter







The online exercises

- The exercises that are *for marks* = those you see in "activities" and "assignment calendar"
- NB: the iLrn "assignment calendar" is just for online assignments (= exercises) associated with your textbook, *Horizons*. You will have other assignments for this course that are not on iLrn: homework compositions, chapter tests, the midterm and final exams, etc.

- Complete your exercise
- You can use the accents in little grey boxes as needed...
- "Submit" when done
- You will receive a score and will have the option of trying again immediately. You can of course leave an exercise and return to it later.

Which exercises to do and how?

- The exercises that count towards the 10% of your grade are these "assigned" ones, that you see (as outlined in the previous slides) in the "assignment calendar" as "assigned"
- You have up to TEN attempts. The best attempt counts. It doesn't have to be your tenth attempt: you can decide to stop before then...
- Answers will be provided on your final attempt

When?

- Exercises are assigned chapter by chapter.
- Final due date: the end of the course, that is, the day of your final exam.
- Right now (at the time of writing these slides...) that
 date is unknown, so the due date is the end of term.
 Once the exam date is known (around half-way
 through the course), the due date will change to the
 date of the exam.

Why?

- For practice: this is one of several ways in which language-learning resembles music and sports; and indeed computer languages, logic, and maths.
- Exercises accompany and reinforce the work we're doing in class in any given week.
- It is recommended that you do exercises a first time after you have covered the material concerned in class: later that day, or a day later.

- You may find it helpful to redo exercises for revision before a test on that chapter (or the midterm).
- And then, similarly, for revision purposes, in the revision period after the end of classes, before the final exam.
- Your online exercise mark will only be calculated at the very end of term: this is so that you can use the exercises for revision before the final exam, and so that all your work, all term—including pre-exam revision—can count.

- The grade you see on iLrn will change through the term, as you complete exercises: you start with a score of 0 and it progresses from there. So do not worry if you have done well in exercises and your grade is low... wait until the end!
- VERY IMPORTANT: The final grade you see on iLrn is NOT NECESSARILY your final mark for the online-exercises—portion of the course!!! Marks for the exercises may be adjusted (by your instructor), but only to your advantage: i.e. at least the mark you see on iLrn. 100% on the exercises will be 10/10 for the online-exercises-part of your final grade.
- This is to encourage you to do the exercises, in a relaxed way, regularly, without worrying about them too much.



General recommendations

- For most university courses, it is usually expected that students spend (at least) 2 hours on work outside the classroom for every hour spent in the classroom
- = preparation for your next class + homework
 Not including (extra) preparation for tests and exams.
 For a winter-session 3 hour / week French course, that's at least 6 hours / week
- I (O'Brien) would recommend spending an hour a day outside class on French, including at least 30 minutes specifically on exercises, every day. With at least one day off a week to rest, and usually the whole weekend free from exercises.

- You may find it good and useful to work on exercises with colleagues from your class (*camarades de classe*). This is not only permitted but encouraged.
- It is also a good idea to work with your *camarades* de classe on revision before quizzes, tests, and exams.
- What is discouraged (and may count as cheating): doing homework with a Francophone student or a tutor, or having them do your work for you...

- Do not spend two or three (or more) hour in a row on French exercises!
- Language work requires intense concentration and focus, and a well-oxygenated brain. This kind of work is not compatible with long periods of time: it is generally better to work in shorter periods, with regular breaks.
- It is also inadvisable to do all your exercises in one giant block, for example at the weekend, or right before a due date. This is not a long-distance endurance test!

- Remember to take breaks: I would recommend doing exercises for 20 minutes (30 maximum), then take a break—stretch, have a cup of tea, go for a run—then do another 30 minutes (max) after that.
- As with any activity, in any practice session: avoid injury. If you are tired, stop and rest *(se reposer)*.
- Please do ensure that you get enough sleep (dormir). Sleep is important for learning (French), as well as for your general health and well-being.

example of restful break

