

An interactive online self assessment Game:

French "Jeu de l'Oie"

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CUHK students taking the French courses

Profile

- Limited teaching contact hours (3periods/week)
- From different departments/faculties
- 6 different levels
- About 400 students a term
- up to 10 parallel classes (3 FT & about 5 PT)

Their preferences

- More practice
- More revision
- More exposure to the language/culture
- More fun in learning

Characteristics of the project

STUDENTS' POINT OF VIEW

TEACHERS' POINT OF VIEW

- 1. Contributing to students' French learning
 - to practice
 - to revise
 - to give exposure to language and culture
- Having access to a user friendly tool
- 3. Having fun and being entertained(FUN ≠ ACADEMIC?)

- Developing the sense of autonomy through interactive self assessment

 to complement the platform
 Moodle
 FRE0000
- Including the development of the project into students' learning process
 - to involve students in the conception
- 4. Offering a CUHK learning object
 - to contribute to the industry of Teaching French as a second

Nature of project: A TAILOR MADE FRENCH INTERACTIVE GAME

Academic components

- Training of language proficiency (3 skills: grammar, vocabulary and listening)
- Use of the current textbooks (see syllabi)
- Self-assessment vs. sense of autonomy (interactivity and performance report)
- Exposure to French culture (French traditional game)

<u>Attractiveness</u>

- Learning through game (fun tasks)
- User friendly (no need to download; timing; repeat function)
- Interesting layout appealing to students (familiar elements: CUHK campus;

French programme's mascot)

Encouraging feedback (audio feedback)

French Game "Jeu de l'Oie"

Which takes place on CUHK campus



With the mascot of the French program: $D\acute{e}d\acute{e}$



Based on the course content of all levels of French

French Game "Jeu de l'Oie"

With the rules of the traditional French game where players throw a dice to

have little geese race along a path to make them reach their

Following the same principle, the French mascot walks to his destination as the player answers correctly the





Little rewards give the player a taste of French culture.

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Performance reports are issued after completion of each round of the grammar subcategory in each level. (inspired by ELTU IOWA system, Expo 2008)

Below 70%, mistakes are classified and weakness areas are outlined. The student is provided with guidance.

Conception of the game

Financial support

Courseware Development Grant Scheme (82,000HK\$)

Consulting experts

Prof. Paul Lam & Prof. Keith Thomas (CLEAR)

Judy Lo (ITSC)

Technical expertise

Eva Cheung & Dickson Au

Student helpers

(Information and Technology Service Center)

Pedagogical expertise

Nathalie Iseli & Christele Joly (French full-time instructors)

2 French part-time instructors

(Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages)

2 visiting French teachers

Pedagogical support

56 CUHK students from French Advanced 2 level

Testing and Evaluation

Testing

- Devising a survey for the evaluation exercise (September)
- Proofreading and testing the game in debug mode by the 2 French full-time instructors (September)
- Launching the game on the platform Moodle FRE0000 (end of September)
- Designing and opening to the students the online survey (end of September)

Evaluation (to be completed before December 2009)

- Analysis of the statistics of the online survey
- Collection of the data generated by the system Moodle
- Conducting focus group meetings with students

Issuance of the Final Report to be submitted to the CDG committee before December 31, 2009.

Further plans

- Uploading on various websites (reusability)
- Expanding the content for the 3-3-4 curriculum (2012)

