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To whom it may concern,

RE: Reference for Benoît Cassagnau

I am pleased to provide this reference for Benoît, with whom I worked during my time in France as I sought to strengthen my French through one-on-one instruction. From the outset, Benoît demonstrated a high level of skill as a tutor and a remarkable ability to adapt his teaching to my level, interests, and learning style.

What stood out most was his responsiveness to my needs. He quickly understood the areas where I needed support and tailored each lesson accordingly. His approach struck the perfect balance: challenging enough to push me forward, yet always achievable, which made progress both steady and motivating.

Benoît's teaching style is formal but friendly, creating an environment that feels structured without ever being intimidating. I felt confident very early on that both his method and his personality were exactly right for me.

The way he organised our sessions was particularly effective. Lessons typically included:

- Review and discussion of my written work, often based on readings/light research conducted between sessions
- Thoughtful conversation on current affairs and social issues, which kept the learning relevant and engaging
- Clear, constructive feedback on errors, with corrections delivered in a way that was genuinely helpful and easy to apply

This combination of structure, intellectual engagement, and personalised guidance made our sessions consistently productive and enjoyable.

I recommend Benoît without hesitation to anyone seeking a skilled, attentive, and highly effective French tutor.

Cordially,

Phillip Banks

Certified Executive Coach and Management Consultant