

Struggling to learn
French?

The 4 Weeks Course

one month CHALLENGE



TO GAIN FLUENCY AND
THE LANGUAGE LEARNING
HABITS YOU NEEDED



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YOUR SUPER AWESOME CONJUGATION WORKSHEET

Hi there!

The following is a worksheet to help you practice your conjugation, including the Present of Indicative, Near Future and Compound past. With these three, you have enough for a variety of basic conversations! Practice them as you will need it during the course!

PRESENT TENSE

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Avoir - To have | Être - To be | Aller - To go | Faire - to do |
| J'ai | Je suis | Je vais | Je fais |
| Tu as | Tu es | Tu vas | Tu fais |
| Il, elle, on a | Il, elle, on est | Il, elle, on va | Il, elle, on fait |
| Nous avons | Nous sommes | Nous allons | Nous faisons /f-uh-zon/ |
| Vous avez | Vous êtes | Vous allez | Vous faites /feht/ |
| Ils, elles ont | Ils, elles sont | Ils, elles vont | Ils, elles font |
| Pouvoir - Can | Vouloir - To want | Savoir - To know how | Connaitre - To know |
| Je peux | Je veux | Je sais | Je connais |
| Tu peux | Tu veux | Tu sais | Tu connais |
| Il, elle, on peut | Il, elle, on veut | Il, elle, on sait | Il, elle, on connaît |
| Nous pouvons | Nous voulons | Nous savons | Nous connaissons |
| Vous pouvez | Vous voulez | Vous savez | Vous connaissez |
| Ils peuvent | Ils, elles veulent | Ils savent | Ils, elles connaissent |

Verbs 1rst Group:

Aimer - To love, like

J'aime

Tu aimes

Il, elle, on aime

Nous aimons

Vous aimez

Ils, elles aiment

Verbs 2nd Group:

Finir - To finish

Je finis

Tu finis

Il, elle, on finit

Nous finissons

Vous finissez

Ils, elles finissent

Verbs 3rd group

Prendre - To take

Je prends

Tu prends

Il, elle, on prend

Nous prenons

Vous prenez

Ils, elles prennent

COMPOUND PAST

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Avoir - To have | Être - To be | Aller - To go | Faire - To do |
| J'ai eu | J'ai été | Je suis allé-e | J'ai fait |
| Tu as eu | Tu as été | Tu es allé-e | Tu as fait |
| Il, elle, on a eu | Il, elle, on a été | Il, elle, on est allé-e-s | Il, elle, on a fait |
| Nous avons eu | Nous avons été | Nous sommes allé-e-s | Nous avons fait |
| Vous avez eu | Vous avez été | Vous êtes allé-e-s | Vous avez fait |
| Ils, elles ont eu | Ils, elles ont été | Ils, elles sont allé-e-s | Ils, elles ont fait |
| Pouvoir - Can | Vouloir - To want | Savoir - To know how | Connaître - To know |
| J'ai pu | J'ai voulu | J'ai su | J'ai connu |
| Tu as pu | Tu as voulu | Tu as su | Tu as connu |
| Il, elle, on a pu | Il, elle, on a voulu | Il a su | Il, elle, on a connu |
| Nous avons pu | Nous avons voulu | Nous avons su | Nous avons connu |
| Vous avez pu | Vous avez voulu | Vous avez su | Vous avez connu |
| Ils ont pu | Ils, elles ont voulu | Ils, elles ont su | Ils, elles ont connu |
| Verbs 1rst Group | | Verbs 2nd group | |
| Aimer - To love, like | | Finir - To finish | |
| J'ai aimé | | J'ai fini | |
| Tu as aimé | | Tu as fini | |
| Il, elle, on a aimé | | Il, elle, on a fini | |
| Nous avons aimé | | Nous avons fini | |
| Vous avez aimé | | Vous avez fini | |
| Ils, elles ont aimé | | Ils, elles ont fini | |
| Verbs 3rd group | | Prendre - To take | |
| J'ai pris | | J'ai pris | |
| Tu as pris | | Tu as pris | |
| Il, elle, on a pris | | Il, elle, on a pris | |
| Nous avons pris | | Nous avons pris | |
| Vous avez pris | | Vous avez pris | |
| Ils, elles ont pris | | Ils, elles ont pris | |

THE LESSON

- The verbs Avoir and Être are also auxiliary. To create the compound past, you must conjugate avoir or être at the present tense and add the Past participle of the verb you need to conjugate.
- It is tricky to determine which verbs goes with each auxiliary. You better learn them together (verb + its auxiliary) or you won't be able to guess (Though there's 50% chance you get it right.)
- Past participle following Avoir never take the mark of gender/ number.
- Past participle following Être always do. Feminine = +e Plural +s

NEAR FUTURE

The compound past is easy. And the Near Future even more! In French, you can choose between the proper future tense with a full conjugation, or the equivalent structure of Will + verb infinitive. Same!

Avoir - To have

Je vais avoir

Tu vas avoir

Il, elle, on va avoir

Nous allons avoir

Vous allez avoir

Ils, elles vont avoir

I GO + VERB INFINITIVE FORM

There's no tricks, it works with every verb!

Être - To be => Je vais être

Aller - To go => Je vais aller

Faire - To do => Je vais faire

Pouvoir - Can => Je vais pouvoir

Vouloir - To want => Je vais vouloir

Savoir - To know how => Je vais savoir

Connaître - To know => Je vais connaître

Aimer - To love => Je vais aimer

Finir - To finish => Je vais finir

Prendre - To take => Je vais prendre

PRACTICE

- | | |
|---------|---|
| Present | Now, I am late for school. = Maintenant, je en retard pour l'école. |
| Past | Yesterday, you had chocolate cake. = Hier, tu du gâteau au chocolat. |
| Future | Tomorrow, he will finish this movie. = Demain, il ce film. |
| Present | Today, she wants to drive. = Aujourd'hui, elle conduire. |
| Past | Earlier, we had some rice. = Plus tôt, on du riz. |
| Future | Later, we will drink some juice. = Plus tard, nous du jus. |
| Present | At the moment, you're home. Pour le moment, vous à la maison. |
| Past | Last week, they didn't know my brother. La semaine dernière, ils ne - pas mon frère. |
| Future | Next month, they (females) will have a baby sister. Le mois prochain, elles - une petite sœur. |

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WEEK 1 - NEW WORDS

Hello! I'd like to start simple today. Here's an exercise that I love and I suggest you do it regularly to enrich your vocabulary. Grab a pen, a piece of paper. (Well, a notebook would be preferable if you chose not to print). Write down any word that you can think of (in English first).

Be creative! Then, click on this paragraph or go on Google translate with each word. That'll take you an average 7 minutes.

Next, write down a brief sentence using the word you found.

Finally, this week is about Oral expression, so I will need you to listen to the words you picked and repeat them. I left you a list of some of French hardest words to pronounce on the next page (audio is in your folder) Listen to them and practice them as well.

WORD

TRANSLATION

EXAMPLE

a door

= une porte.

La porte est bleue.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)
- 8)
- 9)
- 10)

A SAMPLE OF FRENCH HARDEST WORDS TO PRONOUNCE - CHECK RECORDING

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| Feuille | / fœj / | = n. f. a leaf |
| Accueil | / akœj / | = n.m. a greeting / a reception counter |
| Écureuil | / ekyʁœj / | = n.m. a squirrel |
| Vieille | / vjεj / | = n.f. / adj. an old woman |
| Merveille | / mεʁvnej / | = n.f. a wonder |
| Horreur | / ɔʁœʁ / | = n.f. a horror |
| Sœur | / sœʁ / | = n.f. a sister |
| Serrurerie | / ɛʁyʁʁi / | = n.f. a locksmith's shop |
| Bouilloire | / ujwaʁ / | = n.f. a kettle |
| Baignoire | / bɛɲwaʁ / | = n.f. a bathtub |
| Pneu | / pnø / | = n.m. a tire |
| Heureux | / øʁø / | = adj. happy |
| Froid | / fʁwa / | = adj. cold |
| Grenouille | / ɡʁənuj / | = n.f. a frog |
| Louis / lui | / lwi / lɥi / | = Name / determinant masc. (lui = him) |
| Yaourt | / jaʊʁ / | = n.m. a yogurt |
| Rire | / ʁiʁ / | = vb to laugh |
| Rare | / ʁaʁ / | = adj. rare |
| Huître | / ɥitʁ / | = n.f. an oyster |

WEEK 2 - SENTENCES TO PRONOUNCE

Welcome back! Now since yesterday's exercise must have been confusing, discovering all these new words that look like you know them but actually, not... Well, today should help: We'll reuse yesterday's vocabulary to make sentence, and therefore, cementing for good in your memory! Ready? C'est parti !

WORD

SENTENCE

- 1) Le car: Je vais à l'école en car. = I go to school by bus.
- 2) La librairie: Tu travailles dans une librairie. = You work in a bookshop.
- 3) La monnaie: Je n'ai pas de monnaie sur moi. = I don't have change on me.
- 4) Le tissu: C'est un très beau tissu. = It's a very nice fabric.

It's your turn!

- 1) La lecture :
- 2) Actuellement:
- 3) Surnom:
- 4) Rester :
- 5) Changer :
- 6) Passer un exam:
- 7) Hasard:
- 8) Éventuellement:

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WEEK 3 - EXPRESSION

Bonjour ! It's time for you to start writing more, don't you think? Today's exercise is pretty basic. I want you to write down a whole paragraph about your last holidays. I advise you to go back and review the compound past before starting. Watch out for the concordance of tenses, will you!? I left you an example and some formulas on the next page. A ton tour, it's your turn!

MY LAST HOLIDAYS

Example: L'année dernière, je suis partie en vacances en Normandie. Je suis restée une semaine à Deauville, puis j'ai visité Caen. J'ai aimé la plage, les glaces et me promener. Il fait froid parfois et il y a beaucoup de vent.

Remarks: I added a "e" twice: I'm a girl, therefore when using the auxiliary "to be" at the compound past, I must add the mark of gender. If you are a boy, the verb will not need a final "e". If you use auxiliary "to have" you won't need to indicate the gender or number.

It's your turn!

TRANSLATION

Last year I went on holidays in Normandy. I stayed one week in Deauville, then I visited Caen. I loved the beach, ice creams and strolling around. It was cold sometimes and there was lots of wind.

FORMULA

Last year = l'année dernière

Last summer = l'été dernier

Last month = Le mois dernier

The last holidays = Les vacances dernières

A while ago = Il y a un moment

At the beach = à la plage

In the mountains = à la montagne

In summer = en été

In winter = en hiver

In August = En Août

With someone = avec quelqu'un
alone = seul-e

I like = J'aime

I love = J'adore

by plane = en avion

by car = en voiture

NEW VOCABULARY

Don't forget to write down any new words you may encounter, challenge yourself and look for new vocabulary!

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WEEK 4 - DAILY HABITS

Hello there, salut! Day 5, daily habits! Let's continue the work on the near future, alright? Today, I left you a short paragraph including expressions of times and the near future tense.

Answer the questions below!

On peut le faire, we can do it!

TRANSLATE THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW

- 1) Demain matin, je vais me lever tôt. Je vais me préparer un petit déjeuner équilibré avec une pomme, du pain complet et du yaourt. Je ne vais pas boire de café.
- 2) La semaine prochaine, je vais partir en vacances avec ma fiancée. Nous allons voyager en Espagne pendant un mois. D'abord, à Barcelone, où on va nager à la plage. Ensuite, on va prendre le train jusqu'à Madrid et nous allons visiter l'Andalousie aussi.

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ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS

How many times per text do you see a Near Future verb?

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Give me one instance, in French, of a healthy breakfast idea.

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Suggest two ideas of activities you would like to do in Spain.

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TRANSLATIONS

1) Tomorrow morning, I will get up early. I will prepare myself a balance breakfast with an apple, some whole wheat bread and some yogurt. I will not drink coffee.

2) Next week, I will leave on holidays to Spain with my fiancée. We are going to travel in Spain during one month. First, in Barcelona, where we will swim at the beach. Then, we will take the train to Madrid and we will visit Andalusia too.

ANSWERS

- Dans le premier texte, il y a trois verbes au futur proche. Dans le second texte, il y a cinq verbes au futur proche.

= In the first text, there are three verbs at the near future. In the second text, there are five verbs at the near future.

- Un petit déjeuner équilibré, c'est un fruit, un laitage et des céréales.

= A healthy breakfast, it's one fruit, one dairy (product) and some cereals.

- A Barcelone, on peut faire du shopping à Las Ramblas ou visiter La Sagrada Familia

= In Barcelona, we can go shopping on Las Ramblas or visit La Sagrada Familia.

TO GO FURTHER

I'll admit: This was a tough one.

If your first reaction was "Alright, I can do this!" Good. Remember that learning is about challenging yourself. If all throughout the program you haven't tried to outperform yourself, you might have been wasting your time. Make every lesson, every chance you have count.

Don't play it safe!

Now I join a little conjugation exercise, practice some more!

CONJUGATION

Present: Ma sœur et moi, on à la plage. (ALLER)

Past: Tu n'..... pas avec des baguettes. (AIMER)

Future: Vous à Bali le mois prochain. (PARTIR)

Present: Le voisin un très beau chat noir et blanc. (AVOIR)

Past: Tu aller dans un grand restaurant. (VOULOIR)

Future: Je à la fête de l'école. (CHANTER)

Present: Aujourd'hui, je de bonne humeur. (ÊTRE)

Past: Hier, nous le repas. (CUISINER)

Future: L'année prochaine, elle en Europe (ALLER)

Present: Mon père ne jamais la vaisselle. (FAIRE)

Past: Tu n'..... pas ta grand-mère. (CONNAÎTRE)

Future: Plus tard, ils jouer du piano. (SAVOIR)