



MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

lesson

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Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 27 – Dates

In this lesson you will learn how to say dates in French, using days, numbers and months. If you need some more practice beforehand of days, numbers and months, go back to the podcasts for Lessons 5A, 8 and 26 for numbers, Lesson 11 for the months and Lesson 25 for the days.

Saying the date

First of all, here is the question that you ask to find out what today's date is.

Quelle est la date aujourd'hui ? *What is the date today ?*

Maintenant à toi. Ecoutez, répétez.

Quelle est la date aujourd'hui ? (pause) Quelle est la date aujourd'hui ? (pause)

Now listen to this answer.

Aujourd'hui c'est vendredi trois mai.

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"Aujourd'hui c'est" means "Today it is". Then you use the formula of day, number, month to make up the date. Notice how we just use the ordinary cardinal number in French, and don't have to worry about the ordinal numbers with their "th"s, "st"s "nd"s and "rd"s on the end.

Now listen to this answer:

Aujourd'hui c'est lundi premier janvier.

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This uses the same formula of day, number, month to give us the date. However, you won't recognise the number. The 1st of the month is the only irregularity in our formula. Instead of "un" we use "premier" for "first".

Have a go at saying these dates in French.

Tuesday 10th September (pause) *mardi dix septembre*

Saturday 27th August (pause) *samedi vingt-sept août*

Wednesday 16th February (pause) *mercredi seize février*

Thursday 31st July (pause) *jeudi trente-et-un juillet*

Sunday 12th March (pause) *dimanche douze mars*

To practise the dates further with your class, and to use them for a real purpose, you could research special days in France and other French-speaking countries.

*Here is a list of the special days in France. When you have worked out what the dates are, find out how and why these days are celebrated.**

premier janvier

six janvier

quatorze février

premier avril

premier mai

huit mai

vingt-et-un juin

quatorze juillet

quinze août

premier novembre

onze novembre

vingt-cinq décembre

trente-et-un décembre

Intercultural understanding

That's the end of this podcast. If you think you need a bit more practice, go back to the beginning and work through the activities again.

A bientôt !

The podcasts will now take a break until January 2011

* premier janvier = 1st January
Jour de l'An = New Year's Day

six janvier = 6th January.
Epiphany = Épiphanie / Jour des Rois

quatorze février = 14th February
Valentine's Day = Saint-Valentin

premier avril = 1st April
April Fool's Day = Poisson d'Avril

premier mai = 1st May
Fête du Travail = Labour Day

huit mai = 8th May
Victoire des Alliés = VE Day

vingt-et-un juin = 21st June
Fête de la Musique = World Music Day

quatorze juillet = 14th July
la Fête Nationale = Bastille Day
Catch up with the podcast

<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources/audio/MFLS-podcast-ICU-14juillet.pdf>

quinze août = 15th August
l'Assomption = the Assumption

premier novembre = 1st November
Toussaint = All Saints' Day

onze novembre = 11th November
l'Armistice = Remembrance Day
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<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources/audio/MFLS-podcast-ICU-11novembre.pdf>

vingt-cinq décembre = 25th December
Jour de Noël = Christmas Day
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<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources/audio/MFLS-podcast-ICU-christmas.pdf>

trente-et-un décembre = 31st December
Saint-Sylvestre = New Year's Eve