



MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

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Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 44 – Animal descriptions

In this lesson you'll learn how say some adjectives, and understand how to apply these adjectives to nouns and agree them correctly.

Adjectives

Here are the adjectives that we will be using in this lesson. You'll recognise some of them from Lesson 42.

fort *strong*

rapide *fast*

lent *slow*

grand *big*

petit *small*

féroce *fierce*

timide *shy*

Maintenant, à toi. Écoutez, répétez.

fort (pause) fort (pause)

rapide (pause) rapide (pause)

lent (pause) lent (pause)

grand (pause) grand (pause)

petit (pause) petit (pause)

féroce (pause) féroce (pause)

timide (pause) timide (pause)

The next step is to use these adjectives to describe the animals. Here are some sample sentences:

L'éléphant est grand. *The elephant is big.*

Le poisson est petit. *The fish is small.*

Le lion est fort. *The lion is strong.*

Now compare these sentences:

La souris est petite. *The mouse is small.*

La tortue est lente. *The tortoise is slow.*

You will notice that the adjectives used in the second group of sentences sound different to the adjectives that you practised earlier in the podcast, and different to those in the first group of sentences. This is because the animal words in the second group are feminine, and the adjective has to change its spelling, and therefore its pronunciation, to agree with, or match, the noun. This agreement usually involves adding an extra –e to the end of the adjective.

Have a go at saying these four adjectives in their masculine and feminine forms. Ecoutez, répétez:

fort forte (pause) fort forte (pause)

grand grande (pause) grand grande (pause)

petit petite (pause) petit petite (pause)

lent lente (pause) lent lente (pause)

No spelling or pronunciation change is necessary with rapide, féroce and timide because they already end in the letter –e.

Le poisson est timide.

La poule est timide.

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.

Au revoir!