



MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

lesson

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Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 45 – The Alphabet

In this lesson you'll learn how to say and sing the alphabet in French. You'll also learn the language that you need for playing games to practise the alphabet and to ask how something is spelt.

Alphabet

Écoutez l'alphabet.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Maintenant, à toi. Écoutez, répétez.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Listen to the alphabet song, and try to join in.

A B,
C D,
E F G H,
I J,
K L,
M N O P,
Q R,
S T,
U V W,

Les trois dernières lettres sont X, Y et Z.

By now your class will know a lot of French words. You can practise the letters of the alphabet by spelling words out for them and also by asking them to spell words out to you.

Here are some examples:

B O N J O U R bonjour
S O E U R soeur
C H I E N chien
J A M B E jambe
V O I T U R E voiture

To ask how something is spelt in French we say

Comment ça s'écrit ?

Maintenant, à toi. Ecoutez, répétez.

Comment ça s'écrit ? (pause) Comment ça s'écrit ? (pause)

It's worth pointing out at this stage that it's often the vowel sounds which cause the most confusion, particularly e and i. Tell your class that the letter e is by far the most common in the French language, and have they noticed that many words in French end with an e. Hopefully this will stop them from putting a u or an o on the end of words when they hear e.

There are lots of games that you can play to practise the alphabet as well. If you would like to play the pass the parcel game that is described in the lesson plan for this lesson, you will need to practise the questions and the answer:

Ecoutez, répétez.

Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans le sac ? (pause) Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans le sac ? (pause)

Qu'est-ce que c'est ? (pause) Qu'est-ce que c'est ? (pause)

C'est ... (pause) C'est ... (pause)

You can also play "Hunt the letter" – Cherchez la lettre – Bingo (Loto) or Hangman – "Pendou".

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!

More alphabet resources:

PowerPoint and karaoke PowerPoint to accompany the alphabet song:

<http://www.sunderlandschools.org/mfl-sunderland/resources-sound-files.htm#rs>

Printable French alphabet book: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/books/french/acommefrench/>

More good alphabet songs:

http://comptine.free.fr/comptine/la_chanson_de_l'alphabet.html

<http://comptine.free.fr/comptine/alphabet.html>

http://www.csdraveurs.qc.ca/musique/choralies2002/abcd_chant.htm