



MFL Sunderland Primary French Podcasts

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Welcome to the MFL Sunderland Primary French podcast. Lesson 9 – Playground Games

In this lesson you'll learn how to ask and answer simple questions about playground games and perform a French clapping game.

Playground games

Learning about French playground games is an excellent opportunity to address intercultural understanding and to introduce some cross-curricular PE work into your French lessons. There are some useful links at the end of the transcript to this episode.

Here is the vocabulary for some playground games:

le football	football
le saut à la corde	skipping
le cache-cache	hide and seek
le chat perché	tag
la marelle	hopscotch

Maintenant, à toi. Ecoutez, répétez:

le football	(pause)	le football	(pause)
le saut à la corde	(pause)	le saut à la corde	(pause)
le cache-cache	(pause)	le cache-cache	(pause)
le chat perché	(pause)	le chat perché	(pause)
la marelle	(pause)	la marelle	(pause)

Here are some questions that you can ask your class to find out who likes what.

Tu préfères le football ou le cache-cache ? *Do you prefer football or hide and seek ?*

Qui préfère la marelle ? *Who prefers hopscotch ?*

And how to reply:

Je préfère le cache-cache. *I prefer hide and seek.*

Maintenant, à toi. Ecoutez, répétez:

tu préfères ? (pause) tu préfères ? (pause)

qui préfère ? (pause) qui préfère ? (pause)

je préfère (pause) je préfère (pause)

OU (pause) OU (pause)

You could take these questions and answers one step further and get your pupils to use them to carry out a survey to find out the most popular games. Then they can make a graph of the result (cross-curricular maths!) and you can discuss their findings in French.

Combien d'enfants préfèrent le football ? *How many children prefer football ?*

Here is a clapping rhyme that has been adapted from an authentic French one. You can use it to practise the numbers. If you can't remember how to do the clapping, I'm sure some of your class will be able to demonstrate. Failing that, recite it as a chant! You'll notice that for the number 1, the feminine form "une" is used. This is just to make rhyming easier.

Ecoutez, répétez.

une et une, j'aime la lune (pause)

deux et deux, les yeux bleus (pause)

trois et trois, assieds-toi (pause)

quatre et quatre, mange les pâtes (pause)

cinq et cinq, les épingles (pause)

six et six, ma chemise (pause)

sept et sept, la pastèque (pause)

huit et huit, les pommes frites (pause)

neuf et neuf, j'aime les oeufs (pause)

dix et dix, ta remise (pause)

Now have a go at saying the whole rhyme to the clapping rhythm :

Une et une, j'aime la lune
 Deux et deux, les yeux bleus
 Trois et trois, assieds-toi
 Quatre et quatre, mange les pâtes
 Cinq et cinq, les épingles
 Six et six, ma chemise
 Sept et sept, la pastèque
 Huit et huit, les pommes frites
 Neuf et neuf, j'aime les oeufs
 Dix et dix, ta remise

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 !

Some useful weblinks:

Video of children in Martinique doing clapping games (available from 21st July 2010)
<http://www.teachers.tv/videos/lesson-starters-primary-french-deux-jeux-de-mains>

Videos of French children demonstrating playground equipment.
<http://www3.ac-clermont.fr/etabliss/ecole-jferry-perignat/spip.php?article50>

A collection of playground games from all over the French-speaking world
<http://www.cslaval.qc.ca/prof-inet/anim/rec-jeux/recherche.asp#liste>

Pictures of equipment used in the playground by children at L'école des Sablons
http://cpdevalerie.canalblog.com/albums/les_jeux_de_cour/index.html and
http://cpdevalerie.canalblog.com/albums/les_nouveaux_jeux_de_cour/index.html

Descriptions of French playground games and vocabulary from the blog of Rodillian School in Wakefield
<http://rodillianmfldepartment.typepad.com/primary/french-playground-games.html>