

FRE 1301: ELEMENTARY FRENCH

Week 9 Tutoring Resource – Macy Scott

Hey everyone! I hope everyone is doing well! Keep up the good work and motivation. We are over halfway done with this crazy semester, so keep up with these resources to ensure that you understand everything up to this point. Let me know if you have any questions or need absolutely anything at all over the next few weeks. Here is your resource for week 9!

WEEK NINE:

Listed below are some of the concepts that students in FRE 1301 will be learning the week of **March 15 – 19**:

Keywords:

- The verb “*vouloir*,”
- The verb “*pouvoir*,”
- The verb “*devoir*”

This set of verbs can be tricky, but they are all somewhat similar in their conjugations. Here’s a tip for understanding these verbs as a set:

The je/tu/il formations of these verbs follow the x/x/t or s/s/t pattern that I’ve discussed in past resources. Be aware that the nous/vous conjugations for all of these verbs are extremely irregular and do *not* follow typical patterns. This simply takes memorization, practice, and patience.

Here are charts that depict the formations of the verbs to help you visualize the conjugations.

Vouloir = “to want”

CONJUGAISON VISUELLE		
1s	je veux	
2s	tu veux	
3s	il veut	
1p	nous voulons	
2p	vous voulez	
3p	ils veulent	

Source: *Vouloir* (imagiers.net)

Pouvoir = “to be able”

<i>je peux</i>	<i>nous pouvons</i>
<i>tu peux</i>	<i>vous pouvez</i>
<i>il peut</i>	<i>ils peuvent</i>
<i>elle peut</i>	<i>elles peuvent</i>

Source: Pouvoir (pinterest.com)

Devoir = “to have to (must)”

<h1>Devoir</h1>	
<i>je dois</i>	<i>nous devons</i>
<i>tu dois</i>	<i>vous devez</i>
<i>il/elle doit</i>	<i>ils/elles doivent</i>
<p>www.FrenchLearner.com</p>	

Source: Devoir (frenchlearner.com)

As you can see, the verbs are similar, especially pouvoir and vouloir. Here is a chart that shows all three verbs together:

devoir pouvoir vouloir +l'infinitif		
devoir	je dois tu dois il / elle / on doit	nous devons vous devez ils / elles doivent
	je dois finir	
pouvoir	je peux tu peux il / elle / on peut	nous pouvons vous pouvez ils / elles peuvent
	elle peut nager	
vouloir	je veux tu veux il / elle / on veut	nous voulons vous voulez ils / elles veulent
	ils veulent parler	

Source: Devoir + Pouvoir + Vouloir (pinterest.com)

Here's a link to a YouTube video that discusses all three verbs and uses them all in sentences and situations. This will be helpful in bringing the verbs to life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=St06jFwgiFY>

Here is a link to a quiz that will be helpful in testing your knowledge. After you take this practice quiz, it will tell you which ones you missed at the end. You can use this as a method of noticing which of the three verbs gives you the most difficulties, and you can restructure your studying from there. Don't be discouraged despite your score! This is just an interactive way of making sure you are mastering the material.

<https://www.tolearnfrench.com/exercices/exercice-french-2/exercice-french-3707.php>

The following quiz is a little more challenging than the other one. It asks you to not only correctly conjugate the verbs in sentences, but you must also choose which verb correctly goes with each sentence. This ensures that you are not strictly memorizing the conjugations, but you are also *understanding* what the verbs mean and *how* to use them. Make sure you master the first quiz before tackling this one!

https://www.quia.com/quiz/1194269.html?AP_rand=963853317

That's all for this week! Make sure you go over these verbs several times since they can be very tricky for many students. Be sure to also write out the verbs on your own and form your own charts to review the information.

Let me know if you have feedback or suggestions. Have a fantastic week!

Merci beaucoup,
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