

## FRE 1301: ELEMENTARY FRENCH

### Week 11 Tutoring Resource – Macy Scott

Hey everyone! I hope everyone is doing well! Keep up the good work and motivation. I can't believe April is this week. We are so close to the end of the semester, so keep up with your class assignments and quizzes! Let me know if you have any questions or need absolutely anything at all over the next few days. Here is your resource for week 11!

#### WEEK ELEVEN:

Listed below are some of the concepts that students in FRE 1301 will be learning the week of *March 29 – April 2*:

#### Keywords:

- *Vouloir*
- *Pouvoir*
- *Devoir*

This set of verbs can be tricky, but they are all somewhat similar in their conjugations. Here's a tip for learning 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	<b>nous voulons</b>
2p	vous voulez
3p	ils veulent

Above source: *Vouloir Conjugation Chart (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>

*Above source: French 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><a href="http://www.FrenchLearner.com">www.FrenchLearner.com</a></p>	

*Above source: Devoir Chart (www.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'infinif

## devoir



je **dois**

nous **devons**

tu **dois**

vous **devez**

il / elle / on **doit**

ils / elles **doivent**

je **dois** finir

## pouvoir



je **peux**

nous **pouvons**

tu **peux**

vous **pouvez**

il / elle / on **peut**

ils / elles **peuvent**

elle **peut** nager

## vouloir



je **veux**

nous **voulons**

tu **veux**

vous **voulez**

il / elle / on **veut**

ils / elles **veulent**

ils **veulent** parler

Here's a link to a YouTube video (by The Travelling Linguist) 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. You can use this as practice, and 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. From there, you can refocus what you need to study the most. Remember not to be discouraged if you do not score well! This is just an interactive way of making sure you are mastering the material.

<https://www.tolearnfrench.com/exercises/exercise-french-2/exercise-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](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. Be sure to also draw out the verbs and talk through it to yourself or a friend as you form your own charts.

Let me know if you have feedback or suggestions. Have an awesome week!

Merci beaucoup,  
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