

FRE 1301: ELEMENTARY FRENCH

Week 12 Tutoring Resource – Macy Scott

Bonjour! I hope everyone has stayed safe and healthy! I can't believe we have already made it to Easter. The semester is almost over, so everyone continue to push through. I'm so proud of everyone. Keep up the good work!

WEEK TWELVE:

Listed below are some of the concepts that students in FRE 1301 will be learning the week of *April 5 – 9*:

Keywords:

- *“Faire”*
- *Preposition “à”*
- *Preposition “de”*

“Faire” (meaning “to do/to make”) can be tough because it is an irregular verb, so I wanted to ensure that I reminded you to review this word. Here is a chart that explains the conjugations.

faire	
je	fais
tu	fais
il/elle	fait
nous	faisons
vous	faites
elles/ils	font

Source: Charts for French Grammar Help (duolingo.com)

As you can see, there is not a “stem” that you can use to conjugate faire like most other verbs. Therefore, learning this verb requires memorization. Mastering this concept is SO important because there are so many expressions in French that require this verb. To familiarize yourself with some of these frequent expressions, check out this helpful video by “Learn French with Alexa.” She details 50 useful expressions that use faire.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvJ3QiwBBio>

The following video is one that might be more helpful for many of you. It details only 10 expressions, but these are extremely common expressions that you have used class. The video is very visual and uses the verb in sentences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ja1Cgiwbf10>

Additionally, here’s a cute song that might be helpful for memorizing the verb conjugations. It’s catchy and shows the spelling of the conjugations on the screen!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eh0qRLDDbI

Here is a chart that details this key verb, “faire,” alongside other important verbs you have already learned this semester.

 faire  Singulier Pluriel je fais nous faisons tu fais vous faites il fait ils font elle fait elles font	 aller  Singulier Pluriel je vais nous allons tu vas vous allez il va ils vont elle va elles vont
 être  Singulier Pluriel je suis nous sommes tu es vous êtes il est ils sont elle est elles sont	 avoir  Singulier Pluriel j’ai nous avons tu as vous avez il a ils ont elle a elles ont

Source: Être, Faire, Avoir, & Aller Verb Charts (carlexonline.com)

Continue to quiz yourself with all of these verbs, and use them in sentences (written and verbally) to ensure that you fully understand this lesson!

- Preposition “à”
- Preposition “de”

Knowing when one should use “à” and “de” can be tricky for many French students. Using “at” and “of/from” in a sentence takes time to memorize since it can be very different from how one might use it in English, so continue to be patient as you study! Furthermore, many elementary French students forget that these prepositions change form when you add an article (le/la/les) next to it. This is something that even experienced French students tend to forget. Here is a helpful chart that you can use to jog your memory.

Preposition	+	Article	=	Contraction (Meaning)
à	+	le	=	au (to the)
à	+	les	=	aux (to the)
de	+	le	=	du (some; of, about, from it)
de	+	les	=	des (some; of, about, from them)

Source: *Les Prépositions* (www.pinterest.com)

Again, choosing which preposition to use with verbs takes memorization, and it can be challenging to master this since you are reviewing many verbs. HOWEVER, I found this awesome chart (inserted below) that you can reference all semester! I definitely wish I would have had this chart when I began to learn French. You can recreate this chart on your own in order to only highlight the more common verbs, if you wish (just remember to use different colors and explain what you’re demonstrating out loud as you write it out).

That’s all for this week! Merci beaucoup!
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