

FRE 1301: ELEMENTARY FRENCH

Final French Tutoring Resource – Macy Scott

Bonjour! I hope everyone is doing well! I can't believe we have already made it to the end of the semester. This is the final French 1301 resource for the semester. Many of your finals will be comprehensive, so I have provided a review of the most important and challenging concepts you have learned this semester. Here is the link to the page which includes all of my past resources as you study for your final exam:

https://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=967950

FINAL RESOURCE: KEY CONCEPTS

- *The verb "faire"*
- *Preposition "à"*
- *Preposition "de"*
- *Frequently used verbs*

"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.

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|  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) |
|--------------------|---|----------------|---|---|
| <i>à</i> | + | <i>le</i> | = | <i>au</i> (to the) |
| <i>à</i> | + | <i>les</i> | = | <i>aux</i> (to the) |
| <i>de</i> | + | <i>le</i> | = | <i>du</i> (some; of, about, from it) |
| <i>de</i> | + | <i>les</i> | = | <i>des</i> (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).

Verbes (avec ou sans préposition) +

personne ou chose



Verbe à + personne

(dés)obéir
appartenir
donner rendez-vous
écrire
faire plaisir
manquer
mentir
parler
poser une question
rendre visite
s'adresser
sourire
téléphoner

verbe + à personne / chose

assister
avoir mal
croire
faire attention
gagner
jouer
participer
penser
perdre
réfléchir
répondre
ressembler
réussir
s'adapter
s'habituer
s'intéresser
songer
tenir

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verbe + de + personne ou

chose

changer
dépendre
descendre
discuter
douter
jouer
parler
profiter
rêver
s'apercevoir
s'approcher
se composer
se désintéresser
se douter
se méfier
se moquer
se nourrir
se plaindre
se rendre compte
se servir
se souvenir
se tromper
s'éloigner
s'occuper
souffrir
tomber

Attention avec les

structures « avoir....de »

Avoir besoin de
Avoir envie de
Avoir l'habitude de
Avoir l'intention de
Avoir l'occasion de
Avoir peur de
Avoir le temps de
Avoir honte
Avoir l'air de

verbe + chose + à personne

(r)apporter
acheter
annoncer
apprendre
avouer
commander
dire
donner
emprunter
enseigner
envoyer
expliquer
indiquer
lancer
montrer
offrir
prendre
prescrire
prêter
promettre
raconter
rappeler
réclamer
répéter
réserver
souhaiter
transmettre
vendre



- The verbs “vouloir,” “pouvoir,” and “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.

| 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)

Good luck on your final exam! I believe in you all. The concepts on this document are the most challenging concepts that you have reviewed this semester, so I hope this helps you as you study. Please let me know if you have any feedback and/or questions!

Merci beaucoup!
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