

French Module 3: A l'horizon

Year 9 Spring 1 – Grammar



1. The Imperfect tense

The imperfect tense is a past tense which is used to describe what you used to do or used to be like.

You already know two forms:

C'était = it was

Il y avait = there was

To form the imperfect tense, take the nous form of the present tense, remove =ons and add the following endings:

~~Nous regardons~~

je regardais = I used to watch

tu regardais = You (s) used to watch

il/elle/ on regardait = He/She/ We (inf) used to watch

nous regardions = We (formal) used to watch

vous regardiez = You (plural/polite) used to watch

ils/ elles regardaient = (They m/f) used to watch

être has an irregular stem : ét=

j'étais = I was/ used to be

2. Modal verbs in the present tense

Modal verbs are usually followed by the infinitive. On peut voyager = You can travel

Pouvoir = to be able to / 'can'

Je peux = I can

Tu peux = You (s) can

Il/Elle/On peut = He/She/ We (inf) can

Nous pouvons = We (formal) can

Vous pouvez = You (plural/ polite) can

Ils/Elles peuvent = They (m/f) can

Vouloir = to want to

Je veux = I want to

Tu veux = You (s) want to

Il/Elle/On veut = He/She/ We (inf) want to

to

Nous voulons = We (formal) want to

Vous voulez = You (plural/ polite) want to

Ils/Elles veulent = They (m/f) want to

Devoir = to have to

Je dois = I must

Tu dois = You (s) must

Il/Elle/On doit = He/She/ We (informal) must

must

Nous devons = We (formal) must

Vous devez = You (plural/ polite) must

Ils/Elles doivent = They (m/f) must

3. Masculine and feminine nouns for jobs

In French, all nouns are either masculine or feminine.

Some job words change to show gender : Il est directeur /Elle est directrice

When you are saying what you want to do, you don't need the word for 'a'.

Je veux être vendeur = I want to be a salesman.

avocat(e) = lawyer

infirmier / infirmière = nurse

directeur/ directrice de magasin = shop manager

4. The Simple Future Tense

4.1 The simple future tense

In the future tense, for = er verbs, the future stem is the infinitive.

Je **travaillerai** = I will work

A future tense is formed using the future stem and the appropriate endings.

Je travaillerai = I will work

Tu travailleras = You (s) will work

Il/Elle /On travaillera = He/ She/ We (inf) will work

Nous travaillerons = We (formal) will work

Vous travaillerez = You (plural/polite) will work

Ils/Elles travailleront = They (m/f) will work

4.2 Irregular future stems in the simple future tense

The most commonly used verbs have irregular future stems and so must be learnt by heart. They take the same endings however:

J'aurai = I will have (avoir)

Je serai = I will be (être)

J'irai = I will go (aller)

Je ferai = I will do/ make (faire)

5. Did you know?

In 2000, a law was passed in France saying that the working week should be no more than 35 hours long. The government introduced the law to improve people's work/ life balance.

6. Les questions

1. Qu'est-ce que tu voudrais faire comme travail plus tard ?
2. Pourquoi ça t'intéresse ?
3. Quels sont les avantages de parler une autre langue ?

4. Qu'est-ce que tu aimais faire quand tu étais plus jeune ?
5. Est-ce que tu étais sportif ? Est-ce que tu pensais à ton avenir, quand tu étais petit(e)?
6. A ton avis, comment sera ta vie dans dix ans?

7. Qu'est-ce que tu fais dans la vie ?
8. En quoi consiste ton travail ?
9. Quelles sont les qualités requises pour ce métier ?
10. Tu as suivi quelle formation ?
11. Que feras-tu à l'avenir ?

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<p>1. <u>Quand j'étais plus jeune = When I was younger...</u> J'avais = I used to have J'aimais = I used to like Je faisais = I used to do / make Je jouais = I used to play Je regardais = I used to watch Je n'aimais pas = I didn't like / I didn't used to like</p>	<p>2. <u>Les emplois = Jobs</u> Qu'est-ce que tu veux faire plus tard ? = What do you want to do later ? Je veux être ... = I want to be a ... avocat = lawyer botaniste = botanist chanteur/ chanteuse = singer chauffeur de taxi/ camion = a taxi/ lorry driver comptable = accountant diplomate = diplomat directeur/ directrice de magasin = shop manager footballeur = footballer guide touristique = tourist guide infirmier/infirmière = nurse ingénieur(e) = nurse interprète = interpreter journaliste = journalist juge = judge médecin généraliste = doctor pilote = pilot professeur = teacher sociologue = sociologist vétérinaire = vet webdesigner = web designer</p>	<p>3. <u>À l'avenir = In the future</u> Je quitterai le collège = I will leave school Je ferai un apprentissage = I will do an apprenticeship Je ferai le tour du monde = I will do a tour of the world/ travel the world Je voyagerai = I will travel Je travaillerai = I will work Je serai ... (job) I will be a ... Je tomberai amoureux/ amoureuse de quelqu'un = I will fall in love with someone J'habiterai = I will live J'aurai une Ferrari = I will have a Ferrari</p>
<p>4. <u>Le travail = work</u> l'emploi = the job le métier = the job la profession = the profession le boulot = the job un stage = a course un candidat = a candidate un poste = a post créatif/ créative = creative varié(e) = varied</p>	<p>7. <u>Être game designer = Being a game designer</u> communiquer = to communicate coordonner = to coordinate créer = to create fonctionner = to work/function inventer = to invent savoir = to know how to travailler en équipe = to work in a team attentive/attentive = attentive frustrant(e) = frustrating motivant(e) = motivating poli(e) = polite rapide = quick solide = solid stimulant = stimulating Côté formation,... = As far as training is concerned, ... Pour ma part = for my part</p>	<p>5. <u>High frequency words = Les mots essentiels</u> car = for comme = as lorsque = as par contre = on the other hand par exemple = for example puisque = since/ as si = if surtout = especially</p>
<p>6. <u>Les qualités de travail = Qualities for work</u> C'est un avantage = It's an advantage C'est essentiel = It's essential C'est un plus = It's a bonus/ plus si on est... = if you are ... Il faut être = You must be / It's necessary to be On doit être = You must be/ You have to be Il est requis qu'on est = It's required that you are doué(e)= gifted/ talented travailleur/travailleuse = hard=working discipliné(e) disciplined</p>	<p>8. <u>Le monde du travail = The world of work</u> acheter = to buy aimer le contact avec les jeunes/ les autres = to like contact with other people / others discuter = to discuss rencontrer = to meet respecter = to respect rigoler = to have a laugh (informal) vendre = to sell voir = to see voyager = to travel</p>	
<p>9. <u>Les Opinions = Opinions</u> C'est mon rêve! = It's my dream ! Ce serait bien = It would be good Pas vraiment = not really Ce serait ennuyeux = it would be boring Pourquoi pas? = Why not? Tu rigoles ! = You must be joking Ça ne m'intéresse pas du tout = That doesn't interest me at all</p>		

