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Beginning Conversational French Lesson 8: Currency and Communications

Lesson 8 Introduction

Learning Objectives



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After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- 1. Identify and apply French vocabulary for currency
- 2. Identify and apply French vocabulary related to telephone communications.
- 3. Identify and apply French vocabulary related to internet communications.
- 4. Identify and conjugate envoyer, to send
- 5. Identify and apply direct and indirect object pronouns

Introduction

Currency and Communication



In this lesson, you'll learn about currency and different types of communication. First, we'll learn about money in France. Then we'll move on to telephones, the mail, and computers.

France changed its currency from the franc to the euro in 2002. In chapter 2, you'll learn all about the euro! You'll learn about its coins and bills, and you'll learn how to talk about exchanging your money in French.

Next, you'll learn about telephones. It can be scary to call somebody and hear them answer in a foreign language. After you finish chapter 3, you'll be prepared!

In chapter 3 you'll also learn about the post office. Almost all tourists send postcards back home. Now you'll learn how to buy stamps!

A lesson about communication must have a chapter on technology! Computers and the internet have really made global communications easier. In chapter 4 you'll learn how to talk about these necessities in French!

Along the way, we will take a grammar stop to learn all about direct and indirect object pronouns and we will also learn how to conjugate the verb **envoyer**, so that you will be able to send all kinds of letters and emails.

Ready to learn some more French? Let's go!

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Chapter 1: Currency

The Euro

The Euro



France is one of 19 countries that adopted the euro (€). In this chapter, we'll learn about the euro, how to exchange your currency, and tips for using credit cards and ATMs.

The euro comes in seven different paper bills: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros. Each denomination is a different color and size. The 5 euro bill is the smallest, and the 500 hundred euro is the biggest.

Coins come in 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent pieces, as well as 1 and 2 euro coins. One hundred cents equal 1 euro.

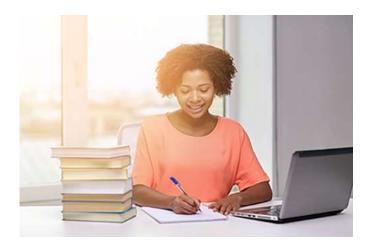
Every coin has a common side and a nation-specific side. All coins for each value look alike on one side, the common side. The common side shows the number that represents the coin's value. The other side is the nation-specific side.

Each of the 19 countries that uses the euro as its currency has its own design on the nation-specific side. That means there are 19 different coins in circulation for each value.

All countries use all the coins. Don't worry if you're in France and your 20-cent coin has a picture of Italy. You'll still be able to spend it!

Julie's Travel Journal





If you're doing a tour of Europe, you'll really appreciate the euro. I remember having a terrible time deciding how much currency to get in each country I visited. I once waited six hours to eat because I didn't have any local money. I was just passing through the country, and I would be spending a few days in the next country. I decided it was easier to wait to eat until my bus arrived in the next country than to try to exchange just a little money for lunch. No more!

Currency Exchange



You have a few different options for exchanging your money for euros. It's wise to get a few euros before you leave for your trip. Most large cities have a bank that exchanges currency. They always charge a fee. It may be a flat fee, or they might charge a percentage of how much you're exchanging.

Some people wait until they reach their destination to exchange their money. These brave travelers hope for a more favorable exchange rate. They may get a better rate than they would have at home, but they're taking a big risk. If they get stuck in an airport, they won't have money to buy food or get on a bus. To each their own! Your hotel's concierge can point you in the right direction for the best place to exchange money.

If you're a bargain hunter, you can check out different banks' rates. You might pay a smaller fee at one of them. If you don't care about saving a little money, go wherever it's convenient!

Lots of places accept credit cards these days. It's wise to use credit because you'll usually get a good exchange rate. You also save money because you won't pay bank exchange fees. Be sure to notify your credit card company before you travel. You don't want your card to be flagged for fraudulent activity and have the company put a hold on your account. When you do this, you can also ask about the fees for international use and withdrawing money at ATM's.

Speaking of which, another money option is automated teller machines (ATMs) in Europe. You'll get local currency, and you won't have to pay an exchange fee. Be careful to save your receipts. ATMs are owned by banks, and the banks set their own ATM fees. Some fees might not be easy to find when you're withdrawing money. You don't want any unpleasant surprises on your bank statement when you get home! These ATM's can be found in airports, train stations, and throughout most major cities in France.

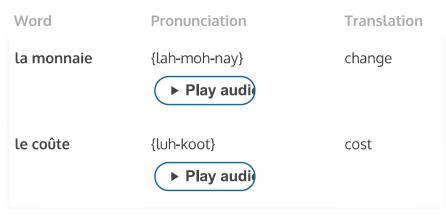
Think about your own needs and decide ahead of time what you'll do for exchanging money.

Are you ready to learn some French about money? Let's go! Allons-y!

Let's start with some vocabulary!

Currency Vocabulary and Dialogues Currency Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'argent	{lahr-zhan} ▶ Play audi	money
l'euro	{loe-roh} ▶ Play audi	euro(€)
le billet	{luh-bee-ay} ▶ Play audi	bill
la pièce	{lah-pyehs} ▶ Play audi	coin
changer	{shan-zhay} ▶ Play audi	to exchange
le taux d'échange	{luh-toh-day-shawzh} ▶ Play audi	exchange rate
la carte de crédit	{lah-kahrt-duh-cray-dee} Play audi	credit card
le distributeur	{luh-dees-tree-boo-tur} ▶ Play audi	ATM
la banque	{lah-bank} ▶ Play audi	bank
la rémunération	{lah-ray-moo-nay-rah-syon} ▶ Play audi	fee



Translations

Now for some practice dialogues!

Currency Dialogues

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here







► Play audi

Pronounciation: *oo-puh-ton-shan-zhay-lahr-zhan?*

Translate

Where can I exchange my money?

Monsieur:

Il y a une banque trois rues plus loin au coin.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *eel-ee-a-oon-bank-twah-roo-ploo-lwan-oh-kwan*

Translate

There's a bank three blocks down on the corner.

Dialogue One: Currency

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Merci



► Play audi

Pronounciation: mehr-see

Translate

Thank you.

Dialogue One: Currency

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame:

Je voudrais changer mon argent, s'il vous plaît.



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *zhuh-voo-dray-shan-zhay-mon-ahr-zhan-seel-voo-play*

Translate

I'd like to exchange my money, please.

Dialogue Two: Currency Vocabulary

Monsieur:

Combien?



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: kon-byen?

Translate

How much?

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

J'ai besoin de cent euros.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *zhay-bhu-zwan-duh-san-toe-roh*

Translate

I need 100 euros.

Monsieur:

La rémunération est dix euros.



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *lah-ray-moo-nay-rah-syon-eh-dee-soe-roh*

Translate

There's a fee of ten euros.

Dialogue Two: Currency Vocabulary

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Madame:

C'est bien.





Pronounciation: seh-byen



That's alright.

Dialogue Two: Currency Vocabulary

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Are you ready to exchange some money?

In the next chapter, we'll talk about communication!

Chapter 2: Communication

Telephone and Postal Vocabulary and Dialogues

Telephones and Post Offices



To use your cell phone while you're abroad, you're going to need to do some research and check with your carrier. You will want to find out if your phone will be compatible and what the roaming charges are. If your carrier's options are not acceptable, you may want to upgrade your phone, switch carriers, rent a phone for travel, buy a prepaid phone when you get to France, and/or get a prepaid SIM card. Public phones can be hard to find, although train stations and hotels usually still have them.

Here is some telephone related vocabulary:

Telephone Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
le téléphone	{luh tay-lay-fohn} Play audi	telephone
téléphoner	{tay-lay-foh-nay} Play audi	to call
composer	{kohm-poh-zay} ▶ Play audi	to dial
décrocher	{day-kroh-shay} Play audi	to pick up

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
raccrocher	{rah-kroh-shay} ▶ Play audi	to hang up
un numéro de telephone	{an-noo-may-roh-duh-tay-lay-fohn} Play audi	telephone number
recharger la batterie	{ruh-shar-zhay-lah-bah-tay-ree} Play audi	to charge the battery
envoyer un SMS	{an-voy-yay-an-es-em-es} Play audi	to send a text

Telephone Vocabulary

Now let's learn some common phrases people say on the telephone .

Common Telephone Phrases



Allô?

Allô?{ah-loh} =hello?

Play audi This is how French folks usually answer the phone. It means hello and is only used to answer the phone. You will want to ask it like a question and make your voice tilt up at the end like we do when we are asking something. The person on the other end will reply:

Bonjour, c'est Élodie.

Bonjour, c'est Élodie. {Bon-joor-seh-Ay-loh-dee.} = Hello, it's Élodie.



Or if you need to ask to speak to Élodie, you would say:

Bonjour! Je voudrais parler à Élodie, s'il vous plaît. {bon-joor-juh-voo-dray-pahr-lay-ah-Ay-loh-dee-seel-voo-play} = Hello! I would like to talk to Élodie, please.



The person might reply:

Un moment, s'il vous plaît. {an-moh-man- seel-voo-play}= One moment, please.



While they go to get Élodie. Or you might hear:

Ne quittez pas {nuh-kee-tay-pah} = Hold on.



If you're in France and want to communicate with friends and family back home, a cheap option is sending postcards and letters. You might return home before the mail reaches home, though. People love getting postcards, even late ones!

Let's learn some words about the mail!

Post Office Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
le bureau de poste	{luh-boo-roh-duh-pohst} Play audi	post office
le timbre	{luh-tinbr} ▶ Play audi	stamp



Postal Vocabulary

Time for some postal dialogues!

Postal Dialogues

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Madame: Monsieur: Je voudrais dix timbres à cartes postales. Trois euros, s'il vous plaît.



► Play audi

Pronounciation: zhuh-voo-dray-dees-tambrah-kahrt-poh-stahl

Translate

I'd like ten postcard stamps.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: twah-zew-roh-see-voo-play

Translate

Three euros, please.

Dialogue Three: Postal

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Madame:

Quelles sont les tarifs postaux pour cette lettre?



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *kehl-son-lay-tah-reef-poh-stoh-poor-seht-lehtr?*

Translate

What are the postage rates for this letter?

Monsieur:

Deux euros par voie de terre, trois euros par avion.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *duh-zoe-roh-pahr-vwah-duh-tehr-twah-zoe-roh-par-ah-vyon*

Translate

Two euros for ground, three euros for air mail.

Dialogue Three: Postal

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here



Par avion, s'il vous plaît.





Pronounciation: par-ah-vyon-seel-voo-play



Air mail, please.

Dialogue Three: Postal

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

If you don't want to spend money on phone calls or stamps, you can always e-mail! You can't get much cheaper than free! Your friends will also get the messages much faster than via snail mail. Even using air mail to send a letter will take a week or so.

Conjugation

Conjugation Corner

The verb we are going to learn today is **envoyer**, to send. This one is very important with today's lesson because of all of the things that you might send: letters, texts, and emails. The thing you will want to take note with this verb, is that the **y** changes to an I when it is comes before a silent e, as it does in the je, tu, il/elle, and ils/elles present tense.

Boot Verb

Envoyer - to send

Text equivalent start.

Nous envoyons			
Tu envoies			
Vous envoyez			
Il/elle envoie			
Ils/elles envoient			
	Text equiv	valent stop.	
Here are a few examples:			
	Text equiv	valent start.	
Topic		Information	
J'envoie une lettre à ma lehtr-ah-mah-mehr}	mère. {jan-vwah-oon-	I am sending a letter to my mom.	
Nous vous envoyons des e-mails tous les jours. {noo-voo-san-voy-on-day-zee-mahl-too-lay-zhor} We are sending you emails every day.			
Tu m'envoies une lettre?	? {too-man-vwah-oon-	Are you sending me a letter?	
Read the topic in the first column	n. Then read the second colum	nn for the information.	
	Text equiv	valent stop.	
Learning Check - Co	onjugation		
	Text equiv	valent start.	
Item to Match Tu	Matching ChoiEnvoieEnvoyonsenvoientEnvoies	ices Correct Match • Envoies	

• envoient

EnvoieEnvoyonsEnvoies

• envoient

Ils/elles

Item to Match Nous	Matching ChoicesEnvoieEnvoyonsEnvoies	Correct MatchEnvoyons
J'	EnvoyonsEnvoieEnvoyezEnvoie	• Envoie
Il/elle	EnvoieenvoientEnvoiesEnvoie	• Envoie
Vous	EnvoiesenvoientEnvoyezEnvoie	• Envoyez

Instructions: Read the item in the first column and consider which choice(s) it matches to in the second column. Read the third column to find out if you are correct.

Text equivalent stop.

Julie's Travel Journal





Remember to use the postage stamps in the country you bought them. One long weekend I used my Eur- Rail pass to do some traveling to Switzerland and Belgium. Unfortunately, I had a batch of postcards that didn't make it to my friends because I used the wrong country's stamps. It gets confusing when you're going in and out of countries every day. Be careful!

Chapter 3: Accessing the Internet

Technology Vocabulary and Dialogues

Technology



In this chapter, you're going to learn French words for computers and the Internet. Many technology words in foreign languages are derived from English. If you truly don't know a tech word, try saying it in English with a French accent. That doesn't normally work, but in the topic of technology, you just might get the word right!

When you're using a computer in a place where the people speak a foreign language, remember that everything will be in the local language. Most operating systems and software are similar to the English-speaking versions, though. For example, if you're using Windows, the words will be foreign, but you'll probably still be able to navigate well.

Web sites remain in their original language, no matter where you're viewing them. Wherever you are in the world, if you pull up your own Web site, the words will be the same as you put them in.

If you're planning to take your laptop to a foreign country, call the manufacturer's technical support before you go. Electricity and outlets are different everywhere. Don't just put an outlet adapter on your laptop's cord and plug it in to the wall. You might fry it!

Enough information! Let's learn more French words!

Technology Vocabulary

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
l'ordinateur	{lohr-dee-nah-tur} Play audi	computer
le portatif	{luh-pohr-tah-teef} Play audi	laptop
le moniteur	{luh-mon-ee-tur} Play audi	monitor
le clavier	{luh-klah-vyay} ▶ Play audi	keyboard
la souris	{lah-soo-ree} Play audi	mouse
l'imprimeur	{lin-pree-mur} Play audi	printer
le site web	{luh seet-wehb} Play audi	Website
Un email	{an-ee-mahl} Play audi	email

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
lire les messages	{leer-lay-meh-sazh} ▶ Play audi	to check e-mail
entrer dans le système	{in-tray-dan-luh-sees-tehm} ▶ Play audi	logon
sortir du système	{sohr-teer-doo-sees-tehm} Play audi	logoff
le nom d'utilisatrice	{luh-non-doo-tee-lee-zah-trees} Play audi	username
le mot de passe	{luh-moh-duh-pahs} ▶ Play audi	password

Translations

l'internet

Just like in English, the French have many words for the internet.

l'internet {lan-tehr-neht}

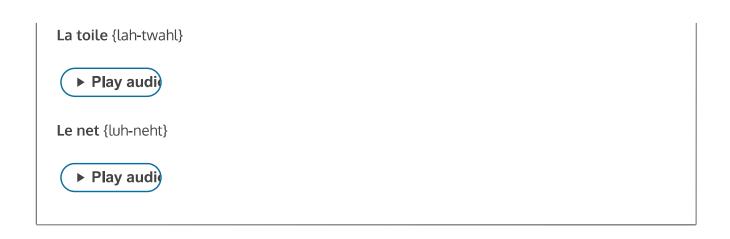


Le web {luh-wehb}



le wifi {luh-wee fee}

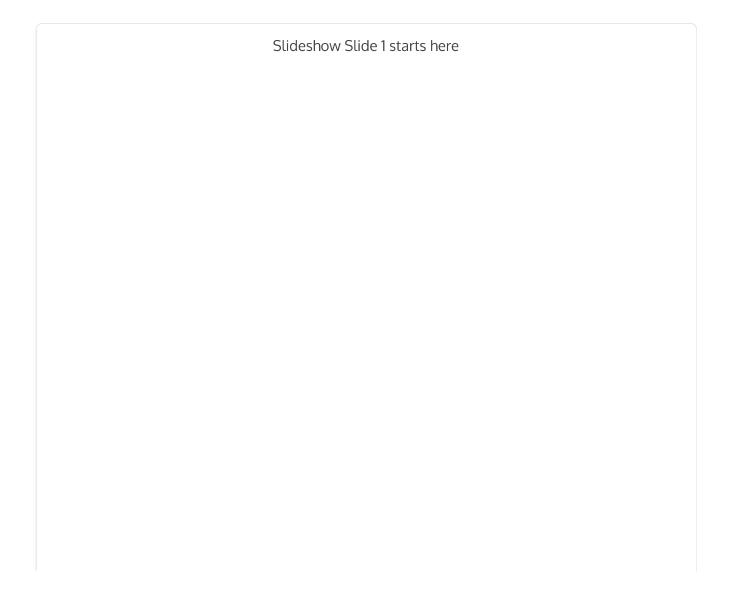
► Play audi



Speaking of which, if you are trying to access the internet while in France, you have several options. It is usually free in major French airports via your smartphone. Also, in the larger cities, many hotels, museums, parks, cafes, and libraries have WiFi hotspots. If staying connected is important to you, you might want to also investigate renting or buying a mobile hotspot.

Wow! That's a lot of words! And we've only scratched the surface. Let's move on to some dialogues!

Technology Dialogues



Où peut-on brancher mon portatif?



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *ooh-puh-ton-bran-sahy-mon-pohr-tah-teef?*

Translate

Where can I plug in my laptop?

Male:

Il y a une prise de courant derrière la lampe.



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *eel-ee-ah-oon-preez-duh-koo-ran-deh-ree-ayr-lah-lanp*

Translate

There's an outlet behind the lamp.

Dialogue Four: Technology

Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

Je la chercherai.





Pronounciation: zhuh-lah-shehr-rshay-ray



I'll look for it.

Dialogue Four: Technology

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here

Est-ce que j'emploierais votre ordinateur pour lire mes messages?



► Play audi

Pronounciation: *ehs-kuh-zhan-pwah-ray-voh-tror-dee-nah-tur-poor-leer-may-meh-sahzh?*

Translate

May I use your computer to check my e-mail?

Male:

Sûr. Laissez-moi sortir du système.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *soor. leh-say-mwah-sohr-teer-doo-see-stehm.*

Translate

Sure. Let me log off.

Dialogue Four: Technology

Slideshow Slide 3 ends here

Slideshow Slide 4 starts here

Merci!





Pronounciation: mehr-see!



Thank you!

Dialogue Four: Technology

Slideshow Slide 4 ends here

Direct Pronouns

Grammar Stop: Direct and Indirect Object Pronouns

First, what is a direct object? A noun is the direct object in a sentence if it answers the question "whom?" or "what?" In the sentence "we are learning French." What are we learning? French. French is the direct object. This object can be replaced by it to avoid repetition: We are learning French. We are learning it quickly.

Direct Pronouns

Me me

Te you (informal)

Le him, it (masculine)

La her, it (feminine)

Nous us

Vous you (formal, plural)

les them

Translations

So how do you use direct object pronouns?

- They always come before the verb.
- They will always agree in number (singular or plural) and gender (masculine or feminine) with the word that they are replacing.
- If they come in front of a verb that starts with a vowel, they will use the élison, so you will drop the e and add an apostrophe.
- If you have a pronoun that is the object of an infinitive in the sentence, your pronoun will go in front of the infinitive.

Let's look at some examples.

Text equivalent start.

TopicInformationPierre voit la lettre.Pierre la voit.Je cherche mon portable.Je le cherche.

Nous aimons *les euros*. Nous *les* aimons.

Read the topic in the first column. Then read the second column for the information.

Text equivalent stop.

In all three of these examples, we replaced the direct object (*la letter, mon portable, les euros*) with a direct object pronoun that matched it in gender and number. We placed them in front of the verb.

Je t'aime.

In this example, **aime** starts with a vowel, so we removed the e from **te** and inserted an apostrophe to create the elision, **t'aime**.

Learning Check – Direct Pronouns Learning Check

Text equivalent start.

TopicInformationVous aidez Nathalie.Vous l'aidez.Nous étudions le français.Nous l'étudions.J'invite mes amis.Je les invite.

Read the topic in the first column. Then read the second column for the information.

Text equivalent stop.

Indirect Object Pronouns Indirect Object Pronouns

So, what is an indirect object? Indirect objects are the nouns that answer the question "to whom?" or "for whom?" For example, in the sentence, You give the letter to Jean. "to Jean" is the indirect object and we could replace to Jean with "to her", which would be the indirect object pronoun.

Here are the indirect object pronouns (and if you look carefully, you will see a lot of similarities to the direct object pronouns):

Indirect Object Pronouns

Me	to me
Te	to you (familiar)
Lui	to him, her, it
Nous	to us
Vous	to you (formal or plural)
Leur	to them
Tranclat	ions

Translations

bject Pronouns n the correct order .
Text equivalent start.
Correct Order
 Jacques me donne le livre order the items. Then compare your order to the list in the second column. Text equivalent stop.
Text equivalent start.
Correct Order Je ne veux pas lui parler
r

Indirect objects follow the same rules we discussed above with direct objects.

Read the list in the left column and try to reorder the items. Then compare your order to the list in the second column.

Text equivalent stop.

Text equivalent start.

Out of Order

- appelle
- je
- lui
- Appelles-tu ton frère?
- Oui

Correct Order

- Appelles-tu ton frère?
- Oui
- je
- lui
- appelle

Read the list in the left column and try to reorder the items. Then compare your order to the list in the second column.

Text equivalent stop.

Technology Dialogues

Slideshow Slide 1 starts here

Est-ce que je peux entrer dans le système?



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *ehs-kuh-zhuh-puh-in-tray-dan-luh-see-stehm?*

Translate

Can I logon to the network?

Oui. Inscrivez votre nom d'utilisatrice et votre mot de passe.



▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: wee. in-skree-vay-vohtr-non-doo-tee-lee-zah-trees-ay-vohtr-mohduh-pahs.

Translate

Yes. Enter your username and password.

Dialogue Five: Technology

Slideshow Slide 2 starts here

D'accord. Chouette!



► Play audi

Pronounciation: dah-kohrd. shweht!

Translate

OK. Great!

Dialogue Six: Technology

Slideshow Slide 2 ends here

Slideshow Slide 3 starts here





▶ Play audi

Pronounciation: *koh-moh-fay-ton-ahk-say-day-ah-lin-tehr-neht?*

Translate

How do I get on the Internet?

Cliquez ici.



► Play audi

Pronounciation: klee-kay-ee-see

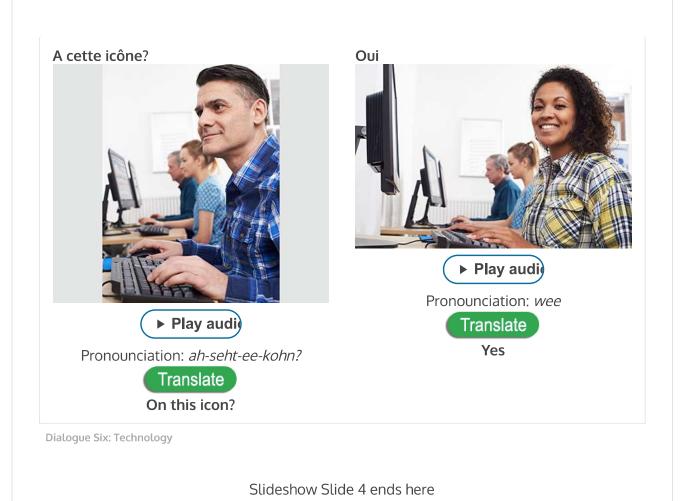
Translate

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Dialogue Six: Technology

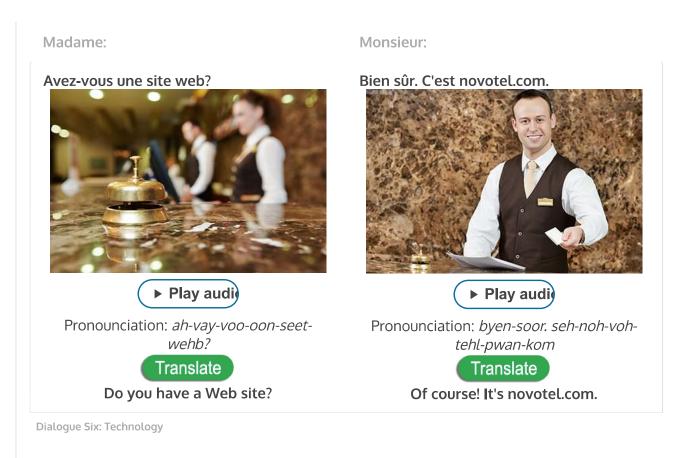
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Slideshow Slide 4 starts here



Technology Dialogue

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Slideshow Slide 1 ends here

Whew! You're ready to surf the web in France!

You've worked hard. Keep practicing. You might make a friend in France, and now you'll be able to ask for their e-mail address!

Lesson 8 Review

Review

Let's Review

In this lesson, you learned about currency and communication. First, you learned about the euro. You know about the bills and coins, and you know how to exchange your money. You even know how to speak French about credit cards and ATMs!

Then, you learned about telephones. You can even ask to speak with someone in French!

Next, you learned about mail. If you want to buy stamps in France, you'll be prepared!

In this lesson you also learned lots of words about computers. If you're a person who takes a laptop everywhere with you, you're ready!

In the next lesson, you're going to learn about shopping. Get your credit cards ready!

Lesson 8 Assignment

Text equivalent start.

Item to Match leur	Matching Choicesto themto you (familiar)to him, her, itto us	Correct Match • to them
te	to you (familiar)to themto him, her, itto us	• to you (familiar)
lui	to themto you (formal or plural)to usto him, her, it	• to him, her, it
nous	to themto usto you (formal or plural)to him, her, it	• to us
VOUS	to you (familiar)to usto you (formal or plural)to them	• to you (formal or plural)

Instructions: Read the item in the first column and consider which choice(s) it matches to in the second column. Read the third column to find out if you are correct.

Text equivalent stop.

Lesson 8 Discussion Area

General Discussion

Please feel free to use the Discussion Area for this lesson to ask any questions that may have come to mind as you reviewed the lesson content or completed your assignment.

Discussion Activity

In this lesson, you were introduced to many helpful phrases and vocabulary words for currency and communications. Share two phrases or vocabulary words from the lesson that you think will be the most helpful when traveling regarding currency and communication needs.

Lesson 8 Quiz

This quiz will help you prepare for the final exam. You can take each quiz as many times as you wish, and your score does not impact your eligibility for completion. Your final exam score alone determines completion.

As you go through the quiz, you'll be able to save your answer choices and change them up until you submit your quiz for a score. To exit the Quiz, click the **Save and Close** button at the bottom of the page. To submit the quiz, click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page. Once you click Submit you will be asked to confirm you are ready to submit the quiz. Upon clicking **Submit**, you will be presented with your score for the quiz.

Feel free to take the quiz as many times as you like to help you prepare for the final exam.

- This is your 1st of unlimited available attempts.
 - Your grade is determined by your last attempt.
 - This is not for credit and does not affect your overall grade.

Lesson 8 Resources for Further Learning

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