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Welcome to Coffee Break French, the podcast aimed at independent learners of French. Our regular podcasts will introduce you to the French language in easy steps. These programme notes will help you get more out of each episode by explaining how words are written and giving you more information about each phrase along with some bonus vocabulary where appropriate.

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Language Notes

j'aime ...	I like ...	Note that this is a contraction of <i>je aime</i> : it doesn't sound right in French to run the sound of <i>je</i> into the word <i>aime</i> which starts with a vowel
j'aime la musique	I like music	In French you need to say "I like THE music", whereas in English we don't use the definite article
j'aime la musique écossaise	I like Scottish music	
tu aimes	you like	Note that the -s ending is silent
tu aimes la musique?	do you like music	
j'aime le cinéma	I like cinema / films	
j'aime le cinéma français	I like French cinema	
j'aime le sport	I like sport	
je n'aime pas ...	I don't like	
j'aime la littérature	I like literature	
j'aime la littérature française	I like French literature	
français / française	French	Note that when we talk about <i>le cinéma</i> (masculine) we use the word <i>français</i> for "French", and when we talk about <i>la littérature</i> and <i>la musique</i> (feminine) we use the word <i>française</i>
le chocolat	chocolate	
j'aime le chocolat	I like chocolate	
j'aime le chocolat belge	I like Belgian chocolate	

Language Notes

j'aime le chocolat suisse	I like Swiss chocolate	
j'aime chanter	I like to sing / I like singing	In French you always have to use the infinitive ("to sing") after <i>j'aime</i> , whereas in English we can use "to sing" or "singing"
j'aime danser	I like to dance / dancing	
j'aime voyager	I like to travel / travelling	
j'aime apprendre le français	I like to learn / learning French	
j'aime sortir avec mes amis	I like to go out / going out with my friends	
j'adore ...	I love ...	<i>J'adore</i> works in exactly the same way as <i>j'aime</i> : you can follow it with a noun or a verb in the infinitive
je déteste ...	I hate ...	as above

Additional vocabulary

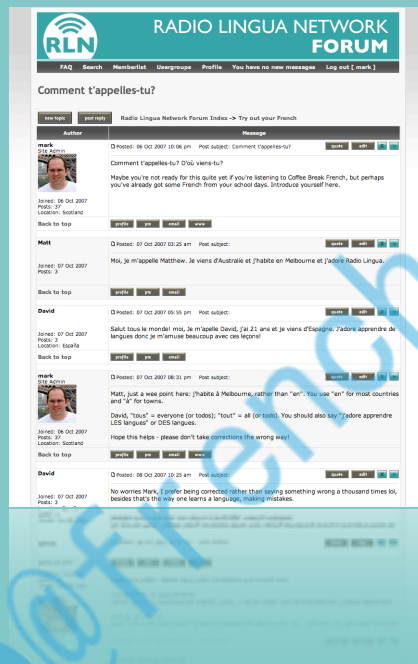
qu'est-ce que tu aimes?	what do you like?	
qu'est-ce que tu aimes faire?	what do you like to do?	
faire	to do	
pendant	during	
ton temps libre	your free time	
le temps	time	
cuisiner	to cook	
jouer au football	to play football / soccer	note that when you're talking about a sport you say <i>jouer au...</i> or <i>jouer à la...</i> (see below for further information relating to musical instruments)
jouer au tennis	to play tennis	
jouer au golf	to play golf	
jouer du piano	to play the piano	note that when you're talking about a musical instrument you say <i>jouer du...</i> or <i>jouer de la...</i>
jouer de la guitare	to play the guitar	
jouer de la clarinette	to play the clarinet	
jouer de la batterie	to play the drums	
aller au cinéma	to go to the cinema	
écouter de la musique	to listen to music	
regarder la télévision	to watch the television	
être avec ma famille	to be with my family	

Additional vocabulary

j'aime la nourriture ...	I like ... food	Note that <i>nourriture</i> is a feminine word, so the adjectives describing the nationality of the food below are all in the feminine form
... française	French	adjectives describing nationality in French don't start with capital letters like in English
... italienne	Italian	
... chinoise	Chinese	
... indienne	Indian	

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