

# Back to School – Basic French

## Lesson 4 – Colours, Body parts, Adjectives

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**People matter, results count.**

# Topics – Colours, Body parts, Verbs and Adjectives

Topic	Quick recap of earlier session
Topic	Groups of verbs
Topic	Colours
Topic	Body parts
Topic	Adjectives

## GROUP OF VERBS

### Finir and Vendre ( "ir" and "re") 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> group of verbs

#### 1. Finir ( 2<sup>nd</sup> group of verbs)

Person	Remove (IR) and add the endings	Verb – Finir (To finish)	English
1 <sup>st</sup> person singular	Je - is	Je finis	I finish
2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular	Tu - is	Tu finis	You finish (Informal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine singular	Il - it	Il finit	He finishes
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine singular	Elle - it	Elle finit	She finishes
1 <sup>st</sup> person plural	Nous - issons	Nous finissons	We finish
2 <sup>nd</sup> person plural	Vous - issez	Vous finissez	You finish (formal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine plural	Ils - issent	Ils finissent	They finish
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine plural	Elles - issent	Elles finissent	They finish

#### 2. Vendre

Person	Remove (RE) and add the endings	Verb – Vendre (To sell)	English
1 <sup>st</sup> person singular	Je - s	Je vends	I sell
2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular	Tu - s	Tu vends	You sell (Informal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine singular	Il -	Il vend	He sells
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine singular	Elle -	Elle vend	She sells
1 <sup>st</sup> person plural	Nous - ons	Nous vendons	We sell
2 <sup>nd</sup> person plural	Vous - ez	Vous vendez	You sell (formal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine plural	Ils - ent	Ils vendent	They sell
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine plural	Elles - ent	Elles vendent	They sell

Irregular verbs - Aller ( to go )

Person	Verb – aller (To go)	English
1 <sup>st</sup> person singular	Je vais	I go
2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular	Tu vas	You go (Informal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine singular	Il va	He go
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine singular	Elle va	She go
1 <sup>st</sup> person plural	Nous allons	We go
2 <sup>nd</sup> person plural	Vous allez	You go ( formal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine plural	Ils vont	They go
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine plural	Elles vont	They go

Verbs pronominal – In pronominal or reflexive verbs the action is done by the subject on itself

Example - **Se RÉVEILLER**

Person	Pronominal Endings and then Regular ER endings	Verb – Se réveiller (To wake up)	English
1 <sup>st</sup> person singular	Je - me	Je me réveille	I wake up
2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular	Tu - te	Tu te réveilles	You wake up (Informal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine singular	Il - se	Il se réveille	He wakes up
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine singular	Elle - se	Elle se réveille	She wakes up
1 <sup>st</sup> person plural	Nous - nous	Nous nous réveillons	We wake up
2 <sup>nd</sup> person plural	Vous - vous	Vous vous réveillez	You wake up (formal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person masculine plural	Ils - se	Ils se réveillent	They wake up
3 <sup>rd</sup> person feminine plural	Elles - se	Elles se réveillent	They wake up

Some other verbs :

- ▶ Se baigner – To take bath
- ▶ Se lever – To get up
- ▶ S'appeler – To be called
- ▶ S'asseoir – To sit down
- ▶ S'amuser – To enjoy oneself
- ▶ Se coucher – To lie down, to go to bed
- ▶ S'habiller – To dress up oneself
- ▶ Se blesser – To hurt oneself

## COLOURS

▪ French	▪ English	▪ Prononciation
Violet	Purple	Vi-o-lae
▪ Bleu	▪ Blue	▪ Bl-ea
▪ Vert	▪ Green	▪ Ve-r-t
▪ Bleu foncé	▪ Dark blue	▪ Ble fo se
▪ Bleu claire	▪ Light blue	▪ Ble cl-a-r
▪ Orange	▪ Orange	▪ Oranzhe
▪ Rouge	▪ Red	▪ Rooz
▪ Rose	▪ Pink	▪ Rose
▪ Jaune	▪ Yellow	▪ Jo on
▪ Noir	▪ Black	▪ No a r
▪ Blanc	▪ White	▪ Blan
▪ Gris	▪ Grey	▪ Gri
▪ Marron	▪ Brown	▪ Ma-ron
▪ Lavande	▪ Lavender	▪ La von d

### Exemples :

1. Le Citron est jaune.
2. La mer est bleue.
3. La fleur est rose.
4. Le ciel est gris.
5. La tomate est rouge.

# TOPIC – BODY PARTS

## Basic Vocabulary

Le Visage :

French	English	Pronunciation
Le visage	Face	vi-sa-z
L'oreille	Ear	Lo-rai-I
Le cou	Neck	Le coo
Le dos	Back	Le doo
La jambe	Leg	La jomb
Le nez	Nose	Le nee
Les yeux	Eyes	Le- yeu
Le ventre	Stomach	Le vantro
Le doigt	Fingers	Le doi
Le pied	Leg	Le piee
Le genou	Knee	Le genoo
La main	Hand	La mai
La coude	Elbow	Le coud
La bouche	Mouth	La boch
Les cheveux	Hair	Le cheve
La peau	Skin	la poo
La vue, la vision	Sight	La vu, la vision

## ADJECTIVES

Masculin	Feminin	English – Meaning
Petit	Petite	Small/ Short
Grand	Grande	Big/ Tall
Mince	Mince	Thin
Gros	Grosse	Fat
Triste	Triste	Sad
Heureux	Heureuse	Happy
Bon	Bonne	Good
Mauvais	Mauvaise	Bad
Beau	Belle	Handsome/ Beautiful
Laid	Laide	Ugly

## RULES OF ADJECTIVES - FEMININE OF Adjectives

1. Add 'e' to the MASCULINE adjective to make it FEMININE

Eg. Petit + e = petite (small/short)

grand + E = Grande (big/tall)

intelligent + E = intelligente (intelligent)

2. Do not add 'e' if the masculin adjective is already ending in 'e'

Eg. Mince = mince (thin)

timide = timide (timid/shy)

sympathique = sympathique (kind)



3. IN CERTAIN MASC. ADJS. THE LAST LETTER IS DOUBLED  
AND THEN 'E' IS ADDED

EG. BON + NE = BONNE (good)

GROS + SE = GROSSE (fat)

ANCIEN + NE = ANCIENNE (ancient)

4. IN CERTAIN MASC. ADJS. 'IF' BECOMES 'IVE' IN FEMININE

EG. ACTIF = ACTIVE (active)

VIF = VIVE (lively)

CRÉATIF = CRÉATIVE (creative)

5. IN CERTAIN MASC. ADJS. 'ER' BECOMES 'ÈRE' IN FEMININE

Eg. BOUCHER = BOUCHÈRE (butcher)

BOULANGER = BOULANGÈRE (baker)

6. IN CERTAIN MASC. ADJS. 'EUR' BECOMES 'EUSE' IN FEMININE

Eg. VENDEUR = VENDEUSE (seller)

SERVEUR = SERVEUSE (waiter)

IN CERTAIN MASC. ADJS. 'EUR' BECOMES 'RICE' IN FEMININE

EG. ACTEUR = ACTRICE (actor)

FACTEUR = FACTRICE (postman)

7. MASC. ADJS. ENDING IN 'EAU' BECOMES 'ELLE' IN FEMININE

EG. BEAU = BELLE (handsome/beautiful)

NOUVEAU = NOUVELLE (new)

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